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Congratulations to our newest alumni! Duquesne Law celebrated the 104th commencement on May 25 with the Class of 2018 and their families, friends and colleagues. These J.D. and LL.M. graduates join approximately 7,800 Duquesne Law alumni residing throughout the world.

We all can be proud of what our graduates have accomplished and the opportunities they have. Many of these accomplishments and opportunities have been made possible because of you, our alumni. Indeed, our alumni go above and beyond to help ensure student success here. Colleagues in the law often share with me that the commitment of Duquesne Law alumni is something special!

Thank you most sincerely for all that you do! Whether you have hired or mentored students, hosted networking events at your firm, presented at career programs here on campus, supported bar studies and academic excellence initiatives, arranged clerkship or externship placements, supervised a clinical program, coached one of the many moot court teams, or funded individual scholarships or fellowships, we are sincerely grateful for your help.

This issue of Duquesne Lawyer highlights some of the many ways your support directly impacts the School of Law community, constantly making a positive difference. You will read about a new faculty/student mentorship program, which was made possible with alumni donations. You will also read about alumni who are serving their communities in new ways, often behind the scenes and with little fanfare, taking on pro bono cases, volunteering at nonprofit organizations, coordinating community services and starting projects to help individuals in need. You will discover how Duquesne Law is expanding diversity and inclusion initiatives and read about new faculty roles in the community as well as new scholarly works. Finally, you will read about student achievements and the amazing work of student organizations here.

I invite you to be in touch and to join us for one of our alumni events. I can be reached via email, lallygreen@duq.edu. And, perhaps you can be with us at the 66th Duquesne Law Alumni Reunion Dinner on Oct. 19.

Thank you, again, most sincerely for all that you do for our Law School!

Maureen E. Lally-Green, L’74
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ON THE COVER: Bridget Daley on the North Shore of Pittsburgh.

Above: First-year students Kyle Steenland, Oluwaseyi Odunaiya and Amber Yang.

STAY INFORMED
Duquesne Law rises again in the national rankings
High bar pass rate and strong admission standards part of rankings news

For the fifth time in six years, Duquesne University School of Law has risen in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. The 2019 Best Graduate Programs—Best Law Schools released March 20, 2018, shows Duquesne Law moving up eight slots since last year.

For 2019, the national publication lists Duquesne Law at 119, up eight positions from 2018, when it was ranked 127. U.S. News & World Report bases its annual rankings on a number of factors, including reputation among law schools. Duquesne Law’s outstanding bar passage rate and solid admission standards are among the strengths reflected in the publication’s statistics. Duquesne Law’s entering LSAT and GPA scores have held steady for the last five years. In contrast, incoming LSAT and GPA scores have been dropping for law schools across the country.

Duquesne’s first-time pass rate on the Pennsylvania bar exam is substantially higher than the statewide average. Duquesne graduates posted a 90.74 percent first-time pass rate on the July 2017 Pennsylvania bar exam and 91.96 percent on the July 2016 exam. As of the July 2017 bar, Duquesne has surpassed the statewide first-time pass rate average for 11 of the last 12 years.

U.S. News & World Report’s 2019 publication lists Duquesne’s legal writing program among the top 25 in the country (at No. 22) in law school specialty categories. Similarly, the publication ranks the Law School’s part-time J.D. among the top 50 in the nation (at No. 46).

“Our academic programs, bar passage rates and admission statistics reflect Duquesne Law’s commitment to excellence,” says Dean Maureen Lally-Green. “With the support of Ken Gormley, Duquesne’s president and the former law dean, and our academic leaders, we continue to pursue the highest standards. This means, for instance, that we do not lower criteria for admission, as some other law schools do, in order to accept more students.

“Our network of 7,800 law alumni shares in the success of all that we do here,” she adds. “They know that we are committed to educating the whole person. Future lawyers choose this law school because they know they will be receiving a rigorous, values-based education that will prepare them for the practice of law and give them the tools to make a positive impact on the lives of others.”

The Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Appeal Board held a special session at Duquesne University School of Law on Jan. 24. Hearing arguments for the board were Commissioner Robert A. Krebs (far left), who served as acting chairman on behalf of Chairman Alfonso Frioni, who could not attend, Commissioner Sandra D. Crawford, Commissioner William I. Gabig, Commissioner Thomas P. Cummings and Commissioner James A. Zurick. Krebs is an adjunct professor at Duquesne Law.
The United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania is celebrating its bicentennial throughout 2018 with a series of programs celebrating the court’s rich history and influence within the district.

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Earlier in the day, Tate gave a special luncheon presentation to pre-law and honors students from Duquesne and area colleges and universities. Duquesne Law used the event as a recruiting tool by following the luncheon with tours of the school for the undergraduate students and their advisors, then answering their questions about taking the LSAT, applying to law school, and being considered for scholarships and financial aid.

The afternoon program at Duquesne was the author’s only public event in Pittsburgh.

Tate served as press secretary to Reagan from 1981 to 1985. After leaving the White House staff, she co-founded the Washington, D.C., public relations firm Powell Tate. She also served as press secretary to George H. W. Bush during his successful campaign for the presidency in 1988 and for his transition.

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In early June, the Joseph F. Weis, Jr. U.S. Courthouse opened its doors for a full day of spirited legal discussion centered on the theme of “A Celebration of Liberty and Justice for All.” The all-day program featured four panels of sitting and retired judges of the District Court, Bankruptcy Court and Third Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as distinguished legal scholars. Topics included the history of the District Court, notable civil liberties and criminal cases, and the area’s economic issues as addressed by the Bankruptcy Court.

Duquesne University School of Law will partner with the court for the third event, an examination of one of Major League Baseball’s most infamous scandals—the drug trials of 1985. The public program will be held at Duquesne’s Power Center on Oct. 11, 2018, with Professor Mark Yochum serving as moderator for a panel discussion featuring retired judges and legal professionals involved in the cases. The program will offer two hours of continuing legal education credits. A display of case-related memorabilia will be available for viewing at the reception that will follow the event. To register, visit the School of Law’s website, duq.edu/law.

Closing out the bicentennial event series, in December the District Court will offer a rare chance to step back in time as it presents a reenactment of court proceedings as they would have occurred in 1818.
Standing room only for second Goldberg Continuing Legal Education

When Marshall Goldberg first came to Duquesne Law in 2014 to present “Narrative Skills and the Law,” it was to a standing-room-only crowd. Goldberg returned on Feb. 24 to present this popular CLE once again to a sold-out room. The CLE sets out the basic principles of storytelling and shows how to apply those principles to legal situations.

Goldberg, a lawyer, has been a television and film writer for more than 25 years, as well an adjunct professor at Stanford and Michigan Law.

Using references to movies, books and television shows, Goldberg covered the fundamentals of storytelling: the story drive; structure; beginnings, middles and endings; openings; plot and character; and transitions. The course concluded with a discussion of real-life legal cases and how approaching them as a storyteller utilizing basic narrative principles might well have affected case outcomes.

Third Circuit oral argument

Federal Litigation Clinic students (L-R) Sara Watkins, Adrienne Box and Matthew Goddard, wrote two briefs and argued a case before a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit sitting in Pittsburgh. Pictured with the students is Adjunct Professor Adrian Roe.

1L oral arguments

Student Carrie Garrison argues before “judges,” from left, Chrissy Green, L’13, Professor Jan Levine, Hillary Cox, L’16 and Ginevra Ventre, L’13.

Burns White hosted a diversity breakfast on Duquesne Law’s 2018 Admitted Students Day, March 24. Members of the firm greeted both admitted and current diverse students at their headquarters in the Strip District.

Duquesne’s Student Bar Association focused its philanthropic efforts this year on Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. This spring, SBA student leaders presented the Children’s Hospital Foundation with a check for more than $2,600. L-R: Eleni Skezas, Children’s Hospital Foundation Associate Director Joseph Warren, Amanda Perry, Dean Maureen Lally-Green, Nicolette Blackwell and Jake Mellor.
When it was opened in 1867, the Allegheny County Law Library (ACLL) did not have a catalog, but library users still had little trouble finding the information they needed. Incredibly, the head librarian, Percy G. Digby, painstakingly memorized the location and contents of every volume in the collection—nearly 29,000 of them.

Digby would have a harder time memorizing everything in the library today. One hundred and fifty years later, the library collection now holds more than 150,000 volumes dating from 1488 to the present, including appellate court briefs dating from 1853.

For the first 20 years of its existence, the ACLL was housed in the original Allegheny County Courthouse until it burned in 1887, and then in the rebuilt Courthouse until 1918, when it moved to its current home on the ninth floor of the City-County Building.

A unique partnership that benefits all

In 1999, Allegheny County partnered with Duquesne University to create the law library as we know it today, with the ACLL under the management of the Duquesne Center for Legal Information.

“No such partnership between a county government and a private university existed before,” said Frank Liu, Duquesne Law’s associate dean for legal programs. The unique model allows access to legal collections and provides services for law students, lawyers and the general public throughout Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania. This hybrid library serves as a model for other public law libraries across the country.

“As the library prepares for its fifth management contract, ACLL looks forward to increased service to legal professionals and the public and continued capital improvements,” said Dr. Joel Fishman, who served as ACLL’s law librarian for more than 20 years.

The ACLL also enjoys the support of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County and the Allegheny County Bar Association, which approve the use of filing fees to support the library.

The current librarian, Patricia Horvath, succeeded Fishman in 2016 and has overseen the library’s renovation and service expansion in advance of the 150th anniversary. In addition to improvements to the reading room and computer lab, the library added a new consultation room, which is for cardholding members. Equipped with a large-screen TV and a computer, the room is an ideal space for client meetings, confidential phone calls, deposition recordings and more.

Why become a member?

Much of the library’s collection is open to the public, but patrons who become cardholders enjoy additional conveniences and cost-saving benefits, including borrowing privileges from either the law library or the Duquesne Center for Legal Information. The ACLL’s print and online resources provide in-depth coverage of Pennsylvania and United States law used daily by lawyers, law students and self-representing litigants.

Remote access is available to cardholders via a number of online databases, including Fastcase and Loislaw Treatises and HeinOnline offering the ABA Library, State Practice Library, bar journals and more.

Cardholders may also use a number of databases onsite, including Westlaw, Lexis Advance, Bloomberg BNA, CCH Omni Tax, American Law Institute-CLE and eCode 360.

Document scanning services are free for cardholders, and document delivery services, including copying, faxing and emailing documents, are half-price. Continuing legal education courses, offered throughout the year, are available to ACLL members at a reduced rate as well.

To find out more about the law library’s current offerings and plans for the future, follow the ACLL on Facebook and Twitter (@aclawlib) or subscribe to the ACLL’s e-newsletter.
Clinical Legal Education updates

McCants Lewis to direct clinical legal education

McCants Lewis

Dean Maureen Lally-Green announced this spring that Professor Tracey McCants Lewis, L’00, will serve as Duquesne Law’s permanent director of clinical legal education beginning in the new academic year. The associate clinical professor has served as the interim co-director since last summer.

In the role, McCants Lewis will lead the work of more than a dozen clinics and clinical programs. She will also continue to manage the Law School’s pro bono program and teach in the Civil Rights Clinic and Unemployment Compensation Clinic. Her scholarship focuses on critical race theory, feminist legal theory and the application of legal storytelling in clinical legal education.

McCants Lewis is a member the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board, in addition to serving on the board of the August Wilson African American Cultural Center of Pittsburgh and other nonprofit organizations. Her professional recognition includes receiving the NAACP Pittsburgh’s Homer S. Brown Award for Legal Service, the Urban League Young Professionals’ Decade of Dedication Award and the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh’s Racial Justice Award. Most recently, she was honored with the Urban League’s prestigious Community Leadership Award.

Professor Katherine L.W. Norton will serve as Duquesne Law’s new associate director of clinical legal education. The assistant professor of clinical legal skills will continue to oversee the Family Law Clinic, serve as externship coordinator and assist with the Law School’s study abroad programs. Norton was also appointed director of international programs.

Norton focuses her scholarship on legal and mental health in custody cases, trials of complex family law cases, and the application of effective advocacy and attorney obligations in clinical legal education. Her professional honors include receiving the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Lorraine Bittner Award for her work with the Family Law Clinic and being named a Rising Star in the area of family law over multiple years by Super Lawyers magazine. Duquesne Law’s Student Bar Association presented Norton with the Excellence in Teaching Award last year.

Civil Rights Clinic offers expungement workshops, sees successful pardons

Duquesne Law continues to offer expungement and pardon advice and assistance to residents in need of the service. One of the latest expungement events was offered during a popular career fair at PPG Paints Arena attended by hundreds this winter.

Over the course of the academic year, clinic representatives traveled to Harrisburg three times to accompany individuals who appeared before the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons. After successful September and December appearances, the clinic helped yet another client prepare for a successful appearance in March. This time, both the supervising attorney, Professor Tracey McCants Lewis, and student manager, Natalie Tupta, were in attendance to celebrate the client’s success.

The clinic is awaiting a decision from the governor in each of the three cases following the board’s votes to recommend the pardons.
Pro Bono Program offers wills clinic

Duquesne Law students and attorneys recently provided legal advice to low-income individuals interested in preparing a will, power of attorney document or advanced health care directive.

Duquesne’s Pro Bono Program and clinics joined forces with the Allegheny County Bar Foundation’s Pro Bono Center and Pitt Law in staffing a March event at the Jeron X. Grayson Community Center in Pittsburgh’s Hill District neighborhood. Oakland Planning and Development Corporation and other community groups promoted the wills clinic to area residents.

Family Division thanks Duquesne Law clinical students

This spring, Judge Kathryn M. Hens-Greco offered law students a special thank-you for their service to the Family Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County. The 13th annual law student appreciation reception was held on April 12 to recognize the students’ work as well as the Self-Help Center, Pro-Se Motions and Children’s Court staff.

In announcing the reception, Hens-Greco noted that because of the work of law students from Duquesne and the University of Pittsburgh, the division was able to assist income-eligible litigants on the same day they appeared or on the day of scheduled appointments with the court’s Legal Advice Clinic.

Professor Kate Norton supervises Duquesne’s Family Law Clinic.

Two clinic cases currently before Commonwealth Court

The Unemployment Compensation Clinic has two cases on appeal before the Commonwealth Court. In one case, students in the clinic seek to have the court review the circumstances under which teachers at a local community college can receive unemployment benefits during their summer semester. In the second, the students ask whether a transit authority bus driver’s resumed use of a customary route after a road was reopened (following a posted detour) constitutes willful misconduct, thus barring him from receipt of unemployment insurance.

The clinic has handled a multitude of Commonwealth Court cases during the program’s 20-year history at Duquesne—from the legalities of using chemical testing of hair and other bodily substances to detect illicit drug use, to a worker’s right to quit work and receive benefits when faced with a so-called “toxic” work environment.

“My work in the clinic has brought abstract classroom concepts to life,” says second-year evening student Lydia Wardi. “In addition to gaining exposure to Pennsylvania unemployment compensation law, I am refining my written and oral advocacy skills and developing professional judgment each time I prepare for and participate in a hearing.

“The instructors are phenomenal,” Wardi continues. “They are invested in the learning process and offer an experience that is both challenging and supportive.”

“Duquesne’s Unemployment Compensation Clinic continues to make an imprint on the law in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” says Michael Simon, the attorney who helped to establish the clinical program.

Simon is joined by Professor Tracy McCants Lewis and Adjunct Professor Justin T. Romano, L’09, a former student in the program, in overseeing the law students’ work.
Duquesne Alumni Find Inner Reward by Helping Others

Tracy Carbasho, Contributing Writer

Mahatma Gandhi believed the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others, and Mother Teresa noted, “It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.” Attorneys who earn their law degree from Duquesne University live up to these lofty expectations every day not only by taking on pro bono cases, but also by volunteering at nonprofit organizations, coordinating community services and starting projects to help individuals in need.

Jessica Tully, a 2008 School of Law graduate, overcame a humble family background and now lives her life according to the credo: “If you’re lucky enough to do well, it’s your responsibility to send the elevator back down.”

Tully is one of many law alumni who keep sending the elevator back down as part of their ingrained philosophy of helping others by giving back to their communities. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Tully began working on her first major community undertaking shortly after graduation. She and her husband, Jeff Fitch, formed F&T Property Management LLC in 2009 to help struggling residents in Elk County, Pa., purchase low-cost homes. The company bought homes from the Tax Claim Bureau’s repository list, made necessary repairs and sold them to residents for as little as $3,500.

“My work with F&T has been the most rewarding. Since our buyers were able to purchase homes so inexpensively, they have had the opportunity to save money and use their savings to improve their lives,” she said. “Without a mortgage or rent payment, these families can survive on lower-paying jobs and still provide for their children in ways they may not have been able to do otherwise.”

Before moving to the Virgin Islands in 2016, Tully worked in Pennsylvania for an oil and gas title abstracting company and the law firms of Babst Calland Clements and Zomnir and Steptoe & Johnson. She also founded the firm of Tully & Barry just north of Pittsburgh in 2014.

Her community service work in Pittsburgh included encouraging students and their parents to strive for success by sharing her own story of overcoming poverty as part of her work with the Crossroads Foundation. She also worked on a pro bono basis in 2012 to help the Moraine Preservation Fund effectuate land transfers to Moraine State Park in Portersville, Pa.

In 2014, the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce presented her with a Top 40 Under 40 award for having a significant impact on the community.

Tully, a transactional attorney who focuses on real estate, property, energy, and oil and gas title matters, is now of counsel in the transactional department of Dudley, Topper and Feuerzeig in St. Thomas. She and her family evacuated the island before Hurricane Irma struck in September 2017. While they were away, they purchased supplies and shipped them to friends in St. Thomas for distribution to others. She hopes to perform pro bono work for the Virgin Islands Children’s Museum once it recovers from the hurricane and relocates to a new building.

“I was born poor, the oldest child of teenage parents, both from working-class backgrounds. I now have a successful law practice and live in the Caribbean. Statistically, this should not have happened,” said Tully. “Having moved through several social classes in my short life, I know the injustices faced by the poor. I have been lucky enough to do well and now it is my responsibility to send the elevator back down.”

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— Jessica Tully, L’08
Rocco E. Cozza grew up in New Castle, Pa., as part of a large Italian family that valued helping anyone in need. As a successful lawyer and businessman, he believes it is his obligation to now use his skills and his network of connections to lend a helping hand on a larger scale.

“I was raised to always help out when and where I can. My mother always said if you are blessed with something, such as money, talent and skills, it is your duty to share and make someone’s life better,” he said. “We live in a world where kindness toward others is growing fainter and I want to make a difference. I want to set an example for my children, Gabe, Ellie and Malina.”

Cozza, who earned his law degree from Duquesne in 2003, began raising money for the local chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society when he was an undergraduate at Washington & Jefferson College. He was nominated for the society’s Man of the Year Award in 2017. Although he did not win, he has continued to help find candidates for the annual honor.

He also helped raise money for Animal Friends as part of the organization’s “43 Friends” campaign in 2018 and serves on the Board of Directors for Alpha House, an in-patient behavioral modification drug rehabilitation center. He is proud of his work for Alpha House and says the board is working hard to increase awareness, raise funds and operate the facility as efficiently as possible.

Cozza, who lives in Collier Township, Pa., maintains a private practice where he advises clients on matters regarding business, employment, real estate, and IP law and asset protection. He also provides general business consulting and litigation services to various industries.

Bridget J. Daley, who received her law degree from Duquesne in 2013, is an associate in the Pittsburgh office of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney where she has litigated complex civil matters in federal and state court, including commercial and contractual disputes, oil and gas matters, and class-action defense.

She actively pursues pro bono opportunities, such as representing clients in protection-from-abuse cases and in name change matters through the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund Name Change Project. As a law school student, she worked as a summer associate for Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney where her first pro bono assignment was researching intellectual property rights for a nonprofit organization. She also has devoted time to helping at the McKees Rocks Pro Bono Clinic.

Daley, who lives in the South Side of Pittsburgh, is an active member of her community. She is responsible for helping to select, recruit and coach speakers for events held by TEDxPittsburgh and TEDxPittsburghWomen, which provide a platform to showcase the ideas, individuals and innovations that are redefining Pittsburgh. TEDxPittsburgh 2018 featured Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

She is also a committee member for the United Way Bridges Society and a board member for IdeasPGH and NeighborWorks Western Pennsylvania.

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— Rocco E. Cozza, L’03

Cozza is also a licensed Pennsylvania title agent and is the co-founder of 24-7 Settlement Services. His busy schedule includes serving as the founder and chief executive officer of The Cozza Company, which provides strategic business consulting and coaching services.

In his spare time, he speaks to school students about entrepreneurship, leadership and motivation.

“I use opportunities that I have been afforded to help others”

— Bridget J. Daley, L’13
“My views and involvement in giving back to the community began prior to graduation. I believe Duquesne Law helps to instill in its students the importance of being community-minded,” said Daley. “Upon graduation and passing the bar, I found that my new role and title as an attorney provided me with more opportunities to serve the community. Whether it is using my legal background or not, the focus and efforts should always be on investing in and advocating for others.”

She believes working at a well-respected and supportive law firm has given her a greater springboard to propel not only her own personal growth, but also her desire and ability to help others. Growing up in a family of educators with big hearts and growing and working in the community with her husband Chris Daley, who shares those values, were instrumental in developing her sense of advocacy.

“Persistence, curiosity and kindness have always been tenets of my household and family,” said Daley. “It helped me understand not only the value of being a lifelong learner, but also the importance of empathy and the desire to use opportunities that I have been afforded to help others. I want nothing more than to pass this on to our daughter Ottavia.”

Daley was selected as an emerging leader as part of Leadership Pittsburgh’s Leadership Development Initiative Class XIV in 2016.

Michael V. Quatrini’s passion for community involvement comes directly from seeing his mother and father selflessly give their time, energy and intellect to charitable causes while maintaining their careers. His father co-founded the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County (CFWC) in 1995 as a nonprofit entity that manages individual charitable funds set up by private donors and endowments created by other nonprofit groups.

Today, Quatrini carries on the family tradition of helping others by serving as a board member for the CFWC and relentlessly working to improve local communities for future generations. In 2010, he co-founded the Visionaries Fund to provide individuals in their 20s, 30s and 40s with opportunities to learn about community foundations and to connect them with nonprofit organizations in Westmoreland County.

In 2017, the Visionaries worked with the Pittsburgh Foundation to adapt the concept to its organization and launched the New Philanthropic Leaders program.

“I feel compelled to educate anyone and everyone about the important role of community foundations and to encourage people in their 20s, 30s and 40s to use what they have—time, energy, talent—to support their communities early and often,” said Quatrini, a 2007 graduate of Duquesne. “For all of us, it should be a lifelong pursuit to make our communities stronger.”

Quatrini, an associate at QuatriniRafferty P.C. who lives in the Point Breeze neighborhood of Pittsburgh, represents injured workers and veterans in claims for workers’ compensation, Social Security Disability and service-connected compensation. He represents at least five veterans on a pro bono basis each year. Since 2013, he has donated in excess of 50 hours per year to the Pennsylvania Bar Institute as a course planner and faculty member for its continuing education series on Social Security Disability.

His community service also includes serving as a board member for Westmoreland Cleanways and the Court Appointed Special Advocates; volunteering as a contestant for “Dancing with the Celebrities of Westmoreland County”; being the master of ceremonies for both the “Battle of the Bands” hosted by the Westmoreland Cultural Trust and the Westmoreland Food Bank’s 30th anniversary dinner; serving as a community art facilitator for the Sprout Fund; co-hosting a casting call party for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre with his wife Megan; and volunteering as a featured walker in the “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event, which involved walking one mile through Greensburg in red high heels for the Blackburn Center.

Quatrini was honored in 2011 with the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Westmoreland County Bar Association and was recognized by Incline Magazine as part of its 2018 “Who’s Next in Philanthropy” class.

“My satisfaction comes from making sure nonprofit organizations have the right tools, including competent staff, well-trained board members, diligent volunteers and money, so they can continue their amazing work,” said Quatrini. “And as a relatively new father, it heightens my duty to make our local communities better for the next generation.”

Are you serving your community? Tell us your story at lawalumni@duq.edu!

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— Michael V. Quatrini, L’07
#MeToo: A Call for Change in the Law

Rona Kaufman, Associate Professor of Law

In 2006, Tarana Burke coined the phrase “Me Too.” Burke, a black activist, was working with young women of color who were victims of sexual violence. She used the phrase to build solidarity with and among victims and to help them gain “empowerment through empathy.” A decade later Burke’s “Me Too” became the rallying cry of a movement that has raised awareness, changed social norms, prompted a national conversation about sexual assault, harassment and consent, and has indicated broad implications for the law.

#MeToo went viral in October 2017 when actress Alyssa Milano encouraged others to tweet the phrase “to give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem.” Milano was supporting co-star Rose McGowan and others who had alleged that they were victims of Harvey Weinstein’s harassing and assaultive conduct. Within a day of Milano’s call, Twitter recorded nearly half a million uses of the hashtag. While #MeToo has dramatically raised overall societal awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, many women have recognized that the reality of sexual violence has never been much of a secret. As actress Lena Dunham explained in a *New York Times* op-ed discussing Weinstein, “[h]is behavior, silently co-signed for decades by employers and collaborators, is a microcosm of what has been happening in Hollywood since always and of what workplace harassment looks like for women everywhere.”

Since last fall, #MeToo has evolved into a call for change: change in social norms, change in accountability, change in behavior and change in law. While #MeToo has been primarily a social movement, its implications for the law are far reaching. #MeToo is and will continue to affect the law surrounding sexual harassment and sexual assault as for social norms related to harassment and consent shift, so too will the law. #MeToo prompted state attorneys general to seek an end to mandatory arbitration of sexual harassment claims. #MeToo has revitalized efforts to adopt the Equal Rights Amendment. #MeToo inspired the so-called “Weinstein tax,” reform of the tax code making settlement of sexual harassment and abuse cases with non-disclosure agreements non-deductible. In addition to affecting how the law is practiced and applied, #MeToo is affecting the business of law. Sexual assault and harassment are pervasive in all aspects of society; their presence in legal education, practice and employment is no exception. #MeToo will change the law and it will change how the law is taught and practiced, as well as how the legal profession operates.

Rona Kaufman teaches courses in employment, family and business law and focuses her scholarship on the intersection of law and motherhood. Kaufman is also a Wexner Foundation Heritage Fellow, recognizing her role as an emerging Jewish leader in Pittsburgh.

On April 28 she presented the CLE, “#MeToo: Law (Mis)Conceptions, Backlash, and Norms” wherein she discussed the #MeToo movement and relevant legal issues: how public perceptions and misconceptions compare and contrast with established legal rules; unintended consequences and backlash that have resulted from the movement; the social and legal norms that guide many relationships in and out of the workplace; and proposals for addressing the myriad of issues moving forward.

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Legal Education Beyond the Classroom: Professors Develop Faculty-Student Mentoring Program

Duquesne University School of Law prides itself on a tradition of excellence in legal education, which means more than the ability to understand and apply the law. Its mission is to serve students so they may go and serve our community. However, what does this mean to the 21st-century practitioner, with increasing technological advances that seem to isolate us more than ever?

Professors Rhonda Gay Hartman and Jacob Rooksby share a vision of educating law students to be professionals both inside and outside of the classroom. Together, they have developed the first faculty-student mentoring program at Duquesne Law. “Law students today, more than any other generation to date, have been exposed to a breakdown in our social and professional fabrics, whether it is through a lack of consideration towards others, unprofessional language and improper attire, dishonesty, and diminished work ethic, to name a few,” says Rooksby, who teaches torts and IP law and is associate dean of administration. “Teaching our law students how to act professionally and how to handle themselves will help them throughout their career.”

The faculty-student mentoring program is one of the first of its kind in any law school, and teaches students skills they will not learn in their doctrinal classes. It provides experiences to develop business and social skills so that students can achieve true success in the legal profession. According to Hartman, who is a visiting professor teaching torts and health care law, the knowledge of business and social etiquette “is like having a ticket that opens up access to success at the highest levels. One of the goals of the program is to provide students with that figurative ticket so they know how to be their best and how best to achieve success as professionals.”

This year’s program enrolled 28 1Ls and covered a number of themes to establish etiquette as “a way of being” as opposed to simply being tradition.

- “What I Wish I Would Have Known as a Law Student” was held at the Duquesne Club to introduce the students to formal professional settings of dress and behavior and to engage with others over drinks and hors d’oeuvres so that they will be more comfortable and confident in such settings. Attorneys H. Woodruff Turner of K&L Gates, David Kalson of Cohen & Grigsby and Joseph Moran of Blank Rome joined to share with the students their career insights and experiences since being in law school, including the lessons they distilled through years of legal practice and professional interactions.
• “The Unwritten Rules of Hiring, Retention and Promotion” took place at the Pittsburgh office of Eckert Seamans. Tim Ryan, former CEO, and other Duquesne Law alumni talked with the students about the inner workings of a large law firm and the opportunities as well as the challenges for young professionals.

• “Courtroom Behavior and Decorum” was held in the courtroom and chambers of U.S. District Court Chief Judge Joy Flowers Conti, providing the students with a rare opportunity to peer into the life of a federal judge. Conti also gave her unique insights and observations about the practice of law and lawyers including their conduct, dress and behavior.

• “The Everyday Guide to Lawyering” took place at the Pittsburgh office of QuatriniRafferty, P.C. Firm co-founder Vince Quatrini was joined by his sons, Michael and Adam, in a discussion with students about the strategies for successful client interactions and office dynamics. The firm also provided a booklet about advice and strategies for junior attorneys in a smaller law firm.

A final session, “Building a Brand as an Attorney,” took place on April 27 at the Pittsburgh Field Club.

Student response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic. The number of lawyers and judges who have been made available to the students has impressed Danielle Mrdenovich. “I chose to attend Duquesne Law because of its strong alumni network in Pittsburgh; however, this program has blown me away,” she says. “This program has taught me some invaluable life lessons that I could not have learned in the classroom. For example, I have learned the value of sending a handwritten thank-you card, the importance of courtroom etiquette and how to stand out as a summer associate.”

Gerard Hornby was aware of the demands placed on a legal professional, so he gladly accepted the invitation to experience first-hand various legal settings. “As a culture that revolves around rules, the legal profession hosts a great deal of cultural expectations and codes of conduct—the violation of which can do lasting damage to your credibility,” he notes. “Understanding these nuances of the courtroom, law firm and business-social setting is nothing short of invaluable.

“As cliché as it may sound, this is indeed a truly unique opportunity and one that has sincerely strengthened my character, aided with my composure and bolstered my communication skills—even in formidable and awe-inspiring settings.”

Hartman and Rooksby believe all Duquesne Law alumni will see the value of this program to prepare students for the modern day practice of law. Rooksby notes that “lawyers and judges who have either participated in our events or have learned about the program through informal conversations have uniformly and consistently commented ‘what a great idea’ and ‘this is so important for students to learn, especially today when we are seeing professional behavior and manners diminish.’”

Hartman also hopes that “our alumni will be pleased by these efforts—for not just our students but also for our profession as a whole. We warmly welcome alumni participation in the program moving forward through the donation of time, talent and treasure.”

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— Rhonda Hartman
Richard Heppner (Visiting Professor)

PRESENTATIONS


Wilson Huhn (Visiting Professor)

Organized a series of gatherings again this semester to provide law students with opportunities to express their opinions, listen to their colleagues and debate critically important constitutional issues facing Americans today (Feb. 21 and March 21, 2018).

Jalila Jefferson Bullock

PUBLICATION/ARTICLE

• Quelling the Silver Tsunami: Compassionate Release of Elderly Offenders, __ OHIO ST. L.J. __ (2018).

PRESENTATIONS

• Diverting the Silver Tsunami: Compassionate Release of Elderly Offenders. The University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (April 11, 2018).
• Quelling the Silver Tsunami: Compassionate Release of Elderly Offenders. Mon River Colloquium, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa. (March 23, 2018).
• Activism, Political Resistance, and the Classroom (co-moderator with Anna Floerke Scheid). Day for Learning and Speaking Out Against Racial Injustice: Resistance, Protest, and Civil Disobedience. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa. (March 21, 2018).

Steven Baicker-McKee

Professor Baicker-McKee was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of law by President Ken Gormley effective with the 2018-19 academic year. He is shown here teaching on his hover board.

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES


Bruce Ledewitz

PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES

• A Lost Opportunity to Reach a Consensus on Gerrymandering. JURIST—Academic Commentary (Feb. 13, 2018).

PRESENTATION


MEDIA

• Interviewed by The Morning Call and KDKA-TV’s Sunday Business Page regarding the Pennsylvania Supreme Court majority opinion declaring the state congressional map unconstitutionally partisan (Feb. 2018).

Tracey McCants Lewis

PRESENTATIONS


AWARD

• Recipient of the Ronald H. Brown Community Leadership Award from the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh (Dec. 8, 2017).

Jane Campbell Moriarty

PUBLICATION/ARTICLE

PRESENTATIONS

• Continuing Legal Education. Neuroscience Evidence. 2018 Festival of Legal Learning, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. (Feb. 10).


Katherine L. W. Norton

AWARD

• Recipient of the Lorraine M. Bittner Public Interest Attorney Award of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation (Nov. 1, 2017).

Wesley M. Oliver

Associate Dean Oliver’s latest book, Prohibition Era and Policing, is available on Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

PRESENTATIONS


• Organizer, Mon River Colloquium (annual event for law faculty from Duquesne, West Virginia University College of Law and University of Pittsburgh School of Law). Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa. (March 23, 2018).


Seth Oranburg

PUBLICATION/ARTICLES


PRESENTATIONS


• The Shared Worker: A New Labor Classification for the Sharing Economy. Federalist Society of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, Neb. (March 13, 2018).


John T. Rago

PRESENTATIONS


Jacob H. Rooksby

PUBLICATION/ARTICLE

• Named a columnist for Campus Legal Advisor, a Jossey-Bass/Wiley Company publication that interprets legal issues for higher education administrators and faculty. His first column, “Gain Insight Into Preventing, Addressing Claims of Defamation,” was published in the February 2018 issue of the online publication.

PRESENTATIONS


• Copyright on Campus: Motivating a Research Agenda (with Michael J. Madison). First annual Three Rivers IP Colloquium (organizer), University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Jan. 26, 2018).

Associate Dean Rooksby was named dean of Gonzaga University School of Law effective June 1.

Tiffany Sizemore

MEDIA

• Interviewed by NextPittsburgh on stepping up to stop the school-to-prison pipeline (April 5).

• Interviewed by Pittsburgh City Paper on the integrity of the juvenile justice system (Dec. 6, 2017).

Ann Marie Schiavone

PRESENTATIONS


From an early age, Brian K. Parker, L’93, understood the value of an education. “Our parents stressed that an education was the differentiating factor in the life of a child and a contributing member of society. With the rising costs of secondary education, we are in the fortunate position to make a difference in the life of a student.” This commitment to education inspired Parker and his wife Kim, also a lawyer, to establish The Brian and Kimberly Parker Diversity Scholarship. The scholarship provides a one-time award to an incoming African-American male student with demonstrated academic excellence and proven leadership ability. Preference is given to a student from the Pittsburgh or Washington, D.C. metro areas; Parker hails from D.C. and established his legal career in Pittsburgh after graduation.

Diversity in the law is important to the Parkers. “Our legal profession has always been a trailblazer on issues of diversity,” says Brian. “We are expected and entrusted to lead, and our leadership in diversity is more important than ever in our courts, board rooms and other power centers to protect the values upon which our country is based.”

By establishing their scholarship at Duquesne Law, the Parkers hope to strengthen the legal community in western Pennsylvania. The inaugural recipient is 1L Derrick Maultsby, who is grateful for the award. “Receiving the Parker scholarship made it possible for me to attend law school, with its rigorous schedule and inability to earn income, while living on my own.”

“Derrick is a fine young man who is gifted in many ways,” says Brian. “We have spent time with him and speak with him multiple times a month. He faces his challenges head-on, and we expect he will be a great contributor to the legal profession.”

Maultsby credits the Parkers with helping him through his law school journey. “Mr. Parker is a great mentor. His long list of accomplishments and demeanor make him the perfect role model. It means so much to me that, despite his demanding schedule, he still makes time to help me.”

The Parkers’ commitment to Duquesne Law is rooted in Brian’s experience here as a law student. “A Duquesne University School of Law education is a difference maker,” he says. “Our graduates account for a significant percentage of the decision makers in the top private lawyer firms in Western Pennsylvania, and a significant amount of judges. Our graduates enjoy an incredible reputation as pillars of the community and contributors to the great fabric of our legal community.”

Dr. Virginia Brady Gaffney, E’54, GE’75, established the Richard Cook Gaffney, Esq. Endowed Bar Preparation Fund to assist Duquesne law students with expenses associated with bar exam preparation. Students ranked in the top 20 percent of their class who plan to sit for the Pennsylvania bar exam are eligible for this fund. Virginia Gaffney was motivated by her desire to honor her late husband, Richard Cook Gaffney, L’60, and her son, Richard Gaffney, Jr., director of bar studies and assistant professor of clinical legal skills.

Richard Cook Gaffney, Sr., was born July 14, 1931 in Sewickley, Pa. After a difficult childhood during the Depression years—Gaffney and his sister were forced into an orphanage at one point—Gaffney won a scholarship to Carnegie Mellon University (then Carnegie Tech) where he earned his B.S. in chemical engineering. Gulf Oil Corporation offered Richard employment at the Gulf Research Lab in Harmarville and he worked there as a chemical engineer while attending law school at night at Duquesne. He graduated at the top of his class in 1960 and earned the highest score in the state on the July 1960 bar examination. Richard spent the next 33 years at Gulf Oil (later merged into Chevron) as a patent attorney and supervising attorney where, among other things, he negotiated Chevron’s acquisition of mineral rights in the former Soviet Union. He earned an Executive MBA degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Along the way, he and his wife raised six children. To him, family and good relationships were the most important parts of life. “Dad maintained a wonderful sense of humor and was fond of telling Irish limericks,” recalls his son, Richard. Gaffney died on Oct. 28, 2015.

Virginia is proud to support students benefiting from a Duquesne Law education. “Duquesne trains lawyers to a high level of competence infused with a unique sensitivity to moral and ethical concerns, starting with a concern for each individual as a unique creation in the image of God, and emphasizing each individual’s dignity in every transaction, negotiation, communication and encounter,” she says. “The significance of a Duquesne Law education is seen in the impact that Duquesne lawyers make on relationships, extended families and the local and broader communities.”

Derrick Maultsby
When I meet with admitted students, I always tell them that one of the best things about Duquesne is our network of alumni who are always willing to help our current students and fellow alumni. Our alumni are responsive and eager to assist a student any time that I have contacted them.

Another way that law alumni can support students is by making a dedicated donation to help students with expenses. Known as resource funds, this money goes directly to students to help them with the cost of books and living expenses.

What you probably do not realize is how a relatively small amount of money can have a significant positive impact on a student’s life. This past fall an alumnus who was a graduate of the evening division made a $250 resource fund available for an evening student with financial need. After making the gift and receiving a heartfelt thank-you from the student, the alumnus donated another $250 for another student.

A student who received one of these awards shared the following with me, “The resource fund that I received in the fall helped assist with things that my tuition does not regularly cover. Having this resource fund helped me to make sure I had the necessarily supplies to be able to study efficiently and remain organized. There are always expenses you do not think about when you apply for your financial aid at the beginning of the semester. A resource fund helps to cover the unexpected.”

Another way to help out is with a graduation award. These awards are given at graduation, so they do not impact a student’s financial aid package. Some individuals create awards in recognition of a favorite professor or in memory of a loved one or classmate. Such awards are always a great help while graduates are studying for the bar exam and may have to quit working or work reduced hours.

The bottom line is that you don’t need to establish an endowed fund to have a major impact on a student’s life. Indeed, providing a resource fund or a graduation award in a loved one’s name can have an immediate positive effect.

To learn more about how you can help a student, please contact Jeanine DeBor, director of Law Alumni Relations and Development, at deborj@duq.edu.

Duquesne Law Alumni Association (DLAA) announced new support for the Veterans Clinic this past Veterans Day. The award will allow the clinic to fund fellowships for law students to work in the Veterans Clinic during summer months. Judge Michael E. McCarthy, L’84, a Vietnam War veteran and member of the DLAA’s board of governors, revealed the award at a Marine Corps Three Rivers Detachment event.

“Veterans at the Marine Corps detachment event stood up and applauded at news of the award to the Veterans Clinic,” said the Common Pleas judge. “As a veteran myself, I am pleased to support this important program and its direct service to Veterans Court.”

Duquesne Law’s Veterans Clinic assists the region’s veterans charged with non-violent offenses adjudicated through Veterans Court. The law students prepare and present cases for disposition in the Court of Common Pleas’ specialty court and stay in touch with the veterans to ensure they are following court-ordered substance abuse or mental health treatment plans offered as alternatives to incarceration.

Duquesne Law’s program is groundbreaking, one of the first criminal law veterans clinics in the country. PreLaw magazine named it one of the 15 most innovative clinics in the nation in 2014, only two years after its launch.

Adjunct Professor Dan Kunz and Professor John Rago supervise the law students’ work through Duquesne Law’s Tribune Center for Clinical Legal Education. Student attorneys are trained in a holistic approach to the law, focusing on the problem-solving philosophy and recidivism-reducing techniques.

In addition to donating to the Veterans Clinic, the DLAA announced awards for the Appellate Moot Court Board and Bar Preparation Services. The group supports four endowed funds it created for Duquesne Law: the Duquesne Law Alumni Endowed Scholarship; the Excellence in Legal Writing Endowed Fund; the Duquesne Law Alumni Endowed Bar Prep Fund; and the Duquesne Law Alumni Endowed Career Services Fund.
Staff Updates

**Beth Anne Bauer** has been hired as the student organizations assistant. Bauer earned a dual degree from Carlow University in business management and communications, and her MBA in business management from Point Park University. She has worked in banking and retail for a number of years, including owning and operating her own consignment store.

**Tsegaye Beru** has been named to the editorial advisory board of the Journal of Ethiopian Law. A native of Ethiopia, Beru is an adjunct professor of law and associate director for faculty research and outreach services at the Duquesne Center for Legal Information and the Allegheny County Law Library. He is also working on a book, *An Introduction to the Ethiopian Legal System*.

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**Jeanine DeBor**, director of law alumni relations and development, was recently appointed chair of the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Women in the Law Division’s Gender Bias Subcommitte (GBS). The GBS resolves specific reports of gender bias made by women lawyers and educates lawyers and court personnel on conduct that demonstrates gender bias. DeBor formerly served as chair of the Women in the Law Division and trustee of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation.

Duquesne University President Ken Gormley has named **Valerie Harper**, the School of Law’s registrar, to the President’s Advisory Council for Diversity and Inclusion. The new council, composed of faculty, staff and students, will help to sustain and advance Duquesne’s efforts to remain inclusive and welcoming as a University community.

**Susan Manns** is the new business manager, and has been employed at Duquesne University since 2006. She was hired in Computing and Technology Services as an office assistant and worked her way up to business manager. Manns earned her B.S. from Duquesne in 2013 with concentrations in leadership and communications.

**Taryn Misner** is the new business office assistant. Misner received her degree in performing arts and dance (ballet concentration/business management) from LaRoche College. She is also the assistant artistic director of the Oil Region Ballet.
Young Alumni Profile: 
Katie Charlton, L’08


Position: District Attorney of Armstrong County


Favorite quote: “Be you! Everyone else is taken.”

The people who have had the most influence on your career: My husband, Joe, who is also a practicing attorney and was my law partner from 2011 until my swearing in as district attorney. Professor Bruce Antkowiak, whose classes and coaching through the moot court program inspired my love of criminal law.

What is your passion? Anything that involves spending time with my two children, Emma and Cash.

You were recently elected district attorney in Armstrong County. What prompted you to run? The drug epidemic has hit our local small towns and communities very hard. I want to make a difference in whatever way I can as district attorney.

What is the significance of being the first woman to hold this position? I hope that I am a role model to my daughter and the young women of our community.

What advice would you give a young alumnus considering running for office? Have your family on board! Running a campaign is a huge time commitment and I couldn’t have done it without the support of my family. They worked every bit as hard as I did.

How did your legal education at Duquesne prepare you for your career? For me, it was my experiences with mock trial and moot court. The experience and knowledge I gained from preparing for and trying cases not only prepared me for trial work, but also gave me my love of the courtroom.

How would you describe the value of a Duquesne University School of Law education? Invaluable!

2018 Woman of the Year

Ann Booth, 2L

On April 25, Duquesne University School of Law Women’s Law Association, along with our co-sponsors K&L Gates, Duquesne Law Alumni Association and Duquesne Law Career Services, hosted the 26th annual Woman of Year reception at the Omni William Penn Hotel.

For nearly three decades, female law students have been honoring the rising stars in our legal community by voting on the Woman of the Year and the Recent Graduate of the Year. The Woman of the Year award goes to an alumna who has demonstrated leadership, integrity, service, sacrifice and a commitment to actively seeking change and expanding opportunities for women within the profession. In addition, the recipient has influenced women to pursue legal careers, has opened doors that historically have been closed to women lawyers and has earned the respect of her colleagues by exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession. This year’s recipient, Katie Charlton, L’08, is Armstrong County’s first female district attorney. Fellow Duquesne alumnus, the Hon. James J. Panchik, L’ 82, introduced Charlton and extolled her rapier wit and extraordinary cross-examination skills. Her parents, husband Joe, and 8-year-old daughter Emma accompanied Charlton.

Our Recent Graduate of the Year is Tami Mack, L’16. Mack has already achieved success as an associate at K&L Gates, and has counseled several “revenge porn” victims through the firm’s Cyber Civil Rights Legal Project. Associate Dean Martha Jordan, who boasted about Mack’s academic excellence and noted that she received the Cali Award for property law, introduced Mack. As always, Duquesne alumni showed up in numbers to support and encourage the success of their colleagues.
Annual PILA auction raises nearly $14,000

On April 19, alumni, students, faculty and staff attended the annual Pittsburgh spring reception and Public Interest Law Association (PILA) auction, which raises funds and awareness for summer PILA fellowships. Money raised at the event was through live and silent auctions and the School of Law’s first crowdfunding campaign. Additionally, the second annual Public Interest Law Alumni Award was given to Daniel W. Kunz, L’02. Kunz was recognized for his leadership of the Veterans Clinic and tireless efforts on behalf of Foundation of Hope, an organization whose mission is to empower incarcerated and released individuals to restore their relationships with their God, their families and their communities.

Alumni Gatherings

We are grateful to all of our alumni who attended our events this year!
Cheers! L-R: Nicola Henry-Taylor, L’96, Joseph Smith, L’10, Amanda Knorr, L’15, and Brandon Betts, L’15.

Kunz, third from left, with, L-R, students Stephanie Novak and Rachel Wenger, Clinical Education Director Tracey McCants Lewis, Dean Maureen Lally-Green and Theo Collins, L’15.

Becky Gruen, L’92, shows off her successful bid on a Jake Guentzel autographed Penguins jersey.

Student Michael Zagari places his bid while PILA President Natalie Tupta looks on.

SAVE THE DATE:
66th Annual Reunion Dinner
Oct. 19, 2018
A New Information Age: ‘Fake News’ and the Power of Narrative
Nicole Prieto, Editor-in-Chief

“Fake news” has not lost its accusatory power after the dust settled from the 2016 presidential elections. We continue to see headlines regarding the role of Russian trolls in sowing divisiveness among Americans through social media channels. As major media outlets contend with public distrust, online platforms abound for amplifying potentially unvetted facts. From indictments to public outcry, we have witnessed the consequences attendant to the unfeathered spread of instantaneous information. The question remains how to address it all moving forward—and what the role of the media ought to be in making headway.

Undoubtedly, the stories we tell ourselves matter; how and where we tell them can make all the difference. While fiction might not have literal answers to the social and legal challenges in our “too much information” age, it can perhaps serve as a window for approaching the problems underlying our complex relationship with the media today.

Will the ‘Trial of the 21st Century’ Be as Popular as the 20th’s?
Nick Frost, Executive Editor

“Down there on the ground is a white Ford Bronco,” Peter Jennings reported as, seemingly, the entire country tuned in to watch one of the slowest car chases to receive nationwide coverage. From the early moments of the O.J. Simpson case, people across the nation have been captivated by even the smallest details about it. It has continued to enrapture audiences today—as shown by the addition of The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story to Netflix this past year and the recently released Fox News interview with O.J. on the program “If I Did It.”

This monumental focus on one case posits several questions: Why do other cases not get more coverage? Will any other reach the level of popularity and newsworthiness achieved by O.J. Simpson’s? And why has it become so popular that it is considered a “Trial of the Century”?

Who Owns Your Face?
Kyle Steenland, Associate Editor

Google’s Arts & Culture app recently released a new feature that matches the selfie of an individual with a famous work of art through the use of biometrics. Illinois residents, however, are finding themselves unable to access such features due to the state’s strict stance on the use of technology in tandem with individual biological identifiers—e.g., face scans, fingerprints and iris scans.

These biological characteristics are unique to the individual, but in some areas, are unduly taken advantage of without consumer awareness. This article examines the intersection of individual privacy rights, biometrics technology, and the balance between corporate and consumer interests.
The CLOUD Act: Impact on Activists, U.S. Citizens

Karissa Murphy, Executive Editor

Controversy surrounds the Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data (CLOUD) Act recently introduced by Congress. It purports to clarify the legal standards applicable in cases where governments seek data that is not stored within their jurisdictions. However, over 20 human rights organizations have joined together to oppose the bill. They claim it represents a dramatic change in current laws and will threaten activists abroad, as well as U.S. individuals. They fear, for instance, its effect on those fighting for LGBTQ rights or advocating for gender equality. Activists are currently protected from disclosure by U.S. companies and would no longer be afforded those protections under the act. Still, other organizations and technology companies claim the bill will improve privacy and civil liberty protections.

How exactly would the CLOUD Act change our current laws—and how would it affect you? This article will examine these questions and hopefully clarify the act’s impact.

Russian Election Meddling Inspires Seattle to Enforce Local Disclosure Laws Against Facebook

Natalia Holliday, Web Editor

As the new media frontier, the internet remains largely unregulated, permitting both thoughtful and irresponsible users to “hide behind a screen.” While concern over cyberbullying and the dark net overwhelmed our attention in previous years, lawmakers are coming to understand another area of concern that implicates core principles of our nation: politics and elections. Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election on social media amplified how vulnerable America’s political process is to users without names who hide behind the screens.

Inspired by the Russian meddling, the city of Seattle is now going after Facebook for violating a previously unenforced local law requiring companies that sell election advertising to disclose who purchases election ads. While currently alone in its quest to demand transparency on the internet, the city’s efforts seem to reflect the national conversation over political accountability and the internet.

FCC Repeals Net Neutrality, But Repeal Remains in Limbo

Brandon Schall, Staff Writer

On Dec. 14, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted 3-2 to repeal net neutrality, which prohibited broadband providers from blocking websites and charging more for services or content. The FCC published the order in the Federal Register on Feb. 22. The decision reversed the FCC’s 2015 position allowing the federal government to regulate the internet like a utility and have stronger oversight.

Since the repeal of net neutrality, many congressional Democrats have pushed to use the Congressional Review Act to reverse the decision. Public interest groups and several states’ attorneys general have announced that they have filed lawsuits to stop the changes. Washington became the first state to pass a law to protect it on the state level. The repeal became official in April, and absent action by Congress, many legal challenges remain to determine whether it will be upheld.

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1977
Brian J. Cali has been designated vice chair of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

David Johnson has joined Burns White LLC as a member. Prior to joining the firm, he was a founding member and president of Thomson, Rhodes & Cowie, P.C.

Frank Mayer III joined Stevens & Lee as chair of the financial services regulatory and enforcement group.

1980
Dorothy Alke was the recipient of the Jane F. Hepting Individual Attorney Award at the 2017 Allegheny County Bar Association Pro Bono Achievement Awards event on Nov. 1, 2017.

Jennifer Fox Rabold was the recipient of the Kathryn M. Kenyon Leadership Attorney Award at the 2017 Allegheny County Bar Association Pro Bono Achievement Awards event on Nov. 1, 2017.

Drake D. Nicholas joined the Harrisburg office of Barley Snyder as a partner.

1982
Drake D. Nicholas joined the Harrisburg office of Barley Snyder as a member of the firm's business and employment practice groups.

1983
Thomas A. French joined the Harrisburg office of Barley Snyder as a partner.

Thomas Giotto, co-chair of Cozen O'Connor's labor and employment department, has been named the 2018 Pittsburgh Employment Law-Management “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers in America.

1985
John T. Pion, a founding shareholder of Pion, Nerone, Girman, Winslow & Smith, P.C., has been elected chairman of the American College of Transportation Attorneys.

1987
Patricia Farrell, partner at Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, was named co-chair of the firm’s associates committee.

Joseph R. Kane has joined Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as a member of the firm’s corporate, employment and financial services group.

Falco Muscante has been named partner at Maiello Brungo & Maiello.

Dion Rassias of The Beasley Firm LLC has been appointed to serve as a member of the Disciplinary Board of Pennsylvania.

1988
Eydie Gaiser has been appointed Supreme Court Clerk for the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

Mary-Jo Rebello has joined Burns White LLC as an equity member in the firm’s Pittsburgh office.

1989
Tina Flowers has joined Sitko Bruno, LLC as Of Counsel, focusing her practice on business transactions, retail and supply contracts, and commercial/real estate financing.

1990
MariAnn Hathaway received the 2017 Robert L. Ceisler Professionalism Award from the Washington County Bar Association.

Maureen Kowalski has been appointed to co-chair Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote’s Associates Committee.

1991
John Levitske, Jr. has started a new position as senior managing director at Ankura in Chicago, focusing on business valuation and complex financial disputes.

David Raves has been named partner at Maiello Brungo & Maiello.

1993
Debbie Lestitian has taken a new role overseeing the restructuring of the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority as its chief corporate counsel and chief of administration.

Robert C. Wagner has joined The Bank of Fincastle board of directors.
1994
Julian E. Gray has been appointed to The Supreme Court Orphans’ Court Procedural Rules Committee for a three-year term.

1995
Dennis Very has joined the Pittsburgh office of Whiteford Taylor & Preston LLP, leading the office’s new oil and gas group.

1999
Chrystal C. Tinstman has been promoted to shareholder of Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky.

Terry Yandrich is now the Director for Patient Safety at UPMC Passavant and UPMC St. Margaret.

2000
Patrick W. Carothers, partner at Leech Tishman, has joined the firm’s management committee where he will oversee firm governance, strategic planning and daily operational issues for the firm.

Joyce Novotny-Prettiman has been elected to serve as vice president of the Westmoreland Bar Association.

Adam P. Palmer is now managing director of global cybersecurity risk and controls at Santander Bank, headquartered in Madrid, Spain.

2001
Paul Didomenico has been promoted to member of Reed Smith’s real estate group.

Christopher P. Grovich is now an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration.

April Hincy has joined the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors.

Kelli J. Kleeb is now an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration.

Rebecca Maziarz, shareholder at Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. has been appointed chair of the firm’s diversity and inclusion committee.

Christopher P. Smith has been elected as the new managing partner for Meyer, Unkovic & Scott.

2002
Gregg Bernaciak is Counsel with Jackson Kelly, PLLC’s transactional practice group.

2003
Brian Kahle has been elected to membership with Tucker Arensberg, P.C.

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Paul Isherwood is now an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration.

2005
Kristen Olson-Gaia has joined Tucker Arensberg, P.C. as an associate in the Pittsburgh office.

2006
Jill Lipman Beck has been chosen to serve on the Allegheny County Bar Foundation’s 2017-2018 Board of Trustees for a three-year term.

L-R: Marc R. Silverman, L’95, Kelli Klee, L’01, Paul Isherwood, L’04, and Christopher P. Grovich, L’01, were appointed administrative law judges with the Social Security Administration. Silverman is in the Philadelphia hearing office, Isherwood is in the San Bernadino, Calif., office, and Klee and Grovich are both in the Seven Fields, Pa. office.
**2009**

- **Jason L. Ott** has been elected shareholder of Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.
- **P. Bowman Root, IV** has been promoted to senior associate at Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C.
- **Elena L. Rorabaugh**, a member of Babst Calland’s energy and natural resources group, has been named shareholder in the firm.
- **Scott Simon** has been promoted to principal at Robert Peirce & Associates.
- **Joseph Valenti** has been promoted to partner in the Pittsburgh office of K&L Gates.
- **Joseph R. Williams** was the recipient of the Young Lawyer Award at the 2017 Allegheny County Bar Association Pro Bono Achievement Awards event on Nov. 1, 2017.

**2010**

- **Michaelene Rose** has begun a new position as senior counsel at Westinghouse Electric Company.

**2011**

- **Matthew Lambach** has begun a new position as legal counsel at ABRA Auto Body & Glass in Philadelphia.
- **Yvette Michaud** has joined Leech Tishman as an associate in the firm’s energy practice group and the business oil and gas subgroup.
- **Stefanie L. Pate** was elected as a new partner of Leech Tishman.
- **Curtis Wadsworth** is founder and chief strategist of Three10 Consulting.

**2012**

- **Edward Hirshberg** is an associate in Bernstein-Burkley’s litigation practice group.
- **Ashley Norton** is now vice president and corporate counsel for First National Bank Corporation.

**2013**

- **Brandon Herring** is now assistant chief counsel at the Allegheny County Office of Conflict Counsel.

Kristine E. Marsilio has joined the business division of the Harrisburg office of Eckert Seamans.

Michael F. Niznik was named as a Top 10 Under 40 Attorney by the National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys.

Matthew Rudzki was elected mayor of Sharpsburg.

Jordan P. Shuber has joined Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham LLP as an associate.

Ginevra F. Ventre has been promoted to senior associate at Reed Smith LLP in the firm’s financial services litigation practice.

Ryan S. Welsch has been promoted to principal at Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

Alec B. Wright is now an attorney at The Law Offices of Timothy P. O’Brien.

2014

Lauren Gailey is now a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals Third Circuit.

Lori B. Love is now an associate attorney at Gaydos, Gaydos & Associates.

Molly E. Metzgar and Hon. Carl Metzgar, L’07, welcomed a son, Erik Behr Metzgar, Sept. 29, 2017. He joins big sister, Helen Pearl.

Maggie Reilly is an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Eversheds Sutherland LLP.

2015

Asra Hashmi has joined Post & Schell, P.C. as an associate in the firm’s workers’ compensation department.

Emilia Rinaldi has joined Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as a member of the firm’s construction and litigation services groups.

Rebecca Silinski is now an associate attorney at Farrell & Reisinger, LLC.

2016

Mark Adams joined Akman & Associates, LLC as an associate attorney.

Hillary Cox is now an associate at Rawle & Henderson LLP.

Jillian Denicola is an associate with Thomas, Thomas & Hafer LLP, concentrating her practice in the area of litigation with an emphasis on medical malpractice defense.

Brooke T. Dirlam has joined Thomas, Thomas & Hafer LLP as an associate.

Kristine Grega has joined Myers Law Group, LLC as an associate.

Alexandria Popovnak has joined Blank Rome LLP as an associate in the general litigation group.

Tynisha (Williams) Powell joined the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh as associate counsel.

2017

Emily K. Crawford has joined Burns White LLC as an associate.

Nichole M. Ehrheart is now an assistant district attorney for Allegheny County.

Zachary Evans joined Poerio & Walter as an associate.

Zachary Fleming is now an assistant public defender with the Allegheny County Public Defender’s Office.

Fayezeh Haji Hassan has joined Cohen & Grigsby as an associate in the immigration law group. She also serves as board treasurer of Hello Neighbor, a Pittsburgh-based organization helping to match refugees and immigrants to dedicated neighbors to support them.

Corey A. Lucci has joined Very Law PLLC as an associate attorney.

Molly (Emmett) Marshall was recently named an associate in the energy and natural resources group of Babst Calland.

Carlie Masterson joined Seth Law Associates in Pittsburgh as an associate attorney.

Jennifer Yeung has begun a new position as associate at Jones Day.

SUMMER 2018
In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we list the following School of Law alumni who passed away:

Andrea M. Bartko, L’97  
Stephen Cannavale, L’86  
F. Peter Dixon, L’61  
D. Stephen Ferito, L’69  
John E. Hackett, L’73  
Laura M. Horton, L’73  
Phyllis L. Kramer, L’52  
William G. Kratz, L’68  
Arthur M. Lebovitz, L’62  
Richard Shaw Luse, L’74  
Michael J. Menner, L’96  
Ralph E. Shuster, L’63  
Mary Campbell Spegar, L’90  
Gene M. Venzke, L’73  
Paul G. Walker, L’81  
Rev. Daniel W. Whalen, L’79

This list is provided through Duquesne University’s Advancement Records Office and may not be complete. If you have information about an alumnus who passed away this past year and is not listed, please contact the Law Alumni Office at 412.396.5215 so we may update our records.

Hon. Patrick Tamilia, L’59

Hon. Patrick Tamilia was elected to the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas in 1969 and was elected to the Pennsylvania Superior Court in 1983. He was retained in 1993 and continued to work until he was 80 years old. Tamila was an adjunct professor at Duquesne Law and received a number of awards, including the Duquesne University Distinguished Alumnus Award, College of Arts and Science; Charter Membership in the Century Club of Distinguished Alumni of Duquesne University; the Columbus 500 Distinguished Citizen Award; and the Allegheny County Bar Association Juvenile Justice Award, 1991.

Edward G. O’Connor, L’65

Edward G. O’Connor was a lawyer at Eckert Seamans in Pittsburgh for 52 years. He was active in his community and was a member of many committees and boards, including Federated Investors, Inc., Noble J. Dick Educational Foundation and Duquesne University. O’Connor was the recipient of the Duquesne Law Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award, Century Club of Distinguished Alumni and the McAnulty Service Award from Duquesne University, among many others. The Allegheny County Bar Foundation Fellows Program annually awards an honorary membership in O’Connor’s name to recognize attorneys who show a commitment to excellence in charitable, community, professional and public service activities.

Jonathan Flickinger, L’11

Jonathan Flickinger was born and raised in Washington, Pa. He was Chief Human Capital Officer at Quality Life Services, headquartered in Butler; he previously worked for Swanson Industries. Flickinger was featured in the Fall/Winter 2016 issue of The Duquesne Lawyer after being profiled in Workforce Magazine as a “Game Changer” and listed as an “HR Rising Star” in Human Resource Executive. He was an avid mixed martial arts fan and had also worked with the Ultimate Fighting Championship public relations firm Star PR Las Vegas LLC.
Meet and greet with Lisa Daniels, director of the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

Randa M. Lewis, 3L

On Feb. 15, the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Environmental and Energy Law Section and Joule: Duquesne Energy & Environmental Law Journal hosted a meet-and-greet reception with students. The event focused on the status of water-related state and federal regulations, drinking water challenges, and water-related hot topics.

Lisa Daniels, director of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, spoke at the reception. Daniels has been involved with Pennsylvania’s drinking water program for 27 years. During her involvement, she has developed regulations, guidance and policies on all aspects of Pennsylvania’s safe drinking water program.

The discussions focused on drinking water challenges of the commonwealth. Pennsylvania’s drinking water program is the third largest in the United States, making it one of the most complex. This drinking water system serves more than 8,500 public water systems that, in turn, serve drinking water to 10.7 million people.

Each day, countless steps are taken to ensure that Pennsylvania’s drinking water remains safe and drinkable for consumers. This means that the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water must overcome challenges that are ever-changing. These challenges are often very complex because not only is the bureau required to consider the chemistry of water coming into treatment facilities, but it also must scrutinize the chemistry of the water as it is leaving those facilities.

Daniels discussed several examples of how the bureau adjusts water treatments based upon prevailing changes of the water chemistry within the commonwealth. One such example is the increased level of disinfection residual allowed within the distribution system. This increase is in response to the recent escalation of Legionella being found in drinking water systems. Legionella attaches itself to the biofilm that lines pipes within the distribution system. Under certain conditions, Legionella can thrive, which may result in human exposure and illness. Increasing the permissible amount of residual disinfectant within the drinking water system means that Legionella will not be able to grow as easily, and thus reduce the amount of human exposure and illness caused by this bacterium.

Jean M. Mosites, L’07, shareholder at Babst Calland Clements & Zomnir, also spoke at the event. Mosites practices in the energy and natural resources and environmental groups at her firm.

La Legge con Brio 2018

Taylor Infante, 3L

The Duquesne Italian-American Law Society (DIALS) annually sponsors La Legge con Brio, now in its seventh year, to raise money for an organization that is near and dear to the hearts of current and past law students.

Our law students established “Panucci’s Promise” in memory of Peggy Panucci, mother of their classmate, Brian Panucci, L’13, who passed away from breast cancer during Brian’s second year of law school. Since 2012, “Panucci’s Promise” has donated four chairs in Peggy’s name through the continued fundraising efforts of the Office of Student Organizations. The chairs benefit local women in treatment at Magee-Womens Cancer Program of UPMC Hillman Cancer Center by providing comfort during their most difficult time.

This year’s event on March 16 was a great success. Dr. Antonio Lordi, an adjunct professor, played guitar and sang. Attendees were treated to the talents of first-year student Carrie Garrison on the violin, first-year students Serena Tamburrino and Mary Beth Kuznik’s marvelous singing, and third-year student Kyle Lanning performing a trio of Italian songs. Additionally, law alumni performers included Panucci’s classmates Ginevra Ventre on cello, singers Tara Hutchinson and Genevieve Pecharka, and Eric Harvey regaling the crowd with tunes on the fiddle. Professor Joseph Sabino Mistick returned to host the event with Professor John Rago, sharing their well-known humor as the emcees.

What truly makes this event special is the presence of the Panucci family. Brian spoke about his mother’s feisty spirit and her love of volunteering, bringing the room to tears. It really struck home for all of us that La Legge con Brio is not just a charity event that DIALS holds to make itself feel good; we are really giving our time to something worthwhile, honoring the memory of a wonderful woman and supporting those who are still battling cancer.
Third-year student presents at Inn of Court

Nicole Prieto participated at an American Inns of Court panel discussion Nov. 13 in the courtroom of Judge Cathy Bissoon of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Prieto was the only law student presenting to the Q. Todd Dickinson Intellectual Property Inn of Court event in November. In addition to being a student member of the IP Inn of Court, Prieto is president of the Duquesne Intellectual Property Law Association and editor-in-chief of Juris magazine.

Two Duquesne Law students awarded prestigious Peggy Browning Fellowships

Source: Peggy Browning Fund, Philadelphia

Third-year students Amber McGee and Jenna Ratica were awarded Peggy Browning Fellowships. The Peggy Browning Fund is a not-for-profit organization established in memory of Margaret A. Browning, a prominent union-side attorney who was a member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) from 1994 until 1997. Peggy Browning Fellowships provide law students with unique, diverse and challenging work experiences fighting for social and economic justice. These experiences encourage and inspire students to pursue careers in public interest labor law.

Amber McGee was a fellow at Friends of Farmworkers, Inc. in Pittsburgh. Said McGee, “Working alongside immigrant families in a local diner taught me how blessed I am to be born in the United States and how some people take advantage of those not as fortunate.” Ratica’s fellowship was at United Steelworkers in Pittsburgh. This opportunity allowed Ratica to serve as an advocate for workers injured on the job. She is honored to follow those before her by protecting unions, workers and their families.

Corporate lawyers visit Duquesne for Dine & Dialogue law panel

Pilar Diaz, 3L

The Black Law Student Association (BLSA) hosted its annual Dine & Dialogue event in the faculty lounge on March 14. The selected topic was corporate law, and this year’s guests were attorneys Clarence Dozier and Tami Mack, L’16.

Dozier graduated from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2000 and then joined K&L Gates as an associate. After almost seven years at K&L Gates, Dozier became inhouse counsel at FedEx Ground. He is now the managing director of litigation at FedEx Ground.

Mack graduated summa cum laude from Duquesne Law and was editor-in-chief of the Duquesne Law Review. Mack is an associate at K&L Gates and specializes in corporate and transactional law.

In addition to members of BLSA, law students interested in pursuing careers in corporate law were in attendance. Our guests answered questions about their experiences in big law and corporate law. At the end of the evening, Dozier and Mack graciously took photos with students and gave advice on applying for upcoming summer associate positions.
Moot Court Roundup

Duquesne Law students win regionals of National Appellate Advocacy Competition

The Duquesne Law team of Alyssa Lazar (2L), Amy Kerlin (3L) and Amanda Geary (3L), were named Regional Champions of the National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC) in Brooklyn, N.Y., in February. Kerlin, Geary and Lazar argued on and off brief a total of five times over three days and beat teams from Southern Methodist University, University of Baltimore, Florida Coastal and William & Mary. In addition to winning the regional competition, the team earned the Fifth Best Brief award. After competing in the NAAC’s national finals in Washington, D.C., April 5-7, Kerlin was awarded one of 10 Best Oral Advocate awards. Adjunct Professor Erin Karsman, the appellate advocacy program coordinator, and Adjunct Professor Frank Stoy, L’12, coached the students.

Duquesne Law’s Appellate Moot Court Board (AMCB) also had an excellent showing at the National Energy and Sustainability Law Moot Court Competition at West Virginia University March 9-11. After winning the octo-final and quarter-final rounds, the second-year team of Vince LeDonne, Amy McCrossen and Adam Duh advanced to the final four. The team ended the competition as semi-finalists after narrowly losing to a William & Mary team, which went on to win the competition. The teams were coached by David Frantz, L’15, Katie Leonard (3L) and Karsman.

The AMCB 2L team of Brazitte Poole, Lydia Wardi, Aaron McDonough and Ashlyn Grim advanced to the semi-finals as the third-place seed at the American Bar Association’s National Arbitration Competition in Chicago in January. The Duquesne Law team placed at the ABA’s regional competition in November, making it one of only 10 teams to advance to the national competition. Although the group lost in the semi-finals in a split decision, it ended the ABA competition as one of the top four teams in the country. Devon Ferris, L’16, coached the students with assists from Adjunct Professors Pete Giglione, L’02, Stoy and Karsman.

Duquesne Law students tie for Best Oralist at national First Amendment competition

Second-year Duquesne Law students tied for the Best Oralist Award at the 2018 Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C., March 23-24. Dominic Corrolla and Samuel Nolan tied for the prestigious award at the competition hosted by the Newseum and The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. The competition featured 24 teams from law schools around the country and focused on the constitutionality of public officials’ exclusion of constituents and deletion of adverse comments from social media accounts discussing public policy issues.
Bryson Stephen, a J.D. candidate from Duquesne University School of Law, and teammates from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law won the Advocates’ Choice Award at the Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon at St. John’s School of Law in Queens, N.Y., in October. The Advocates’ Choice Award goes to the team voted by the competitors as having the highest degree of skill, competence and professionalism. Stephen played a key role in the recognition with his cross-examination and closing statement during the competition.

As the only securities competition in the country, the triathlon provides students with an opportunity to hone their advocacy skills by simulating a realistic and comprehensive securities dispute. Specifically, it challenges participants to negotiate a settlement, engage in mediation and conduct an arbitration in a single competition. The teams consist of three J.D. candidates who play the roles of attorneys, clients, investors and broker-dealers while three judges from Financial Industry Regulatory Authority’s roster judge each of the rounds. Awards are also given for Excellence in Negotiation, Excellence in Mediation Advocacy and Excellence in Arbitration Advocacy, as well as the award to the triathlon champion.

Third-year student Kristin Hoffman won Best Advocate and the Duquesne Law team finished as semi-finalists at the Florida State University National Trial Competition March 2-4. In addition to Hoffman, the Duquesne team included Kaitlynne Kline (2L), Hattie Parent (3L) and Leigh Shoenberger (2L). The talented group defeated teams from the University of South Carolina, the University of Virginia and the University of South Dakota and was ranked first going into the semi-final round. A St. John’s University team narrowly beat the Duquesne team in the final four. This was the first year Duquesne Law was invited to the competition in Tallahassee, Fla. Chelsea Cramer and Rob Disney coached the students.

Our trial team also had an excellent showing in the Georgia State Bar Association’s William W. Daniel Mock Trial Competition in Atlanta in November. Of all law schools in the country with trial advocacy teams, only 18 were invited to participate, and only four teams could advance. Duquesne Law’s team of graduating students Maggie Cooney, Luke Gatten, Kristin Hoffman, Amanda Perry, Mike Zagari and Thomas “Corey” Zutz did well, beating Temple University 2-1 and Emory University 3-0, before losing (0-3) to a University of South Carolina team that headed into the finals ranked first. The teams were coached by Chelsea Cramer and Bob Daley, L’98.

Finally, two third-year students received individual honors at the 2017 National Trial Advocacy Competition. Amber McGee won the Best Opening Statement award and Hattie Parent won the Best Cross Examination award at the competition in Michigan in late October. Max Petrunya, L’10, and Andrew Rothey, L’14, coached the Duquesne Law team.
Career Services Update

Employment statistics

Every year the Career Services Office (CSO) collects information about the employment of our most recent graduating class. This information is used by the American Bar Association and National Association for Law Placement (NALP) to produce statistics about entry-level legal employment on a national level. Duquesne Law alumni might be interested to know what this information looks like for our most recent classes.

Most graduates, whether or not they are originally from Pittsburgh, decide to work in western Pennsylvania after graduation. A majority of the graduates work in jobs where bar passage is required or where their juris doctor is an advantage (such as compliance or policy work). The No. 1 employer of graduates each year is law firms, especially small to mid-sized firms that have between two and 25 attorneys.

Employed members of the Classes of 2015, 2016 and 2017 found jobs with the following types of employers and in these locations immediately after graduation:

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Students may be envisioning a gauntlet of attorneys peppering them with questions about obscure legal topics, their plans for their entire career, and their grades, all while they are trying to hold a small plate of hors d’oeuvres, a beverage and maintain some semblance of poise. If you can remove some of their fears with thorough preparation, you are more likely to have schmooze-ready students.

“Using a before, during and after coaching plan provides students with the skills they need to make a stellar impression in any networking situation.”

Contact the Career Services Office at lawcareers@duq.edu.

CSO in NALP

The CSO has been busy promoting Duquesne Law by being active participants in NALP, an association of over 2,500 legal career professionals who advise law students, lawyers, law offices and law schools in North America and beyond.

Maria Comas, director of Career Services, focused her efforts this year on collaborating with two colleagues to develop a presentation on “The UBE Effect: Preparing Our Grads for Successful Out-of-State Job Searches” for the NALP Annual Education Conference held in April. Although not many of our graduates leave the area, the resources and job search strategies used by out-of-town job seekers are relevant for most job searches. Comas’ participation in the NALP conference came about through her role as co-chair for NALP’s Solo & Small CSO Work Group. Comas also recently served as co-president for the Western Pennsylvania Women’s Bar Association.

Samantha Coyne, employer outreach manager, wrote an article for the September 2017 NALP Bulletin, “Prepare to be Successful: A Short Guide to Coaching Students on How to Maximize Results at Networking Events.” In her article, Coyne noted, “gracefully negotiating a room full of strangers can be daunting for a seasoned attorney, let alone a law student. Students may be envisioning a gauntlet of attorneys peppering them with questions about obscure legal topics, their plans for their entire career, and their grades, all while they are trying to hold a small plate of hors d’oeuvres, a beverage and maintain some semblance of poise. If you can remove some of their fears with thorough preparation, you are more likely to have schmooze-ready students.

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Professor Jalila Jefferson-Bullock teaching Constitutional Law.