Liz DeLosa, L’10
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Dean’s Message

Dear fellow alumni,

It has been an absolute privilege and honor to serve as your dean for nearly three years. I have enjoyed not only working with an amazing community of legal scholars, but also having this special opportunity to reach out to you, our supportive alumni. You have given back to your alma mater in so many ways, and I am grateful for all you do.

The academic year is quickly going by, and there is so much good news to share with you. First, our entire Duquesne Law family is very proud of our recent Duquesne Law graduates who achieved a **86.73 percent first-time taker pass rate** on the July 2018 Pennsylvania Bar Examination, ranking Duquesne Law third in the state. This pass rate exceeded the statewide average for first-time takers of 79 percent by more than 7 percentage points. This also marks the 13th time in the last 14 years that the pass rate for Duquesne’s first-time takers has exceeded the state average. I know you join with me in congratulating our 2018 grads!

Next, we welcome three new tenure-track professors this semester: Pablo Echeverri teaches corporations and securities regulations; Agnieszka McPeak teaches torts, professional responsibility, and social media and the law; and Richard Heppner, formerly a visiting professor, teaches civil procedure and antitrust (you can read more about them on page 6). Additionally, Kate Norton, clinical professor of law, was recently promoted to director of Clinical Legal Education (see page 8). Finally, I am pleased to announce that alumna Nicola Henry-Taylor has been hired as our director of diversity (you can read more about Nicola on page 2). Please join me in welcoming all of these talented professionals!

Many of you have mentored and hired our students and young alumni over the years, and last year was no exception. The overall employment rate for our 2017 graduates was 91.27 percent! Eighty-five percent of these jobs were either bar passage required or J.D. advantage positions. My thanks to our Career Services office for providing excellent advice and support to our students, and to all of you for providing these opportunities!

Finally, many of you have learned by now that I will retire in June 2019 and, thus, my tenure as dean will end. The search for a new dean is underway, and I can assure that this process is undertaken with substantial effort and care. There are great opportunities in the future for the School of Law, and I am most grateful that I can count on your continued support to help our next generation of lawyers.

Sincere best wishes to you for all that you do!

Maureen E. Lally-Green, L’74
Dean
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ON THE COVER: Liz DeLosa in front of the Tribune Center for Clinical Legal Education.
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Duquesne’s overall pass rate, which includes graduates who had taken the Pennsylvania bar exam previously, was 80.9 percent. This also exceeds the statewide average for all takers of the July 2018 Pennsylvania bar exam, which was 71 percent.

“These results reflect the exceptional dedication of our students and faculty and the high standard set by Duquesne,” said Duquesne Law Dean Maureen Lally-Green, a 1974 graduate of the Law School and a former judge in the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. “We are grateful for the wonderful commitment of our alumni and friends to the success of our students. The graduates’ performance was a team effort and reflects the foundation of community spirit and excellence we have here at Duquesne.”

Duquesne finished among the top three with the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Penn State Law School. These results contrast with the national trend: Scores on the Multistate Bar Examination dropped to a 34-year low with law schools across the country reporting an overall decrease in bar pass rates.

Henry-Taylor tapped as diversity director

Nicola Henry-Taylor, L’96, is the director of diversity for Duquesne University School of Law. Founder of Henry-Taylor Law, PC, she is secretary of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA) and an advisory board member of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts. She recently completed a second three-year term on the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania’s Hearing Committee. Henry-Taylor is also an active member of the ACBA’s Women in the Law Division and a member of the Women’s Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania, African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania and Duquesne Law Alumni Association.

Her previous professional and community service roles include serving the Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Bar Committee, Neighborhood Legal Services Association Pro Bono PFA Project, Genesis of Pittsburgh, Auberle Mentoring Program, and Homeless Children’s Education Fund.

Henry-Taylor is dedicated to diversity and inclusion, particularly within the legal profession. To that end, she serves as a commissioner on the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission and as former chair of the ACBA’s Women in the Law Division and former member of the Gender Equity Committee. Henry-Taylor chaired the Women in the Law Division’s Diversity Collaborative and Women of Color initiatives. She is currently a member of the ACBA’s Homer S. Brown Division for African-American attorneys and was appointed to the ACBA Nominating Committee and the ACBA Board of Governors ad hoc Diversity Directory Committee and Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She continues to be active in the Allegheny County Bar Foundation (ACBF), serving as an ACBF Fellow and assisting other fellows over the years.

Henry-Taylor is a former prosecutor and chief law clerk to two president judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, experiences that have given her the opportunity to view the judicial system from the perspectives of both the commonwealth and the court. As a family law attorney, Henry-Taylor has handled domestic disturbance cases, appeared in Juvenile Court on both dependency (abused and neglected children) and delinquency (criminal conduct of children) matters, and represented pro bono protection from abuse clients for many years. She has served as guardian ad litem, Criminal Justice Act federal public defender panel attorney parent advocate panel attorney, and parent coordinator.

In recognition of her community service, Henry-Taylor has received the Duquesne Women’s Law Association Woman of the Year Award, the Women’s Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania’s Susan B. Anthony Award and the Slippery Rock University Outstanding Young Alumni Award. She also has been recognized as a Rising Star by the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Minority Bar Committee.

Henry-Taylor received her B.A. from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.
Duquesne Law celebrates District Court’s bicentennial

Juliann L. Haynes-Held, L’10

On Oct. 11, a crowd filled the seats of the Charles J. Dougherty Ballroom where, just across town from the site of the former Three Rivers Stadium, the tale of one of Major League Baseball’s most notorious scandals was on display—the 1985 cocaine drug trials. However, unlike typical MLB events, the lineup for the program, The Pittsburgh Baseball Drug Trials—A Look Back to 1985, was not composed of the stars of the baseball diamond. Instead, attendees heard what could be described as the “Lumber Yard” of legal professionals involved in the cocaine trials discuss the investigation, prosecution and lasting impact of the cases. These professionals included the Hon. Gustave Diamond, L’56, retired District Court judge, who presided over one of the trials; the Hon. James J. Ross, Beaver County judge, who served as an assistant U.S. attorney on the cases; Wells Morrison, retired FBI agent, who investigated the drug allegations against MLB players and implicated dealers; and Samuel J. Reich, Esq., defense attorney for several MLB players. The panel was moderated by retired Duquesne Law Professor Mark Yochum.

The well-received program was the third installment of a four-part series of events presented in 2018 in honor of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania’s bicentennial. Established in 1818, the courts of the Western District have been the battleground of disputes reflective of an evolving Western Pennsylvania. Societal, technological and economic issues affecting the development of the region have been decided by the District Court’s 59 commissioned judges and the Bankruptcy Court’s 11 appointed judges (not including magistrate judges and bankruptcy registers and referees). In celebration of its 200th anniversary, the Hon. Joy Flowers Conti, L’73, chief District Court judge, called for the development of a series of programs worthy of the occasion. Taking on the challenge, the Hon. Jeffery A. Deller, L’96, bankruptcy judge, spearheaded the planning of the events.

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The first in the bicentennial series of programs, Race Relations and Civil Rights Cases in the Western District, was held on Feb. 7. The program featured a panel discussion of significant race-related cases adjudicated by the District Court, including the Hoots desegregation case which resulted in the formation of the Woodland Hills School District and several police brutality cases. Panelists for the event included the Hon. Timothy K. Lewis, L’80, former judge for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals; Mark T. Fatla, L’82, executive director of the Northside Leadership Conference; and Witold “Vic” Walczak, legal director of the ACLU of Pennsylvania. The event was moderated by former Duquesne Law Professor Tracey McCants Lewis, L’00. Preceding the panel presentation, the program also included the screening of a documentary about local Civil Rights icon Wendell G. Freeland (Wendell G. Freeland: A Silent Soldier).

Anchoring the bicentennial series, on June 1, the District Court hosted a full day of programming featuring four panel discussions: Reflections on the Western District of Pennsylvania, Protectors of the Constitution: The Civil Liberties Cases, Trials of the Century: Notorious Criminal Cases, and The District’s Financial Courts: Bankruptcy and the Economy of Western Pennsylvania. The panels were composed of a panoply of notable judges and legal professionals, including Duquesne Law graduates: Conti, Deller; the Hon. Maureen Kelly, L’87, magistrate judge; the Hon. Donetta Ambrose, L’70, District Court judge; the Hon. Carlota M. Bohm, L’79, chief Bankruptcy Court judge; George M. Janosko, L’77, first assistant county solicitor for Allegheny County; and Dennis Biondo, Sr., L’76, assistant county solicitor for Allegheny County.

In addition to the educational programming, the June 1 event also featured the unveiling of a historic Eagle Capital, courtesy of the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation, which is currently on display in the third-floor atrium of the Western District Courthouse.

The bicentennial series rounded out on Dec. 4 with a re-enactment of the first swearing-in ceremony performed in the Western District. Dressed in period-appropriate clothing, the actors transported attendees back 200 years to witness the birth of the local federal bar.

Juliann Haynes-Held is senior law clerk with Judge Jeffery Deller in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

From left: Samuel Reich, Wells Morrison, Judge Jeffery Deller, Judge Gustave Diamond and Judge James Ross at the Baseball Drug Trials program.
Duquesne celebrates publication of *The Pennsylvania Supreme Court: Life and Law in the Commonwealth, 1684-2017*

Vincent LeDonne, 3L

In November 2011, when the project was first envisioned, a single-volume comprehensive history of The Pennsylvania Supreme Court was merely a dream—today, it is a reality.

On Oct. 24, nearly 200 people filled the Power Center ballroom to celebrate the completion of *The Pennsylvania Supreme Court: Life and Law in the Commonwealth, 1684-2017*, including various members of both the state and federal benches, as well as the entire Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

The program began with remarks from Chief Justice Thomas Saylor, who authored the book’s afterword. Saylor highlighted the importance of this book and thanked everyone for their efforts in completing the project. He gave special thanks to Dean Phillips, who he credited with initially envisioning the project.

The editor of the project, John Hare, L’93, reflected on the challenges of editing a book with such disparate topics, including everything from criminal procedure to administrative law. Hare was quick to acknowledge the hard of work of the approximately 40 contributing authors. Later in the program, several of those authors participated in a lively panel discussion on several topics covered in the book, including the longstanding King’s Bench Powers and the more recent Continuing Judicial Education.

University president and former Law School dean Ken Gormley treated the audience to an overview of the history of the Pennsylvania courts and historical decisions of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Gormley noted that several of these important decisions foreshadowed later United States Supreme Court decisions. Dean Maureen Lally-Green then moderated a panel on the court’s additional powers, which included contributors Hon. Joseph Del Sole, L’65, and William Stickman, L’05. Appropriately, the program concluded with remarks from the current justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, who, through their work, are writing the next chapter in the court’s history.

*The Pennsylvania Supreme Court: Life and Law in the Commonwealth, 1684-2017*, is available through the Penn State University Press.
In 2018, the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1968 turned 50. As befits its status as the leading institution in the state for the study of the Pennsylvania Constitution, Duquesne Law held a program in recognition of this anniversary on Oct. 24. In addition, I presented a CLE program at the law school on Dec. 1 that highlighted some of the leading Pennsylvania constitutional events and trends of the past 50 years.

Given this hoopla, it will interest the reader to know that, strictly speaking, there is no Pennsylvania Constitution of 1968. What we actually have is a heavily and, some might say, unconstitutionally, amended Constitution of 1874. The background of this peculiar story lies in the resistance by the people of Pennsylvania to the holding of a constitutional convention to address proposed changes in the Constitution of 1874. This was a change in Pennsylvania history. The state had held conventions in 1776, 1789, 1837 and 1872, resulting in four rewritten state constitutions. There was no reason to suppose that this process would stop after 1874.

But, it did stop. Efforts to convene a constitutional convention were rejected by the voters in 1891, 1921, 1923, 1935, 1953 and 1963. The 1953 vote was characterized by opposition to any potential modification of the constitutional principle of tax uniformity, in order to introduce a graduated state income tax. It was widely believed that any future effort to modify the Pennsylvania Constitution would somehow have to take the income tax issue off the table.

After the defeat of the 1963 convention call, Gov. William Scranton formed a Commission on Constitutional Revision that recommended adoption of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s proposals to modernize the 1874 Constitution through wholesale constitutional amendment. This strategy proved effective. In 1966, the public approved two PBA-sponsored amendments, and approved seven more amendments in 1967. These amendments, however, intentionally omitted several contentious issues that could not be resolved by amendment. Therefore, upon his election as governor in 1966, Raymond Shafer called for a limited constitutional convention that would deal with four matters: the Judiciary, Local Government, Legislative Apportionment, Taxation and State Finance, with the express prohibition of consideration of a graduated state income tax.

The voters approved the call for this limited constitutional convention in May 1967, thus leading to the drafting of further changes in the Constitution of 1874. That revised document is now known, and celebrated, as the Constitution of 1968.

Bruce Ledewitz teaches in the areas of state and federal constitutional law and jurisprudence, specializing in law and religion and law and the secular. He is co-director of the Duquesne University School of Law’s Pennsylvania Constitution website.

Professor Ledewitz recently underwrote a billboard on Interstate 86 near Erie, Pa. to encourage a public discourse on truth in politics. The billboard is featured in the October issue of AARP Bulletin.
Assistant professor of law Pablo Echeverri teaches corporations and securities regulations, and focuses his research on how the practice of actors influences the development and implementation of legal rules. His work explores this question from private and public law angles, centering on issues of capital markets transactions and Latin American constitutional architecture. His current securities-related research takes a particular interest in the regulation of unregistered offerings pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act. Echeverri’s Latin America work analyzes matters of constitutional design and separation of powers in Colombia and how they affect governability.

Prior to joining Duquesne Law, Echeverri was a fellow at Berkeley Law’s Robbins Collection, which promotes comparative research in the fields of religious and civil law. At Berkeley, he organized Judicial Independence and Accountability in Latin America, a symposium attended by an esteemed group of legal scholars that included Berkeley Law professors, a justice of Colombia’s Council of State, a former justice of Colombia’s Supreme Court, a regional adviser for UNESCO, and professors from other prominent U.S. and South American institutions.

Echeverri has practiced law in the Capital Markets Group at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York City, working primarily on securities offerings by Latin American issuers. He obtained his J.D. from Berkeley Law and his B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania with a major in political science. Echeverri is admitted to practice in New York and is an inactive member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Agnieszka McPeak, associate professor of law, studies all things law and technology. She has written about the scope and shortcomings of social media discovery, lawyer ethics in the digital age, platform immunity, and tort liability in the sharing economy. Her articles have appeared in the Wisconsin Law Review, Connecticut Law Review and Arizona State Law Journal, among others. Her work has been cited in several legal opinions, including a recent decision by the highest court of New York redefining the scope of civil discovery of social media content. She has been quoted in Fortune, Bloomberg Law, Buzzfeed News and other popular media.

Before joining the Duquesne Law faculty, McPeak taught at the University of Toledo College of Law and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. In her pre-academia life, she practiced complex commercial litigation in New Orleans and, prior to law school, negotiated translation rights for a computer book publisher in the San Francisco Bay Area. She holds a J.D., magna cum laude, from Tulane University Law School and a B.A., with honors, from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

McPeak is a political refugee from Poland who came to the United States as a child. Her first permanent home in the U.S. was in Pittsburg, Calif. She now proudly calls Pittsburgh, Pa., her home, in part because it shares her love of pierogies.

Former visiting professor Richard Heppner is an assistant professor of law teaching civil procedure and antitrust. His scholarly interests include civil procedure, constitutional law, appellate advocacy, law and literature, and legal writing. Heppner is a former attorney at Reed Smith LLP in Pittsburgh, where he spent seven years as a member of the firm’s Appellate Group with experience drafting briefs and handling appeals in state and federal appellate courts around the country. His experience also includes serving as a law clerk for Judge Thomas Hardiman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and Judge Nora Barry Fischer, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

**Did you know?**

Duquesne Law was listed as a “Top School for Criminal Law” with an A- rating from the “back to school 2018” issue of preLaw magazine.
David McGeehan has been promoted to director of information technology. McGeehan is a seasoned technologist with over 30 years of experience. He received his B.S. from Point Park University and his M.Ed. from Duquesne University, and is currently a doctoral candidate in instructional technology and leadership.

Margaret McGannon, L’16, joins the School of Law as the executive assistant to the dean. McGannon previously worked for the Allegheny County Department of Human Services as the Battering Intervention Program manager. She received her B.S. from St. Joseph’s University.

Jennifer Rignani has been named communications director for the School of Law. Rignani has been a marketing communications professional for over 20 years, and is currently a contributing writer for *Pittsburgh Quarterly Magazine*, *Pittsburgh Magazine* and *Mt. Lebanon Magazine*. Rignani earned her B.A. from Duquesne University.

Maureen Stokan returns to Duquesne Law as the assistant dean of admissions. Stokan previously held the position of director of admissions for the School of Law. Immediately prior to returning to Duquesne, Stokan was the associate director of admissions and recruitment at Carnegie Mellon University’s Information Networking Institute. Stokan earned her B.S. in education of the exceptional child from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Christine Woodburn has been promoted to assistant director of admissions. Woodburn has been employed in the admissions office since 2013. She has a master’s degree in teaching and a Pennsylvania state certification in English education.

Kaitlin Yacob has joined the School of Law as the associate director of admissions. Yacob earned her B.S. in human development/human services from Virginia Tech and her M.Ed. in higher and postsecondary education from Arizona State University. She recently served as director of admissions for the University of Pittsburgh School of Education.
Clinical Legal Education updates

Norton to direct Clinical Legal Education

Kate Norton, assistant professor of clinical legal education, has been named director of clinical and international programs. Norton previously served as interim co-director and associate director of Clinical Legal Education. Within the Clinical Legal Education program, she supervises the Family Law Clinic and coordinates the law school’s externship programs. Norton received her Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and her Bachelor of Science in psychology from Allegheny College.

Tracey McCants Lewis, former director of Clinical Legal Education, has accepted a new position with Peoples gas company. McCants Lewis will continue to be a part of clinical education as an adjunct professor for the Civil Rights Clinic. She is joined by Barbara Griffin, adjunct professor and supervising attorney for the Civil Rights Clinic. Griffin has years of experience helping the underserved populations with their civil legal needs. She is also director of the Pro Bono Center for the Allegheny County Bar Foundation, where she creates, manages and supports legal services programs that provide volunteer attorneys to low-income people facing legal issues that threaten basic human needs such as housing, employment, income maintenance and family structure.

Norton to direct Clinical Legal Education

Grace Orsatti joins the clinic full time as externship and pro bono director. On Oct. 12, Orsatti received an award from the New Pittsburgh Courier naming her a Woman of Excellence.

Tiffany Sizemore, assistant professor of clinical legal education, spoke at the THINC30 Conference in October. Hosted by Covestro, this daylong event aims to explore how the Pittsburgh region can leverage a purpose-driven approach to introduce and accelerate sustainable business development, public-private partnerships and social innovation in Pittsburgh. The 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (U.N. SDGs) provide a framework for “achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions—economic, social and environmental—in a balanced and integrated manner” by 2030. Sizemore spoke about the importance of making Pittsburgh sustainable and inclusive for all children.

Fall clinic events

The Family Law Clinic presented a class at Genesis House on issues surrounding child custody, specifically custody law and process in Pennsylvania.

The Unemployment Compensation Clinic, under the supervision of Adjunct Professor Michael D. Simon, argued in front of the Commonwealth Court on Oct. 15.

The Veterans Clinic has expanded to begin working in the magistrate court to create a diversion program for veterans.

Third year student Amy McCoy presents at Genesis House.
Pro Bono Program

The Pro Bono Program hosted a training for students interested in participating in the Pro Bono Name Change Project. The Name Change Project provides free legal name change services to transgender people through partnerships with some of the nation’s most prestigious law firms and corporate law departments.

In honor of Pro Bono Week, Professors Norton and Sizemore, along with Adam Duh (student manager) and Vincent LeDonne, presented to the legal department of Duquesne Light about the benefits and ethical obligations of assisting the indigent. Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Judge Beth Lazzara co-presented at this event.

Professor Rhonda Gay Hartman’s classes in Health Care Law and Health Care Fraud and Abuse joined forces with students and faculty from the School of Pharmacy on Oct. 12 to lobby U.S senators and congressmen on measures to address the opioid epidemic, including pharmacists’ provider status under Medicare. The law students met with representatives of Sens. Bob Casey and Pat Toomey and Rep. Conor Lamb, among others.

Professors Jan “Captain America” Levine and Ashley “Scarlet Witch” London host 2018 graduates, clockwise from top left, William Young, Jacob Mellor, Arbaaz Rao, Brianna Sulenski and Taylor Infante at the Avengers movie premiere this summer. The outing was bid on by alumni at the annual Public Interest Law Association live auction in April.
When the Pennsylvania Innocence Project took aim at opening a Pittsburgh office in 2016, Liz DeLosa, L’10, recognized an excellent opportunity to use her law degree toward the betterment of society. “My husband and I were living in the Virgin Islands when I saw the announcement about the Pittsburgh office. I was familiar with the Pennsylvania Innocence Project and decided that I would love to be a part of the organization. After five interviews I was hired to help get the Pittsburgh office off the ground.” This was, of course, a return home of sorts for DeLosa, who had earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Pittsburgh before beginning the evening program at Duquesne Law School.
The Pennsylvania Innocence Project works to exonerate those convicted of crimes they did not commit and to prevent innocent people from being convicted. Since its founding as a nonprofit corporation in 2008, law students from the Philadelphia area have played a vital role in the Project, including interns from Temple Law School, Villanova University School of Law and Thomas R. Kline Drexel School of Law. The newer Pittsburgh office is staffed by interns from the Law School as well as from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. By serving as interns with the Project, law students gain training and experience in the fields of law, journalism, criminal justice and forensic science.

The Project’s Pittsburgh office is located in Duquesne’s Tribune Center for Clinical Education. As DeLosa explains, “Duquesne provides office space, and we provide students from the Law School with experiential learning opportunities. Each year Duquesne students register for the clinic, which consists of spending about 10 hours in the office each week and attending a weekly two-hour seminar on wrongful conviction.”

Being an intern for the Pennsylvania Innocence Project involves a sizable workload, but the payoff in experience is immeasurable. “The students are instrumental in how we review and vet cases,” says DeLosa. “Each law student is assigned a case, and they review the case from top to bottom—they find documents, they study transcripts, they do whatever is required. The case is their baby as long as it takes them to get through all of the paperwork and all of the facts—they are searching for every piece of paper that has been created on that case.” As many of the cases are decades old, gathering the details can be a daunting and potentially frustrating task, but that is an invaluable part of the educational process.

The internship serves as an excellent real-life introduction to the finer details of the legal profession. In addition to the legwork, there are opportunities for direct interaction with clients and for witnessing some of the environments in which those convicted of crimes must reside. “Any of my prison visits are opportunities for the interns, even when not directly related to a case they are working on,” says DeLosa. “This provides experience not only with client interviews but with regard to the rules and procedures for being inside an institution. We also do a tour of the Allegheny County Medical Examiner’s office, which provides insight into how the forensics disciplines work. Forensic science is a big part of what we do.”

Protecting the Factually Innocent

Since opening its doors in 2009, the Pennsylvania Innocence Project has exonerated seven men—Eugene Gilyard, Lance Felder, Jim Fogle, Donte Rollins, Shaurn Thomas, Marshall Hale and Dontia Patterson—and one woman, Crystal Weimer, from unjust incarcerations. In addition, it has secured new trials for two Pennsylvania innocents wrongly convicted, and four cases have resulted in Alford pleas in which the convicted pled no contest to reduced charges while asserting their innocence. Another client, Tyrone Jones, was among the first Pennsylvanians resentenced as a former “juvenile lifer.” Tyrone was paroled even as he continued to assert his innocence.

The Pennsylvania Innocence Project only takes on cases from factually innocent individuals who have been wrongfully convicted and who have subsequently exhausted their appeals. Factually innocent individuals are people who had no involvement in the crime for which they were convicted. The Project takes only those cases stemming from a Pennsylvania state conviction, where the convicted individual had no role in the incident that led to the conviction, and where the individual does not have an attorney or the right to appointed counsel.

There is a four stage screening process that can lead to a petition for a new trial. The first step is reviewing a convicted individual’s letter. If the person was convicted in Pennsylvania, claims no involvement in the crime and has exhausted all appeals, the case can proceed. The convicted individual completes a detailed questionnaire, and copies of the appellate briefs and court opinions from the direct appeal are obtained. An intern, sometimes with assistance from a volunteer lawyer, will carefully examine the questionnaire and briefs to get a sense of the case, and if the reviewer feels the case involves a plausible claim of innocence, the case moves forward.

The job of the law student interns is then to get every piece of paper about the case, including transcripts, expert reports, crime scene photos, appellate documents, witness statements and toxicology reports. They thoroughly review the case, reading every document and looking for potentially missing information. The case is discussed in staff meetings, and the intern will ask for advice and direction from the legal staff. If, after reviewing all of the materials available, the case presents a strong innocence claim and there is a likelihood of discovering evidence that could prove the person’s innocence in court, a case review committee of experienced lawyers decides if the case will move toward potential litigation. Once the panel accepts a case for investigation, the Project staff investigator reviews the entire case file and creates an investigative plan.
Turning the Tables on the Presumption of Innocence

An important point to remember is that since the Project’s interest is in revealing the truth, the investigation starts with a presumption of guilt, not innocence. The facts lead the way. According to DeLosa, “You have to get back into court under the Pennsylvania post-conviction statute. A huge obstacle is the fact that the presumption of innocence no longer applies. The defendant should be protected at every turn and given the benefit of the doubt, but once convicted those protections substantially diminish. The system is simply not set up for inmates to litigate. One of the toughest questions to answer—and one that must be addressed—is ‘does this case deserve a second look?’ There is a natural resistance to the process of reopening a case. They have all been convicted—but that doesn’t mean that we didn’t get it wrong.”

In addition to identifying and litigating cases for the convicted innocent, the Project also works to improve the criminal justice system in order to prevent innocent people from being convicted in the first place. This involves educating all stakeholders in the criminal justice system on the reasons for wrongful convictions and promoting policies that will prevent such instances from occurring. Along these lines the Project also works to promote legislation designed to allow convicted individuals a fair chance of having evidence of their innocence presented in court, including updating post-conviction DNA access laws. In courts, the Project provides support, training and guidance to other lawyers litigating post-conviction claims of innocence, and the Project regularly files friend of the court briefs in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Superior Court of Pennsylvania supporting broader interpretation of our statutes to benefit the wrongly convicted. Bringing justice to the underrepresented is always at the forefront.

Such service work has been a common thread in DeLosa’s personal journey. Before beginning her legal career, she worked for a small nonprofit organization serving at-risk children and families. “I was a social worker prior to law school. At that point I thought I wanted to be a child advocate,” she recalls. As director of placement services, she managed 10 direct-care caseworkers and 36 foster families. While working fulltime in this difficult position, she earned her J.D. through Duquesne Law’s evening program.

DeLosa cites former Duquesne Law professor Bruce Antkowiak as having been a pivotal player in her career choices. “He pointed me in the direction of the Public Defender’s Office, and I did an internship with the Allegheny County Office of Conflict Counsel.” After graduation, the Allegheny County Office of Conflict Counsel recruited her to develop new programs for ensuring quality legal representation for court-involved youth. She collaborated with community youth agencies county government agencies, and court officials to develop a program model and mission. She was responsible for all policies, procedures and staff recruitment, and she was charged with identifying and obtaining funding for the programs. As a result, the successful juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency divisions of the Office of Conflict Counsel were launched in the spring of 2011.

Upon passing the Pennsylvania bar exam, DeLosa joined the Office of Conflict Counsel’s adult trial unit, where she represented adult criminal clients in a wide variety of cases. “I really loved working with the adults and saw how they shared a lot of the traumatic experiences of the children I had been working with—the abuse, neglect, unaddressed mental illness, drugs and alcohol. These adults were the product of the failure to address those issues for children.” The job provided its own rewards, which in turn inspired DeLosa to continue shaping her professional destiny. “Even with incremental changes I was able to make a difference in that person’s life. That kept me going. I was hired by Office of Conflict Counsel to develop their juvenile division. Once that was completed I was able to choose which division I wanted to practice law in, and I decided that adult criminal trial was the spot for me.”

The Nourishment of Hope

The self-perpetuating reward system continues for DeLosa in her present position. “When we visit the clients about reinvesting in the case and get a sense of renewed hope—that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, the positive energy can be infectious. Even though the litigation can entail years and years of painstaking research and investigation, it’s comforting to see the client get through day-to-day knowing that there is someone out there who is advocating on their behalf—that they have a voice and a means to assert their innocence.”

Over the last two years, hundreds of the Pittsburgh community’s outstanding professionals, students and residents have contributed thousands of hours of their time to the Project’s mission and the pursuit of justice. The Pittsburgh office under DeLosa’s direction has identified and agreed to litigate on behalf of four individuals currently incarcerated for crimes of which the Project believes them to be innocent. Another three cases stemming from the western Pennsylvania region will be filed with the court within in the next few months. In addition, there are currently another 31 innocence claims being actively reviewed from the region. This is tremendous progress and feeds a growing optimism for the continued success of the program.

The Pennsylvania Innocence Project and DeLosa are dedicated to educating the public and providing community direction for invoking change. Holding justice to the highest standards is the hallmark. Important to this is the education and preparation of lawyers and future lawyers—with students from the Law School at the forefront.
On Nov. 2, 1960, six days before Election Day, presidential candidate John F. Kennedy called for the establishment of “… a Peace Corps of talented men and women, willing and able to serve their country as teachers or engineers or doctors or nurses in developing nations around the world.”

In that speech, Kennedy did not mention lawyers, but three months later, as president, he appointed a lawyer, Sargent Shriver, as the first director of the brand-new Peace Corps. Shriver had a lawyer’s understanding that lawyers—because they are educated to deal with the full range of human problems and opportunities—are in fact the most versatile of generalists.

Soon Peace Corps volunteer lawyers became law teachers in Ethiopia, agrarian reform specialists in Venezuela, organizers of legal service programs in Perú, local government solicitors in Micronesia, and organizers of rural cooperatives and small businesses in dozens of countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

As an urban community development volunteer in the Republic of Panamá, I worked in the small (three-lawyer) law department (which I had helped to organize) within Panamá’s newly created urban community development program.

During my two years in Panamá, I spent most of my time working to help build a coalition of governmental and private agencies and individuals that resulted in the establishment of Panamá’s first neighborhood legal services program, serving the barriadas of Panama City. After the legal services program was established in Panama City, my Panamanian colleagues and I “took the show on the road,” holding meetings with lawyers, judges, community leaders and public officials in three provincial capitals, to promote the idea of legal services to peasant farmers and community organizations of limited financial resources, and, not incidentally, to reinforce the newly established legal services program in Panama City.

The work was often slow, sometimes frustrating, and occasionally fraught with opposition and setbacks, but tremendously rewarding in ways that are hard to describe without sounding maudlin. I hope that I contributed something to Panamá during my years as a Peace Corps volunteer, but I know that, in any event, Panamá has given me much, much more.

There is no single “Peace Corps experience.” There are as many different Peace Corps experiences as there are Peace Corps volunteers.

But as different as individual experiences are, there is an essence of Peace Corps service that is, I believe, best described by Shriver:

“… the Peace Corps provides a framework in which individuals can use their own initiative and talents to help others. This is an important element of the Peace Corps … : reliance on the creative energies of dedicated individuals …

 “[The Volunteer] goes overseas not merely as a willing and … skilled worker, but as a representative, a living example, of a most powerful idea … the idea that free and committed men and women can cross, even transcend boundaries of culture and language, alien traditions and great disparities of wealth, of old hostilities and new nationalisms, to meet with other men and women on the common ground of service to human welfare and human dignity.”

That sounds like a good job description—and challenge—for a lawyer. I hope that you will accept the challenge.

Robert S. Barker was a Peace Corps volunteer in Panamá, 1967-1969. His records of his work there are part of the Peace Corps Collection at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston. He recently authored El Constitucionalismo en los Estados Unidos, published in Buenos Aires by Ediciones Olejnik.
Dana Baiocco, L’97, brings legal expertise to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Tracy Carbasho, Contributing Writer

Dana Baiocco was extremely surprised when a White House official contacted her in 2017 about serving on the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

“I had never sought out the position. I received a phone call informing me that my profile had been received by officials at the White House and that I had been recommended based on my legal career, skills in the relevant area and background,” she said.

The news was no surprise to those who have worked with her and always knew her professional journey would be chock-full of noteworthy developments.

“Dana has a keen ability to isolate the key issues and then execute strategies that lead to resolution of problems,” said Laura Ellsworth, partner-in-charge of global community service initiatives at Jones Day in Pittsburgh. “She is a doer, not a talker. In the administrative world of Washington, D.C., someone who is fair, practical, respectful and effective at converting talk into action is the kind of person who can make a truly constructive contribution to the administration of justice.”

Baiocco, who graduated cum laude from the Duquesne University School of Law in 1997, was sworn in as the newest commissioner with the CPSC on June 1. She is serving a seven-year term, which began retroactively in October 2017.

Prior to beginning this new stage of her career, she was a partner in the Boston office of Jones Day for eight years. She began her career in the Pittsburgh office of Jones Day in 1998 after working as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Gustave Diamond. She worked in the Pittsburgh office until moving to Boston in 2011. In her role at the law firm, she handled product recalls and advised clients on regulatory and reporting obligations pertaining to the CPSC.

“Ms. Baiocco brings strategic experience in product safety, extensive knowledge of public policy with consumer products and a deep understanding of how companies can be proactive in improving the safety of their products,” said CPSC Acting Chair Ann Marie Buerkle. “I welcome her expertise to the important work of the commission.”

Comprehensive legal experience and a deep understanding of products liability law prepared Baiocco to be a commissioner. During her legal career, she immersed herself in her work by learning as much as she could about her clients’ products. She visited manufacturing plants to understand how component parts were incorporated into products, she took the time to learn testing and quality protocols, and she would use products herself to gain a better understanding of what consumers would experience.

“I cannot say enough good things about the Duquesne University School of Law. I received a top-notch legal education that provided me with the foundation necessary to have a legal career in private practice with one of the most prestigious law firms in the world.”
As an example of how seriously she took her job as an attorney, she trained and received a private pilot’s license to better understand an aviation product that her legal team at Jones Day was studying.

“I had amazing mentors in my legal career and I’m lucky to have had their insights and teachings along the way.”

Baiocco believes the foundation for her successful legal career began on the campus of Duquesne University, where she was honored with several awards for achievement in appellate and trial advocacy.

“I cannot say enough good things about the Duquesne University School of Law. I received a top-notch legal education that provided me with the foundation necessary to have a legal career in private practice with one of the most prestigious law firms in the world,” she said. “The most noteworthy lessons I learned in law school were to stay true to the rule of law and that relationships matter, people and civility matter.”

She hopes to use her legal experience and her practical skills to help the CPSC make its operations the gold standard in consumer product safety. Commissioners are responsible for protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury associated with consumer products; assisting consumers in evaluating the comparative safety of consumer products; developing uniform safety standards for consumer products and minimizing conflicting state and local regulations; and promoting research and investigation into the causes and prevention of product-related deaths, injuries and/or illnesses.

Baiocco is focused on expanding the commission’s work regarding imports to identify and implement the best possible ways to determine which consumer goods coming into the United States do not comply with relevant statutes. This is especially important since many consumers shop online and buy products that may not meet existing safety standards.

The commission has jurisdiction over more than 15,000 products, making it a daunting task to protect the safety of a vast and diverse group of consumers.

“It is extremely challenging to listen and consider safety issues related to each and every stakeholder who has an interest in each product and each decision that we make,” said Baiocco. “I feel an intense duty to do the very best I can to address the safety needs of all American consumers. It is an honor.”

She and her husband, Andrew Susko, live in Washington, D.C. with Baiocco’s daughter, Ava Bruening.

Looking back over her career, Baiocco said there is a constant wonder about how her journey took her to this current place. She has worked with some of the smartest and most creative people in the world and considers herself lucky in so many ways.

“I have met famous and infamous people and I’ve traveled to places I once only dreamed of. I worked harder every day to rise to the opportunities that I found in front of me,” she said. “Every day, every experience brought a new or different perspective. Sometimes, I didn’t have enough time to even process what I was experiencing in the moment. Yet, upon each reflection, the journey has been amazing—scary at times, fascinating at times, rewarding at all times.”
Steven Baicker-McKee was appointed associate dean of teaching excellence and strategic initiatives and the Katarincic Chair of Civil Procedure. He was also a quarter finalist in the World Squash Federation’s World Squash Masters Tournament this summer.

**PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES**


**Jalila Jefferson Bullock**

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Continuing Legal Education. *Quelling the Silver Tsunami: Compassionate Release of Elderly Offenders.* Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Nov. 3, 2018).
- *The Power of Movement: The Constitution’s Failure to Protect the Poor.* Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas (July 15, 2018).
- *Judges’ Perspectives on Judicial Education.* International Conference on Law and Society, Toronto, Canada (June 7, 2018).

**MEDIA**

- “SCOTUS Requires Warrants for Cell Location”, KDKA interview (June 22, 2018).

**Rhonda Gay Hartman**

**PRESENTATIONS**


**MEDIA**

- “SCOTUS Requires Warrants for Cell Location”, KDKA interview (June 22, 2018).

**Richard Heppner**


**Wilson Huhn**

**PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES**


**PRESENTATIONS**

- Panelist, 2018 SALT Teaching Conference, Penn State University, State College, Pa. (Oct. 5, 2018).

**Rona Kaufman**

**PRESENTATION**

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**Bruce Ledewitz**

**PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

MEDIA


Frank Yining Liu was featured in Celebrating Diversity, published by the American Association of Law Libraries. The book focuses on minority leadership in the profession of law librarianship. Liu is featured in chapter 2, “A Legacy of Leadership.”

Jane Campbell Moriarty

PUBLICATION/ARTICLES


PRESENTATION

• Divining the Truth through Science and Religion. The Festival of Science & Religion, TWP (Think, Write, Publish), organized by Arizona State University, Washington, D.C. (June 15, 2018).

Wesley M. Oliver

PUBLICATION/ARTICLE


PRESENTATIONS


• The Prohibition Era and Policing. Rejebian Book Series, Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas (June 13, 2018).


Seth Oranburg

PUBLICATION/ARTICLE


John T. Rago

PRESENTATIONS


• Pennsylvania Innocence Project’s First Western Pennsylvania Case Reviews (round table). Reed Smith, LLP, Reed Smith Centre, Pittsburgh, Pa. (July 16, 2018).


Tiffany Sizemore

PRESENTATIONS


Ann Marie Schiavone

PUBLICATION/ARTICLE


Congratulations to Professor Ronald Ricci on his retirement. Ricci, a 1976 law alumnus, taught corporations for 37 years in the School of Law.
On May 25, 120 students were conferred the degree of Juris Doctor and one received the Certification for Completion of the Bar Track within the Degree of Master of Laws for Foreign Attorneys at the annual commencement ceremonies held in A.J. Palumbo Center. Hon. Thomas M. Hardiman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, was the commencement speaker. The annual Dr. John and Liz Murray Award for Excellence in Scholarship was awarded to graduate Samantha Gabriela Zimmer and Professor Nancy Perkins.
Congratulations, Duquesne University School of Law Class of 2018

Eric Agha Raad
Joshua Donald Allenberg
Eric Altpeter
Thomas Anthony Babinsack
Mason A. Barnhart
Joseph Baublitz
Eduardo José Benautuil Egui
Peter Berger
Brittany Marie Biesterfeld
Brooke Blackman
Nicolette Blackwell
Rachel Anne Blistan
Cara Bonando
Adrienne Michelle Box
Taylor Jean Nicole Brooks
Rebecca A. Brusca
Andrew Alexander Carpenter
Jarred Anthony Cipriani
Marissa R. Conlin
Margaret Mary Cooney
Taylor Marie Corn
Leah Irene Cox
Marin Elizabeth Cypher
Jessica Marie Dauer
Paige Deley
Matthew DeSantis
Pilar Diaz
Jamie Marie Drennen
Katherine D. Enright
Hailey Cathleen Farrell
Brian D. Farrington
Courtnie Farrington
Vincent C. Fera
Carlie Marie Fisher
Andreah Frenn
Nicholas Anthony Frost
Lukas Benjamin Gatten
Amanda Geary
Anthony T. Gestrich
Angela Giglio
Matthew B. Goddard
Timothy Thomas Graham
Frank Richard Gustine
Christian Hakim
Kirsten E. Hannah
Kristin Elizabeth Hoffman
Katelyn Michelle Hoover
Cynthia A. Howell
Taylor Alexandra Infante
Benjamin Jackson
Madalyn Jester
Amy M. Kerlin
Kathleen Mary Klapkowski
Marissa Kohl
Kristen Elizabeth Kuron
John Lamb
Kyle Patrick Lanning
Katherine Elizabeth Leonard
Jesse J. Levitt
Melissa C. Lewis
Randa M. Lewis
Christy Ann Logue
Katherine Ann Mannion
Sadie Marak
Dominic Mayle
Mark Andrew Mazza
Kate Elizabeth McCarthy
Amber Lynne McGee
Cathorene Ann McKay
Jacob Mellor
Richard Aldo Monti
Zachary Robert Morano
Karissa N. Murphy
Jordan Nellis
Christopher Lawrence O'Shea
Grant A. Olson
Allen P. Page IV
Lance Michael Pagnotta
Hattie Louise Parent
Stephen Maxwell Paskowski
Amanda Lee Perry
Jason Eric Piatt
Susan Marie Pickup
Joel Edward Polites, Jr.
Nicole de Leon Prieto
Arbaaz Rao
Jenna A. Ratica
Phillip Edsall Raymond
Gina Marie Robinson
Patrick J. Santone
Raymond A. Sevacko III
Emily Elizabeth Shanahan
Joelle Shanesy
Drew A. Sheldon
Kathryn Simmers
Eleni Fotini Skezas
Harish Srinivas
Tyler Ross Stenger
Bryson Stephen
Margaret Mae Stockdale
Zachary E. Streets
Brianna Irene Sulenski
Danielle Maria Tambellini
Alexander Joseph Tulaney
Natalie Anne Tupta
Brendan Turley
Jacob Udanis
Andrew James Urko
Sara Jessica Watkins
Lisle Tyler Weaver
Rachel Wenger
Matthew John Charles Wiertel
Matthew Wieszczyk
Elizabeth Wolfe
Andrew Douglas Yetzer
William Patrick Young
Michael John Zagari
Danielle Zietak
Samantha Gabriela Zimmer
T. Corey Zutz

LL.M.
Marcela Carvalho Viegas
America in the grip of groupthink

By Natalia Holliday, Editor-in-Chief

Invulnerability, rationalization, morality, stereotypes, pressure, self-censorship, unanimity and mindguards. Psychologist Irving L. Janis used those words to generally describe the symptoms of a psycho-social phenomenon he labeled “groupthink.”

A prominent characteristic of groupthink is “extreme concurrence-seeking.” Individual members of a group avoid personal deviation from the group’s beliefs and scorn the different beliefs of others. The goal is complete conformity and unanimity in thought. The result is inefficient problem-solving and refusal to negotiate with non-members. The group’s platform trumps all, and any aberration or disagreement is nothing short of evil.

Sound like your Facebook feed? Mine, too. As politics become more commonplace in the average American’s day-to-day life, personal interactions and relationships are tainted by groupthink. It’s nothing new—Janis published his article in 1971 and discussed recent military fiascos that illustrated his concept. This article takes a closer look at groupthink in the context of a hyper-politicized modern America.

Palestine brings complaint against U.S. in the International Court of Justice over Embassy move

By Samantha Cook, Feature Editor

President Trump’s decision to move the Israeli Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem sparked outrage, both domestically and internationally. Since Israel’s founding in 1948, the United States has declined to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, fearing that this decision would create national security risks. This decision marked a major break from U.S. policy and creates friction with the international community at large.

On Sept. 28, Palestine brought proceedings against the United States in the International Court of Justice, claiming that the United States violated the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. This article examines the ICJ proceedings, the international standard for recognizing a state’s sovereignty, the U.S. standard for recognizing a state’s sovereignty and legal consequences of a U.N. order.

Police fragmentation:
An argument for consolidation

By Kyle Steenland, Feature Editor

It’s no secret that Pennsylvania’s police department structure is one of the most fragmented in the country. The commonwealth hosts over 1,000 different local law enforcement agencies, the second most after Texas. Allegheny County alone possesses nearly 120 different municipal police departments for an area under 750 square miles. This situation leaves departments with less funding than they deserve, undermines effective policing and creates awkward disparities for cross-department interactions.

The predicament begs the question of how taxpayer dollars can be better utilized in offering law enforcement services for issues that ubiquitously plague communities. This article explores the problems associated with police fragmentation and contemplates the potential for a more unified structure.
Online market challenges fashion lawyers to develop new tactics in the fight against infringers

By Jennifer Carter, Web Editor

Few firms list “fashion law” as a practice area, but the law relating to fashion falls into intellectual property, corporate, business, international and employment law. The claims brought by designers have dealt with the same issues for decades, but the internet and the culture of instant gratification have altered the nature of their legal arguments.

A mere decade ago, consumers seeking knock-offs had to physically locate a kiosk on Canal Street while beat cops patrolled street vendors and regulated importers at the ports. Today, a Google search, two minutes of scrolling and a PayPal account lead to an unlimited number of fake luxury item purchases. Designers are evolving with the times by pushing the limits of copyright law, targeting internet sites that sell knock-offs and enlisting the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in their front against infringers. This article discusses designers’ legal defense mechanisms the continued effectiveness of such mechanisms, and the evolution required of the fashion industry as crime leaves the streets and enters the ateliers via cyberspace.

No torts for TSOs: Third Circuit limits tort liability of TSA agents

By David Zvirman, Staff Writer

Anyone who has flown on a plane within the last two decades is familiar with the transportation security officers (TSOs) of the Transportation Security Administration. You may have been herded into a line, directed through a metal detector, ordered to empty your bag or escorted away for a private search. What happens, however, when someone feels the TSOs have crossed a line and have committed some tortious conduct? What recourse does a traveler have?

According to the Third Circuit’s recent decision in Pellegrino v. U.S. Transportation Sec. Administration, Div. of Dept. of Homeland Sec., the answer may be nothing at all. The court determined that TSOs are not technically law enforcement officers, so they are immune from suit for tortious conduct under the Federal Tort Claims Act. How did the Third Circuit come to this seemingly callous decision and what implications might it have for future travelers in a world of no apparent liability for TSOs?

FCC rule gives U.S. a fighting chance on 5G

By Brandon Schall, Staff Writer

On Sept. 26, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to approve a new rule that would cap the amount of fees local authorities could charge wireless providers on their next-generation networks (5G). The United States is competing with rest of the world to become the first country offering national 5G service, which is expected to be 100 times faster than current standards. 5G will have huge impacts on telemedicine, driverless cars and connected devices better known as the “Internet of Things.”

The FCC rule would cap what municipalities can charge for the right-of-way and limit the amount of time that local authorities can take to review business proposals. If the rule survives potential lawsuits, it is expected to spur investment and help the United States compete with China on the roll-out of 5G.
Young Alumni Profile:  
Justin Romano, L’09

Home: Bloomfield, a neighborhood in Pittsburgh  
Education: Penn State, B.S. 2006  
Employment: Partner at Attisano & Romano  
Favorite book: The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay

What you’re currently binge-watching: I’m not much of a TV watcher, but I have been known to watch Parks and Recreation re-runs.

Words you live by: “The really important kind of freedom involves attention, and awareness, and discipline, and effort, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them, over and over, in myriad petty little unsexy ways, every day.” — David Foster Wallace

You are board chair of PULSE. Tell us about that. Like Duquesne Law, Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience (PULSE) has service at the heart of its mission. PULSE invites talented university graduates to partner with Pittsburgh nonprofits for a year of service and leadership. Our fellows live in intentional communities and, in addition to nonprofit work, go through nearly a year’s worth of developmental programming and reflection. We want to transform Pittsburgh by focusing on people, non-profits, and neighborhoods.

The highlight of my involvement with PULSE has been interacting with the fellows, who are consistently talented, bright, and just fun to be around.

Many attorneys say they cannot find the time to become involved in community activities. What would you tell them? You really have to be intentional about it. It is difficult to stay engaged when service feels like more work. Find an organization or activity that you sincerely care about and giving your time will be incredibly rewarding. Treat it as a priority, rather than just a resume builder. And keep in mind that with your legal training, you have a lot to add.

You just opened your own law practice. What tips can you give fellow alumni looking to hang a shingle? I thought about going out on my own for a long time before I worked up the courage to do it. You need to have a plan and answers to the big questions: What type of cases are you going to focus on? Where are they going to come from? What is your overhead going to look like? Those can be challenging questions, but to be successful you need to take that step with eyes wide open. You also need to be comfortable with a certain amount of discomfort—you’ll be making the final call on most decisions.

How did your legal education at Duquesne prepare you for this big step? I attribute much of my early success to participation in the clinical programs. I was a student-attorney in the Unemployment Compensation Clinic (Full disclosure: I serve as an adjunct in the clinic.) and had the opportunity to handle a dozen hearings, including one with no supervision. The clinic gave me an opportunity to represent real clients in real cases. Having a dozen mini-trials under your belt when you graduate is a big confidence-booster.

How would you describe the value of a Duquesne University School of Law education? I have litigated cases with lawyers from many of the top-ranked law schools throughout the country, and I have never once felt outmatched. I have been well-prepared at each stage of my career—taking the bar exam, entering practice and recently starting my own firm—because of my education from Duquesne.

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Message from DLAA president

Dear fellow alumni,

I am honored to serve as the president of the Duquesne Law Alumni Association for the 2018-2019 academic year. The Duquesne Law alumni network throughout the Pittsburgh region—and the nation—is one of the most engaged alumni communities in the legal world, and it is an honor to serve the association.

The School of Law continues to thrive under the leadership of Dean Maureen Lally-Green. Our moot court programs are some of the most respected in the country. The bar passage results for the class of 2018 remained impressive. Duquesne ranked third in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for first-time examinees.

Duquesne Law continues to have one of the most dynamic clinical programs in the legal field.

The DLAA continues to host a number of events and programs to facilitate camaraderie and collegiality amongst our alumni. More than 300 alumni and friends gathered at the Power Center on Oct. 19 for the 66th Annual Reunion Dinner. It was a great evening and allowed us to celebrate three of our most successful graduates—Robert Del Greco, Shanicka Kennedy and Ken Davie.

In the coming months, please be on the lookout for more materials from the DLAA on how you can stay connected to your law school. From social events to CLEs to recruitment opportunities for law students or recent graduates who could support your practice, I promise that we have something for you!

Joseph R. Williams, L’04
President, Duquesne Law Alumni Association
Duquesne Law alumni and friends shared a proud evening on Oct. 19 when more than 300 attended the annual reunion dinner in the Dougherty Ballroom, Power Center. This year’s annual Duquesne Law Alumni Association awards were bestowed on three alumni with amazing achievements in the law: Robert G. Del Greco, Jr., L’81; Shanicka L. Kennedy, L’01; and Kenneth P. Davie, L’73.

Del Greco received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., and chair of the firm’s criminal defense group. Del Greco concentrates his practice in the areas of criminal and civil defense. His law career spans more than 35 years and includes many high-profile cases. He has represented athletes and coaches from several professional teams, including the Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Cubs, Cleveland Browns, New England Patriots and New York Yankees.

The Outstanding Achievement Award was given to Kennedy, an assistant United States attorney currently assigned to the narcotics and organized crime section of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Kennedy prosecutes significant federal criminal cases involving Title III wiretap investigations, narcotics trafficking, child exploitation, human trafficking and violent crimes. She also represents the office in the BRIDGES pre-sentence court and participates as a team member of the Reintegration Into Society Efforts (RISE) court program.

Davie received the Dr. John E. Murray, Jr., Meritorious Service Award. After a stint in the Army, he attended law school, where he was an appellate moot winner and elected to the Order of the Barristers. After working for a criminal defense firm in Jersey City, N.J., Davie started the partnership of Cifelli and Davie in Harrison, N.J., now in its 40th year. Admitted to both the New Jersey and New York bars, Davie has been assistant town attorney for Kearny, N.J., for 33 years and has held various municipal positions throughout the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area. He is a Duquesne Law Admissions Ambassador and a 1911 Society Fellow.
Ken Davie, center, with his wife, Edna, and family, and President Ken Gormley.

Shanicka Kennedy with Elliot Howsie, L’98, left, and Turahn Jenkins, L’04.

Rooney’s Raiders!

First row, From left: DLAA Past President Kim Tague, L’04; Christian Angotti, L’16; Alyssa Angotti, L’16; Andrew Griffin, L’14. Second row, From left: Lindsay Nemitt, L’15; DLAA President Joe Williams, L’09; Elisabeth Molnar, L’03; DLAA Board member Marla Presley, L’03; Julie Williams, L’17; Meghan Matscherz, L’17.

Anya Lernatovych, L’14, and Maurice Leavitt, L’73.
1968
Louis Loughren was chosen as one of the 2018 Irish Legal 100 honorees.

Hon. Terrence McVerry was chosen as one of the 2018 Irish Legal 100 honorees.

1972
J. Dallas Winslow, Jr. has been appointed to the board of directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC).

1977
Brian J. Cali is now chair of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and chairman of the board of Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bancorp, Inc.

Donald J. Guter is the recipient of this year’s Amicus Award by the Mexican American Bar Association of Houston, Texas.

1978
Thomas Kline was selected by The Business Journals to its national The Influencers: Law top 100 lawyers list.

1979
William Goodrich has been elected executive trustee of the political action committee of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, LawPAC.

1980
Lawrence Brean was named chief operating officer of Mango Capital, Inc.

James P. Hollihan has been named a partner at Duane Morris, LLP’s Pittsburgh office.

1982
Kathleen Gallagher joined Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP as a partner.

Greg Kirstein was named 2017 Distinguished Alumni by The Ohio State University Stadium Scholarship Alumni Society, and in February 2018 was inducted into the Bethel Park (Pa.) High School Great Alumni Hall of Fame.

Mark Santo has co-founded DxT3 Inc., a tech company providing cloud-based operations management software and professional services solutions to midstream natural gas gatherers and processors.

1983
James M. Sander is of counsel with the law firm of Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. and a member of the firm’s corporate, financial, litigation and real estate services group.

1984
Gretchen Lengel Kelly has been appointed chair of the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board.

1985
Paul Gitnik was appointed by Gov. Tom Wolf to the Board of Finance and Revenue.

1987
Marie Milie Jones received an honorary degree from Duquesne University in recognition of her longstanding service to the university.

1988
Joseph H. Bucci is now a partner at Rothman Gordon.

1993
Jackie Atherton Bernard was elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Blair County.

Bradley Cramer has been promoted to vice president, general counsel, corporate secretary and chief compliance officer at HarbisonWalker International (HWI).

Tina O. Miller was named chief of the Criminal Division of the office of United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

1994
Holly S. McCann is an attorney at the newly formed Block & Associates, LLC.

Dr. Jennifer Unis Sullivan has been appointed to the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry.
1995
James P. Thomas is a member at Clark Hill, focusing his practice on labor and employment counseling and litigation.

1996
Carrie J. White has been named assistant vice president for entrepreneurship and innovation at West Virginia University.

1997
Lee Ann Rhodes is now an associate at Thomas, Thomas & Hafer LLP.

Carl A. Ronald joined Babst Calland as a shareholder in the corporate and commercial group.

1998
Timothy S. Burns has been re-elected president of the board of directors of the Humane Society of Cambria County.

1999
Daniel G. Fayock has been appointed assistant general counsel and corporate secretary of PPG Industries.

2000
Elisabeth Bennington has been reappointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to the Domestic Relations Rules Committee for a term.

Regina Petruzzi Neumann has joined the intellectual property team of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP as a contract attorney.

Bridget Smith joined the medical compliance group at Gordon & Rees as a partner.

John C. Thomas is a partner in the Vorys Pittsburgh office and a member of the technology and intellectual property group.

2001
Amy L. Barrette is now a shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC.

Frank Kosir, Jr. has been named to the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s real property, probate and trust law section’s council.

2002
Mark Lindsay has joined Bernstein-Burkley’s bankruptcy & restructuring practice as a partner.

Mary C. McGinley has been elected secretary for the Carlow University Board of Trustees.

2003
Amy McCall is now special counsel at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP, focusing her practice on higher education.

Ann Marie L. Schiavone and Anthony P. Schiavone, L’05, welcomed son Ethan Oliver on May 15.

2004
Timothy Gallagher joined the Pittsburgh office of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP as a partner, focused on transactional, operational and litigation matters.

2005
Jeremy J. Davis has been named a partner of Davis & Davis.

Jennifer Menichini is the chair-elect of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

Mariah L. Passarelli joined Cozen O’Connor as a member of the firm’s labor and employment department.

2006
John Acierno is a member of Polsinelli’s real estate finance practice in New York.

Lisa Mantella joined Leech Tishman as counsel in the firm’s litigation practice group.

2007
Eleanor Vaida Gerhards has been named to this year’s 40 Under 40 list by the Philadelphia Business Journal. She is also one of the 30 attorneys selected by The Legal Intelligencer as the 2018 Lawyers on the Fast Track.
Melissa Mathias and husband Steve welcomed son Charles (“Charlie”) on June 17 in Chicago, Ill. She is a partner in the international tax financial services group at Ernst & Young LLP.

Kimberly Young joined the medical compliance group at Gordon & Rees as a partner.

2008
Pamela Brickner-Doyle is senior legal counsel at Bombardier.

Carolyn McGee is now a senior associate at Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP.

2009
Anthony W. Brooks has been promoted to shareholder at The Webb Law Firm.

Tara E. Brouse is now a trial attorney at Shenderovich Shenderovich & Fishman, P.C.

Kelly Iverson joined Carlson Lynch Sweet Kilpela & Carpenter as a partner.

Devin A. Kinnard is now a partner at Seder & Chandler in Worcester, Ma.

Rachel Maldonado joined Gordon & Rees as an associate attorney.

Robert Palumbi has joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as a partner of counsel in the litigation department.

Erienne Roberts has been named the associate director of athletics at Ithaca College.

Joseph C. Romano has been appointed to the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as a hearing committee member for District IV.

Allison Sizemore is one of 30 attorneys selected by the Legal Intelligencer as the 2018 Lawyers on the Fast Track.

2010
Scott Andrejchak has been named Penn Hills municipal manager.

Joshua Ciccone is a senior attorney in the corporate law practice of Clark Hill PLC.

Christina and Ryan Duty welcomed daughter Lila on Aug. 5.

James Silsley joined Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky as an associate in its Pittsburgh office.

Aaron W. Smith, an associate in Peacock Keller’s energy department, will represent the firm as a member of the 2018-2019 Leadership Washington County Class.

2011
Ciara Koba joined the medical compliance group at Gordon & Rees as a partner.

Christina Ventura is assistant counsel for PPG Industries.

Jessica Young has been promoted to president of Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.

2012
Grant Berry began working at FedEx as an attorney.

Clancy Boylan is the managing attorney of the Philadelphia office of Morgan & Morgan, PA.

Tara Hopper Rice is now an associate in the oil, gas and mineral services group of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

Kate Stoy and Frank Stoy, L’12, welcomed daughter Adelaide (“Addie”) on July 13.

Nathan Ward joined Gordon & Rees as an associate attorney.

2013
Julianne Cutruzzula Beil and Craig Beil, L’11, welcomed daughter Eleanor on March 16.
Andrew Rothey took office on July 1 as the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division chair-elect.

Marika Stettner is now an operations specialist for TPI Efficiency.

2015

Spencer Anderson is an associate in Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati’s fund formation/regulatory practice group.

Russell J. Bopp has joined the Indiana, Pa. law firm of Marcus & Mack P.C. as an associate.

Nathaniel J. Boring joined Gaitens, Tucceri & Nicholas, P.C. as an attorney in its municipal law, civil litigation and appellate practices.

Lindsay Fouse, a litigation associate at Clark Hill PLC, was named to the Pittsburgh Business Times’ 30 Under 30 list.

Martin McKown, compliance counsel with Duquesne Light Co., is a member of the newest class of Leadership Development Initiative. LDI is a nine-month program for high-potential young professionals to receive creative and innovative leadership training.

Rebecca Silinski is an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Aubrey Smith has joined Dingess, Foster, Luciana, Davidson & Chleboski LLP as an associate.

Andrew Clifford is an associate in Burns White’s litigation practice group.

Robert Dobkin is now a trust officer with WesBanco Trust and Investment Services.

Elisabeth R. Healey is an associate in the Voris Pittsburgh office and a member of the technology and intellectual property group.

Simone Delerme now works as legal counsel for Gateway Health.

James G. Dilmore is a partner in the Vorys Pittsburgh office and a member of the technology and intellectual property group.

John J. Heurich has joined The Lynch Law Group as an associate.

Christina Orr Magulick has been named a Health Care Heroes award winner by the Pittsburgh Business Times for her work with Miracle League of Moon Township, a nonprofit that provides special needs kids with the opportunity to play baseball.

Timothy Malloy was elected to the South Mountain YMCA Camps Board of Directors.

Brian Panucci is now an education attorney with KidsVoice.

Genevieve Pecharka joined KidsVoice as a staff attorney.

Brian Pepicelli has joined Tucker Arensberg as an associate in the litigation group.

Albert A. Varacallo, III was appointed to the DuBois Area School District Board.

2014

Amy Coleman is an associate in Burns White’s energy practice group.

Erin Curran is now a parent advocate attorney with the Allegheny County Bar Foundation’s Juvenile Court Project.

Rick DeBlasio, in-house counsel for Housing & Redevelopment Insurance Exchange (HARIE), was named one of the “20’s of 2018 Pittsburgh” by Whirl Magazine, which celebrates outstanding people in their 20’s within the City of Pittsburgh.

Katie Janocsko has joined Tucker Arensberg as an associate.

Joseph Otte has opened a solo practice, Otte Law, in Pittsburgh.

Shayna Raver and Bob Raver, ’12, welcomed son Benjamin on July 2.

Asra Hashmi, L’15, married Steven Chimes on Sept. 2. The couple is shown here celebrating with friends from the class of 2015.

Daniel Conlon, L’14, was appointed solicitor for Rosslyn Farms Borough. Conlon has also been elected board president of the Latino Community Center, a newly formed nonprofit group that helps Latino families with afterschool programs and additional support.
### In Memoriam

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

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#### Hon. Robert E. Colville, L’69

Robert E. Colville served in the Marines during the Korean War, became a Pittsburgh police officer in 1961 and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in political science from Duquesne University in 1963. He was elected district attorney of Allegheny County in 1975, using his post to promote women and minorities to positions of power. In 1997, he was elected judge of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and served until 2005 when he reached mandatory retirement age. Colville was appointed senior judge to the Pennsylvania Superior Court, retiring in 2010.

#### Laura Ditka, L’88

Laura Ditka spent her entire legal career advocating for women and children. A superb trial lawyer and mentor to many young lawyers, Ditka served in the Allegheny County District Attorney’s office for 25 years, developing protocols on how to investigate and prosecute suspected child abuse cases. She joined the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s office in 2013 as supervisor of the western region criminal division. One of her most prominent cases in that office was the prosecution of former Penn State officials in the child abuse cases involving Jerry Sandusky.
Law Review hosts symposium

Taylor M. Wantz, 3L
Editor-in-Chief, Duquesne Law Review Vol. 57

The Duquesne Law Review hosted its second annual student symposium on Oct. 2. The Law Review is publishing nine student articles in the Winter and Summer editions of Volume 57, which is an unprecedented number in recent years. The student symposium featured seven of those student publishers, all of whom are third year law students, who presented their articles to the faculty, staff and students as well as family and friends. The symposium was also live streamed, and viewers tuned in from as far away as the Netherlands.

The following is a list of students who presented at the symposium and their article topics:

- **Amy McCrossen**, executive articles editor—Bailout: Leaving Behind Pennsylvania’s Monetary Bail System
- **Nicoline van de Haterd**, senior staff editor—Vermeer v. Pollock: A Case for the Expansion of Moral Rights in the United States
- **Maura Perri**, associate editor—Build the (Fire)wall! Potential Dangers to Internet Freedom Under the Trump Administration
- **Patricia Leigh Shoenberger**, associate editor—Rethinking Business Privilege Taxes in the Internet Age
- **Bridget Synan**, associate editor—Police Body Cameras: It’s Just Evidence
- **Alyssa Lazar**, executive articles editor—Protecting Individuals’ Fourth Amendment Rights Against Government Usurpation: Resolutions to the Problematic and Redundant Community Caretaking Doctrine

The Duquesne Law Review requires junior staff members to write an article during their first year of membership on the Law Review. These students are chosen by the outgoing Law Review executive board, and are recommended for publication by the editor-in-chief. The student articles go through the same intense editing and publication process that the professionally authored articles do, and the students spend a considerable amount of time during their Law Review membership writing these articles. The student symposium is a great opportunity to feature these students and for them to share their hard work and scholarship.

You can read the upcoming editions of the Law Review, and past publications, on the Duquesne Law Review’s website: sites.law.duq.edu/lawreview.

SBA’s Katie Westbrook 5k and Dog Walk

The fall semester started strong with the annual SBA’s Katie Westbrook 5k and Dog Walk on Sept. 29, which raised over $2,000 for public interest law fellowships. Fifty-four runners and walkers registered for the day, with John Wang and Rebecca Schorr taking prizes for the fastest male and female runners. Special thanks to Beth Westbrook, Katie’s mom, and her sister, Kerry, who attend annually in Katie’s memory; this year’s emcee, Mike Rush, L’13; and this year’s sponsors, Duquesne Law Alumni Association, Edgar Snyder & Associates and Massa Butler Giglione.
Trial Ad team holds open dress rehearsal; starts year strong

Duquesne’s Trial Advocacy Program held its first-ever open dress rehearsal for the Lone Star Classic Team on Oct. 16. The national team of third-year students Courtney Brennan, Kaitlynn Kline, Leigh Shoenberger and Bridget Synan tried the case before approximately 40 students, faculty and staff. Adjunct Professor Hon. James Ross presided over the trial.

The next day, the Duquesne team traveled to San Antonio, Texas, and dominated the competition for the next three days, defeating Liberty, Fordham, Houston a highly ranked Samford team, and entering the Final Four as the 1 seed. Ultimately, Duquesne was narrowly eliminated by Harvard. Brennan was awarded Best Direct Examination in the preliminary rounds.

This year is the first time Duquesne was invited to this prestigious national competition.

Robert Disney, Chelsea Disney, Trial Advocacy Program Coordinator Peter Giglione, L’02, and Kristin Hoffman, L’18, coached the team.

Hispanic American Bar Association

Members of the Hispanic American Bar Association (HABA) represented Duquesne Law at the Georgetown Law Conference, discussing immigration policies. Students heard a panel of three immigration experts focusing on the current state of immigration in the United States. The session was followed by a networking reception with private firms and nonprofit organizations from the Washington, D.C. area. 2L Juan Paz-Rodsario said, “We were the largest group to represent their school at the conference.”

More Student News

In September, the American Constitution Society (ACS) hosted Hon. Timothy K. Lewis, L’80, who discussed the importance of an independent judiciary and his career path to become a Third Circuit judge. The ACS chapter at Pitt Law participated in this informative event.

In October, the Christian Legal Society heard from alumni Adam Tragone, L’16, and Jamie Inferrera, L’17, who discussed how their faith impacts their practice.

Also in October, the Criminal Law Society hosted criminal defense attorneys Sean Logue and Joseph Horowitz, who discussed their career paths and building a criminal defense practice.

Judge Timothy Lewis, third from right, with ACS students, from left: Joshua Davis (Pitt Law), Joseph Parsons, Laura Victorrelli (Pitt Law), Amelia Goodrich and Jessica Au.
Career Services Update

Foundations of Professionalism program established

The Career Services Office is pleased to announce a new initiative for the 2018-2019 academic year: Foundations of Professionalism. Through collaboration with the Office of Law Alumni Relations, the Foundations of Professionalism program will support law students in their learning of job search strategies, professionalism ideals and necessary skills for career advancement. Students are required to attend at least six of the programs and events offered by the Career Services Office during the year. Students’ attendance at events offered by bar associations or professional organizations may count towards this program as well. As students’ career goals vary, this program allows them flexibility to attend sessions that are particularly relevant to them.

If you have any questions about the Foundations program, please contact Maria Comas, director of Career Services, at comas@duq.edu.

Lawyers on Location

The Lawyers on Location program continues to resonate with our students. Second year student Tricia Martino observes that, "Some of the most influential experiences of my 1L year were participating in the Lawyers on Location trips to various legal institutions. My family is primarily blue collar, so I come to law school with no preconceptions of what the legal field entails, besides what media portray. It was so refreshing for the Lawyers on Location program to provide opportunities to visit law firms, to learn the different niches of law, to meet real lawyers and talk about their work, and to envelope myself in the industry in which I will soon be a part.

“This program has given me an extreme boost of confidence, and I only hope that more employers provide this opportunity to future law students.”

If you would like to host a Lawyers on Location program at your office, please feel free to get in touch with Samantha Coyne, employer outreach manager, at coyne1@duq.edu.

CSO welcomes Marlene Dimoff as the new administrative assistant. Dimoff comes to Duquesne Law after working at several law firms in the area. She aids students and guests in the office, coordinates job postings, and provides assistance for the programs and events we host throughout the year. Many alumni will remember CSO’s prior assistant, Arlene Miller, who retired this past summer. We thank her for all that she did for us during her 24 years at Duquesne!
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