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GREETINGS FROM URBANA-CHAMPAIGN AND CHICAGO!

"Form follows function." This defining principle of modern architecture and industrial design dictates that the shape of an entity should suit its intended purpose. Over the course of the last year, we have taken significant steps to reshape the University of Illinois College of Law to better reflect its stature as a preeminent site of interdisciplinary research, a provider of expert and market-relevant teaching, and a force for high-impact public engagement. We are proud to share our recent initiatives with you in our 2012-13 Annual Report.

A WORLD-CLASS INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CAMPUS IN URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Since 1897, Illinois Law has resided on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – one of the world's great comprehensive research universities. Roughly a dozen members of the Illinois faculty hold degrees in fields other than law, including business, economics, history, medicine, philosophy, and psychology. Over the past few years, we have invested significant resources in three cross-disciplinary areas: Law and Social Science, with particular emphasis on Empirical Legal Studies and Law and Psychology; Law and Technology, capitalizing on the tradition of the Urbana campus in computer science and engineering, and as a site of cutting-edge innovation; and Law and Finance, building on the talents of a preeminent bankruptcy faculty, as well as nationally recognized departments of finance and accounting.

A CAPSTONE THIRD-YEAR LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN CHICAGO

In 2012-13, the College of Law launched a Chicago Program, which permits students to complete their legal studies in Chicago – the nation's second largest legal market. Third-year students may now elect to enroll in a semester-long program of courses taught at the Illini Center in downtown Chicago and in leading Chicago-based law firms led by College of Law faculty and nationally-recognized Chicago-area practitioners, in fields such as complex litigation, international tax, international bankruptcy, and executive compensation. In 2013-14, we anticipate continued strong demand for the Chicago Program and curricular expansion into the areas of corporate compliance, financial regulation, and franchise law.

HIGH-PROFILE PUBLIC POLICY IMPACT IN THE STATE, NATION, AND WORLD

As a public, land-grant law school, the University of Illinois College of Law has a proud tradition of developing solutions to complex public policy challenges and assisting citizens in need. Last year, our Community Preservation Clinic, which offers homeowners, banks, and the courts a mediation-based approach to foreclosure, won a significant grant from the Illinois Office of the Attorney General.



“The current challenges facing American legal education require bold initiatives, experimentation, collaboration, and mutual support.”

With the generous support of the Baum Foundation, we have launched an Elder Financial Justice Clinic to address the growing problem of financial exploitation of the elderly. The College of Law is currently engaged in a significant initiative in the area of cyber-security, designed to better protect this nation’s computer systems. And in the coming years, we intend to participate actively with other colleges and departments on the Urbana campus to tackle challenges in the following six areas identified by the campus as critical over the next half-century: energy and the environment; health and wellness; social equality and cultural understanding; information and technology; education; and economic development.

The current challenges facing American legal education require bold initiatives. They also call for experimentation, collaboration, and mutual support. We appreciate the opportunity to share our news with you, and we look forward to learning about your own ambitions and successes in the months and years to come!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce P. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Bruce P. Smith

Dean

Guy Raymond Jones Faculty Scholar

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LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE AT ILLINOIS

In *The Path of the Law* (1897), Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., asserted that legal scholars served society best by combining knowledge of black letter law with insights drawn from the social sciences explaining how people react to laws. Since that time, American legal scholars have increasingly looked to the insights of social science to improve law, legal processes, and legal institutions. The College of Law is a national leader in the social-scientific study of law, with a dozen faculty members actively engaged in research and teaching at the intersection of law, economics, psychology, sociology, and empirical legal studies and in our innovative Program in Law, Behavior, and Social Science.

Illinois faculty members publish their research in the nation's top peer-reviewed journals, testify before Congress, and share their knowledge in practitioner-oriented publications and seminars. As the following highlights suggest, the fruits of the research conducted at Illinois change the ways that lawyers, judges, and policy makers approach public policy problems and legal practice:

- Using both real-world data from bankruptcy court files and experimental data from bankruptcy practitioners, Professor [Robert Lawless](#) (the College's associate dean for research and co-director of the Program in Law, Behavior, and Social Science) has demonstrated that African Americans are far more likely to file under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code than their similarly situated counterparts – causing them additional, unwarranted costs and delays.
- In a series of path-breaking articles, Professor [Jennifer Robbenolt](#), an expert in law and psychology, has demonstrated how apologies can help catalyze legal settlements – research with vast implications for lawyers, doctors, and injured victims.



- Supported by a six-figure grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Professor [David Hyman](#), a national leader in health law and empirical legal studies, is engaged in a path-breaking study of hospital infection control, in the wake of high-profile research that has questioned prevailing understandings of the scope and nature of the medical malpractice crisis.
- Building on insights from the field of social psychology, Professor [Kenworthy Bilz](#) has demonstrated how perceptions of legitimacy, morality, and justice impact the willingness of individuals to exclude evidence and punish those convicted of crimes.



The College's faculty is also enriched by social scientists from other campus departments, including [Dov Cohen](#) (Department of Psychology), whose research examines cultural norms and values, and [Rebecca Sandefur](#) (Department of Sociology), an expert on access to justice and the legal profession as well as a senior research social scientist at the American Bar Foundation.



The work of the College's faculty members extends far beyond their laboratories and databases. The Program in Law, Behavior, and Social Science supports a speaker colloquium, a paper series on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN), and a full-time laboratory manager to assist with experimental design, approval, and implementation. Professors Lawless and Robbenolt, with Swanlund Professor of Law Emeritus [Tom Ulen](#), have recently completed a path-breaking casebook on *Empirical Methods in Law* and teach this subject matter to Illinois law students. And Professor Robbenolt has recently co-authored *Psychology for Lawyers* – a work designed to educate practitioners about the ways that psychological processes impact legal practice, in areas such as witness recollection, decision making, and settlement.



- ▶ enriches curriculum
- ▶ expands professional opportunities
- ▶ involves alumni and area practitioners

THE CHICAGO PROGRAM

The Chicago Program offers a semester-long program of Chicago-based courses and events for interested third-year students. Taught by leading practitioners and College faculty, courses include International Bankruptcy, International Tax, Executive Compensation, and the Chicago Litigation Practicum – a simulated federal court litigation that takes students from client interviews, through discovery, through a live motion hearing. Events and lectures are open to all third-year students, offering fantastic opportunities to network with the College's more than 3,000 Chicago-based alumni.

Launched in 2012, the Chicago Program is designed to enrich the College's curriculum, expand professional opportunities for students, and involve alumni and other practitioners more closely in the College's educational mission. The Program has four principal objectives:

- to provide enhanced skills-related training;
- to broaden exposure to specialized areas of legal practice;
- to orient students to the global legal market; and
- to facilitate connections between students, alumni, and prospective employers in Chicago, the nation, and the world.

Courses are taught in the Illini Center in downtown Chicago and in the offices of several of the nation's preeminent law firms, including Kirkland & Ellis, McDermott Will & Emery, and Winston & Strawn.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION CLINIC AWARDED \$1.2M IN GRANTS

The College of Law's Community Preservation Clinic takes an interdisciplinary approach to the national foreclosure crisis, drawing upon the insights of bankruptcy law, urban planning, and social psychology. Over the past year, the Clinic has been the beneficiary of roughly \$1.2 million in grants from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, through proceeds from a national foreclosure settlement.

In announcing the grant of the award, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan observed as follows: "There is simply no substitute for legal representation when facing foreclosure. Not only will this funding give more central Illinois residents an advocate to fight for them in court, it will give law students an opportunity to gain real lawyering skills by applying what they've learned in the classroom to their work in the courtroom."

The Clinic, directed by Professor [Stacey Tutt](#), specializes in the development and implementation of foreclosure mediation programs in central Illinois counties designed to make the foreclosure process more effective, efficient, collaborative, and humane. Law students evaluate loan documents to assess options for people facing the daunting prospect of foreclosure. In cases where foreclosure cannot be avoided, students work to minimize client liability and work with lenders to establish financing opportunities.

The Clinic also partners with faculty members affiliated with the College's Program in Law, Behavior, and Social Science to undertake research aimed at better understanding the perceptions of persons involved in foreclosure-related mediations.

Total grants received
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Attorney General

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Attorney General **Lisa Madigan** (right middle) presenting the first of two grants to the Community Preservation Clinic at a press conference at the College of Law on February 19, 2013 – with Dean **Bruce Smith** (left), Professor **Stacey Tutt** (left middle), Equal Justice Works Foreclosure Fellow **Komal Vaidya** (third from left), and Clinic students

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NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

One of the nation's most respected and frequently cited scholars of family law, Professor [Robin Fretwell Wilson](#) joins Illinois from Washington & Lee School of Law, where she was the Class of 1958 Law Alumni Professor of Law and the Law Alumni Faculty Fellow. A member of the American Law Institute, Wilson focuses her research and teaching on family law, health law, insurance, and biomedical ethics. She is the editor of four volumes, including *Same-Sex Marriage and Religious Liberty: Emerging Conflicts*. Prior to teaching, Wilson clerked for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and practiced at Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP and Mayor, Day, Caldwell & Keeton, LLP.



Professor [Matthew Andres](#) is the inaugural director of the Elder Financial Justice Clinic. Supported by a six-figure grant from the Baum Foundation and building on the College's pioneering stature in the field of elder law, the Clinic provides representation to elderly victims of fraud and accelerates legislation, regulation, and consumer awareness regarding elder financial fraud. Before joining the Illinois faculty, Andres was an attorney for Cooley Law School's Family Law Assistance Project, assistant academic director of the University of Cincinnati College of Law's Domestic Violence & Civil Protection Order Clinic, an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office in Michigan, an assistant district attorney at the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, and an associate at Foley & Lardner LLP.



NEW FACULTY LEADERSHIP

Robert Lawless Associate Dean for Research

A world-renowned expert on consumer bankruptcy, Professor Lawless is a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference and the American College of Bankruptcy. He also co-directs the College's Program in Law, Behavior, and Social Science. Lawless clerked for the Honorable Harlington Wood, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and received his J.D. from the University of Illinois.



Jamelle Sharpe Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

An expert in administrative law and federal courts, Professor Sharpe has particular expertise in federal preemption and the comparative competencies of courts and administrative agencies. Before joining the Illinois faculty, he was a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York and clerked for the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Sharpe received his J.D. from Yale Law School.



Nicola Sharpe Director of the Chicago Business Law Program

Jointly trained in law and business, Professor Sharpe is an expert in corporate law, applying theories drawn from organizational behavior and organizational strategy to the study of corporate board structure and dynamics. A fellow at the Center for Law, Economics, and Finance at George Washington University Law School, she was an associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP after receiving her J.D. from Yale Law School and her M.B.A. from Yale School of Management. In summer 2013, she taught an innovative course in the Chicago Program in the area of corporate law, drawing upon the expertise of Chicago-area industry leaders in corporate finance, corporate compliance, and corporate law.



HOXIE ELECTED TO AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Frederick Hoxie, Swanlund Professor of History and Law, was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, one of the nation's most prestigious honorary societies and a leading center for independent policy research.

Hoxie is an expert on U.S. Indian policy, the history of Native American communities, and the meaning of indigenous history in modern society. He has written more than a dozen books, most recently *This Indian Country: American Indian Activists and the Place They Made* (Penguin, 2012). A winner of the Western History Association's lifetime achievement award in American Indian history, Hoxie has worked as a consultant and expert witness for several Native American tribes, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

“[Professor Hoxie’s] honors reflect the dedication to excellence and positive impact on society that are among the core values of the University of Illinois.”

| Bob Easter, President of the University of Illinois |

FREYFOGLE INVESTED AS SWANLUND CHAIR

In May 2013, Professor Eric Freyfogle was invested as a Swanlund Chair, the highest endowed title bestowed upon faculty on the Urbana-Champaign campus. Freyfogle is an internationally recognized expert on the relationship between humans and nature whose scholarship draws upon a broad range of interdisciplinary perspectives, including history, philosophy, biological sciences, economics, and literature. He is the author or editor of a dozen books, some focused on legal issues, others exploring matters of broader social and cultural concern. Freyfogle has taught at Illinois since 1983.



(left to right) Provost Ilesanmi Adesida, Professor Eric Freyfogle, Chancellor Phyllis Wise, Dean Bruce Smith



ROBBENNOLT'S NEW BOOK: PSYCHOLOGY FOR LAWYERS

A renowned scholar in the area of psychology and law, torts, and dispute resolution, Professor Jennifer Robbennolt published *Psychology for Lawyers: Understanding the Human Factors in Negotiation, Litigation, and Decision Making* (ABA 2012), co-authored by Jean R. Sternlight. The book introduces practicing lawyers and law students to key insights offered by the field of psychology and discusses how lawyers who harness these insights will be more effective interviewers and counselors, engage in more successful negotiations, conduct more efficient and useful discovery, more effectively persuade judges and others through their written words, better identify and avoid ethical problems, and be more productive.

For the book's scholarly impact, Robbennolt received the College's Wayne LaFave Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship. She also received the John E. Cribbet Excellence in Teaching Award, a three-year honor given to an outstanding teacher within the field of law.

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psychology, lawyers will be
more *effective*,
more **successful**,
and more ETHICAL.



ROSS' UPCOMING BOOK: UNDERCOVER POLICING IN U.S. AND EUROPE

A respected scholar in the fields of evidence and criminal law and procedure, Professor [Jacqueline Ross](#) has a contract from Oxford University Press to write *Comparative Undercover Policing: Making Rules for the Gray Zone in the United States, Italy, Germany and France*.

The book will offer the first sustained look at how the United States, Germany, Italy, and France conceptualize and regulate covert operations. Contrasting legal actors' assumptions, ambitions, fears, and habitual ways of doing business highlights what is distinctive about the systems they inhabit and illuminates the promises and challenges of transnational cooperation. This work rests on over 250 interviews conducted in the United States and Europe with covert agents, liaison officials, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges.

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LASH FEATURED IN PBS' CONSTITUTION USA

Professor Kurt Lash, director of the College's Program in Constitutional Theory, History, and Law, was featured prominently in Constitution USA with Peter Sagal, a four-part PBS series that premiered in May 2013. In Constitution USA, Sagal traveled across the country on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle exploring the meaning of the Constitution, the historical events that have defined it, and its meaning for today's major public policy debates. An expert in the First, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments, Lash shared his conception of popular sovereignty and the relative roles of the courts, legislatures, and people in constitutional amendment and interpretation.

Under the auspices of the College's Program in Constitutional Theory, History, and Law, Lash also organized "American's Unwritten Constitution," a conference held on October 12, 2012 at the College of Law, featuring Akhil Reed Amar, the Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University.



PBS



DOES AGENCY FUNDING AFFECT DECISION MAKING? WASSERMAN STUDY SAYS YES

In a study that analyzed more than two decades of patent grant rates by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), Professor [Melissa Wasserman](#) and co-author Michael Frakes, a law professor at Cornell University, suggest that financial incentives, and not just the merits of the invention, may be, in part, driving the PTO's decision whether or not to grant a patent.

By comparing the PTO's granting patterns before and after 1991, when the agency became almost exclusively funded by user fees, Wasserman and Frakes determined that when the agency was in need of more funds, it granted patents at a higher rate to entities that generated higher fees. For example, after the fee reform in 1991, large entities were granted patents at a rate 9% higher than small entities, whose fees are 50% lower than those of large entities. The study also showed that the grant rate variations are more likely to occur at times when the PTO is underfunded.

Additionally, Wasserman and Frakes launched the "Empirical Patent Law Conference" in September 2012, co-organized and sponsored by Cornell Law School's Law and Economics Program and the Illinois Program in Law, Behavior, and Social Science. The conference brings together scholars in patent law, economics, and policy to employ advanced empirical techniques to confront research questions of particular relevance to patent policy.

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ROWELL, BREGANT STUDY: POOR MATH SKILLS AFFECT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING

According to research from Professor [Arden Rowell](#), there is a highly significant relationship between law students' math skills and the substance of their legal analysis, suggesting that legal analysis – and by extension, legal advice – may vary with a lawyer's native math skills.

The first of its kind, the empirical study resulted in three original findings related to the role of numeracy in legal decision-making. First, the study shows a surprisingly high level of math skill among law students, especially given the common folk wisdom that lawyers are bad at math. Second, the study detects no significant relationship between law students' math skills and their susceptibility to bias. Finally, it shows that the substance of legal analysis varies with math skill for at least some subset of cases.

“Even when lawyers aren't making obvious math mistakes, their understanding of the law may be fundamentally different based on how good they are at math,” said Rowell, who co-wrote the paper with [Jessica Bregant](#), a research associate with the College of Law. In other words, clients may not get the same outcome when they bring identical cases, simply because the attorney they hire – or the judge they face – has high or low numeracy.



COPYRIGHT MAKES MID-CENTURY BOOKS AND MUSIC DISAPPEAR, HEALD STUDY SHOWS



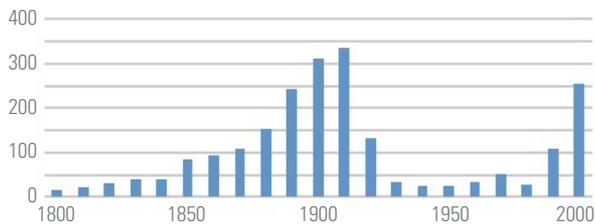
In a pioneering and high-profile empirical study, Professor [Paul Heald](#), an expert in intellectual property law, has challenged the prevailing claim that an expressive work needs to be protected by copyright law to ensure its continued public availability and distribution. To the contrary, his research findings suggest that copyright protection is strongly correlated with the disappearance of works rather than with their availability.

Using a random sample of over 4,000 books and songs available for purchase on Amazon.com, Heald found more books and songs for sale that were originally created in the 1880s than in the 1980s. As noted in an article on Heald's work published in *The Atlantic*, "A book published during the presidency of Chester A. Arthur has a greater chance of being in print today than one published during the time of Reagan." Heald's findings reveal that works tend to become unavailable relatively shortly after they are created and first protected by copyright, only to reappear in significantly increased numbers when copyright protection expires and they fall into the public domain.

Heald's research has important implications for ongoing academic and legislative debates about the optimal term of copyright protection. As Heald notes, "Further attempts to extend the copyright term should be resisted, not encouraged. Copyright was not designed by the framers of the Constitution as a means by which Congress could make works disappear."

Copyright protection is strongly correlated with the **disappearance** of works rather than with their **availability**.

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STUDENTS WIN FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS CASE

Dan Campbell ('13) and Adam Hearn ('13), two third-year students in the Federal Civil Rights Clinic, successfully represented an Illinois Department of Corrections inmate in a federal civil rights action in the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois. Arguing a violation of the Eighth Amendment on the grounds of excessive force and humiliation, the student attorneys spent over 400 hours preparing for the three-day trial. They ultimately won a jury verdict of \$1,000 on behalf of their client.

Through the Clinic, directed by Professor Andrew Bequette, a dozen law students each year are provisionally admitted as lawyers in the Central District of Illinois and are assigned by a federal judge to represent *pro se* litigants in civil rights trials. Under faculty supervision, they work with actual clients to prepare and try a civil jury trial. Along with the five other clinics at the College, the Federal Civil Rights Clinic offers a valuable service to the community by providing free legal services to individuals who would not otherwise have access to legal representation.

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HANNAH WEINBERGER-DIVACK ('13) AWARDED SKADDEN FELLOWSHIP

Hannah Weinberger-Divack ('13) was awarded a prestigious Skadden Fellowship by the Skadden Foundation. Described as a “legal Peace Corps” by the *Los Angeles Times*, the Skadden Fellowship Program was established in 1988 by the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP to support graduating law students who are dedicated to providing legal services to the poor, the elderly, the homeless, the disabled, and those deprived of their civil or human rights. Weinberger-Divack joined 28 other Skadden Fellows in the Class of 2013.

“Hannah is a tremendous person who is a great example of the College’s dedicated and successful students. She worked tirelessly on putting together a project that combined both her passion for legal issues related to the elderly and her commitment to advocacy on behalf of disabled persons to receive in-home health care, issues she has been committed to since before law school,” said [Rebecca Myhr Szajna](#), associate director of career planning and professional development, who worked with Weinberger-Divack during the fellowship application and interview process.

Weinberger-Divack is spending the next two years at the National Senior Citizens Law Center in Washington, D.C., where she will advocate for low-income, older adults to receive health and personal care in their homes, avoiding unnecessary institutionalization.



STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD IN COSTA RICA

During intersession in March 2013, Professors [Heidi Hurd](#), [David Hyman](#), and [Arden Rowell](#) led 21 law students to Costa Rica on a study abroad to explore the environmental and human impact of Costa Rica's efforts to eradicate poverty through economic development and the ways in which environmental law and policy can guide sustainable future practices.

Students studied the environmental consequences of Costa Rica's rapid economic development and assessed the success with which the nation has protected its biodiversity, prevented air and water pollution, guarded against the adverse effects of climate change, and adopted sustainable energy sources to ensure its long-term environmental responsibility.

On the trip, they visited coffee and fruit plantations, rainforests, and marine ecosystems and met with environmentalists, scientific experts, entrepreneurs, lawyers, and activists in government offices, NGOs, and businesses.



LAW FELLOWS GAIN GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

The Illinois Global Law Fellows Program provides J.D. students the opportunity to experience life and the practice of law outside the U.S. by interning with LL.M. alumni abroad during their 1L or 2L summers. The Program also provides LL.M. graduates with practical experience within the U.S. by interning with J.D. alumni during the summer after they graduate.

As part of the program, six Illinois J.D. students spent summer 2013 interning at leading foreign law firms and corporations, including Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal in Argentina, Weitnauer in Germany, Yulchon in Korea, and Kobe Steel in Japan. Four LL.M. students worked at Webber & Thies, Mercer Turner, the town of Normal in Illinois, and Smith, Gambrell & Russell.



Loran Radovicka ('15) (left) interning at Kobe Steel in Japan

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SIGNIFICANT LECTURES 2012-13

Paul M. Van Arsdell, Jr. Memorial Lecture on Litigation and the Legal Profession

William Henderson

Professor of Law and Val Nolan Faculty Fellow, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Director, Center on the Global Legal Profession

“Human Capital Accounting for Lawyers”

September 19, 2012



David C. Baum Memorial Lecture on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Lawrence Lessig

Director, Edmond J. Safra Foundation Center for Ethics at Harvard University
Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

“The Other Side to Madison’s Dilemma:

When the Problem of Civil Rights Becomes the Problem of Minority Factions”

October 4, 2012



Vacketta/DLA Piper Lecture on the Role of Government and the Law

Jeffrey Davidow

Former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Venezuela, and Zambia

Senior Counselor, The Cohen Group

“The Complicated but Vital Relationship: The U.S. and Mexico”

October 26, 2012



David C. Baum Memorial Lecture on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Douglas Laycock

Robert E. Scott Distinguished Professor of Law, Horace W. Goldsmith Research Professor of Law, and Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia

“The Conflict Over Religious Liberty”

February 18, 2013



Ann F. Baum Memorial Elder Law Lecture

Daniel Shaviro

Wayne Perry Professor of Taxation, New York University School of Law

“Should Social Security and Medicare Be More Market-Based?”

March 4, 2013



Wes Jackson, Ph.D.

President, The Land Institute

“The Necessity of Historical Imagination When Contemplating the Future of Agriculture”

April 4, 2013



“I hope that future generations of law students will have the same opportunities that I did.”



NEW ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE: iSUPPORT

The College’s roughly 10,000 alumni include federal and state judges, managing partners at major international law firms, founding partners of premier litigation boutiques, prosecutors, public defenders, CEOs, CFOs, general counsel, and entrepreneurs. In addition to achieving great success in their professional careers, the College’s alumni give back to the College in many ways, generously donating their time, energy, and expertise to build on the tradition of excellence at the College of Law. To highlight these efforts and to encourage others to get involved, the College of Law launched a new alumni engagement initiative – [iSupport](#).

iSupport highlights the many ways that alumni can contribute – by hiring, mentoring, recruiting, teaching, volunteering, and giving.

SPOTLIGHT: DANNIA ALTEMIMEI ('13)

[Danna Altemimei \('13\)](#) greatly enjoyed her College of Law experience. She cites the outstanding faculty, exceptional classmates, and memorable experiences as highlights of her time as an Illinois law student. As a member of the 2013 Class Gift committee, Danna understood the importance of supporting the College of Law through a gift to the Annual Fund, which provides unrestricted funds to support the College’s most pressing needs, such as scholarships and curricular initiatives.

“I choose to support the College of Law because I feel like attending this law school has given me a lot of opportunities, both in terms of education and career. I hope that future generations of law students will have the same opportunities that I did, and the only way to achieve that is through continued alumni support.”

LAW FIRM CHALLENGE

Through the Law Firm Challenge, the College of Law encourages alumni participation in the Annual Fund and strives to strengthen the connection between the College and alumni working within law firms. Now in its third year, the Law Firm Challenge had another exceptionally successful year in 2012-13. Among the 69 participating law firms, 19 achieved 100% alumni participation. The College's lawyer-alumni at all participating firms raised nearly \$375,000 for the College's Annual Fund.



FIRMS THAT ACHIEVED 80+% PARTICIPATION AND PACESETTER FIRMS

Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP *	100%	Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered *	100%
Bryan Cave LLP *	100%	Quinn, Johnston, Henderson, Pretorius & Cerulo *	100%
Burke Warren MacKay & Serritella *	100%	Reed Smith LLP	100%
Figliulo & Silverman *	100%	Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney *	100%
Franczek Radelet P.C. *	100%	Tobin & Ramon	100%
Harrison Held Carroll & Wall *	100%	Williams Montgomery & John	100%
Hasselberg, Rock, Bell & Kuppler *	100%	Jenner & Block LLP	93%
Holmstrom & Kennedy *	100%	Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	89%
McAndrews Held & Malloy	100%	Thomas, Mamer & Haughey LLP	89%
McDonald Hopkins *	100%	Schiff Hardin LLP	85%
Meyer Capel	100%	McDermott Will & Emery	82%
Nixon Peabody LLP *	100%	Shaw Fishman Glantz & Towbin	80%
Novack and Macey LLP	100%	Sidley Austin LLP	80%

* Pacesetter firms reach 100% alumni participation in the Law Firm Challenge by December 31.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Since 1966, the College of Law has annually chosen individuals to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of their professional achievements and leadership in their communities. The following winners of the 2012-13 Distinguished Alumni Awards were honored by Dean Bruce Smith at the Annual Alumni Luncheon at the University Club in Chicago: **Eugene H. Miller ('73)**, chairman emeritus of Miller Starr Regalia, **Byung J. (B.J.) Pak ('98)**, member of the Georgia House of Representatives and a partner at the Atlanta office of Ballard Spahr LLP, and **Woon-Wah Siu ('93)**, managing partner of the Shanghai office of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.



Eugene H. Miller ('73)



B.J. Pak ('98)



Woon-Wah Siu ('93)

2013 LAW ALUMNI LOYALTY AWARD

Created in 2012 to honor alumni who have demonstrated exceptional leadership through their service to the College of Law community, the Law Alumni Loyalty Award for 2013 was given to the **Honorable James F. Holderman ('71)** for his contributions to his alma mater. Judge Holderman has hired alumni as law clerks, served on the College of Law's Board of Visitors, represented the College at the International Intellectual Property Law Symposium, and delivered the Convocation speech twice. He serves the College as an adjunct professor – including in the Chicago Program, helps to recruit students, and has worked closely with the Women's Law Society to help recruit judges to participate in their Judge Shadow Program. Additionally, Judge Holderman regularly contributes to the College of Law Annual Fund and attends numerous college-sponsored events.



Hon. James F. Holderman ('71)

"His profound and unwavering commitment to both serving the citizens of the United States and giving back to the University of Illinois is truly unmatched," said Marron Mahoney ('07) in nominating Judge Holderman.



INAUGURAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Peer Pedersen ('48) was honored posthumously with the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award, created to recognize alumni whose careers, personal achievements, and contributions to the College of Law and society have been exemplary.

In 1957, Pedersen founded the Chicago law firm now known as Pedersen & Houpt, practicing in the areas of corporate finance, tax, securities, and real estate law. During his distinguished career in law and business, he served on the boards of Aon, Extended Stay America, Spraying Systems Co., Tempel Steel Company, and Tennis Corporation of America.

A devoted supporter of the University of Illinois and the College of Law, Pedersen was a founding member of the College of Law's Board of Visitors, a member of the John E. Cribbet Society, and the co-chair of two major fundraising campaigns. With his wife Sarah, who predeceased him, he endowed a faculty chair at the College.

In the words of Dean Bruce Smith, "Peer was a magnetic, courageous, wise, and profoundly public-spirited individual who took great pride in his alma mater – and we in him. No one who spent time with Peer could fail to marvel at his energy, his selflessness, his decency, and his zest for life."





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