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Law School Honors Former Dean Andrew Klein
Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the fall semester began in August 2021, life at Inlow Hall became more similar to the way we had been accustomed to experiencing it. Students, faculty, and staff all gathered to teach and learn, collaborate, strengthen the school, and reconnect with each other. We did this while observing the requisite safety precautions but celebrated the significance of being all together again.

As usual, our first-year students were anticipating their first in-person final exams of their law school careers – that is nothing new. For the upper-level students, however, the return to normal was unusual: imagine being a 2L and taking your first in-person final exam, or a 3L who had not taken a final exam in person in two years. In addition, consider the unpredictability of living through an ongoing historic public-health crisis. It is easy to understand why our students, like the rest of our law school community, would feel the effects of stress more so than during a customary final exam period. Our law school staff took action to help combat that stress and to show our students that they were not alone during this time.

Our Information Technology department offered pre-exam help sessions in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium so that students could ensure that their laptops were up-to-date with the latest necessary exam software. The Office of Academic and Bar Success offered practical tips through a weekly email to students, including an in-person practice session. The Office of Student Affairs presented “Fall into Finals,” also in the Atrium, where students were treated to IU McKinney sweatshirts and other fun items. And the Ruth Lilly Law Library resumed its always popular therapy pet day on the last day of classes before final exams were to begin.

You will read about these efforts in this issue of The McKinney Lawyer. You will also read about the remarkable contributions and successes of members of the McKinney community. McKinney alumni garnered awards for their outstanding work and contributions to the community, and continue to be remarkable examples for our students to emulate. And our graduates are singled-out for their dedication to their chosen practice areas and their work on behalf of their communities. Additionally, you will see stories about students whose passions to make a difference provided the impetus for entering law school.

I hope you will enjoy this issue of our alumni magazine and I wish you all the best for the new year.

Very truly yours,

Karen E. Bravo
Dean and Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law
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On page 8: The Re-Entry and Community Help Program, or REACH, is a federal problem-solving court founded by the late U.S. District Court Judge Larry McKinney and run by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. IU McKinney Professor Lahny Silva played a role in creating the mentor/advocacy component of the federal program.

On page 54: Additionally, Professor Orr was the co-director of the law school’s clinic, along with Professor Fran Watson, from January 2011 to the fall of 2014.
Susan Brooks, ‘85, Honored

Susan Brooks, ‘85, was honored by the St. Thomas More Society Central Indiana with the Woman for All Seasons award. She received the recognition following the annual Red Mass, which took place at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on October 5. On October 7, she received the Antoinette Dakin Leach Award from IndyBar’s Women in the Law Division during a virtual event. The honor recognizes the accomplishments of female trailblazers in the Indianapolis legal community.

Brooks represented Indiana’s 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2013 to 2021, making history as the first woman from Indiana to chair a House committee. During her tenure, she served as chair of the House Ethics Committee and as co-chair of the Bipartisan Women’s Caucus.

Prior to her congressional service, Brooks was general counsel and senior vice president for workforce and economic development at Ivy Tech Community College. In 2001, she was appointed U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana by President George W. Bush, serving six years at that post. She also worked at Ice Miller and served two years as deputy mayor of Indianapolis. Brooks began her career with the law firm McClure, McClure and Kammen.

She is currently a Distinguished Scholar and Ambassador at Large at IU McKinney.

MaryEllen Kiley Bishop, ‘82, Elected Vice Chair of IU Board of Trustees

MaryEllen Kiley Bishop, ‘82, has been elected vice chair of the IU Board of Trustees. The board’s nominating committee elected officers during the organizational meeting in mid-August.

First elected to the trustees in 2010, Bishop has long been an advocate for IU and its causes. A partner at Cohen Gerelick & Glazier in Indianapolis, she earned a bachelor’s in business from the IU Kelley School of Business and a J.D. from the IU McKinney School of Law. Bishop chaired the IU Alumni Association from 2007 to 2008, and has served on the IU Athletics Committee, the McKinney School of Law Board of Visitors, and the steering committee of the Colloquium for Women of IU. She also is a member of the board of the IU Foundation and its Women’s Philanthropy Leadership Council.

“I’m honored to serve in a leadership role on the board,” Bishop said. “I’m happy to join my colleagues in moving Indiana University forward and continuing the strong tradition of our trustee work.”

Professor Emily Benfer, ’05, Serves in Biden Administration

Professor Emily Benfer, ’05, was appointed as a senior policy advisor to the White House and the American Rescue Plan Implementation Team. The announcement came in mid-August. Professor Benfer is taking a leave of absence from her current positions: visiting professor of law and public health at Wake Forest University, visiting research collaborator at the Eviction Lab at Princeton University, and (pro bono) chair of the ABA Committee on Eviction, Housing Stability, and Equity.

Benfer was the subject of a profile in the ABA Journal’s Members Who Inspire section, published in the August/September 2021 issue. The piece highlights her work toward preventing evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has been tracking the eviction moratorium since March 2020 and examining the effects of COVID-19 evictions on racial health equity and advocating for interventions to help support the hardest-hit communities.

Benfer was awarded a Presidential Commendation by the ABA for “extraordinary leadership and dedication to expand access to justice as the Chair of the Evictions Committee of the ABA Task Force on Legal Needs Arising from the 2020 Pandemic.”
Jennett Hill, ’98, Elected President of Lilly Endowment

Jennett Hill, ’98, has been elected president of the Lilly Endowment, effective February 2, 2022. The endowment’s chairman, president and CEO, N. Clay Robbins, made the announcement August 18 after the board of directors elected Hill. Robbins will remain the endowment’s chair and CEO after Hill takes on the role of president. She will remain a member of the board of directors, where she has served since 2015.

Hill, senior vice president and general counsel for Citizens Energy Group, joined Citizens in 2013. Previously, she had been a partner at the law firm of Faegre Baker Daniels, now Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath, where she had worked since 2001. Prior to joining the firm, she worked for the former Indiana Supreme Court justice and current Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law professor of practice, Frank Sullivan Jr.

Hill is a member of the boards of the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation, Inc.; Arthur Jordan Foundation; Indiana Energy Association; and Riley Children’s Foundation. She is a past board member of Eskenazi Health Center, Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, and Center for Leadership Development, among several other charitable organizations. She also is a member of the American Law Institute.

Jeremy Morris, ’14 Elected to IU Board of Trustees

Jeremy Morris, ’14, has been elected to the IU Board of Trustees, where he will serve a three-year term. Morris is Assistant U.S. Attorney at the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Indiana, where he has served since November 2018. In addition, he teaches Criminal Procedure: Investigation as an adjunct professor and supervises the Prosecutor’s Office Internship: Ethics in Prosecution at IU McKinney. He previously served as an assistant district attorney in the Fulton County District Attorney’s Office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Morris received a Bachelor of Arts in African American & African Diaspora Studies, and a Master of Science in Higher Education & Student Affairs Administration from IU Bloomington. While in law school, he was a member of the Order of the Barristers—Moot Court Society, the Black Law Students Association Academic Affairs Committee, and was a Sidley Austin Prelaw Scholar.

Morris serves as chair of the board for Libada Dance Company, and serves as a volunteer for Schools on Wheels Indianapolis, which provides one-on-one tutoring and educational advocacy for children impacted by homelessness. Morris was selected in the Government category for the Best and Brightest Junior Achievement honors program in March 2020.
IU McKinney Faculty and Staff Support Students in Return to Inlow Hall
Most McKinney alumni will remember the rhythm of the academic year and the tension that builds as students approach final exams. We all know that the initial experience of law school finals is stressful for 1Ls, but picture being a 2L and taking in-person finals for the first time or being a 3L and taking in-person finals for the first time in two years. Combine that with the uncertainty of living through a public health crisis, and it’s safe to say that current students were a bit on edge at exam time. We’re pleased to say that faculty and staff worked together during the fall 2021 semester to plan ways—both practical and light-hearted—for students to return to the classroom and to prepare to take in-person exams for the first, second, or even the last time.

The school kicked off the academic year with Wellness Week, August 23-27. Each day had a particular theme focused on various aspects of wellness. The first event was aimed at helping people feel like a part of the law school’s community. A large poster featuring the school’s beloved mascot, McKinney the Legal Beagle, was placed in the atrium for everyone to sign. The school’s vibrant student groups were the focus for the second day, highlighted by the Student Organization Fair. This year’s fair took place in the courtyard outside Inlow Hall. Positive affirmations were also highlighted as part of Wellness Week, and the festivities closed with a focus on self-care.

IU McKinney’s Office of Academic and Bar Success began focusing attention on final exams early in the semester. The office emailed students weekly with practical tips on stress management, final exam study strategies, and an in-person practice session for 1Ls. Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Office of Technology Services set up shop in the atrium over three days to offer students an opportunity to “Check Your Tech.” The team offered walk-up help for students to make sure their computer software was up-to-date and ready to run final exam applications.

“This is the greatest number of students who have never taken a law school exam in person, so we wanted to make sure they knew all the steps to take on the day of their exams,” said Terri Cuellar, assistant dean of technology services. “We plan to offer this kind of help moving forward.”

The Office of Student Affairs presented “Fall into Finals” on November 18 in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium, the same day as the final technology services session. Students were offered IU McKinney sweatshirts and other swag, final exam tips, and a hot chocolate bar. Over 200 students took part in the event.

“It has been a few semesters since all McKinney students had final exams administered in person and OSA wanted to be sure that students were prepared,” said Associate Director for Student Affairs Julie Davis. “The event was another way to help build community at the law school as well.”

Therapy pet day in the Ruth Lilly Law Library returned to the law school on November 18, too. It’s a perennial favorite for pet lovers and a tradition many students had yet to experience.

“Interacting with the dogs brings a smile to people’s faces and helps us take a second to think about something besides school,” said 2L Taylor Brooks. “They are so fun!”

Carly Ringlespaugh, also a 2L, agreed. “Playing with cute pups is always a great break during a stressful week of finishing outlines, papers, and organizing notes,” Ringlespaugh said. “I am a dog person, so seeing the dogs so happy to be loved on made me happy, too.”

Kitty Stephens, assistant business manager in the Ruth Lilly Law Library, organizes the event each semester with “lots of help” from others on the library staff.

Participating in the event were pets from Love on a Leash, the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP), and Pets in Practice. An added bonus this year was a visit from Ruth Lilly Law Library Director Miriam Murphy’s cat, Maryle.

“It was a good feeling to bring the therapy pets back to the library,” Stephens said. “I can’t wait to do it again.”
IU President Pamela Whitten Inaugurated, Visits McKinney Law

Indiana University inaugurated Pamela Whitten as its 19th president during a ceremony on November 4, attended by more than 1,000 people at the IU Auditorium in Bloomington. A celebratory festival followed.
Among those in the IU community who participated in the events were students, faculty, staff and members of the IU Board of Trustees. State leaders attending the celebration included Gov. Eric J. Holcomb, Bloomington Mayor John Hamilton, and Purdue University President Mitch Daniels. IUPUI and IU’s regional campuses watched the ceremony through a livestream broadcast.

The inauguration ceremony made history, as Whitten is the first woman to serve in the leadership role at IU. It was also the first time that students from IU’s core campuses in Bloomington and Indianapolis and all seven regional campuses and centers were represented in the inaugural delegation.

In Whitten’s inaugural address, she expressed gratitude to women in IU’s history who blazed the trail before her: Sarah Parke Morrison, the first female student to be admitted to IU in 1867; Frances Marshall, the first African American woman to graduate from IU; and Nellie Showers Teter, the first woman to serve on the IU Board of Trustees.

“It is a particular honor to be the first woman to serve as president of Indiana University,” Whitten said. “I am enormously grateful to be able to stand on the shoulders of these and so many other women who helped Indiana University to thrive and flourish.”

Whitten also emphasized the importance of collective support for IU’s core missions: providing broad access to an education for all students from Indiana and beyond; pursuing world-class research, scholarship, and creative activity; and making meaningful contributions to improving Hoosier health and the economic, social, civic,
and cultural development of the state and the world.

“By coming together as one to achieve these goals, we can meet and exceed our high expectations for IU’s future and reach new heights as one of the nation’s greatest public research universities,” Whitten said.

As chair of the Board of Trustees, W. Quinn Buckner officially installed Whitten as the university’s president during the ceremony.

“It takes a remarkable individual to lead a remarkable institution,” Buckner said. “The Board of Trustees has found that individual in Pamela Whitten. Her scholarly pursuits and her highly distinguished record of leadership have prepared her for this moment.”

Whitten held a variety of leadership roles before joining IU, including president of Kennesaw State University, dean of Michigan State University, and senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Georgia. She is also an internationally recognized expert in the field of telemedicine.

On Friday, November 5, a celebration in President Whitten’s honor took place at the Campus Center at IUPUI. The day featured remarks from Chancellor Nasser Paydar and President Whitten, along with appearances by the IUPUI cheerleaders, and Jagathon performers. Festivities included free food, t-shirts, live art demonstrations, and the opportunity to “stuff a Jag,” among others.

On Wednesday, November 10, President Whitten was a guest at a joint board meeting of the IU McKinney Law Alumni Association and Board of Visitors. She spoke briefly to the board members and addressed questions from the group. Later in the evening, she participated in a program honoring former IU McKinney dean, Andrew R. Klein.
Professor Andrew R. Klein, the Paul E. Beam Professor and former dean of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, was honored November 10 for his contributions to the law school, the campus, and the university while serving as the school’s 12th dean from 2013-2020.

Nearly 250 people, including university dignitaries, members of the judiciary, and IU McKinney faculty, staff, and alumni, attended the event celebrating Professor Klein, which took place in the Clowes Ballroom at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis. Following a welcome from IU McKinney Law Dean Karen Bravo, featured speakers included Indiana University President Pamela Whitten and IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar. Chancellor Paydar presented Professor Klein with the IUPUI Chancellor’s Medallion, a distinction awarded by the chancellor to people of vision, character, high achievement, and distinguished service.

The Honorable Susan Brooks, ’85, distinguished scholar and ambassador at large at IU McKinney Law and former U.S. Representative, shared a tribute to Professor Klein on behalf of U.S. Senator Todd Young, ’06, that was read into the U.S. Congressional Record on November 4, 2021.

Cynthia Carrasco, ’06, deputy general counsel for the State of Indiana, presented Professor Klein with the designation of Sagamore of the Wabash on behalf of Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, and Judith Thomas, deputy mayor of neighborhood engagement of the City of Indianapolis, read a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Joe Hogsett, declaring November 10, 2021, as “Andrew R. Klein Day” in the city.

The presentations were followed by Professor Florence Wagman Roisman, the William F. Harvey Professor of Law and Chancellor’s Professor, who made remarks on behalf of the IU McKinney faculty.

“It is a great honor for me to speak on behalf of the IU McKinney faculty about my dear friend, cherished colleague, and former dean, Andy Klein,” said Professor Roisman. “I’ve known Andy since he first came to McKinney as a visiting professor and we then had the good sense to ask him to join us as a tenured member of the faculty. I benefitted from his service to us as a colleague, as associate or vice dean, and then as dean. As an administrator, he’s led us through times that were extraordinarily challenging, emotionally and financially; as a colleague—a servant/leader—he has provided wisdom and sensitivity to help us resolve many difficult problems,” she added.

Professor Roisman then explained that she asked faculty and staff to submit words to her that describe Andy, which she termed “Adjectives for Andy,” and provided them to him in a gift package.

Professor Andy Klein received the IUPUI Chancellor’s Medallion, a distinction awarded by the chancellor to people of vision, character, high achievement, and distinguished service.
along with some other items.

“The first word I would apply to Andy is “kindness.” He is a thoroughly kind, gentle, thoughtful, considerate human being. He is also thoroughly honest: what he says and what you see in him, is what you get. One can rely on him completely; his word is indeed his bond.”

Following Professor Roisman’s comments, then-Assistant Dean Chasity Thompson, ’02, made remarks representing the IU McKinney staff, saying, “As we emerge from a pandemic, it is not as important when we celebrate Andy, but that we celebrate Andy—someone who has been such an inspirational leader. He has led with a spirit of excellence and a servant’s heart through lean times and periods of transition. He has been positive, professional, and profound in his service to Indiana University and to McKinney in particular.”

She continued, “Andy, thank you for your positive energy, support, and poise. I appreciate your professional and civil approach to challenging situations. You are a model of what a leader should be. And thank you for your energy... even when I was tired, I would see you
(LEFT) Speakers at the event included, from left: Board of Visitors Chair Adam Arceneaux, ’93; the Honorable Susan Brooks, ’85; Assistant Dean Chasity Thompson, ’02; Professor Andy Klein; Professor Florence Wagman Roisman; Dean Karen Bravo; Deputy General Counsel for the State of Indiana Cynthia Carrasco, ’06; and Alumni Association President Danica Hostettler, ’03.

MIDDLE ROW:
(LEFT) Alumni Pamela Grant-Taylor, ’06; Kate Beatty, ’12; Lutfi Badaruddin, ’19; and Levy Wash, ’13; were on hand to celebrate former Dean Klein.
(MIDDLE) The Honorable L. Mark Bailey, ’82; and Alumni Association board member Judy Wright, ’84; were in attendance.
(RIGHT) Indiana University President Pamela Whitten provided remarks at the event that took place at the Eiteljorg Museum.

BOTTOM ROW:
(LEFT) Professor Klein and Steve Tuchman, ’71; had a chance to catch up at the event.
(RIGHT) A crowd of more than 200 alumni, faculty, staff, and community leaders honored Professor Andy Klein on November 10, 2021.
moving swiftly through the atrium, smiling, speaking, and waiving and just keep going... You are kind, sincere and a true representation that one can lead with excellence and serve with grace,” she said.

Adam Arceneaux, ’93, chair of the IU McKinney Law Board of Visitors, offered congratulations and praise from the board, and Danica Hostettler, ’03, president of the IU McKinney Law Alumni Association, rounded out the program by presenting Professor Klein with an IU McKinney Honorary Alumnus Award.

Klein joined the McKinney Law faculty in 2000 and served as associate dean for academic affairs from 2004 to 2007. In 2007, he was a visiting fellow at Clare Hall and a visiting scholar on the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge. From 2010 to 2013, Klein served as chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor and associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at IUPUI.

A dedicated classroom instructor, Klein’s teaching and research focus on tort and environmental law have garnered numerous awards, including five teaching awards, three faculty leadership awards, two outstanding administrator awards, and the Indiana University Trustees Teaching Award. He is a past recipient of the Black Cane Award presented by the McKinney student body for outstanding professor, and in 2019, he was honored with an IU Bicentennial Medal in recognition of his distinguished service as dean.

An active scholar, Klein has published articles in a number of leading law journals and has co-authored two casebooks and a student-oriented textbook. He is a member of the American Law Institute and has served as reporter for the Seventh Circuit United States Court of Appeals Civil Jury Instructions Committee. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis and Indiana Bar Foundations.

Prior to joining IU, Klein was on the faculty of Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law from 1992 to 2000. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin and his Juris Doctor with Distinction from Emory University School of Law where he studied as a Robert W. Woodruff Fellow in Law and was editor-in-chief of the Emory Law Journal. Following law school, Professor Klein served for one year as a law clerk to Judge Joseph W. Hatchett of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.
The stock advice, “Find your passion,” can take people any number of directions, including to law school. But there’s growing evidence that it’s not unusual for IU McKinney School of Law students to seek a law degree to fuel—not just find—their passions.

In 2021, law schools across the country saw a spike in applicants, the largest increase in applications in over a decade, and perhaps that’s not surprising, given the world events that have unfolded over the past few years, says Julie Smith, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management.

A global pandemic exposed inequity across underrepresented groups within the healthcare system and a lack of coordination between levels of government to handle a public health crisis. Americans experienced a heated political climate and an especially tense election year. For many, there has been an awakening—or re-awakening—to racism and its implications for the American justice system.

As a result, people see that a legal education is a way to work toward solving societal problems, Smith says. “In reading the personal statements of our 2021 applicants there seemed to be much more of a focus on making a difference toward creating a more equitable society,” Smith says. “More applicants state they ‘just want to make a difference,’ citing interest areas in civil and human rights law, health law, public policy, and politics.

“It’s encouraging to see this generation seek out positive ways to create change and to recognize that a law degree is one tool to do so,” she says.

Looking for a dose of idealism? Meet some current IU McKinney students who are passionate about a cause—and hope to use their law degrees to make a difference.

1L Farrah Alexander: “I am not a person to be silenced”

Mothers are a force to be reckoned with—and 1L Farrah Alexander is in law school to prove it.

Alexander was a self-described “mommy blogger” who was already widely published when a cascade of events unfolded, including the 2020 shooting death of Breonna Taylor by police in Louisville, Kentucky, near where she lives with her husband and two children. Alexander brought that perspective as author of two books, *Raising the Resistance: A Mother’s Guide to Practical Activism* (2020) and the upcoming *Resistance in the Bluegrass: Empowering the Commonwealth* (University of Kentucky Press).

“I became more politically active, and as I became more involved in political activism, the more I saw how lawyers play an important role in making positive change,” she says. “I wanted to be part of that. I couldn’t imagine a more direct and positive way to make a change than through studying the law.”

Tough subjects are not a problem for Alexander, who has reacted strongly—in print—to issues such as maternal health, for which she won the inaugural IndyBar Health Care & Life Sciences Section Law Student Writing/Oral Competition, and antisemitism, especially in progressive circles, and an op-ed for the *Courier Journal*. “I find it very disturbing, and I am not a person to be silenced,” she says.
M.J.-Ph.D. in Urban Studies Ronald Cunningham
“commit to work that was relevant and would have an impact”

After completing his undergraduate studies, Ronald Cunningham was working as a paralegal at a prestigious Washington, D.C., law firm. He describes his life at that time as comfortable. Then a friend reminded him of his “lifelong aspirations to not only strive to be successful but in doing that commit to work that was relevant and would have an impact on disenfranchised people,” Cunningham said. “That conversation prompted me to make an immediate shift into K-12 education and despite some challenges along the way, I haven’t looked back.”

Cunningham worked for 23 years as a K-12 educator in schools in Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Georgia; New Orleans, Louisiana; Cleveland, Ohio; Oakland, California; and in Indianapolis. He graduated from Georgetown University and completed his graduate studies at Howard University. Cunningham is the director of instruction for Tindley Schools. In addition, he teaches undergraduate students in the School of Education’s teacher training program. Prior to his work at IUPUI, Cunningham was a guest instructor for two summers at Dillard University, and one summer at Georgetown.

“I have always been interested in policy and law as it relates to education,” Cunningham said. He was introduced to Critical Race Theory in his doctoral program, and that serves as the theoretical framework for his primary graduate research. “As I desired to strengthen my critical lens, I concluded my writing and research would be more refined if I deepened my understanding of both along with an understanding of educational policy and law.” That’s the reason he enrolled in IU McKinney’s M.J. program.

Cunningham has what he terms “a healthy obsession” with programs that purport to revolutionize urban education. “Teach For All, Teach for America, The Relay Graduate School, KIPP Schools and other white neoliberal educational organizations assert a commitment to revolutionizing urban education while authoring a system of educating students of color that is as racially hostile as the system they profess a desire to dismantle,” Cunningham said. “My graduate work aims to interrogate different aspects of this practice.” His goal is to become a professor at a university where he can continue to work with pre-service teachers yet play a more impactful role in shaping what their preparation looks like.
1L Lauren Lanham: “It’s so personal, but it’s also my passion”

Two positive things happened in the wake of the horrific murder of Lauren Lanham’s sister in February 2019: Her family created the Molley Lanham Foundation to provide a healing space for those suffering from homicide loss, and Lauren Lanham was accepted to law school at IU McKinney.

Nineteen-year-old Molley was a recent high school graduate when she was murdered in a double homicide in Porter County, Indiana. The foundation is one of Lanham’s passion projects, and so is the goal of becoming a lawyer and advocate for others.

After graduating from IU Bloomington with a journalism degree, she worked in the hospitality industry while sorting out her future.

“I had always thought about attending law school, but I wanted to make sure I had a real passion for it,” Lanham says. “When this situation occurred and we began to interact with the criminal justice system, every single lawyer we met with was filled with compassion for us and what we were going through. That compassion we experienced convinced me that I wanted to be an advocate for families going through similar situations. It’s so personal, but it’s also my passion.”

While the public is aware of the uptick in gun violence in Indiana, families of victims of homicide are too often left alone to grieve—or, worse, made to feel shame for the way their loved one died, she says. The foundation—and law school—help her focus on helping others, something her sister would want.

“The worst thing in the world can happen to you, but you will still have good days,” Lanham says. “You can take control of your life and turn your loss into something positive.”

LL.M. Arthur Morris: “I want to help”

The lockdown period during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic gave a lot of people time to think and Arthur Morris was no different. “I decided I want to help somehow,” Morris said. “That’s what I really wanted to do.”

That ambition led Morris to enroll in IU McKinney’s Master of Laws program; he’s studying the Corporate and Commercial Law track. And he joined the U.S. Army Reserve where he is a Specialist and participates in drills at Camp Atterbury. “I strongly believe people should give something of themselves and serve,” Morris said. “I’ve always liked the Army and I wanted to give public service.” He hopes to become part of the Judge Advocate General Corps after he completes his legal studies.

Through his role in the Reserves, Morris was able to help the Afghan refugees who were brought here after the Taliban swept across the country in August 2021. Many refugees don’t have the documents they need to resettle in the United States. “Hopefully we can get them out of legal purgatory soon,” Morris said of the evacuees. “It’s tough, but we’ll get through it.”

Morris’s parents are missionaries in India; his father is from the United States and his mother is from India. Morris went to high school in India, where he also received his law degree and a bachelor’s degree in business.

After completing his military service, Morris wants to tackle labor contracts that make it more difficult for workers to lobby for better working conditions and compensation. “My goal with the LL.M. is to understand corporate and commercial structures more fully so I can help out the people at the front line, the lower-level workers,” Morris said. “A lot of this has to be done organically. The tools are there to create more organic gains for labor. I want to focus on it.”
In Warren Township Small Claims Court, it’s difficult to tell the IU McKinney law students from members of the bar. Tenants arrive for a hearing on their eviction proceeding and file into the waiting area. Many walk by the sign posted by Indiana Legal Services that advertises free, immediate legal help. The ones who ask to speak with a lawyer are assigned one.

Seven IU McKinney Health and Human Rights Clinic students, all of whom are Indiana Supreme Court certified legal interns, introduce themselves and set to work gathering information from the clients they’ve just met. The hearings will take place moments after this initial interview. The students are professional, calm, assured, and in control. Tenants often bring information about their cases: checks to prove rent payment, emailed receipts, and other details. In addition to gleaning all the relevant facts they can, law students also counsel clients on available resources to cover back rent.

The stakes are high for the defendants: losing their homes, perhaps with a history of having been evicted making it markedly more difficult to find another. The overwhelming majority of people in these circumstances enter Small Claims Court without an attorney by their side. If they can’t make the rent, they can’t afford to hire a lawyer.

“It’s a little bit like the equivalent of firefighters running into the burning building because they have the tools and training to help where it is most needed. We can help people facing a legal action that is potentially going to remove them from the home,” said Professor Fran Quigley. ’87. He teaches in the Health and Human Rights Clinic, and he and his students are currently focusing on the eviction crisis. The clinic began this work remotely in spring 2021 and continued it through the summer and into the fall semester. “It feels like the housing crisis now, if it’s not THE justice issue of our time, it’s in that category.”

Indiana Legal Services (ILS) also provides on-the-spot pro bono legal counsel to tenants facing eviction hearings. Brandon Beeler, ’08, is ILS’s Housing Law Center director, where he sets policy for the organization’s approach to the crisis statewide. Professor Quigley and his students work alongside ILS attorneys with tenants facing eviction.

“What we need the most is people power,” Beeler said. “The courts have never been this busy. Small Claims courts are like cattle calls. Our goal is to reach the tenants and provide as much help as we can without delaying the court’s calendar. The process is already confusing enough. It’s just so helpful to have someone review a case, someone who can identify issues and help a tenant with a defense he or she may have.”

Judge Garland Graves presides in Warren Township Small Claims Court in Marion County. He’s been known to send a tenant in his court back to the waiting area to meet with a pro bono attorney or clinic students, and he frequently counsels parties on the resources available as he’s hearing cases.

“The law students and Professor Quigley give a voice and legal arguments for self-represented litigants,” Judge Graves said. “The self-represented litigants are more prepared to advocate for themselves after receiving advice from Professor Quigley and the law students. The students that represent tenants in court, with Professor Quigley’s supervision, do a good job formulating legal arguments and presenting their cases.”

The combination of working in Judge Graves’ courtroom with Indiana Legal Services attorneys has been invaluable, Professor Quigley said.

“It’s been so important to me to have the student’s first litigation experience be in front of a judge who is dedicated to making sure everyone in his courtroom is treated with respect and compassion,” Professor Quigley said. “no matter whether they are rich or poor, whether they are an attorney or a struggling tenant. We are grateful for that. And every time we’ve been in court, Indiana Legal Services attorneys who are experienced in this kind of work have been alongside us and have been an invaluable source of support and guidance.”

IU McKinney 3L Allyson Crane enrolled in the Health and Human Rights Clinic class because of her interest in health law, and the interest in housing she developed after taking Professor Florence Wagman Roisman’s Health, Housing, and the Law course.

“This experience is something that I will carry with me for the remainder of my career and life,” Crane said. “It’s been great getting hands-on experience and developing relationships with my clients and fighting for tenants’ access to safe and secure housing has been so rewarding. This clinic has made me aware of the flaws in Indiana’s housing system and what we can do as law students and attorneys to fix it.”

Courtney Oliver also is a 3L in Professor Quigley’s clinic class. “It has been stressful working with the clients because they are in crisis by the time we meet them,” she said. “It has been rewarding working with them because they are always so extremely grateful for our help.”

Taylor Webster, another 3L in the clinic class, acknowledges the work has been emotional and fulfilling at the same time. “We are seeing people going through some of the most difficult times of their lives,” she said. “It has been rewarding to obtain a positive outcome for a client who otherwise may not have had a chance to stay in their home, get more time to prepare before moving out, or just simply avoid an eviction altogether. I am grateful that we
have been able to leverage the privilege of our legal education to help improve our communities and make a difference, even if it is just for a few people. This work is so important and my hope is that more students like us will go through this clinic and be inspired to do this work.”

The students’ work hasn’t been limited to the classroom and the courtroom. Crane created a video to walk tenants through how to apply for rent assistance through IndyRents, as the application can be confusing, and the students together presented a “Know Your Rights as a Tenant” program to a community group. Students also are filing motions to seal tenants’ records so future prospective landlords won’t see an eviction.

The law students’ work in Small Claims Court on behalf of those facing eviction is an ideal clinic experience in a lot of ways, Professor Quigley said. Students get to work one-on-one with a client, have experience working in a courtroom, and get to draft the proper legal documents. Students have ownership of a case from start to finish.

The downside to clinic students working on eviction cases is significant. “They are so incredibly intense,” Professor Quigley said of these eviction cases. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control eviction moratorium ended as school was starting in August 2021. “I worried as the semester went on that I had asked too much of the students. But I’ve been blown away by their response. They help their clients with navigating social services, finding a new place to live, references, and challenges with new landlord applications. They’ve provided emotional support to families who are facing one of the worst moments of their lives. I couldn’t be more proud of them.”

IU McKinney students in Professor Quigley’s fall 2021 Health and Human Rights Clinic class are Cassidy Hendrickson, Marcel Ngachie, Courtney Oliver, Avery Penn, Emily Tyner, and Katie Whitley.

(LEFT) Professor Fran Quigley (standing) is in the Inlow Hall courtyard with Health and Human Rights Clinic students. They are, from left, Katie Whiteley, Taylor Webster, Cassidy Hendrickson, Marcel Ngachie, Avery, Emily Tyner, and Courtney Oliver.

(BELOW) Professor Fran Quigley and Health and Human Rights Clinic students are ready for proceedings to get underway in Judge Garland Graves’ Warren Township Small Claims courtroom. From left u Taylor Webster, Professor Quigley, Allison Crane, Courtney Oliver, Emily Tyner, Katie Whitley, and Cassidy Hendrickson.
Vice Dean Cynthia Adams, ‘83, and Mark Shope, ‘12, collaborated on a virtual international negotiation simulation experience as a course for students at IU McKinney and National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University School of Law (NYCU) in Taiwan, where Shope is an Assistant Professor of Law. The pair received a grant in February 2021 from the IUPUI Office of International Affairs Virtual Exchange Fellows program and were part of the inaugural cohort.

IU McKinney and NYCU recently entered into a memorandum of intent to explore various avenues for collaborative activities. “Professor Shope and I collaborating on this simulation experience was an ideal opportunity to kick off this new and exciting relationship between our schools,” Vice Dean Adams said.

Vice Dean Adams and her class met with Professor Shope and his students synchronously every Friday through Zoom during the fall 2021 semester. Students worked through a simulated negotiation exercise in which IU McKinney students represented “IndyTech Corporation” and the NYCU team represented “Hsinchu Semiconductor Corporation.” The two companies worked together to exploit a newly discovered element that could increase the speed of semiconductors.

“I’ve taught a negotiations course for several years, which includes an ongoing negotiation simulation of a complex domestic business deal,” said Vice Dean Adams. “Still, my dream has always been to teach the course in an international exchange setting. We work in a global business community. This course is an ideal vehicle for students to hone their skills in interest-based negotiation, which promotes collaboration, works to increase the ‘value pie,’ and strives to achieve a ‘win-win’ outcome for all parties. The ‘interest-based’ negotiation skills taught in this course are sorely needed in today’s complex world. Students completing this negotiation course understand that the essential concepts and critical skills of ‘interest-based’ negotiation are effective and can be applied beyond the business setting.”

The course required students to navigate a variety of potential barriers including language, culture, and time zone, among others. “It was a challenge, but it was such a unique experience that I’ll never forget it,” said 3L Nicole Salwowski. “There were some communication barriers, but we worked hard as a team to clarify any miscommunications and ultimately reached a great deal for both parties.” For example, after using the term “iron out” and confusing their Taiwan counterparts, IU McKinney students worked hard to edit out uniquely American colloquialisms from their language.

The best part of the class for Salwowski was the hands-on experience she gained. “I genuinely feel like I participated in a team negotiation for my client,” Salwowski said. “We had to work as a team, but we also had to work with students across the globe and try to reach an agreement. This is so unique, and yes challenging, but I grew so much as an attorney and negotiator. I can’t emphasize enough how much I learned though this class dynamic.”

Crafting a deal in which both parties get what they want made the class realistic, said 3L Konstantina Kloufetos. “By harnessing a mutual interests approach, we were able to understand the other’s objectives through the language and location barriers, and reach an agreement that would benefit both sides in the negotia-
Joshua Marsh, ‘19, is the youngest mayor in the state of Indiana, and his goals for Greensburg, Indiana, reflect a focus on the future.

Marsh grew up on a family farm in Greensburg, which sits right off I-74, half-way between Indianapolis and Cincinnati. The county seat of Decatur County, Greensburg long ago adopted the moniker “Tree City” for its famous Courthouse Tower tree.

He was elected mayor in 2019 at age 26, promising to focus on quality of life and economic opportunity, and cultivating an environment that can attract young professionals. It’s that last goal that has put Greensburg in the spotlight, recently grabbing national headlines on NPR, People and ABC News for creative incentives such as Grandparents on Demand for newcomers to move to the town of approximately 13,000 citizens.

Marsh, a Republican, says he came back to his hometown to work on behalf of the community.

“My focus is on quality of life in Greensburg,” he says. “We need to continue to focus on a diversification of employment and look at ways to allow our high school graduates and young people to stay in the community and thrive. We are working to position Greensburg for the future as a safe community with great schools and within an hour’s drive to Indianapolis and Cincinnati, so people can enjoy a more rural environment that is convenient to those two destination cities.”

He is a graduate of Greensburg High School and Ball State University, where he earned a degree in public relations. While attending law school, he worked for the state of Indiana and its communication efforts that focused on health and wellness initiatives. He also served as the Attorney General’s Drug Abuse Task Force Coordinator where he worked with healthcare, mental health, non-profit, and law enforcement organizations from across Indiana.

At IU McKinney, Marsh was a member of the Federalist Society and took away lessons in leadership in a course taught by former law school deans Andrew R. Klein and Gerald L. Bepko. Law school, he says, taught him valuable problem-solving skills and the ability to read and digest legal documents—something he’s doing on a regular basis in the mayor’s office.

Marsh says he’s energized to run for re-election in 2023. “We have more work to do in Greensburg than time to do it,” he says.
IU McKinney celebrated the life of alumnus J.B. Stradford during an online event on September 10, which was Mr. Stradford's birthday. He was a prominent business leader in Tulsa, Oklahoma’s thriving Black community at the time of the 1921 race massacre in that city.

Stradford, a graduate of the Indianapolis College of Law, one of IU McKinney’s predecessor schools, practiced law in Indiana before moving to Oklahoma and becoming a successful entrepreneur, as well as a human rights proponent. An article about Stradford by Judge David Shaheed, ’84, appears in the Summer 2021 edition of The McKinney Lawyer Alumni Magazine.

Intrigued by an account of Stradford’s life that indicated he attended law school in Indianapolis around the turn of the century, Judge Shaheed sought more information. The Ruth Lilly Law Library and IUPUI archives were able to help confirm that Stradford graduated from a predecessor school of IU McKinney at the turn of the century. The ongoing research, along with the 100-year anniversary of the race massacre in Tulsa taking place in 2021, led to a project to honor Stradford, spearheaded by Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion Patricia Kinney, ’02. Nicole Burts, ’17, joined the effort, conducting more research into Stradford’s history and writing about it.

Speakers at the event included Chancellor Nasser Paydar, Vice Dean Mike Pitts, Judge Shaheed, Nicole Burts; John Rogers, great grandson of J.B. Stradford; Nate Calloway, great-great grandson of J.B. Stradford; and law student Richard Okello.

The program culminated with the unveiling of a portrait of J.B. Stradford that the law school commissioned from Indianapolis artist Jay Parnell. The portrait can now be found on the second floor in Inlow Hall.

Judge Shaheed and Burts took part in the WFYI radio show All IN on August 31 to share information about Stradford and promote the September event.
IU McKinney students had the opportunity to meet with federal judges and law clerks during an event at Inlow Hall on November 9. The visit was designed to inform students about the benefits of federal clerkships.

Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson, ’83, who initiated the meeting, chairs the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. “One area of growth and improvement for us was to improve the diversity of our law clerks,” Judge Magnus-Stinson said. The goal was to do an information session about clerkships for traditionally underrepresented students. The court initially reached out to the Black Law Students Association regarding the meeting. BLSA leadership and the court then agreed to open the event to students from the Asian Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Society, Lambda Law Society, and Women’s Caucus.

Students suggested a round-robin or speed dating format to ensure students got to talk to as many representatives from the court as possible. Judge Magnus-Stinson recruited judges and law clerks, many of whom were IU McKinney alumni, to take part in the event.

“It’s an unparalleled qualification,” Judge Mangun-Stinson said of having a federal clerkship on one’s resume. Of the people appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee for confirmation to a high-level federal government post, a high percentage of them have been federal law clerks.

The goal is to make the federal clerkship discussion an annual event at IU McKinney. “The main thing is the court reached some students who might not have known about these positions and encouraged them to consider applying,” Judge Magnus-Stinson said. “I think it was a good experience.”

Shown here with the students are Judge Doris Pryor (first row, far right); Staff Attorney Roxana Bell, ’11, (second row, third from right); Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson, ’83, (second row, second from right); and Magistrate Judge Mario Garcia, ’99, (second row, far right). In the third row, (second from left), is Kristina Coleman, ’17, law clerk to Judge Pryor; second from right is Addison Zielinski, ’21, law clerk to Judge J.P. Hanlon; and on the far right is Lindsay Llewellyn, ’15, law clerk to Judge Pryor.

Professor Gerard Magliocca discussed his book in progress on the life of Bushrod Washington during an event to celebrate Constitution Day. The lecture took place on September 14 in the Wynne Courtroom at Inlow Hall. Professor Magliocca’s lecture is available for online viewing on the school’s website.

Bushrod Washington, nephew of George Washington, served on the United States Supreme Court from 1798 to 1829 and had a close personal and professional relationship with Chief Justice John Marshall. He also served in the Continental Army near the end of the American Revolution.


Professor Magliocca is a Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law at IU McKinney. He is the author of four books, the latest of which, The Heart of the Constitution: How the Bill of Rights Became the Bill of Rights, was published by Oxford University Press in 2018. He also is the author of over 20 articles on constitutional law and intellectual property.

Shown here is Professor Magliocca (right) in the school’s courtyard with Vice Dean Mike Pitts (left) following the lecture.
Indiana University honored six IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law alumni for their philanthropic leadership with membership in the Presidents Circle during special ceremonies on September 17 in Indianapolis.

Established in 1992, the Presidents Circle honors Indiana University’s most generous donors for the significant impact of their gifts to IU.

The McKinney Family Foundation was also honored. The law school is named for its benefactor, Robert H. McKinney, Chair of the Board of Directors of the McKinney Family Foundation. Marni McKinney Waterfield serves as President of the foundation.

IU McKinney Law alumni honored were:

**Gary H., Baise, ’68, and Ann G. Baise**
Gary and Ann Baise have been loyal supporters of Indiana University for more than 30 years. Both are involved in higher education, agriculture and governmental affairs.

Originally from Illinois, Gary received his B.S. from Western Illinois University in 1963 and his J.D. from IU McKinney Law in 1968. Gary has over 50 years of experience in government and private legal practice, currently serving as chairman of the litigation practice at OFW Law in Washington, D.C. A nationally recognized speaker, consultant and lawyer, Gary specializes in environmental and agricultural law and regulations and corporate governance issues. Gary’s distinguished career includes appointment as the first chief of staff to the first Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and later the director of the EPA’s Office of Legislation. He has also served as executive assistant to the Acting Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Associate Deputy Attorney General, and Acting Deputy Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice.

Ann earned her bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Longwood College in 1974 and master’s degree in Education from Virginia Tech in 1978.

Gary came to law school on a scholarship from the Ford Foundation. Continuing the tradition of making opportunity possible for others, Gary and Ann have established the Gary H. and Ann G. Baise Scholarship at IU McKinney Law.

**Pamela L. Carter, ’84, and Michael A. Carter, Sr.**

Pamela L. Carter and Michael A. Carter, Sr. have shown their enthusiasm and commitment to IU through their loyal philanthropic support and service.

Pamela is a 1984 graduate of IU McKinney Law and was a member of the school’s Board of Visitors from 1999 to 2019. She is the recipient of the IU Distinguished Alumni Award. Pamela’s distinguished career includes serving as Deputy Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant to Indiana Governor Evan Bayh from 1988 to 1992. In 1992, she became the first African American woman elected as a state’s attorney general in the nation. She served as Indiana Attorney General from 1993 to 1997, later joining Cummins as Vice-President-General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. She became a Global business executive headquartered in Europe. She was named President of Cummins Distribution Business and became the first woman to run a major business unit at the company. She retired from Cummins in 2015. She now serves on four corporate boards and four not-for-profit boards. She is the recipient of many awards including the Sandra Day O’Connor Board Excellence Award from Legal Momentum and DirectWomen for advancing the value of diversity on corporate boards.

Michael serves as Managing Partner of Pinnacle Construction Partners, LLC, a commercial preconstruction, planning and construction management service company for the public and private sector, and as President and CEO of MAC LLC, a commercial and residential development company.

Their son, Michael A. Carter, Jr., ’10, leads a Global Supply Chain group at Cummins. Pamela and Michael created the Robert H. McKinney School of Law Office of Student Affairs Endowment which is designed to provide programming and resources to enhance academic student success. The endowment supports peer tutoring activities, bar preparation, specialized student programming, and academic support and advising.

**The Honorable Judge J. Terrence “Terry” Cody, ’74, and Peggy P. Cody**

Judge Cody and Peggy have been steadfast supporters of Indiana University for over 40 years.

Judge Cody received his undergraduate education from Xavier University in Cincinnati and his J.D. from IU McKinney Law. Following graduation from law school in 1974, he returned to his hometown of New Albany, Indiana to practice law with his father, John A. Cody, Jr. until his election to the Floyd Circuit Court in November 1998. He was re-elected in 2004, 2010, and 2016 and has been on the bench for 23 years.

Peggy is a native of Ashland, Ohio and attended the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston for her post-secondary education. Judge Cody and Peggy have two adult children, Patrick and Shane.

They support IU through McKinney Law’s Equal Justice Works and Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) Endowment.

Allen discussed how the Bayh-Dole Act was created, the incredible story of its enactment in 1980, and its impact here and throughout the world. Before Bayh-Dole, federal funding was the kiss of death to commercializing breakthrough inventions. Government policy was to take inventions which received even a small percentage of their support, making them available to any and all. While well meaning, this policy removed any incentives for creators to undertake the extensive and time-consuming process needed to turn early-stage discoveries into useful products. As a result, more than 28,000 government-supported inventions were gathering dust on the shelves before Bayh-Dole.

Because of the efforts of the late Senators Birch Bayh and Robert Dole, this practice came to an end, renewing America’s leadership in innovation. Even though they were from opposite ends of the political spectrum, Bayh and Dole worked closely together to overcome incredible odds to get their legislation enacted, thus changing the course of history.

This year’s Bayh Lecturer, Joseph P. Allen, served on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for Senator Bayh, helping to secure passage of the Bayh-Dole Act, which fostered research and development partnerships between universities and U.S. industry. After that, he became executive director of Intellectual Property Owners, Inc., where he worked to create the Court of the Federal Circuit before going to the U.S. Department of Commerce where he became the director of the Office of Technology Commercialization. He was instrumental in the passage of major laws allowing U.S. industry to perform joint research and development with federal laboratories. Allen’s office oversaw executive branch implementation of the Bayh-Dole and Federal Technology Transfer Acts and related presidential policy directives. He also served as president of the National Technology Transfer Center established by Congress to promote industry/federal laboratory research and development partnerships. In 2008 he founded Allen and Associates a consulting firm specializing in technology management/IP issues.

The Birch Bayh Lecture was established at the school in honor of the late U.S. Senator Birch Bayh. The lecture series focuses on issues of importance to Senator Bayh throughout his long and distinguished career in government and is made possible through the generous contributions of Simon Property group, where Senator Bayh served on the board for 17 years, and friends of Birch Bayh.
Gary H. Baise, ‘68, and Ann G. Baise know the lifechanging power of education. Both first-generation college graduates, they’ve been providing philanthropic support of higher education—including IU McKinney School of Law—for more than 30 years.

Gary grew up on a farm outside of Jacksonville, Illinois, deeply affected by stories of Abraham Lincoln as a young lawyer in the state. “I always wanted to be a lawyer because I wanted to help people. As I was growing up, I saw people mistreated, people who probably never even thought of hiring a lawyer. I thought I could do some good,” he says.

After graduating from Western Illinois University in 1963, Gary headed off to law school in Bloomington, but a scholarship from the Ford Foundation to work with the Indiana General Assembly brought him to Indianapolis, where he completed his law degree.

Since then, Gary has spent more than 50 years in government and private legal practice, currently serving as co-chairman of the litigation practice at Olson Frank Weeda Terman Matz, P.C. in Washington, D.C.

That career has included several brushes with history. He served in the Department of Justice with U.S. Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus, who was a fishing companion on October 20, 1973, when Ruckelshaus became a casualty of the so-called Saturday Night Massacre, resigning rather than following President Nixon’s instructions to fire Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox.

He was the first chief of staff to the first U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator and subsequently became director of the EPA’s Office of Legislation. He also served as executive assistant to the acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, associate deputy attorney general, and acting deputy attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice.

Today, Gary specializes in environmental and agricultural law and regulations and corporate governance issues and serves as outside general counsel for several national agriculture organizations. He organized President Trump’s agricultural team of advisers, and is a blogger for a weekly column, Defending Agriculture, which is read internationally in Farm Futures.

Ann earned her bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from Longwood College in 1974 and master’s degree in Education from Virginia Tech in 1978. She served on the Board of Visitors of Longwood University, serving three times as rector of the board. She also served on the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary for four years and was named an honorary alumni in 2017.

Farming and agriculture are a shared passion—Ann runs their numerous farms in three states—and their stature in ag circles has even taken them to Buckingham Palace, where they discussed farming practices with Princess Anne, which was “pretty interesting for a Midwestern boy and a girl from Virginia,” Gary says.

In 2018, they established the Gary H. and Ann G. Baise Scholarship, an award for J.D. students at IU McKinney Law who have financial need and possess the potential to succeed as demonstrated by their academic credentials.

“In addition to the financial support, scholarships can instill confidence in students and show them that others believe in them and see things that they don’t yet see in themselves,” Gary says. “That’s why we give the way we do—to help others.”

—Gary H. Baise, ‘68
Still an IU Student, David Miller, ‘77, also Focused on Next Generation

David W. Miller, ‘77, was on the Indiana University Bloomington campus in September when he spotted IU President Pamela Whitten in the Indiana Memorial Union. She was headed to a photo opportunity with IU students and invited Miller along. After all, he’s an enrolled student at IU. The moment, captured in the photo (at left), shows Miller posing with Whitten.

Fifty-four years after Miller took Introduction to Philosophy as an undergraduate, he’s back in the same Woodburn Hall classroom where he took the course for the first time.

Plato is still on the syllabus.
So why take it again? “I love to learn,” he says. “I love reading. I love to be in class. College students are fun.”

Miller earned his bachelor’s degree in political science at IU in 1971. He received his J.D., summa cum laude, from the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1977.

In his legal career, Miller focused on employment and labor law and retired in 2012 from Faegre Baker Daniels. During his career, he was recognized in the Indiana Super Lawyers magazine and as one of the best lawyers in America for more than 10 consecutive years.

He recently created the David W. Miller Scholarship for Wabash College Graduates at IU McKinney Law. This renewable scholarship is awarded to first-year J.D. students who are graduates of Wabash College. The scholarship is unique and will be awarded to students who have “shown the most development” during their undergraduate years.

Miller became acquainted with Wabash through his son, Adam, who graduated from the small, men-only liberal arts college in 2005. While Adam was a Wabash student and member of the Wabash wrestling team, his father became involved as well, mentoring student-athletes and inspiring others to do the same.

“I enjoy working with undergrads, and I enjoyed working with the law clerks when I was practicing law,” Miller says. “It is very satisfying to help young people figure out their lives and careers.”

As enthusiastic as he is about lifelong learning and mentoring, Miller is equally passionate about philanthropy. He gives back to each of the institutions that helped shape his three children into successful adults, as well as the institution that shaped his own career.

The years of tuition he’s paid are “just a down payment on what I owe.”

“The law school, and faculty like Ed Archer, Larry Jegen, Bruce Townsend, Hal Woodard, Kent Frandsen and others, equipped me with an education that allowed me to compete for a very rewarding career. The benefits of that education were life changing to myself and my family,” Miller says.

“Colleges and law schools create opportunities,” he says. “You have to say thank you for those opportunities. And saying thanks isn’t enough. You must do something about it.”

—David W. Miller, ‘77
Alumni Leadership in Law Recognition

Twelve alumni from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law have been named to Indiana Lawyer’s 2021 Leadership in Law class of honorees. Professor Joel Schumm, ’98, was named a Distinguished Barrister and was joined on the list by two other alumni. Whitley Pike, ’14, senior associate director for Professional Development, was named to the Up and Coming Lawyer list and she was joined by six other alumni. In addition, both honorees who received the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award are IU McKinney alumni.

Distinguished Barrister: Joel Schumm, ’98

Professor Joel Schumm, a magna cum laude graduate of the law school, spent three years in judicial clerkships after completing his legal education. At IU McKinney, he directs the Judicial Externship Program, which places approximately 80 students each year with state and federal judges in trial and appellate courts in Central Indiana and beyond. In addition, he directs IU McKinney’s Supporting Rural Justice Initiative, a program that is a partnership between the law school and the Indiana Supreme Court. He also oversees the Appellate Clinic, which routinely wins cases on behalf of its clients. This effort not only benefits the individuals of limited means who need legal representation, but also sends law students into their careers with courtroom experience before they’ve even taken the bar exam.

In addition to his teaching, Professor Schumm has prepared countless attorneys by assisting with moot arguments or consulting on litigation strategies, has written numerous successful amicus briefs, and is known for his work aimed at making the profession better. In addition, he is often called upon by members of the media for his willingness to share his expertise for news stories.

Professor Schumm was honored by the Indianapolis Bar Association with its President’s Award in 2015 for Service to the Profession, and with the Dr. John Morton Finney Jr. Award for Excellence in Legal Education in 2012. He received the Indiana State Bar Association’s Presidential Citation in 2014 and 2017, and the ISBA’s Appellate Practice Section honored him with the David M. Hamacher Service Award in 2014. Professor Schumm received Indiana University’s Trustees Teaching Award in 2005, 2014, and 2019. For his university service, he received IU McKinney’s Faculty Leadership Award in 2010 and 2019, and the IU W. George Pinnell Award for Distinguished Service in 2013. He received IU McKinney’s Dean’s Fellowship in 2006, 2007, and 2018.

Up and Coming Lawyer: Whitley Pike, ’14

Whitley Pike’s greatest strengths lie in her boundless positive enthusiasm and in her creative, fresh approach to helping people. Not long into her tenure as associate director for Professional Development at her alma mater, she implemented modifications to a successful and beloved program and launched a new means of reaching students. The pandemic did not slow Pike’s efforts to guide students toward determining their career paths. Instead, she utilized the time to work with her colleagues to start a podcast aimed at coaching students as they determine the best means of launching themselves into the practice of law.

In February 2020, Pike worked to improve the already-successful IU McKinney Job Fair, which was founded in 2013. Retitled A.C.E. it!, or Advancing Career Exploration, Pike took student and employer input from previous fairs into consideration and revamped the event. She provided pre-job fair activities to better prepare students for participation in the event, including practice-oriented breakout sessions and a mock cocktail reception so students could hone their networking skills.

Additionally, Pike administers the formal recruiting events at IU McKinney, including the on-campus interview program. She migrated the entire on-campus interview program online in 2020 and facilitated 111 students taking part in 286 interviews over five days.

Others in the Distinguished Barrister category included:

Ronald Katz, ’83, a co-founding partner of Katz Korin Cunningham, leads the firm’s tax, estate, and business succession planning practices. He’s also active working with clients involved in real estate development statewide. Katz has served as president of the boards of the Indianapolis Fringe Theatre and the Jewish Community Center Association of Indianapolis.

Brian Zoeller, ’96, a partner at Cohen & Malad, is chair of the family law practice group. Zoeller has served as a guardian ad litem and trained people to serve through Kid’s Voice of Indiana. He also serves Marion County courts as an advocate on behalf of children alleged to be at risk due to abuse or neglect. He was honored for his work in this area with the Heartland Pro Bono Award and the IBA Pro Bono Volunteer Award.

Others in the Up and Coming Lawyer category include:

Hae Lee Cho, ’13, is an attorney at Kid’s Voice of Indiana. Cho also has served as an attorney at the Marion County Public Defender Agency. She volunteers with National Reunification Month, which is an opportunity to celebrate families that successfully achieve reunification through the child welfare system. Volunteers hope to expand the event statewide in 2022.

Katie Dickey, ’19, is an associate in the litigation and dispute resolution group at Dentons in the Indianapolis office. Prior to attending law school, she took part in Teach for America where she taught middle school for three years in Phoenix. She serves as a mentor for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Indiana and is chair corps volunteer with Joni and Friends.

Amber Finley, ’11, is associate general counsel at Health and Hospital Corporation of Indianapolis. Finley is a member of the Indiana State Psychology Board, serves as board chair of the Marion County Bar Association, is a board member of the Indiana Bar Foundation, and is a board member at large of the Junior League of Indianapolis.
She also is a leadership fellow of The Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League. **Julian Harrell, ’12**, an associate at Faegre Drinker’s Indianapolis office, works in the environmental law area. Harrell is a past president of the Marion County Bar Association and took part in the IndyBar Leader Series Class XIV. He has served as a board member of the Indiana Repertory Theatre since 2019 and is a past chair and emeritus board member of Nashville Theatre Company.

**Sarah Jones, ’14**, a senior associate at Krieg DeVault in the firm’s Carmel office, concentrates her practice in a blend of corporate and real estate transactions. She began her career in public accounting and while she enjoyed it, said she realized it was not her lifelong dream. She enrolled in law school after talking with friends and others in the legal profession.

**Andrea Townsend, ’13**, is an associate at Plews Shadley Racher & Braun where she practices environmental law and landowner liability, commercial real estate, insurance coverage, complex litigation, and business law. Townsend is a board member of the Hillsborough Community Association, on the planning committee of the Windy 500 Regatta for the Indianapolis Sailing Club, serves as a judge for IU McKinney’s Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition, as a judge for the We the People competition, and as a volunteer for the Ask-A-Lawyer program.

**Lifetime Achievement Awards**

**Susan Brooks, ’85**, and **Lacy Johnson, ’81**, received Indiana Lawyer’s inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award during the event.

Susan Brooks represented Indiana’s 5th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2013 to 2021, serving on the Energy and Commerce Committee, as chair of the House Ethics Committee, as co-chair of the Bipartisan Women’s Caucus and as a member of the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress.

Prior to her service in Congress, Brooks was general counsel and senior vice president for workforce and economic development at Ivy Tech Community College. In 2001, she was appointed U. S. attorney for the Southern District of Indiana by President George W. Bush, serving six years at that post. She also has worked in the Government Services Practice Group at Ice Miller and served two years as deputy mayor of Indianapolis under Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. Brooks began her career as a criminal defense lawyer, working for 13 years with the law firm McClure, McClure and Kammen.

Brooks has been appointed as a distinguished scholar and ambassador at large at IU McKinney. Among her various roles, Brooks co-teaches a course on law and leadership with former dean and Paul E. Beam Professor of Law Andrew R. Klein.

Lacy Johnson is a partner in Taft Law’s Public Affairs Strategies Group and partner-in-charge of the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. He served on the Biden-Harris transition team, was a member of Vice President Harris’s Midwest finance team and is a trusted advisor and supporter of many Congressional Black Caucus leaders and members.

Prior to his private legal practice, Johnson served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Indiana State Police and was a Lieutenant Commander of the U.S. Naval Intelligence Reserves. He served as the 7th District chairman of the Indiana State Democratic Party and as a delegate for the National Democratic party. He is also the past president of the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

Johnson was named to Lawyers of Color’s inaugural Nation’s Best List in 2019, was listed among Who’s Who in Black Indianapolis in 2018, and has been named a Sagamore of the Wabash, among many other honors. He received the Cornerstone Award from Indiana University and the IU Foundation during the Partners in Philanthropy Awards in 2018.

Both Brooks and Johnson serve on IU McKinney’s Board of Visitors. Brooks was named the law school’s Outstanding Alumna of the Year in 2006. Johnson received Indiana University’s Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 2014. It is IU’s highest award given only to alumni. He received IU McKinney’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2016.

The Honorable Robyn L. Moberly, ’78, was presented with the Maynard K. Hine Medal at a ceremony on September 23 in Indianapolis. The award recognizes alumni and volunteer leaders for their contributions in support of the campus and its alumni programs.

Judge Moberly was sworn in as the first female judge of Indiana’s U.S. Bankruptcy Court in 2012. Prior to her appointment, she served as a general practitioner for 17 years, then as a judge for 16 years on the Superior Court bench in Indianapolis, where she presided over the major felony and civil courts.

She has been active in the legal community, having served as president of the IU McKinney School of Law Alumni Association, member of the Board of Visitors for the IU McKinney School of Law, president of the Indiana Judges Association, president and board member of the Indianapolis Bar Association, board member of the Indiana Judicial Conference, and associate presiding judge of the Marion (County) Superior Court.

The Hine Medal, given annually since 1974, is named for the first chancellor of the IUPUI campus. Maynard K. Hine maintained that a strong alumni program was essential for the university. Recipients receive a bronze medal engraved with Hine’s profile.
Professor Fran Watson, ‘80, and Two Alumnae, Recognized as IBJ Women of Influence

Professor Fran Watson, ‘80, clinical professor of law and founding director of the Wrongful Conviction Clinic at IU McKinney, was named to the Indianapolis Business Journal’s Women of Influence list of honorees for 2021. Also honored were IU McKinney alumnae Angela Freeman, ‘12, and Amie Martens, ‘07. A recognition ceremony took place on October 27 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

In her role as director of the clinic, Professor Watson supervises certified legal intern law students who represent indigent clients seeking relief from wrongful convictions in state post-conviction and/or federal habeas corpus proceedings. Her work has inspired countless students to pursue careers in public interest law. In addition to her work within the clinic, Professor Watson has had tremendous success as a lawyer, winning freedom from prison for the wrongfully convicted.

Professor Watson is highly regarded for her teaching at Indiana University. She teaches criminal law-related courses, a course in professional responsibility, and advises the trial practice competition team. In recognition of her work, she has received the Teaching Excellence Award, and is a two-time recipient of the Trustees’ Teaching Award. She is equally appreciated by her colleagues on the IU McKinney faculty, who honored her with their Inspiration Award, and the Faculty Leadership Award. She received IU McKinney’s Outstanding Alumna of the Year honor and was an honoree at the Equal Justice Works Public Interest Recognition Dinner. In addition, she received the Inspirational Woman Faculty Award from the IUPUI Office for Women. Professor Watson also has been recognized for her work by legal and science groups outside the university. She received the Indiana State Bar Women in the Law Recognition, the Michael McDaniel Indiana Public Defender Commission Spirit of Justice Award, the Justice Award from the Justice through Science organization, and was named a Distinguished Barrister through Indiana Lawyer’s Leadership in Law honors program.

Angela Freeman, ‘12, is a member of Barnes & Thornburg’s Intellectual Property Department and Life Sciences practice group, where she is instrumental in procuring IP rights in the U.S. and worldwide for client inventions. She is the first Black president of the not-for-profit Women & Hi Tech.

Prior to her legal career, Freeman worked as a biologist at global pharmaceutical company, Eli Lilly & Co. In 2007, she received the Lilly Charman’s Ovation Award for Global Leadership in Diversity. She hosts a podcast, the Freedom Forum with Angela B. Freeman, focused on diversity and inclusion that was launched by IBJ in summer 2021.

Amie Martens, ‘07, is owner, president and CEO of Laura Kopetsky Tri-Ax Inc. Martens took over the business from her mother, Laura Kopetsky, following her sudden death in 2019. Kopetsky founded the business in 1980, and Martens had worked there during her high school and college years.

Martens received a degree in human development and family studies from IU and came to law school at IU McKinney. She practiced family law and criminal justice for 12 years while also occasionally working for her mother’s business as well. She decided to manage the business after her mother’s passing, and has led it to its most successful years since.

Alumni Receive Awards from IndyBar

The Indianapolis Bar Association honored several lawyers with ties to the IU McKinney School of Law at its annual awards event on November 3. Among those honored:

- Marion Superior Court Magistrate Marie Kern, ’98, and Bryan Strawbridge, ’09, Frost Brown Todd LLC, recipients of the President’s Award for Service to the Association for their work as 2021 Bench Bar Conference Chairs.
- Professor Frank Sullivan Jr. received the President’s Award for Service to the Profession for his work as moderator of the 2021 Bar Leader Series.
- Chasity Q. Thompson, ’02, former IU McKinney assistant dean of Student Affairs, was recognized as an Indianapolis Bar Foundation Distinguished Life Fellow. Also honored as Distinguished Life Fellows: Andrew Campbell, ’05, and Christine Hickey, ’93.
- David Morris, Marion County Prosecutors Office and adjunct professor at IU McKinney School of Law, received the Dr. John Morton Finney, Jr. Award for Excellence in Legal Education for service.
- Richard Norris, ’71, Norris Choplin Schroeder LLP, received the Unsung Hero Award, given to a lawyer who goes above and beyond the call of duty.
- Andrew Lehmann, ’11, Schuckit & Associates PC, received the Young Lawyer of the Year for his work as chair of the IndyBar Young Lawyers Division.
- Alexis Martinez, IU McKinney 2L, received the student Pro Bono Award for her work as a site coordinator during the IndyBar Ask a Lawyer program. She also serves on the IndyBar Pro Bono Standing Committee.
- Alumni recognized as Indianapolis Bar Foundation Distinguished Fellows: Jeffrey M. Bellamy, ’03; Laura B. Conway, ’06; Jordyn Katzman McAfee, ’05; Larry L. Morris, ’91; Jeff Oliphant, ’95; G. Michael Witte, ’82.
- Also recognized were 50-year practitioners: James Dorr Babcock, ’71; George Thomas Blankenship, ’71; Stephen M. Coons, ’71; William J. Dale, Jr., ’71; Ronald G. Issac, ’71; James A. Kauner, ’71; W. Scott Montross, ’71; Richard L. Norris, ’71; John C. Render, ’71; Ronald G. Salatch, ’71; Stephen A. Stitle, ’70; and Steven L. Tuchman, ’71.
The annual meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges took place in Indianapolis and a few members of the group visited IU McKinney during their stay. A group of Black federal judges and lawyers who attended the meeting took part in a panel discussion of bankruptcy law for current law and pre-law students. The group gathered in the Wynne Courtroom at Inlow Hall on October 6 and took part in a reception in the courtyard immediately afterward.

Approximately 1,000 legal professionals who practice in this area of the law attended the meeting. Many of them have taken part in some of the largest and most sophisticated bankruptcy cases filed in the United States and globally. The IU McKinney event was for students interested in business law, restructuring, insolvency, bankruptcy, or corporate or consumer debt solutions.

IU McKinney’s Assistant Dean Diversity and Inclusion Patricia Kinney, ’02, will serve on the Indiana Supreme Court’s Pathways to the Profession subcommittee. The committee is under the Commission on Equity and Access in the Court System. Dean Kinney will serve a one-year term.

In her role at IU McKinney, Dean Kinney is responsible for building the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to serve the law school’s mission of being “committed to accessibility, affordability, diversity, and excellence in public legal education.” She provides strategic leadership on diversity, inclusion and equity initiatives. She also serves as a liaison with internal and external constituencies on and off campus and continues to recruit students from populations underrepresented in the profession and provides support to enrolled students.

Dean Kinney is a frequent presenter for LSAC’s Diversity Admission Panels and is currently on their Information Services Division Advisory Group. She was a member of the Indiana CLEO Advisory Board, co-directed the 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2018 CLEO Summer Institutes.

In addition, Kinney participated recently on two diversity panels. One was part of the American Bar Association Diversity and Inclusion Center while the other is part of the National Black Pre-Law Conference.

The ABA event, “Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Action: A Conversation with DEI Law School Leaders,” took place in an online format on November 15. Along with other DEI leaders at law schools, Dean Kinney talked about her work at IU McKinney and in the legal community.

The Pre-Law Conference panel discussion also took place in a virtual format from November 18 to 21. Dean Kinney participated in a discussion on the topic, “Law School Leadership in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.”
2021 PLSG Fellows Bring National Gun Conversation to IU McKinney

Led by Clinical Professor of Law Cynthia A. Baker, who directs the IU McKinney Program on Law and State Government, PLSG Fellows Chaka Coleman and Katie Whitley helped plan the symposium, presented research, and spoke from personal experiences.

Speakers—both virtual and live in the Wynne Courtroom—included Joseph Blocher of the Center of Firearms Law at Duke Law School and Mike McLively of the Giffords Law Center. A panel discussion on “The Jake Laird Law: Efficacy and Adjudication of Red Flag Laws” featured the Honorable Susan Brooks, IU McKinney adjunct professor of law; Lt. Brad Hoffeditz, Indiana State Police legal counsel and legislative director; the Honorable Amy Jones, Marion Superior Court, and attorney Guy Relford, ’83.

The symposium also included “Investigating Gun Violence, Trauma, and the Effectiveness of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs” with Dr. Joseph B. Richardson, Jr., Professor, University of College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Medicine, as well as a book discussion with John Woodrow Cox, Washington Post staff writer and author of the book *Children Under Fire: An American Crisis*.

Coleman, whose topic was “Gun Rights and Gun Violence: Can Data Disrupt the Status Quo?” was first introduced to the justice system while working as a bailiff in the Marion County courts, where the impact of gun violence is seen almost daily. She also grew up around sportsmen who enjoyed hunting and firearms as part of rural life.

She used her fellowship year to focus on the relationship between data collection and gun violence, and how a response can still protect Second Amendment rights.

“For me, the data is so important,” Coleman said. “You can’t solve a problem unless you understand the core issues. Our research and the symposium addressed issues—gun rights and gun violence—that are often talked about, not really addressed at the molecular level.”

For PLSG Fellow Whitley, the topic of gun violence is personal. A former middle school science teacher in Indianapolis, Whitley has attended funerals for students who once sat in her classroom. She can count 11 former students who have died because of gun violence.

She presented her topic, “Gun Violence, Community Trauma, and the Law,” with a sense of urgency, she said.

“Some states have been able to implement some reforms and have helped communities address violence through intervention programs,” she said. “Indiana can take steps to make a difference for cities like Indianapolis that have unacceptable rates of gun violence.”

“This year’s PLSG Fellowship Symposium celebrated all that we’ve learned about how to engage with technology and the progress we’ve made against the current pandemic,” Professor Baker said.

“It comprised a webinar in the morning, a traditional, in-person event in the law school’s courtroom in the afternoon, and a social hour on our law school’s patio on a beautiful fall day. It was marvelous to see so many of the terrific network of lawyers who support the PLSG at all three components of the event, the 20th fellowship symposium sponsored by the Program on Law and State Government.”

(ABOVE) PLSG Fellow Katie Whitley, foreground, moderated a session featuring John Woodrow Cox, Washington Post staff writer and author of the book *Children Under Fire: An American Crisis*, and Dr. Joseph B. Richardson, Jr., Professor, University of College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Medicine.

(OPPOSITE TOP) Program on Law and State Government Fellows Katie Whitley and Chaka Coleman are shown with program director, Professor Cynthia Baker. From left: Whitley, Professor Baker and Coleman.

(OPPOSITE BOTTOM) Panelists for the afternoon discussion session on “The Jake Laird Law: Efficacy and Adjudication of Red Flag Laws,” included Lt. Brad Hoffeditz of the Indiana State Police, the Honorable Susan Brooks, PLSG Fellow Chaka Coleman, the Honorable Amy Jones, and Guy Relford.
Annual Fall CLE Addresses Pandemic Resilience

The IU McKinney Law Annual Fall CLE program addressed the topic, “Pandemic Resilience: Health Law Litigation and Business Challenges.” The event was presented in a virtual, webinar format on October 12, 2021.

Featured speakers included Michael Ruggio and Guillermo Christensen, both of Ice Miller, LLP, who spoke on the topic, “A Renewed Focus on International FCPA & Bribery Enforcement Under the Biden Administration.”

Jacqueline Simmons, vice president and general counsel at Indiana University presented on the topic, “COVID Return to Work from Masks to Vaccine Mandates.”

The final speaker for the program was Marcus McGhee, ‘16, of the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications/Indiana Judicial Nomination Commission, who spoke on the subject, “Indiana Ethics Update: Health & Justice: How Misconduct Commissions Revived COVID Protocols through Judicial Discipline.”

The Annual Fall CLE program raises scholarship funds for IU McKinney students.

Cohen Family Foundation Sports and Entertainment Law Lecture Focuses on College Athletics

“The Changing Landscape of College Athletics” was the subject of the 2021 Alan and Linda Cohen Family Foundation Sports and Entertainment Law Lecture. The event took place virtually on November 16.

Horizon League Commissioner Julie Roe Lach, ’04, moderated the discussion which considered the United States Supreme Court decision in Alston v. NCAA announced in June 2021, state regulation, and an overhaul of the NCAA, among other topics. Panelists included Professor Gabriel Feldman, who is Associate Provost NCAA Compliance, director of the Sports Law Program and co-director of the Tulane Center for Sport at Tulane Law School; Thomas Mitchell, associate athletics director for compliance at Purdue University—Division of Intercollegiate Athletics; and Gloria Nevarez, commissioner of the West Coast Conference.

The event was made possible through the Alan and Linda Cohen Family foundation Sports and Entertainment Law Fund. The fund was established in 2011 by Alan H., ’73, and Linda M. Cohen, and their daughter, Lauren Cohen Emundson, ’05.

Documenting Student & Recent Alumni Employment Outcomes

Are you a recent graduate with employment news to report (or have you hired a recent IU McKinney graduate)? We want to know the good news for the Class of 2021! Having the most accurate employment information possible helps us to celebrate your (or your employee’s) professional success, and it also helps us with the ranking of our school.

Please email Assistant Dean for Professional Development, Willow King-Locke at wkingloc@iupui.edu or call 317-274-8055.
McKinney Hosts Bar Pass Celebration

On October 1, IU McKinney Law celebrated its graduates who passed the February and July 2021 bar exams by offering an outdoor event in the school’s courtyard. IU McKinney graduates who passed the Indiana bar exam were treated to t-shirts, business card holders, and photo opportunities.

(RIGHT) Graduate Sheremy Cabrera, ’21, and her able assistant, celebrate passing the bar exam!

(BELOW) Graduate Bria Kemp, ’21, is shown with members of the Office of Student Affairs team. From left: IU McKinney Registrar Kim Crockett, Bria Kemp, ’21, Student Affairs Coordinator Keitha Troutman, Associate Director for Student Affairs Julie Davis, and then-Assistant Dean Chasity Thompson, ’02.

(BELOW RIGHT) Graduate Cheryl Mills, ’21, proudly posing for a photo at the event.

Pro Bono Fair 2021

The annual Pro Bono Fair at IU McKinney took place on October 21 in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium at Inlow Hall. The event provided an opportunity for a wide array of pro bono providers in the metropolitan Indianapolis area to make themselves known to law students. Pro bono service, in addition to providing much needed help in the community, also gives law students experiential learning opportunities.
Lee Little, ’16, Writes Book on Indianapolis Churches

Some people made jokes about writing books during the lockdown period of the pandemic. Lee Little, ’16, Research and Instruction Librarian and Adjunct Lecturer in Law at the Ruth Lilly Law Library at IU McKinney, actually wrote a book. Circle City Steeples has been published by Verdere Press on Mass Ave. in Indianapolis. Little wrote the text and his friend, Kati Gaschler of Kati Q. Photography, provided the photographs.

The project grew out of an Instagram account, Old Churches Indy, that Little started in 2018. According to Little, Indianapolis has more congregations per capita than any city in the world. Some of them look like small homes while others are soaring and opulent and are landmarks in their neighborhoods. “I think you can tell the story of a city through the story of its congregations,” Little said.

Living on the Old Northside in Indianapolis, Little began visiting the 300 churches that were standing in 1952 and are still standing today. He chose that time period because it predates Unigov and the rise of modernist architecture. He pulled his list from a 1952 Indianapolis city directory and started walking to the churches in and around his neighborhood, bringing along his wife and their dog. The couple visited 60 churches on one Saturday during pandemic lockdown, driving by and snapping photos.

Little was confident in his ability to write the book but wanted the photography to shine. Gaschler attended one of the walking tours Little offered in support of the project, and she became interested in taking the photographs. The pair’s interest in places of worship is organic: Gaschler is married to a Missouri Synod Lutheran minister and Little is a member of the Episcopal Church of All Saints and historiographer of the Episcopal Dioceses of Indianapolis.

Little and Gaschler made a list of 100 churches they wanted to learn more about and contacted congregation leaders asking to photograph and write about their places of worship. The pair is donating 10 percent of the book’s profits to Indiana Landmarks’ Sacred Places project, which provides intensive training in stewardship, community engagement, and fundraising for congregations. People connected with 36 current and former houses of worship responded in favor of taking part in the book.

There are a number of historically Black congregations represented in the book, including Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. preached on a visit to Indianapolis. The book also includes a synagogue, which is owned by Indiana Landmarks.

To order a copy of the book, contact Little at littel@iupui.edu.
IU McKinney Law Student Katie Whitley Named a Skadden Fellow

IU McKinney Law student Katie Whitley has been named a Skadden Fellow, a nationally prestigious public interest fellowship.

Whitley, a 2022 J.D. candidate, is one of 28 fellows from 19 different law schools who will partner with legal services nonprofits across the country, according to a November 23 announcement from the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates.

She will partner with Indiana Legal Services to create the first school-based civil legal aid initiative in the Indianapolis region designed to serve low-income families with school-aged children experiencing housing and economic instability. Her fellowship will also include engaging students in creating Know Your Rights educational materials in housing law and public benefits.

The project idea grew out of her experience as a teacher in Indianapolis, and her connections to the communities she hopes to serve, Whitley says. “As a teacher, I recognized that great community partnerships were essential in providing a range of resources and services to families in times of crisis. Notably, however, a legal partnership was missing. I often did not have the answer to families dealing with a housing or financial crisis,” Whitley says. “My project can be that answer.”

Whitley credited IU McKinney Law professors Florence Roisman, Lahny Silva, and Fran Quigley in providing support for her project. “In particular, Professor Roisman provided me with foundational legal knowledge in housing law and inspired me to pursue a position working to disrupt housing insecurity. Professor Silva gave me the opportunity to serve vulnerable populations in their neighborhoods through SCRAP and REACH. This community-based model to ‘meet people where they are’ is a crucial aspect of my project,” she says.

Through the Health and Human Rights Clinic, Professor Quigley supervised her direct client work in housing and brief advice sessions in eviction courts as well as multiple research opportunities to better understand the breadth of the eviction crisis in Indianapolis, she says.

Launched in 1988 to commemorate its 40th anniversary, the Skadden Foundation has funded 934 public interest fellowships. This 34th class joins the existing community of Skadden Fellows who are engaged in public interest work in 41 states.

Professor Sullivan, IU McKinney 3L Publish Article with ABA Judicial Division

Jae-Lyn Takemura, a 3L at IU McKinney, and Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., collaborated with two other writers on an article published in the newsletter of the ABA Judicial Division. The piece considers Indian law and was the subject of the research exercise Professor Sullivan annually writes for the ABA’s Judicial Clerkship Program.

The article, “2021 ABA Judicial Clerkship Program Examines Indian Law: Reflections from Participants,” considered whether a police officer of an Indian tribe has the authority to temporarily detain and search a non-Indian on a public right-of-way within a reservation based on a potential violation of state or federal law. Chief Justice Meredith D. Drent of the Osage Nation Supreme Court and Eric Williams, a law student at South Texas College of Law, also wrote for the article. Professor Sullivan has designed the ABA Judicial Clerkship Program’s research exercise for 20 years. It is meant to illustrate the judge-clerk working relationship in which judges and small groups of students work together to examine a closely watched case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Sullivan was appointed Professor of Practice at the law school in August 2012 after 19 years of service as a Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. He was named an Indiana University Bicentennial Professor in 2018.
Professor Nicolas Terry Participates on Indianapolis Business Journal Power Panel on Health Care and Benefits

Professor Nicolas Terry, executive director of the Hall Center for Law and Health, participated on a Power Panel on Health Care and Benefits, sponsored by the Indianapolis Business Journal. The event took place at the Indianapolis Marriott on September 24.

Zachery I. Cattel, ‘08, president of the Indiana Health Care Association, was also among the featured panel of experts who spoke on health care topics, including a report card on the state’s vaccine rollout and what can be done to contain the virus, Indiana’s high healthcare costs, and federal aid to Hoosier hospitals, nursing homes, and providers.

Professor Terry teaches healthcare and health policy courses at IU McKinney. He is one of the permanent bloggers at the Bill of Health blog, a host of The Week in Health Law podcast at TWIHL.com, and @nicolasterry on Twitter.

Hall Center Virtual Grand Rounds Continue to Draw Legal Scholars, Global Audience

The Hall Center for Law and Health continues to offer its Grand Rounds in a virtual format. Consequently, attendees from around the world have tuned in and participated in its webinars.

Three fall semester events pulled in hundreds of participants, including more than 100 IU McKinney alumni at each presentation, and audience members in Canada, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Turkey, Germany, and Spain.

Grand Rounds presentations included:

- Jelani Jefferson Exum, dean and Philip J. McElroy Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, who spoke on “From Warfare to Welfare: Reconceptualizing Drug Sentencing During the Opioid Crisis,” on August 6.
- Kayte Spector-Bagdady, associate director of the Center for Bioethics & Social Sciences in Medicine and assistant professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Michigan Medical School, who spoke on “Governing Secondary Research Use of Health Data and Specimens,” on September 28.

Health Law Program Receives A+ Grade from preLaw Magazine

PreLaw Magazine’s back-to-school edition rated IU McKinney tops in three different areas: government, health law, and public service.

The law school received an A+ grade in health law from preLaw. The publication grades the nation’s health law programs based on the breadth of their curricular offerings, including opportunities such as externships, certificates, clinic experiences, and student organizations.

The William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health was established in 1987 to expand the curriculum and teaching of health law and provide opportunities for students. The Hall Center offers more than 30 health law-related courses as well as a Certificate in Health Law, Policy, and Bioethics. In addition to hosting a multitude of events, symposia, and the annual Health Law Grand Rounds lecture series, the Hall Center publishes the Indiana Health Law Review.
Sandy Miller, ’82, has carried a passion for learning throughout her life and two careers—first as an English teacher and then as a lawyer at one of the nation’s largest health benefits companies.

Miller grew up in Morristown, Indiana, and became the first member of her family to attend college. After earning B.A. and M.A. degrees from Indiana State University, she taught English at Warren Central High School. Although she loved teaching, “I wanted to learn more. I craved more variety. I would have happily been a student for my whole life,” she says.

Miller briefly considered applying to medical school but focused on law school after taking an introductory evening class and being admitted to IU McKinney. She continued teaching while attending law school in the evening, an endeavor that took more than four years, but ended in Miller graduating *summa cum laude*.

“I really loved the challenge of law school. It was just a great, great environment,” she says.

Miller clerked for two years at the Indiana Supreme Court and then joined the legal staff of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Indiana (subsequently Anthem) where she served from 1985 until 2008, ultimately as the acting general counsel.

From 2008 to 2012, Miller was the president of Anthem’s federal government business. She retired in 2012.

Her husband, Bernie, who served on the faculty and coached basketball, tennis, and baseball at several high schools, is also retired. In 2018, they decided to channel Miller’s passion for learning and education into a fellowship assisting IU McKinney Law students.

“Law school was a real springboard to the kind of career that allowed me to give back,” Miller says.

The Sandy and Bernie Miller Fellowship is awarded to J.D. students who work in unpaid summer positions as part of their participation in the school’s William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health.

Eight law students have received fellowships during the past three years, including four Hall Center students who received fellowships for the summer of 2021.

“One of the best parts of establishing the fellowship is that I actually hear from recipients,” Miller says. “They have written to tell me about their lives, their time in law school, and how much the fellowship means to them. That is a really special kind of thank you, letting me know that this is working.”
For Emily Sargent, ‘18, Law and Public Health Converge on CDC COVID-19 Response

As devastating and difficult as the COVID-19 pandemic has been, Emily Sargent, ‘18, is sure of one thing in her role as a public health advisor serving on the COVID-19 response at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“It is an honor to be working in this job,” she says.

Sargent spent years preparing for her CDC role, which includes managing operations for a task force that collects and analyzes public health data to help direct the ongoing federal response to the COVID-19 crisis. As an undergraduate majoring in criminal justice at Indiana University in Bloomington, Sargent was part of a student-run emergency medical services team and became an emergency medical technician (EMT), where she discovered the area of health law.

“I realized that was going to be my true passion,” she says. “I was fortunate to be admitted to IU McKinney, which has a top health law program and offered me the opportunity to learn from leaders in my field. I greatly appreciated the devoted faculty and being at the center of everything in Indianapolis, especially since my focus was on government and policy.”

During her second year of law school, Sargent committed to the J.D./M.P.H. dual-degree program with the IU Fairbanks School of Public Health and embarked on a series of externships that took her from St. Francis Hospital to the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross.

“Sargent was in the inaugural class of Health Law Scholars at IU McKinney, where she also volunteered with the IU Student Outreach Clinic, and as a member of the IUPUI Public Health Corps, working on assignments that included researching sexual harassment/sexual assault laws for the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

After law school—and as COVID-19 reached Indiana in early 2020—Sargent was working at the Indiana State Department of Health in public health emergency preparedness. As COVID cases began being reported and state health officials activated the emergency operations center, Sargent recalls that soon, “things exploded.”

In her work with the Red Cross, Sargent had helped with emergency responses to major flooding in West Virginia and a tornado outbreak in Kokomo, but the COVID-19 response was a new, historic level, she says.

“For someone who is passionate about this particular area of law and public health, it is the experience of a lifetime. I believe we will see a new era of emergency preparedness laws following this pandemic, similar to the policy changes that occurred after the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and after Hurricane Katrina.”

—Emily Sargent, ‘18
Sargent’s office at the Indiana Department of Health routinely managed federal grants for emergency preparedness, but in a matter of weeks the amount tripled. Coordinating the statewide COVID-19 response soon drew in not only the 12-person team Sargent worked on, but, eventually, several entiites of state government, and involved working with county and local health departments in every corner of Indiana.

In August 2020, Sargent left the Indiana State Department of Health to join the federal response at the CDC. “For someone who is passionate about this particular area of law and public health, it is the experience of a lifetime,” Sargent says. “I believe we will see a new era of emergency preparedness laws following this pandemic, similar to the policy changes that occurred after the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and after Hurricane Katrina.”

Sargent says that her law school education, combined with her master’s in public health, have provided a crucial knowledge base for her current role at the CDC as the COVID-19 crisis continues to evolve. “People get frustrated working in government, and the politics and bureaucracy can be difficult,” she says. “But that’s why I want to work in this space. It is hard, yet it is an honor to be working for the American taxpayer. I felt that way when I worked in Indiana, and I feel that way now, working for all U.S. citizens. That’s what I love about government work.”

Hall Center Students Engage in Mentoring Activities, Sponsor Student-Led Events

The William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health was established in 1987 to expand the curriculum and teaching of health law and provide opportunities for students—an effort that continues today, with events and outreach activities that complement the center’s health law course offerings and dual degree program.

The Hall Center and the student-led Health Law Society hosted two collaborative events—panels on Disability Law and Texas Abortion Bill—during the fall semester. “As law students, we have an obligation to fight for those who have historically been deprived of rights such as the right to reproductive care or the right to reasonable accommodations under the ADA,” said Kennedy E. Bunch, a 2023 J.D. candidate and president of the Health Law Society at IU McKinney. “As such, hosting conversations with lawyers, doctors, and academics who have a deep understanding of the implications of restricting rights is crucial in ensuring we engage, inform, and educate law students adequately on these issues in a nonpartisan fashion.”

The Health Law Society found these panels to be extremely successful, Bunch said. “The online format allowed us to have conversations with individuals across the country and make it safely accessible to those who may have been unable to join in person,” she said. “Students and guests had the opportunity to ask these highly regarded individuals inquisitive questions to better understand the implications and shortcomings of the relevant laws.”

The Hall Center and the Health Law Society also collaborated on the launch of a new Peer Mentor Program, with a total of 26 students participating. Alumni lead another mentoring effort through the Hall Center Mentor Board, which assists health-law students in building a professional network and honing the skills they need to succeed. Alumni and students met for 16 “Coffee Chats” during the fall semester.

Coffee Chats and other networking opportunities require the assistance of professionals willing to lend a hand, including volunteers like Jacob Butz, ’20, an attorney in Ice Miller’s Health Care Practice Group.

“I absolutely enjoy working with Hall Center students,” Butz says. “It’s almost like looking in a mirror since I was in their shoes not even two years ago. I enjoy sharing my insight and guidance on how I think students can shape themselves for success in the tightly knit Indianapolis health law community.”

That kind of outreach might be more important than ever. Having secured employment during a pandemic, Butz is familiar with the types of fears and concerns that students are experiencing. “I use that experience to reduce any stress that’s associated with the job hunt,” Butz says. “Working with health law students at IU McKinney is the least I could do considering how instrumental the Hall Center and its amazing faculty and staff were in my development as a health law professional. I look forward to involving myself even further as my career progresses.”
A seven-speaker virtual symposium on “Telehealth Law: Post-Pandemic and Beyond” explored the emerging new world of health care delivery on October 22.

Speakers offered insight into lessons learned from telehealth’s mass implementation during the COVID-19 pandemic and what the law may become as regulators embrace this technological advancement.

Nicolas Terry, executive director, Hall Center for Law and Health, and IU McKinney Vice Dean Mike Pitts provided opening remarks. Among the leading health law scholars and attorneys who spoke at the event were:

- Carmel Shachar, JD, MPH, executive director of the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School, who provided the keynote address, “Moving to a 21st Century Model of Health Care.”
- Stacey Ann Tovino, BA, JD, PhD, professor of law, University of Oklahoma, College of Law; Carrie Nixon, managing partner, Nixon Gwilt Law; and Lara Compton, attorney/member, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., who presented during a panel on “Regulation of Telehealth.”
- Laura Hoffman, visiting professor of law and acting director for the Center for Health Law and Policy, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; Deborah Farringer, JD, associate dean for academic affairs, associate professor of law, and director of Health Law Studies, Belmont University, College of Law; and Christopher Robertson, BA, JD, MA, PhD, N. Neal Pike Scholar and professor of law.

IU McKinney Visiting Assistant Professor of Law Daniel Orenstein provided closing remarks.

The Indiana Health Law Review Symposium also featured a Student Note Competition in which participants in the webinar were invited to vote on student presentations.

Third-year IU McKinney student Jake Zurschmiede, was declared the winner for his presentation, “Habeas Corpus and COVID-19: In the Midst of a Viral Pandemic, Can the ‘Great Writ’ Provide Home Supervision to At-Risk Plantiff Inmates?” and 1L Nermy John was runner-up for her presentation, “The Path to a Healed Society: Indiana should mandate cognitive behavior therapy for domestic violence batterers.”

IU McKinney Law 1L Farrah Alexander won the IndyBar Health Care & Life Sciences Section Writing/Oral Competition.

In the inaugural competition, students were asked to consider an area of maternal and child health that Indiana could improve upon and discuss a law that could be used to implement changes necessary to better serve Indiana women and children.

The writing prompt—and the competition itself—was created by the Hall Center for Law and Health Coordinator Angela Larracey as a project for the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) graduate-level interdisciplinary leadership training program at Riley Child Development Center.

LEND Training is designed for people who will advocate on behalf of people with neuro-developmental disabilities, a broad category that includes autism, anxiety, Down’s Syndrome, attention-deficit disorder, and many other conditions.

Larracey has several family members with neuro-developmental disabilities and believes LEND training will be helpful in providing support to them and others in the community. She’s been working on LEND certification and the project for nearly a year, with the support of Hall Center Executive Director Nicolas Terry and Associate Director Brittany Kelly.

Taking the competition from a concept to finalizing the details and taking it live was more complicated than Larracey anticipated, but she’s pleased with the potential outcome.

“The day that IndyBar called to tell me that registration was open, I was ready to do cartwheels in my living room,” Larracey says.

“As a state, Indiana’s maternal health and overall health of women and children rankings are low, which has a direct impact on outcomes for individuals with neuro-developmental disabilities,” she says. “Hopefully, students will come up with ideas to help Indiana get out of that bottom rung and improve lives for people in Indiana.”

Read more about the winner of the competition, Farrah Alexander, on page 13.
Entrepreneurs may have a new product and the financial capacity to get their idea launched but lack the necessary funding to protect their inventions or brand with a patent or trademark. Law students interested in careers in intellectual property law need practical learning experiences to help them succeed in this competitive field. IU McKinney’s Intellectual Property Law Clinic helps to meet both needs.

Students in the Intellectual Property Law Clinic at IU McKinney get to work with clients and put into practice the skills they learn in the classroom. Operated under the United States Patent & Trademark Office’s Law School Clinic Certification Program, all legal services offered by qualifying law students are conducted under the supervision of a licensed IP Clinic faculty supervisor. Pervin Taleyarkhan, ’13, teaches in the clinic with Derek Lavender, ’13, and Matthew Clark, ’13. All three alumni work in intellectual property law: Taleyarkhan is an in-house IP Legal Counsel at Whirlpool Corporation; Clark is an attorney at Frost Brown Todd where he practices in the areas of trademark, copyright, entertainment, and internet.

(BELOW) In the photo from left are IP Clinic Director Pervin Taleyarkhan, ’13, with students Ross Brown, Helga Davila, Luke Peterson, Fariraishhe Muzondo, Jeff Johnson, Ming Yang, Christian Mercho, Chitra Ram, and Brooks Pearce. Not pictured are IP Clinic faculty supervisors Matthew Clark, ’13, and Derek Lavender, ’13, and student Noah Long.
Having worked with the IP Clinic provides students with invaluable résumé-boosting experience that will likely be appealing to potential employers,” Taleyarkhan said. “Being a part of the IP Clinic provides students opportunities to build skills for practicing law and client interaction, all while in law school. Employers understand candidates with this type of experience in law school will likely quickly become productive and effective employees.”

Clinic students will be primarily responsible for client interaction and their work under the supervision of Taleyarkhan, Clark, or Lavender. The clinic students will be executing trademark and patent searches as well as engaging in trademark application prosecution and patent drafting and prosecution. “This includes opportunities for direct interaction with patent examiners and trademark examining attorneys at the United States Patent and Trademark Office,” Lavender said. “Accordingly, the IP Clinic gives students a glimpse of real-world legal practice and client management.”

The IP Law Clinic has drawn students who discovered their passion for intellectual property law while in law school. Among them are 4L evening student Helga Davila, LL.M. ’18. She became interested in IP law while earning her law degree at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú; she is originally from Lima, Peru. She plans to focus on commercial law and IP law after completing her J.D. at IU McKinney. Fariraisha Muzondo, a 4L evening student, became interested in IP law during the summer prior to entering law school when she was taking part in the Indiana Conference for Continuing Legal Education Opportunity program; the writing assignment was on trade secrets. Third-year law student Ming Yang also found her interest in IP, particularly trademark law, while at IU McKinney. The IP Law Clinic is giving Yang and her classmates the skills they will need to practice after completing their legal educations. “We’re learning to think like a lawyer, Yang said. “We discuss more deeply what the client needs.”

Other IP Law Clinic students knew before they enrolled at IU McKinney this was the area upon which they wanted to focus. Chitra Ram studied intellectual property for engineers at Purdue University. The 3L received a biological engineering degree before enrolling in law school. And Luke Peterson studied aerospace engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and worked as an engineer in the software and controls arena before beginning law school. The 3L evening program student currently works as a controls engineer writing software for electric vehicles.

Like Ram and Peterson, Clark knew he wanted to focus on intellectual property at IU McKinney. “I regularly advise clients on copyright protection, registration and licensing, as well as on a variety of issues and transactions within the field of entertainment, advertising, social media, and websites,” Clark said. “What appeals to me about IP is that it is so prevalent in our day-to-day lives, and it often comprises the most valuable assets of a company.”

The IU McKinney Law 2022 IP Symposium will take place virtually on Friday, April 1, 2022.

BLOCKCHAIN & NFTS: Latest Developments from Cryptocurrencies to Music, Games, and Fashion Industry

Watch the law school’s website for details!
IU McKinney Virtual International Student Speaker Series November 12

IU McKinney hosted its Fall 2021 International Student Speaker Virtual Series on November 12. Four Master of Laws students from Brazil, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe discussed law in their home countries during the event.

Paula Marques Merlin addressed the topic, “The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)—How Brazil and the United States are Dealing with this New Regulation.” GDPR, a regulation from Europe, affected several international companies that collect personal data from people in the European Union. The regulation was slated to be implemented by Brazil in 2021. Marques Merlin is a lawyer from Brazil with more than 10 years of legal experience in litigation and in corporate, commercial, civil, labor, and employment law. She is studying the Corporate and Commercial Law track for her LL.M.

Adedoyin Adeniran talked about “The Corporate Structure and Intellectual Property Rights in Nigeria.” Her discussion covered the organizational structure of various types of companies in Nigeria and addressed the intellectual property rights that accrue to each company based on its structure or activities. Adeniran is a lawyer from Nigeria, where her areas of expertise include real estate, outsourcing, corporate finance, intellectual property, agriculture, compliance, and technology.

Denise Theresa Chisveto presented on “The Legal Framework in the Realization of the Right to Healthcare of Persons with Disabilities in Zimbabwe.” Chisveto talked about gaps in Zimbabwe’s legal instruments. She is from Zimbabwe where she served as a volunteer at the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Gender Department). She is the law school’s first student in the LL.M. track in World Trade Law.

Hakeemat Ijaiya discussed “The Effectiveness of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Awards under International Commercial Contracts: A Comparative Analysis of Nigeria and the United States.” Her presentation compared international and domestic ADR, specifically in the United States and Nigeria. She is a lawyer in Nigeria where she has two years of experience. Her interests are corporate and commercial law, alternative dispute resolution, international trade, and direct foreign investment. She is studying the Corporate and Commercial Law track for her LL.M. degree.

Vice Dean Cynthia Adams, ’83, moderated the discussion.

In the photo from left are Denise Theresa Chisveto, Hakeemat Ijaiya, Paula Marques Merlin, Adedoyin Adeniran, and Vice Dean Cynthia Adams. ✦
IU McKinney Celebrates the Diwali Festival of Lights

The Asian Law Students Association sponsored a Diwali celebration, the Festival of Lights, on November 4. Diwali is one of South Asia’s biggest celebrations of the year. Millions of people get together in their newest and best traditional clothing to honor the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and wish for blessings and prosperity for the coming year. This year, ALSA celebrated Diwali with their fellow IU McKinney family by distributing snack boxes with delicious savory samosas and sweet laddoos. 

Professor George Edwards and Student Visit Pentagon

Professor George Edwards and IU McKinney Law Student Elizabeth Ellie Halodik visited the Pentagon on November 16, as part of the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Periodic Review Board Hearing on behalf of a Guantanamo prisoner. Professor Edwards founded the Military Commission Observation Project (MCOP) after the Pentagon granted non-governmental organization observer status to the Program in International Human Rights Law (also founded by Professor Edwards) in 2014. MCOP participants view commission proceedings for Guantanamo Bay detainees through video link at Fort Meade in Maryland or at Guantanamo Bay, witnessing them in person. 

Colorful posters provided descriptions of Diwali, the Festival of Lights.

Participating in the Diwali celebration on November 4 were Asian Law Student Association executive board members, along with Professor George Edwards. From left: Chitra Ram, 3L; Naqsha Biliangady, 2L; Neema Patel, 2L; Professor Edwards and Priya Malik, 2L.
Professors Jennifer Drobac and Xuan-Thao Nguyen took part in a hybrid conference titled “Feminism, Gender, and the Law” which was hosted by Vietnam National University—University of Economics and Law. The event took place on October 29.

Professor Drobac delivered one of the keynote addresses and presented “U.S. Feminist Legal Theory: Historical Roots and Modern Branches.” Professor Nguyen served as chair of the event’s first panel discussion on the topic “Violence Against Women and Sexual Harassment.”

Professor Drobac is a widely known expert in sexual harassment law. She is a Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law at IU McKinney and has given more than 100 interviews to media members worldwide in connection to the #MeToo movement. She is an author of the textbook, *Sexual Harassment Law: History, Cases and Practice*, recently published by Carolina Academic Press. She co-authored the book with Professor Carrie N. Baker of Smith College and Professor Rigel C. Oliveri of the University of Missouri School of Law. Professor Drobac is at work on her next book, *The Myth of Consent*, which is under contract with Cambridge University Press. That work will explore the neuroscience of adult decision making and how the science should influence law reform, particularly the law of consent.

Professor Nguyen is an internationally known legal scholar renowned for her expertise in the intersections of Intellectual Property, Contracts, Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy, Licensing and Taxation. She is the Gerald L. Bepko Endowed Chair in Law at IU McKinney. During the 2018-2019 academic year, she was the Garvey Schubert Barer Visiting Professor of Law at University of Washington School of Law. Professor Nguyen received Indiana University’s Trustees Teaching Award in 2020. She is the recipient of the 2016 Grant Gilmore Award from the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers for her outstanding publications: “In the Name of Patent Stewardship: The Federal Circuit’s Overreach in Commercial Law,” 67 Florida L. Rev. 127 (2015) and “Financing Innovation: Legal Development of Intellectual Property as Security in Financing, 1845-2014,” 48 Indiana Law Review 509 (2015).

Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen published two recent pieces of scholarship, one of which was the subject of a presentation at an international conference.

Professor Nguyen’s article, “#MeToo Innovators: Disrupting the Race and Gender Code by Asian Americans in the Tech Industry,” has been published in Volume 28 of the *Asian American Law Journal* at Berkeley Law. She presented on the piece during an international conference on “Feminism, Gender, and Law” organized by Vietnam National University—University of Economics and Law in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Professor Nguyen delivered her talk remotely.

Professor Nguyen also published a treatise titled *Taxation of Intellectual Property*. The work, which she co-wrote with Professor Jeffrey A. Maine of the University of Maine Law School, was published by PLE Press.

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IU McKinney and AJURIS Launch Series in American Legal Education

IU McKinney School of Law and Escola da Magistratura/AJURIS in Brazil launched the inaugural Series in American Legal Education from May 17 to August 2. The first cohort was made up of 12 judges from Brazil who took part in “English for Legal Professionals.” The program was designed to allow the jurists to delve into the linguistics of statutory interpretation, rule synthesis, and case reading. The judges also practiced their spoken legal English by interviewing clients and presenting oral arguments.

Catherine Beck, who is the Legal English Specialist for IU McKinney’s LL.M. Program and teaches as an adjunct professor at the law school, taught the series via Zoom. The judges wanted to focus on the language of the U.S. legal system, particularly in the areas of common law and precedent, she said.

Precedents were of particular interest to the students as Brazil is adopting a similar system, inspired by the American model, said Judge Patricia Antunes Laydner, vice dean at Escola Superior da Magistratura/AJURIS.

Class participants said they were challenged by the exercises that prepared them for the oral argument portion of the course. Writing the arguments involved a great deal of technical vocabulary. “Still, and perhaps because of this, it was also the most interesting activity,” Judge Laydner said. “I would strongly recommend the course to my colleagues.”

“During the classes, I realized the peculiarities of some words and expressions that I got in touch with,” said Judge Josiane Caleffi Estivalet of Rio Grande do Sul State Tribunal de Justiça. “So, now I know that it’s essential to improve my vocabulary to have a better comprehension of the American legal system and its own way of communicating.”

The students appreciated Beck and the way she taught the course. “Our teacher was amazing because she was always kind and approachable,” Judge Estivalet said. “It was one of the best online experiences I ever had,” Estivalet says.

Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs Miki Hamstra initiated and organized the program. It shows, she said, how judges, lawyers, and professionals can take advantage of training opportunities in other countries in spite of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Author, Survivor of Rwanda Genocide Visits Professor Edwards

Kayiranga Jean-Leonard Kagabo, author of Angels on My Path, visited with IU McKinney Professor George Edwards and students on October 6. Kagabo talked about surviving the genocide in Rwanda, where Hutu extremists killed members of the Tutsi minority in 1994. Kagabo’s book recounts his happy childhood before the war began. He had to leave home with a sister and brother, and a cousin to survive.

Professor Edwards is the Carl M. Gray Professor of Law at IU McKinney. He founded the Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL) at IU McKinney in 1997. PIRHL has placed more than 250 students in internships in nearly 70 countries since its founding. Students work with private human rights organizations, governmental bodies, and the United Nations.
IU McKinney Welcomes Master of Laws Students for the Fall 2021 Semester

The law school welcomed eight new Master of Laws students from six different countries for the 2021-22 academic year. Students from Afghanistan, Brazil, India, Nigeria, the Republic of Congo, the United States, and Zimbabwe have begun their LL.M. studies at Inlow Hall.

Parwiz Afshar is from Afghanistan and is studying the Corporate and Commercial Law track. Van Bibila, from the Republic of the Congo, is studying in the International Human Rights Law track.

Denise Chisveto began her LL.M. studies with IU McKinney online during the Spring 2021 semester. She is from Zimbabwe and is studying the World Trade Law track. She is the first student to take part in this track, which was launched in 2019.

Amandeep Kaur is from India and is studying the American Law for Foreign Lawyers track, while Marcus McGhee, J.D. ’16, lives in Indianapolis and is studying the International Human Rights Law track.

Tolulope Ogunsina is from Nigeria and is studying the American Law for Foreign Lawyers track. Also from Nigeria, Osayaman Louisa Ojo is pursuing studies in the International and Comparative Law track. A third Nigerian student, Egbeichi Okoro, is studying the World Trade Law track.

Andresa Monteiro Viehhaus is from Brazil and is studying the American Law for Foreign Lawyers track.

Shown in the photo are, in the front row from left: Vice Dean Cynthia Adams, ‘83; Amandeep Kaur; Denise Chisveto; Tolulope Ogunsina; Egbeichi Okoro; and Dean Karen E. Bravo. In the second row from left are Parwiz Afshar; Van Bibila; Marcus McGhee, J.D. ’16; Osayaman Louisa Ojo; Andresa Monteiro Viehhaus; and Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs Miki Hamstra.

Since launching in 2002, nearly 800 students from close to 80 different countries have earned LL.M. degrees from IU McKinney.
LL.M. Alumna’s Externship Evolves into Fulltime Job

A passion for working with children and families inspired Mahesha Tennekoon, LL.M. ’20, to secure an externship with the Indiana Department of Child Services in spring 2020. Before earning her LL.M. through IU McKinney’s American Law for Foreign Lawyers track, Tennekoon got her “dream job” as a family case manager in the agency.

“I wanted to join DCS and to be a part of that family,” Tennekoon said. “Even before I graduated, I found my dream job at DCS.” In November 2020, Tennekoon began working fulltime as a family case manager with the Marion County Department of Child Services, where she assesses child abuse and neglect reports. “My LL.M. degree helped me to secure a government job,” she says. “I really enjoy my work,” she said. “I am proud to be working with DCS to secure the future for the children in Indiana.”

“As part of our LL.M. program,” Tennekoon said, “we get a chance to work as a legal extern in a variety of legal firms or a government department in the U.S. This was a golden opportunity to gain practical experience in the American legal system that we had studied during the first semester.”

“From day one after joining as an extern,” Tennekoon said, “I noticed that the Department of Child Services is a welcoming place for any extern.”

Tennekoon initially went through the agency’s two-week mandatory employee training on its policies, vision, mission, and values. Her next training covered the agency’s code of conduct, data security, legislative drafting and lobbying, emergency strategy plans, childcare services, and family case management. Her externship included a live class with experienced family case managers and lawyers. In addition, Tennekoon participated in the agency’s family case managers and attorneys training, including deposition-taking.

Tennekoon was able to attend one of the agency’s administrative hearings. “That was a good experience on how the administrative hearings are conducted to resolve people’s everyday life issues,” she said. Tennekoon practiced civil law in Sri Lanka before joining McKinney’s LL.M. program in 2019. In her home country, she dealt with land law, family law, and money matters. “I used my prior knowledge and skills to understand the administrative procedures and what will happen if one of the parties is not satisfied with the decision. By learning and studying about an administrative hearing, I compared the laws and its procedures of my home country.” Tennekoon also observed an Indiana Supreme Court proceeding involving a case wherein the agency had terminated parental rights.

“The DCS provided me an excellent environment to learn all areas and duties of a lawyer,” Tennekoon said. “I would recommend DCS as one of the best places to do an externship. I would like to suggest all the LL.M. students who come from foreign countries to participate in an externship with a governmental agency to gain endless experience and knowledge.”

IU McKinney’s LL.M. Program Lauded by National Jurist

IU McKinney’s Master of Laws “rocks” the honor roll for the National Jurist magazine. The program was featured in a story examining LL.M. programs nationwide and was one of only five programs to be featured by the magazine. The piece includes an interview with Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs Miki Pike Hamstra.

“The major part of its focus is attracting foreign students to the school to make it more diverse and robust, as well as give these students a top-notch education and key legal experience,” Assistant Dean Pike said in the article. The reasonable cost of living in Indianapolis; IU McKinney’s affordable tuition; externships available to LL.M. students; mentoring from other LL.M. students, J.D. students, and faculty; and faculty who understand the needs of foreign students are all part of what make IU McKinney special.
IU McKinney Master of Laws Graduate Takes Part in Judicial Training Program

Rindala Zgheib, LL.M. ’19, is taking part in a judicial training program in Lebanon. Zgheib completed her Master of Laws studies with distinction on the International and Comparative Law track and attributes the success she has found in this phase in her career to the education she received at IU McKinney.

“I learned from IU McKinney the way to think,” Zgheib said, “how to think properly, how to analyze properly.”

Zgheib has been training as a judge at the Lebanese Institute of Training and Judicial Studies since August 2019. The training includes theoretical and practical courses, as well as placements in various judicial chambers where trainee judges participate in deliberations. She is currently training at the Execution Appeal Court. She has completed training with the Real Estate First Degree Court and the Commercial First Degree Court.

Zgheib prides herself on being an IU McKinney graduate. “I am the only current trainee judge with a masters from the USA.” She finds what she learned at IU McKinney applies to her judicial work. Her IU McKinney education, she said, made it “easier for me to identify and structure a problem. Even the mediation class enabled me to balance my intellect with my intuition and helped me to become more comfortable with the decision-making process as a trainee judge.”

Zgheib will complete her judicial training in 2022. It has been slowed significantly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, one session that would have been completed in six months in ordinary circumstances took 18 months instead. The delays haven’t deterred her. “I will keep learning,” she said. “I will keep working.”

Zgheib will also start teaching business law at the American University of Science and Technology in January 2022.

Achim Foerster, LL.M. ’06, Elected to University Leadership in Germany

Achim Foerster, LL.M. ’06, has been elected Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Applied Sciences Wuerzburg-Schweinfurt, where he is a professor of copyright law, media law and media public policy. He was chosen for the post by the university’s council.

In this role, Professor Foerster will be part of the senior leadership of the university for an initial term of two and a half years and will work closely with the university’s president. Prior to his academic appointment, he was a public prosecutor at the Schweinfurt Prosecution Authority where he focused on internet and computer crime, and a judge at the District Courts of Bad Neustadt a.d. Saale and Schweinfurt. His current academic work focuses on copyright law and data protection with respect to educational use in a digital academic environment.

In 2020, Professor Foerster received a Bavarian State Ministry of Sciences and Arts Award for outstanding teaching.

Professor ‘Arafa, S.J.D. ’13, Publishes Article on Muslim Response to COVID-19 Vaccination in Jurist

Professor Mohamed ‘Arafa, S.J.D. ’13, discusses the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Muslim world in an article published in Jurist. In the piece titled “COVID-19 Vaccination Battle in the Middle East: Is it a ‘Halāl’ Vaccine?” Professor ‘Arafa considers the public health responses called for to combat the pandemic in the context of Islamic law.

The practice of congregational prayers, pilgrimage to Mecca, and vaccination are all outlined in the piece, as are the religious practices surrounding burial of those who have died of COVID-19.

Professor ‘Arafa is a professor of law at Alexandria University Faculty of Law in Egypt, an adjunct professor of law at Cornell Law School, and an adjunct professor of law at IU McKinney.
New Employees Join the Law School Staff and Administration

We are pleased to introduce you to new members of the IU McKinney Law family.

Nicole Burts, ’17, is Associate Director of Student Recruitment in the Office of Enrollment Management. Burts completed her undergraduate studies at DePauw University, where she majored in Anthropology and minored in both Africana Studies and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Prior to joining the IU McKinney staff, she served as the pre-law advisor and part-time faculty at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

Courtney Ducker, ’20, is Associate Director of Academic and Bar Success. Ducker graduated from DePauw University with a Sociology and Philosophy double major. Prior to joining the law school, she practiced civil litigation at a small firm in Zionsville, Indiana.

Molly Grimm is the Development Assistant in the Office of Development. Grimm graduated from the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy with a B.A. degree in Philanthropic Studies and she is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in the same discipline at the school. Prior to joining the law school staff, she worked for the IU Foundation at the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI, and the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy in student services.

Willow King Locke joined IU McKinney Law as the Assistant Dean in the Office of Professional Development in August. She brings a wealth of experience in the career services area. During the past 15 years, she has served in various roles, including assistant director of the Career Center at Ball State, director of Pre-Professional and Career Advising in the IUPUI School of Science and, most recently, executive director of Academic Advising and Career Services for the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology. She has also served as chair of the IUPUI Career Services Council. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Law and Society from Purdue University and a Master of Arts in Student Affairs and Higher Education from The Ohio State University.
Tim Luczak is Assistant Director of Student Recruitment in the Office of Enrollment Management. Luczak received a B.S. degree at the University of Southern Indiana and a master’s degree in Education at Florida Atlantic University. Prior to joining the IU McKinney staff, he worked as an admissions counselor at Florida Atlantic University’s Honors College.

Jackie McCloud is a Research and Instructional Services Librarian at the Ruth Lilly Law Library. McCloud received a J.D. from the University of Akron, a Master of Library and Information Science degree, and a Bachelor of Arts from Kent State University. Prior to joining the law library, she was a digital content specialist for OverDrive in Ohio. Her past academic appointments include serving as Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Iowa, and Digital Services/Reference Librarian at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Allison M. Siegel is the Evening Circulation Manager at the Ruth Lilly Law Library. Siegel graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI along with minors in Linguistics and Arabic. She began working at IU McKinney in August 2019 as a part-time circulation assistant in the library before taking over as evening circulation manager in June 2021. Prior to that, she worked at University Library and the Indianapolis Public Library.

Kelly Teachout is the Assistant to the Dean at IU McKinney. Teachout received a Bachelor of Science in Business from Olivet Nazarene University. After almost 30 years working at one of the large law firms in Indianapolis, she and her husband retired to provide community service work in Cambodia but had to abandon that effort when the COVID-19 pandemic emerged. After moving back to Indianapolis, she worked on the IUPUI campus prior to joining the law school. 🌟
Professor Deborah McGregor Retires

Professor Deborah B. McGregor retired after nearly 30 years at the IU McKinney School of Law. For 23 years Professor McGregor served as the assistant director of the legal writing program and also developed the first writing course for LL.M. students and the summer legal process course for J.D. and M.J. students. She co-authored all three editions of The Guide to U.S. Legal Analysis and Writing (Wolters Kluwer) with the third edition forthcoming in 2022. Additionally, she developed and coordinated an academic support program for students for 14 years.

“Debby was a big part of putting our legal writing program on the national map, through her memorable presentations at regional and national conferences to her book. One of her many gifts is connecting with people and making them feel welcome, which is one of many reasons why her work hosting the 2008 national Legal Writing Conference at the law school was so successful,” said her colleague, Professor Joel Schumm. “Debby and I co-taught Legal Process for several years early in my teaching career. She brought enthusiasm and creativity to every class, always striving to reach every student and their individual learning style. She was the consummate colleague and friend, always willing to share and discuss ideas to improve a class—or ideas for a new vacation spot or restaurant!”

Professor McGregor received the Best New Professor Award, the Black Law Student Association’s John Morton-Finney/Brenda Elise Bowles Award twice, the Teaching Excellence Recognition Award twice, and the Indiana University Trustee’s Teaching Award.

She taught an Introduction to the U.S. Legal System to LL.M. students in Alexandria, Egypt, and a Legal Research and Writing course to students in Huangzhou and Shanghai, China, for the Chicago-Kent School of Law. Professor McGregor also was one of two law professors leading a training conference for Ukrainian law faculty, sponsored by the ABA’s Rule of Law Initiative. In 2012, she was a visiting professor at the University of Oregon School of Law.

In 2013 Professor McGregor was named the Founding Director of the law school’s Master of Jurisprudence Program, which is designed for those students whose career focus is in a discipline other than law but who would benefit by learning about the law. The first class matriculated in the summer of 2014, and the program now includes dual-degree options in three areas of study.

Professor Andy Klein, who was the dean of the school during the establishment of the MJ program said, “Debbie has been a fabulous colleague and contributed to the school’s mission in more ways that I can count. She was a dedicated classroom teacher, as well as an innovator—leading efforts to launch our Master of Jurisprudence program and supporting our international students. We wish Debby continued success in retirement, but we miss her here!”

“Aside from her significant contributions to McKinney, Debby is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in the field of legal analysis and communication,” said Vice Dean Cynthia Adams. “But for all her accomplishments, what always impressed me most was her unflinching regard for her students, whether J.D.’s, LL.M.’s, or M.J.’s. Her door was always open for them, and she worked tirelessly to ensure that her students had the knowledge and skill to succeed in their chosen careers. Debby was also my colleague and friend, and I’m grateful for the years spent working alongside her.”

Professor McGregor has been an active participant in the national Legal Writing Institute (LWI), presenting at both national and regional conferences for nearly 30 years. She has served on regional, national, and international committees, including serving as treasurer for the AALS Section on Post-Graduate Legal Education; service on the program committee of the Global Legal Skills Conference; and co-chair of the Association of Legal Writing Directors’ Teaching Grants Committee. In addition, she served on the Scholarship Grants Committee of the Association of Legal Writing Directors; a member of the Central States’ Regional Writing Conference Planning Committee; the McKinney Law representative on the IUPUI Graduate Affairs Committee and as a member of the American Bar Association and the Legal Writing Institute.

Professor McGregor received her undergraduate degree from the University of Evansville and her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center. Following graduation from Georgetown, Professor McGregor engaged in private practice in Boulder, Colorado, focusing primarily in the area of probate law and estate planning. Thereafter, she taught legal writing for three years at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law before joining the IU McKinney faculty in Indianapolis. Following her retirement, she was granted the status of Professor of Law Emerita by the IU Board of Trustees.
Assistant Dean Jonna Kane MacDougall, ‘86, retired at the end of 2021 after almost 32 years at IU McKinney Law. She began her career at the law school in February of 1990 as assistant dean for administration, with her work initially encompassing admissions, career services, alumni publications, and donor relations. Over the years, she wore many hats as assistant dean or interim assistant dean of Career Services, External Affairs, Advancement, and Student Affairs.

She served as editor of the law school’s alumni magazine from 1986 until 2021, having started that work while still a student, and continuing it on a freelance basis until joining the school’s staff permanently in 1990.

“When I think of Jonna MacDougall and her contributions to the law school, the words ‘excellence’ and ‘invaluable’ spring to mind, said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “Jonna has made incalculable contributions to the law school—working tirelessly to bring the many stories of the achievements and accomplishments of the McKinney community—alumni, faculty, students and staff—the public recognition they deserve. Those stories helped build pride in who we are as an institution. We cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for her alma mater.”

During her tenure at the school, her duties included alumni relations, special events, marketing, speech writing, public and media relations, publications, and continuing legal education programs, among others. At last count, she worked for seven different deans at the school. She worked the longest, over the years, with professor and former dean Andy Klein, who has served as a professor, associate dean, and dean of the school.

“It’s hard to imagine our law school without Jonna MacDougall,” Professor Klein said. “In every way and every fashion, she was always there, helping to make our institution a better place. I speak for the entire McKinney Law family in saying that it is a privilege to have a colleague and friend like Jonna. We’ll miss her in the building—and certainly won’t be able to replace her. But we are all happy that Jonna will have more time for herself and her family in the years ahead.”

Early in her career she worked in advertising and public relations, and later served as Assistant Professor of Journalism at Franklin College, where she also was Executive Director of the Indiana High School Press Association, serving students and teachers at secondary schools throughout the state. Additionally, Assistant Dean MacDougall taught journalism as an adjunct professor at IUPUI. She is a past president of the Indiana Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and past president and executive director of the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame. Assistant Dean MacDougall served on the board of directors of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum from 2002-2021. She is a co-founder and board member of Outrun the Sun, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sun safety education and raising research funding to combat metastatic melanoma. In 2007, she was one of two inaugural recipients of the IUPUI Nan Bohan Community Engagement Award for her work with Outrun the Sun. In 2021 she received the IUPUI Veteran Staff Award. In addition to the J.D., she holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism and English and a master’s degree in journalism, both from IU, and is currently working on an M.F.A. in Creative Writing at Butler University. ♦
In July, Cynthia Baker contributed to Indiana University’s partnership with the Associated Press called “Campus Insights” with a recorded video on Ohio’s anti-hazing law. Passed in summer 2021, “Collin’s Law” strengthens the penalties against those who participate in hazing, expands the scope of responsibility of those within institutions of higher education to report incidents of hazing, and requires a statewide anti-hazing plan to be led by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. After speaking about the nature of Collin Wiant’s death and other rituals of hazing on college campuses throughout our nation, Professor Baker said, “to the extent that law is a democratic acknowledgment of a real problem that has an actual solution, Ohio’s law is a step in the right direction.”

Professor Baker continued to serve as the faculty advisor for 2021 Program on Law and State Government Fellowships, the culmination of which was a hybrid symposium titled Gun Laws and Gun Violence: State Governments Making a Difference. Hosted on October 1, 2021, the event featured the ideas, research, and work of the 2021 Program on Law and State Government Fellows, law students Chaka Coleman and Katie Whitley. The entire event was based on foundational questions about the role of state governments in addressing gun laws and gun violence. For example, recognizing the power of the Second Amendment, are state governments relegated to the margins or are there ways state governments can make a difference in combatting gun violence?

Professor Baker continues her service on the Pro Bono Working Group of the Indiana Supreme Court’s Coalition for Court Access and on the law school faculty’s executive committee.

In May 2021, Jim Dimitri was awarded the Indiana University Trustee’s Teaching Award for his outstanding performance as a teacher. In October 2021, he presented “What Remains Virtual?: Retaining Digital Tools for In-Person Courses after COVID-19,” during the Central States Legal Writing Conference at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. In the presentation, Professor Dimitri discussed teaching tools from online courses that law professors could use effectively in in-person courses.

Jennifer Drobac published “The Company Reporting of Sexual Harassment,” 36 Australian Journal of Corporate Law (AJCL) 131-155 (Summer 2021) (co-authored with Mark Russell), and “Unmasking Sexual Harassment: The Empirical Evidence for A New Approach,” 17 N.Y.U. J.L. & Bus. 315-390 (2021) (co-authored with Mark Russell). Professor Drobac also made the following presentations: "U.S. Feminist Legal Theory: Historical Roots and Modern Branches," during the Feminism, Gender and Law conference at the University of Economics and Law (UEL), a member of the Vietnam National University at Hochiminh City, Vietnam, on October 29; “The Misappropriation, Embezzlement, Theft, and Waste of Corporate Human and Financial Assets: Sexual Harassment Reconceived,” at the University of California at Santa Cruz Politics & Economics Faculty Colloquium, in Santa Cruz, California, on October 18; “The Misappropriation of Corporate Human Assets: Sexual Harassment Reconceived,” during the IU McKinney Faculty Research Colloquium, in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 24, and for the Workshop on Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender, Univ. of Chicago Law School, in Chicago, Illinois, on May 12, 2021.


Frank Emmert, the director of the Center for International and Comparative Law, was on sabbatical during spring 2021. He used the time to work on a major research and publication project on international investment law. One of the main features of this area of law is the protection of investors who are mostly from wealthy developed nations and invest their money and resources in relatively poorer and less developed nations where rule of law may not always be

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**IU McKinney Gets A Grade**

preLaw Magazine’s back-to-school edition gave IU McKinney an A grade in human rights law as it did in 2020. The Program in International Human Rights Law, under the direction of Professor George Edwards, is actively involved in human rights. IU McKinney also is home to the Health and Human Rights Clinic, under the direction of Professor Fran Quigley, ’87.
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taken for granted. However, in more recent years, the protections provided by international investment law have frequently resulted in battles between well-funded multinationals on the one side and poorly trained and underfunded government officials on the other. In more than a few cases, developing nations have been convicted to pay large sums in damages although the countries are barely able to cover current debt and other expenses and the corporations were not necessarily without fault in the dispute. Poor representation of the developing nations has been a major concern, both in the theoretical development of the topic and in the settlement of disputes before international arbitration tribunals. To address the uneven access to educational opportunities, textbooks, and other cutting-edge material, the project brings together some 30 experts from more than 15 countries who are collaborating on a textbook that will be provided free of charge/open access to students and young professionals around the world. The group also is producing a series of webinars and online training modules to accompany the textbook, as well as a volume with the most advanced academic research on the current challenges and future directions of international investment law. About half of the textbook is complete and publication is expected in spring 2022. In addition to coordinating the project, Professor Emmert is authoring several of the chapters.

In the area of Blockchain law, Professor Emmert continued his work on the development of a course for IU. An in-person version is scheduled for the spring semester at IU Maurer School of Law. An online version is expected to be available in fall 2022 at IU McKinney. He wrote and submitted a chapter on “Opportunities Presented by AI and Blockchain Technology for Enterprises in International Business Transactions” in Alexandra Mendoza-Caminade (ed), Business and AI, IFR Lextenso editions, France, 2022, and he made presentations on Blockchain technology and its evolving regulation in different jurisdictions at the universities of Basle (Switzerland) and Toulouse (France). While in Europe, Professor Emmert also taught a course in the Master of Global Affairs Program jointly organized by Universidad Rey Juan Carlos in Madrid (Spain) and University of Prince Edward Island (Canada).

Carrie Hagan has published a chapter in the book Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Property Opinions, that was published in October 2021 by Cambridge University Press. The chapter addresses the opinion in Taylor v. Canterbury, and Professor Hagan and her co-author, Professor Diane Klein, discuss whether a special right such as survivorship should exist. The book is part of the United States Feminist Judgments Projects. In the project, rewritten opinions must use the facts and precedent of the original but bring to the judging process a feminist perspective that takes into account race, class, gender, disability, and other status groups historically marginalized by law.

Stephanie Hoffer has been appointed by the Rectorate of the Vienna University of Economics and Business as a guest professor. Additionally, Professor Hoffer spoke, virtually, at IU Bloomington about her project on Tax Legislation in Crisis. The Colloquium has met every spring since 2009, and features presentations from six tax scholars from universities around the country. The program can be found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANi5XxUQw. She spoke about the same project at the George-town University Law Center on October 19. In addition, Professor Hoffer was quoted in the Wall Street Journal in March of 2020 for an article about whether credit card rewards are taxable income. Find the article at https://www.wsj.com/articles/he-got-300-000-from-credit-card-rewards-the-irs-said-it-was-taxable-income-1615125601

Max Huffman has been named Senior Research Fellow for 2022 at the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies at Loyola University-Chicago. He will be involved in the planning and execution of the April colloquium. The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies is a non-partisan, independent academic center that advocates for a more just, competitive, and consumer-friendly economy.

Benjamin Keele and Larissa Sullivant presented at the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting on October 20, 2021. Their panel presentation was titled “Home Sweet Office? The Sustainability of Law Library Work from Home.” They talked about how the COVID-19 pandemic forced many library professionals to work from home. This shift presented an opportunity to rethink where and how library professionals contribute to their organizations. The panel discussed the advantages and disadvantages of different work arrangements and locations. The panel also considered how library work could be managed to be more equitable, achieve organizational goals, and help library professionals thrive in their careers.


Xuan-Thao Nguyen Xuan-Thao Nguyen joined Tracy Springer, Chief Compliance Officer & General Counsel of Liberty SBF, Joyce Bernasek of Osier, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP; Rick Antonoff of Blank Rome LLP; and Kiriakoula Hatzikiriakos, Legal Officer National Bank of Canada to discuss ABA’s In the Know Program “International Financing of Fintechs: Leveraging IP from Seed, to Growth and Beyond.” The event took place on September 14. Professor Nguyen presented “Secured Transactions and Registration Office’s Rules and Purposes on Movable Assets, Intangible Property and NFTs,” at the joint meeting of IFC and the Ministry of Justice in Hanoi, Vietnam, on October 27. She presented “From Feminist Legal Theory to #MeToo Asian American Innovators in Silicon Valley,” at the International Conference: Feminism, Gender and Law, which took place at VNU-UEL on October 29. She presented “Legal Agreements for Receivables and Inventory Finance,” to the Cambodia Bar Association in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on May 27. She also presented “Trademarks and Censorship in the age of COVID-19” at the University of Washington School of Law on December 6.

Professor Nguyen also published the following scholarship: Contract as Emer-

Daniel Orenstein presented “Updates in Health Law 2021” for the Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics, presented on his upcoming paper “Nowhere to Now, Where? Reconciling Public Cannabis Use in a Public Health Legal Framework” at the ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, and presented “Public Health, Federalism, and Cannabis: Prohibition is Still Wrong but Raich is Still Right” at the South Dakota Law Review Symposium, which will publish a related paper in 2022. Professor Orenstein also presented to the American Non-Smokers’ Rights Foundation on public cannabis use and served as an ExpertReviewer for WISE Indiana related to law, policy, and ethics issues in COVID-19 response.

Fran Quigley and his Health and Human Rights Clinic students supplemented their work advocating for persons facing eviction by collaborating with the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center and the Indiana Justice Project to publish a report, How Indiana Courts Can Prevent Evictions: Responding to a Looming Public Health and Economic Crisis, and a follow-on opinion column in the Indianapolis Star. He also published articles on the eviction and affordable housing crisis in National Catholic Reporter and Jacobin, participated in multiple community forums and CLE’s on the eviction crisis, and provided commentary for multiple media outlets as well. His fifth book, Religious Socialism: Faith in Action for a Better World, was published by Orbis Books, a noted religious publisher which includes authors such as Pope Francis. Professor Quigley participated in an online book launch and interfaith discussion hosted by Zebras Unite.

Florence Wagman Roisman taught Property in the ICLEO Summer Institute in 2021. Professor Roisman published an article, “Structural Racism in Housing in Indianapolis,” in the Indiana Health Law Review. (The article was based on her participation in an earlier Indiana Health Law Review symposium.) She also published several short book reviews. She spoke in September at a conference sponsored by the Back Home in Indiana Alliance and the Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities and in November at a conference sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee Land Title Association. In the Spring, she received a Trustees’ Teaching Award. She is serving on the Faculty Recruitment Committee.

Joel Schumm was elected treasurer of the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association. Professor Schumm was re-elected to the law school’s five-member Executive Committee. He presented “Contractions Don’t Belong in Formal Legal Writing?” during the Central States Legal Writing Conference, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law on October 23. He served as a co-presenter/panelist on the topic “Words Matter: Developing and Perfecting the Skills Necessary to Produce Top Quality Legal Writing” to the Indianapolis Bar Association on May 19. He presented “Highlights, Trends, and Strategies in Indiana Criminal Appellate Law” to a meeting of the Indiana Public Defender Council on May 6. In addition, Professor Schumm was the primary author of amicus briefs on behalf of the Appellate Practice Section of the Indianapolis Bar Association in two cases pending before the Indiana Supreme Court. One brief addressed concerns with the Court of Appeals citing an unpublished memorandum decision. The other addressed the timeliness of a notice of appeal as well as broader concerns with sua sponte appellate decisions and the rarity of oral arguments at the Indiana Court of Appeals. He also represented a Marion Superior Court judge who was the respondent in an original action proceeding before the Indiana Supreme Court that was filed by the Attorney General in the Holcomb v. Bray et al. case. The Indiana Supreme Court denied the State’s requests for both an emergency and permanent writ.

Frank Sullivan Jr. is a commissioner from Indiana to the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) (also known as the National Conference of Uniform Law Commissioners) and a member of the Joint Drafting Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code and Emerging Technologies, formed jointly with members from the American Law Institute and ULC, to draft amendments to the UCC to accommodate emerging technological developments. The committee is addressing, among other issues, distributed ledger technology, virtual currency, electronic notes and drafts, other digital assets, payments, and bundled transactions. Professor Sullivan attended meetings of the Joint Drafting Committee on May 10, May 12, and July 6, and assisted in presenting the work of the Committee at the ULC Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, July 9-14.

As an adviser to the American Law Institute’s “Principles of the Law: Policing” project, he participated in a meeting of the advisers on October 14 that considered principles to foster sound policing by actors outside of policing agencies such as legislators, judges, and prosecutors, and on some related topics, such as statutory remedies and certification and decertification of officers.

Professor Sullivan co-chairs (with Assistant Dean Patricia K. Kinney) the law school’s Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Committee which is drafting a strategic plan for increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion at the law school. This effort was undertaken at the direction of law school Dean Karen Bravo and is in conjunction with similar initiatives by all IUPUI units. The draft plan sets forth goals and strategies for making improvements in respect of four indicators of diversity, equity, and inclusion: institutional viability and vitality; education and scholarship; climate and intergroup relations; and access and success.

Professor Sullivan was selected by the Class of 2021 to be a “hooder” at graduation ceremonies on May 15. He delivered a presentation titled “What is the Socratic Method of Teaching?” at the law school’s orientation program for new Master of Laws students on August 4 and again for first-year JD students on August 10. He delivered a talk at a law school faculty colloquium on September 21 titled, “Bitcoin meets the Uniform Commercial Code.” He is the director of the Graduate Certificate in Corporate and Commercial Law, director of the LL.M. Program’s Corporate and Commercial Law Track, and faculty advisor to the Hispanic Law Society. “Trademarks and Censorship in the Age of Covid-19,” at the University of Washington-
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ton School of Law on December 6, 2021.

At the request of the Indiana Supreme Court and the Board of Law Examiners, Professor Sullivan served as a member of an informal working group to develop an alternative approach to the Indiana component of the bar exam following the court’s adoption of the Uniform Bar Exam effective July 2021. The working group’s recommendation was approved by the court in October. (IU McKinney Assistant Dean of Academic and Bar Success Michele Cooley was also a member of the working group.)

Professor Sullivan chairs the 2021-22 IndyBar Bar Leader Series. The series is an intensive year-long leadership development program designed to prepare talented and diverse early-career lawyers to take their places as both leaders in the legal profession and leaders in addressing needs of the community. He also participated in an Indiana Appellate Institute Case Moot organized by IndyBar’s Appellate Practice Session.

Professor Sullivan is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education and other events. On May 6, he addressed the New Albany Rotary Club on “Judging in America in the 21st Century.” On July 27, he participated in a CLE sponsored by the IndyBar Government Practice Section titled “Indiana Constitutional Conflict in a Post-Pandemic World.” And on September 30, he spoke on “Banking, Business, and Contract Law” at the 2021 Indiana Law Survey, an annual CLE program that funds scholarships at the law school.

As president of the Indianapolis Civilian Police Merit Board, Professor Sullivan presided over its monthly meetings. On May 22, he addressed members of the Indianapolis Citizens Police Complaint Board, General Orders Board, and Use of Force Board about civilian oversight of the police. On July 30, he participated in a Candidate Community Forum with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department’s 23rd Recruit Class immediately prior to their enrollment in the IMPD Training Academy.

Professor Sullivan was elected chair of the Indiana State Employees’ Appeals Commission and presided over its meeting on April 27. The commission adjudicates qualified state employees’ appeals under the state’s civil service system. As a member of the Indiana Business Law Survey Commission, Professor Sullivan participated in commission meetings on June 16 and August 18. The commission was established by statute to consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning amendments to Indiana’s business statutes. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Christamore House, a neighborhood service center in the Haughville neighborhood adjacent to IUPUI. “Promoting Corporate Irresponsibility? Delaware as the Intellectual Property Holding State,” 46 J. of CORPORATION LAW 717 (2021).

Nicolas Terry, the Hall Render Professor of Law and Executive Director of the William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health, was awarded the Indiana University Bicentennial Medal in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Indiana University. He was appointed to the board of directors for the non-profit organization, ChangeLab Solutions, and to the advisory board of the YALE JOURNAL OF HEALTH POLICY, LAW, AND ETHICS.

Professor Terry made numerous presentations during the fall semester. He was a panelist at the IBJ Power Breakfast on Health Care and Benefits in Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 24, and presented on the topic, “Health Privacy Hydraulics” during the Patient Privacy and Health Information Confidentiality at a Crossroads ASBH 2021 Annual Conference which took place October 11 through 16. He presented “Opioids and Medicaid: People Who Use Drugs, Medicaid, and Policy Churn,” during the 2021 Public Health Law Conference: Building and Supporting Healthy Communities for All event, which took place September 23.

Professor Terry also made several presentations during the summer months, including a talk on “Health Privacy Hydraulics” for the SEALS Health Care Law Roundtable on July 30. He was a panelist on the topic “Exiting One Pandemic, Preparing Public Health Policy and Law for the Next” at the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) 360 Virtual Conference, June 29 to July 1. He presented “What happens to temporary laws made during the COVID-19 surge when we begin transitioning to a post-pandemic world?” during the AMA Medical Student Section June 2021 Virtual Meeting. https://youtu.be/FRnDsAoKKKQ. He was a panelist during the plenary, “Public Health Playbook,” during the Health Law Professors Annual Conference at Northeastern University School of Law in June; and he served as a moderator for the presentation, “Equitable Rebuilding from COVID-19: Ensuring Quality Care for Vulnerable Populations,” during the Network for Public Health Law webinar on May 11.


Fran Watson served as a panelist on the topic, “Just Mercy, the Conversation Continues,” hosted by the League of Women Voters of Hancock County as a Teen Town Hall on May 20. Professor Watson also spoke during a public event on the same topic on July 8 at the Greenfield Public Library. She was selected as one of IBJ’s 2021 Women of Influence and recognized at a presentation breakfast on October 27 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. She
accepted the vice president position on the Indiana Abolition Coalition Board. And with exoneree Roosevelt Glenn, she guest lectured for the IUPUI Wrongful Conviction Seminar on October 30.

Tom Wilson was an invited lecturer at the Conference on Scientific and Cultural Journey held at FAESA Centro Universitário in Vitória, Brazil, from September 13 through 16. The conference was incorporated into the Program in American Law, which has been held annually at IU McKinney School of Law for the past 13 years. Professor Wilson created the program in 2009 in collaboration with FAESA Centro Universitário Faculty of Law Dean Sayury Otoni and Professor Stella Emery Santana. The program brings law faculty, students, and members of the bar in the State of Espirito Santo to Indianapolis for an immersion in American law and culture. Because of the pandemic, the program was conducted virtually in 2021, and the subject matter was expanded to include speakers from Egypt and Sweden in addition to Brazil and the United States.

On November 3 and 17, Professor Wilson delivered lectures to students enrolled in the Theory of Comparative Law course at Renmin University of China Law School in Beijing. The first lecture examined lay participation in judicial proceedings in China and the United States, and the second examined development of legal professionals in the two countries.

Michele Cooley was selected to receive one of the first AccessLex-AASE ASP Faculty Scholarship Grants for her work-in-progress, currently titled “But I’m Paying for This!: Student Consumerism and Its Impact on Academic and Bar Support.” Five grants, each in the amount of $5,000, were awarded to five academic and bar support professionals as a result of this partnership between AccessLex and the Association of Academic Support Educators. Cooley is the assistant dean of Academic and Bar Success and is currently serving as the interim assistant dean for Student Affairs. She received the grant in May.

Brittany Kelly, ’16, associate director of the Hall Center for Law and Health, served as secretary of the Indiana Justice Project, which received 501(c) (3) status this year. Kelly also served as Disability Legal Services Indiana’s Empower Campaign fundraising chair. The campaign raised $90,000. She also serves as a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association’s Public Outreach Committee.

Kelly made the following presentations: she served as a panelist during the Wayne State Journal of Law in Society 2021 Symposium: “Opioid Paradigms”—Opioids and Emerging Justice Reforms; and served as a guest lecturer on the topic “Attorneys as Brokers of Resources,” for IU
McKinney’s Health and Human Rights Clinic. Kelly also served as a moderator during the following Hall Center Virtual Grand Rounds events: Trust, Racial (In) Equity, & Health: COVID-19 & Beyond; Governing Secondary Research Use of Health Data and Specimens; From Warfare to Welfare: Reconceptualizing Drug Sentencing During the Opioid Crisis; Normalizing an American Right to Health; 2021 Health Law Conference: Older Adults & Aging with Dignity; Hot Topics in Health Care Privacy; COVID-19 and the Racialization of Diseases; Public Health Surveillance in the Context of COVID-19; Confronting Child Trafficking; Anti-Vaccine Misinformation and the Law: Challenges and Pitfalls; Approving Opioids; and Regulating Chemical Exposures: Using Legal Epidemiology to Determine Enforceable PFAS Standards.

Kelly also published the following scholarship: Kelly, Brittany and White, Diana, Community Level Intervention Strategies to Confront the Criminalization of Substance Use Disorder: Cross-Sector Collaboration Along the Sequential Intercept Model Applying a Critical Race Theory Lens (October 27, 2021), The Journal of Law in Society, Wayne State University Law School, Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=3951455, and “Promoting Expungements to Minimize the Adverse Impact of Substance Use Disorder Criminalization,” (co-authored with Aila Hoss, John Heinz, and Anthony Singer), ALBANY LAW REVIEW.

The annual Ed Smith Award was presented to two members of the IU McKinney housekeeping staff, Jonathan Johnson and Karen Murphy on November 18, 2021.

Johnson started working at IU on October 15, 1990, and began his work at IU McKinney on July 1, 1995. This year will mark the fourth time that Jonathan has received the Smith Award. Murphy started at IU on March 7, 1993, and began her first stint at the law school also on July 1 of 1995. After a brief time working at another building on campus, she returned to Inlow Hall and works closely with Johnson.

The Smith Award was established in 2014 in honor and memory of Ed Smith, who served as a member of the law school’s building services team for 25 years, from 1975 to 2000. Smith always went “above and beyond” in carrying out his duties and could be counted upon for a good story and a kind word. He was a friend to the entire law school family, and was a recipient of the campus-wide “Experience Excellence” award while working at the law school. The school created the Ed Smith Above and Beyond Award to honor members of the building services team who exemplify the qualities that Smith brought to the job and to recognize them for outstanding work.

The school recognized all members of the housekeeping staff for their efforts at the event on the 18th.

Shown in the photo, from left: Jonathan Johnson, Karen Murphy and Dean Karen Bravo.

Ed Smith Award Presented to Johnson and Murphy

Beth Young, IU McKinney’s social media coordinator and event manager from 2012 until 2022, received the IUPUI Gerald L. Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award. She was given the honor during the Chancellor’s Staff Recognition Ceremony on November 3.

Young is a graduate of Indiana University, completing her undergraduate studies on the IUPUI campus. Her job title may be social media coordinator and event manager but that doesn’t encompass all that she does at IU McKinney or on the IUPUI campus. She served as the law school’s Staff Council Representative from 2016 to 2020, has been an IUPUI Commitment Champion for 2020 and 2021, and received the IU McKinney Law Outstanding Administrative Staff Award for 2018. She recently left the law school for a new position with the IUPUI Chancellor’s Office.
1971
Charles Goodloe was recently inducted into the Greenfield Central Hall of Fame.

1980
Charles (Chuck) Spevacek, a partner at Meagher & Geer in Minneapolis, has been named a 2021 Minnesota ICON. The awards are presented by Minnesota Finance & Commerce and Minnesota Lawyer.

1985
Bradley S. Fuson retired effective as of December 31, 2020 after practicing law with Krieg DeVault LLP (Indianapolis, IN) for 35 years. Brad and his wife, Terri, will continue to reside in Carmel, Indiana, and Scottsdale, Arizona, and he plans to increase his community and faith-based volunteering.

Melissa A. Proffitt was a panelist for the IBJ Engage Indiana: Business as a Force for Good event on December 2, 2021, in Indianapolis. In October, she was appointed to the Indiana Sports Corp Board of Directors, and in July she was appointed to the Indiana University Foundation Board of Directors.

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J. Chris Cooke is the number one wealth manager in Indiana and named to the Top 250 Wealth Managers in the USA by Forbes Magazine/Shook Research in 2021. Cooke is also the Financial Times Top 400 Wealth Advisors in the USA and Barron’s Top 1200 Wealth Advisors in the nation, top 10 in Indiana (2021) and recipient of the Five Star Award winner (ninth year running).

1995
Jeffrey Jackson is the recipient of the 2021 Orange County REALTORS’ President’s Award. He is state director of the California Association of REALTORS’ and serves on the board of directors of the Orange County REALTORS’.

1997
Douglas W. Meagher has been reappointed to the Indiana Worker’s Compensation Board. This is Meagher’s fourth appointment to that board. He was appointed by Governor Evan Bayh in 1994, Governor Frank O’Bannon in 1997, and Governor Holcomb in 2017. He served as Executive Administrator of the Worker’s Compensation Board from 1989 to 1994.

Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David, ’82, to Retire
Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David, ’82, has announced he will step down from the bench in fall 2022. He is currently the longest-serving justice on the high court. He was named the 106th justice in 2010.

After graduating from IU McKinney, Justice David served in the U.S. Army’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps on active duty until 1986 and on reserve duty until he joined the high court. He was deployed after September 11 to Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, where he served as trial counsel, defense counsel, and military judge and commander.

Justice David was born in Allen County, grew up in Bartholomew County, and has lived in Boone County, where he served as a trial court judge, for 22 years. His civilian legal career began in Columbus, Indiana, where he focused on personal injury, family law, and civil litigation. He later became in-house counsel for Mayflower Transit before moving to Boone County.

As an adjunct professor at IU McKinney, Justice David teaches contract law for Master of Laws students, and evidence. He has provided opportunities for LL.M. students through intensive three-day immersion programs and has visited some of his former students in their home countries after they complete their legal studies in Indianapolis.

He delivered the address during the law school’s graduation celebration program in 2017.

After retiring, Justice David has said he intends to serve as a senior judge, and will continue to serve as chair of the Commission on Equity and Access and the Indiana Conference on Legal Education Opportunity.

J. Murray Clark, ’82, Receives Whistler Award
J. Murray Clark, ’82, received the 2021 Charles L. Whistler Award from the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee on December 2 at the Ivy Tech Community College Culinary & Conference Center. Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett presented the award.

The annual award recognizes individuals who, outside the regular duties of their chosen professions, have brought together the public and private sectors for civic improvement in Indianapolis.

Clark, government and regulatory affairs partner at Faegre Drinker and former Indiana State Senator, is a lifelong Indiana resident. In the Indiana State Senate, Clark was active in a wide range of issues and recognized repeatedly as an outstanding litigator. In his private practice, he provides strategic legal and governmental affairs counsel to help clients achieve their goals.

In addition to his career, Clark serves on the Riley Foundation, Indianapolis Foundation, Central Indiana Community Foundation, and the Hundred Club. He is also known for his leadership in the sports community, having served on the board of the Indiana Soccer Association, Indy Eleven Foundation, and College Football Playoff Championships Indy Host Committee.

Clark’s name will be added to a limestone and granite monument containing past award recipients’ names and located in the Charles L. Whistler Memorial Plaza at the City Market in downtown Indianapolis.

GIPC instituted the Charles L. Whistler Award to honor the legacy of Whistler, a lawyer and community leader. At the time of his death in 1981, he was a senior partner at Faegre Baker Daniels and chair of both GIPC’s Urban Growth and Revitalization Task Force and the White River State Park Citizen’s Advisory Committee.
Two IU McKinney Alumni to Lead Ice Miller

Ice Miller LLP announced that Michael Millikan, ’98, has been elected chief managing partner of the firm and Rebecca Seamands, ’92, has been elected deputy managing partner.

Millikan leads the firm’s Business Group and has focused his practice on private equity, venture capital and mergers and acquisitions. He has significant experience in public-private partnerships and represented the state of Indiana in the lease of the Indiana Toll Road, the Indiana Finance Authority in negotiating a long-term supply contract for substitute natural gas, the city of Indianapolis in the lease of the city’s parking meters, and the Ohio Department of Transportation in the construction of the Cleveland Innerbelt Bridge.

He worked as a clerk for Ice Miller in 1997 and 1998 before joining Ice Miller full time in August 1998.

Seamands is a partner in the firm’s Construction/Infrastructure practice and has served on the firm’s Board of Directors. She has successfully represented clients in disputes involving multi-million-dollar claims, including two separate NFL stadium owners, the Indianapolis Airport Authority regarding its Midfield Terminal project, the Indiana Finance Authority regarding a toll road lease and construction managers on both public and private projects.

She joined Ice Miller in 1994. Prior to joining Ice Miller, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert H. Staton of the Indiana Court of Appeals. She graduated magna cum laude in 1992 from IU McKinney and while in law school, she served as the executive editor of notes and topics for the INDIANA LAW REVIEW.

Hoosier State Press Association to Hand over Reins from One McKinney Alum to Another

The Hoosier State Press Association has hired Amelia Dieter McClure, ’15, as government relations counsel. She will work with executive director and general counsel Stephen Key, ’94, to forward HSPA’s legislative agenda during the 2022 General Assembly and assume the position of executive director upon his retirement.

Key, who announced his retirement earlier this year, will mentor McClure as his successor through May 2022. McClure will then lead the association as the Indiana newspaper industry continues to adapt to Hoosiers’ news consumption needs.

McClure comes to HSPA from Indiana University where she served as assistant director for government relations and compliance for the last two and a half years.

“I am thrilled to join the Hoosier State Press Association to vigorously advocate for newspapers across Indiana. I am deeply committed to the fourth estate and believe local journalism is vital to the health of our democracy,” she said.

The Hoosier State Press Association Board of Directors selected McClure to lead the association after an extensive search that included more than 50 candidates.

Key will be in the Statehouse in January 2022 lobbying on behalf of newspapers for his 29th legislative session. He spent 13 years working as a reporter, editor or general manager before earning his law degree from Indiana University’s McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. His bachelor’s degree was in journalism from Butler University.

Gregg Wallander, ’93, Named President/CEO of Hall Render

Gregg Wallander, ’93, has been elected president/CEO of Hall Render by the firm’s shareholders. Wallander took on his new role on January 1, 2022. It’s hardly his first leadership role at the firm. During his time at Hall Render, Wallander has served on the board of directors for nearly 20 years and as health counsel practice group leader for 16 years.

Wallander has practiced law for over 25 years and counsels health care organizations on business and operational challenges, government regulations, and complex transactions.

Pervin Taleyarkhan, ’13, Receives 2021 Women Influence Power in Law Award

Pervin Taleyarkhan, ’13, has received a 2021 Women, Influence & Power in Law Award from Corporate Counsel, a division of ALM. She is being honored for her work in the Collaborative Leadership—In-House category.

Taleyarkhan is legal counsel at Whirlpool Corp., where she handles patents, litigation, open-source software, international patent filings, and third-party agreements. She is the youngest and only woman on the global patent legal team.

Taleyarkhan is director of the USPTO Clinic at IU McKinney, which was launched in Fall 2020.
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Jana Matthews is the Associate Director of the Center for Professional Development at the Seattle University School of Law. She was previously the Senior Associate Director of Pro Bono Programs at IU McKinney Law.

2003

Kyle B. Mandeville recently established the Mandeville Law, LLC legal firm. The Attica-based practice serves primarily agricultural clients in estate planning, asset preservation, wealth building, real estate, and business matters.

2006

Adomas Siudika, LL.M. graduate, recently joined OneTrust LLC as Privacy Counsel.

2007

Douglas M. Kowalski has recently joined Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP.

Leah B. Silverthorn was named Senior Policy Advocate at CalChamber in April 2021.

2009

Zachary D. Bahorik recently joined Ulmer & Berne LLP as partner in the firm’s Business Law Practice Group.

2010

Amelia K. Lahn recently accepted a position as Senior Principal Investigator and Complaint Resolution Officer at University of California - Santa Cruz in their Title IX and Equity & Equal Protection Office.

2011

Ryan K. Lighty was recently promoted to Partner at the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. Morgan Lewis is an Am Law 100 firm with over 2,000 attorneys in 31 offices around the globe and collectively represents 80% of the Fortune 100. Lighty is a member of the firm’s Energy Practice, resident in Washington, D.C., and advises investors, electric utilities, merchant generators, and technology developers in litigation, transactions, and regulatory matters involving nuclear reactors and nuclear materials.

Detra Lynn Mills is the Executive Vice President & General Counsel for The Basement, a full-service marketing agency in Indianapolis. In her role, Mills provides operational leadership and legal guidance in service to the productivity, development, and advancement of one of the agency. Prior to joining The Basement, Mills served as Deputy General Counsel and Compliance Officer for Round Room.

Mauricio Videla, ’12, Recognized by the American Bar Association as a Top 40 Young Lawyer

Mauricio Videla, ’12, has been named to the American Bar Association’s Top 40 Young Lawyer for 2021. In addition to his legal career where he works in financial services, he is an adjunct law professor and a published author, among many other accomplishments. Videla is a financial services attorney and federal commissioned compliance examiner at the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) in New York City. He serves in various key roles across the CFPB’s divisional offices to help execute the agency’s statutory mandate. Most recently, as a member of the Office of Innovation, he works with companies, consumer groups, regulators, and other stakeholders to promote competition, innovation, and consumer access. He is a senior Examiner-in-Charge in the Office of Supervision Examinations where he provides supervisory oversight over large and complex financial institutions. Additionally, he served in the Office of Enforcement, performing enforcement investigations of financial services companies to deter unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices.

Videla also serves as a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority arbitrator to help resolve securities-related disputes between and among investors, brokerage firms, and individual brokers by weighing the facts and rendering final and binding decisions.

He is an adjunct professor of administrative law, politics, and policy at Marist College School of Management and serves as a guest lecturer on banking and financial law at Pace University Elisabeth Haub School of Law.

His diverse professional background includes various legal, compliance, retail banking, commercial insurance, and corporate governance roles at private and public institutions, such as the Bronx Borough President’s Office, Citibank, Chubb Insurance, Cohen & Malad LLP, Office of the Mayor of the City of New York, TD Bank’s Office of the General Counsel and Consumer Compliance Department, and U.S. Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of New York in the chambers of Judge Elizabeth S. Stong.

Videla is a published author, frequent speaker, and appointed leader in the ABA Business Law Section where he serves in multiple leadership roles, including co-chair of the Programs Committee and chair of the Consumer Financial Services Committee’s Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. He formerly served as co-chair of the Young Lawyer Committee.

He is currently pursuing a diploma from the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking and an Executive Leadership certificate from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He earned a Juris Doctor from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Master of Public Administration from Baruch College Manze School of Public and International Affairs, and Bachelor of Arts from St. John’s University.

The ABA’s “On the Rise—Top 40 Young Lawyers” award program provides national recognition of ABA Young Lawyers Division members who exemplify a broad range of high achievement, innovation, vision, leadership, and service to the profession and their communities.

Wanted: A Few Good Alumni

The Office of Enrollment Management is seeking alumni volunteers to participate in student recruitment related activities. Volunteer opportunities include participation on virtual Zoom panels for admitted students, sending congratulatory emails to groups of admitted students, and providing testimonials to use in our emails to admitted students and in social media posts. If you are interested in volunteering, please scan this code to complete the survey or visit https://go.iu.edu/48mZ.
Johanna Leblanc, ’16, Named to National Bar Association 40 Under 40 Class for 2021

Johanna Leblanc, ’16, has been named to the National Bar Association’s 40 Under 40 Class for 2021. Leblanc is senior advisor to Haiti’s Ambassador to the United States and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Washington, D.C., where she promotes Haiti’s interests before Congress, the White House, and financial institutions. She also serves as a national security and foreign affairs legal analyst. She appears on television across Africa and the Middle East regularly for commentary on foreign policy-related matters. In addition, Leblanc consults on political and national security through her own consulting firm.

Professor George Edwards nominated Leblanc for the honor along with Carlton Waterhouse, a former professor at IU McKinney who is on leave from Howard University School of Law while he serves as Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Land and Emergency Management for the Environmental Protection Agency. In his nomination, Professor Edwards noted all of Leblanc’s accomplishments at IU McKinney and her career path thus far. Prior to her work for Haiti’s Ambassador, she served as Vice Chair of the Commission on African Affairs for the Washington, D.C., Mayor’s Office.

Leblanc received a Civil and Human Rights Law graduate certificate from IU McKinney when she received her law degree in 2016. She received an LL.M. in National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law from George Washington University Law School in 2018.

Chasity Thompson, ’02, Joins Taft as Director of Attorney Learning and Development

Chasity Q. Thompson, ’02, has joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister, as director of attorney learning and development. Thompson oversees firm-wide attorney training and development in partnership with leaders across the firm. This includes identifying and addressing training and development needs, developing and implementing associate programming, managing continued learning education related functions, collaborating with firm leaders on recruitment initiatives, and leading overall design and implementation of attorney training activities across the firm.

Prior to joining Taft, Thompson worked in higher education, most recently serving as assistant dean for the office of student affairs and assistant dean for the office of professional development at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Before working at Indiana University, Thompson served as a Judicial Law Clerk to Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard for the Supreme Court of Indiana.

Thompson is well-respected in her field, receiving numerous awards for her work. Her accolades include the IU McKinney Advisor of the Year award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Empowerment Leader award (2021 and 2020) and Outstanding Educator award (2018), and Rabb Emison Diversity award (2017, 2006), among many others.

Thompson earned her B.A. and A.S., magna cum laude, from Alabama State University, her M.B.A. from Auburn University, and her J.D. from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Also, she has certification training in Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), Attorney Assessment and Clifton Strengths.
In Memoriam

Gary J. Admire, ’76
August 12, 2021

Robert L. Barnet, Jr., ’71
August 25, 2021

James D. Blythe, II, ’66
July 7, 2021

Felson L. Bowman, ’68
October 11, 2021

Jack L. Boyd, ’87
August 5, 2021

Raymond A. Brassart, ’71
August 7, 2021

Edmund F. Byrne, Ph.D., ’78
October 19, 2021

William K. Byrum, ’58
October 2, 2021

Carolyn C. Davis, ’79
July 2, 2021

Zachary S. Eckert, ’20
December 18, 2021

Trent L. Garrett, ’96
September 2, 2021

Leon R. Kaminski, ’50
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Paul M. Lake, ’73
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Seth B. Lewis, ’66
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Gilbert E. Mascher, ’73
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Thomas L. Plimpton, ’67
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Charles G. Reeder, Jr., ’65
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The Honorable Deborah J. Shook, ’82
August 25, 2021

Mark C. Stamper, ’75
September 7, 2021

Marvin D. Stratton, ’64
September 25, 2020

Perry F. Stump, Jr., ’58
December 4, 2020

Wayne A. Sturtevant, ’77
October 15, 2020

Linda M. Wagoner, ’76
March 18, 2021

David L. Whitsett, II, ’04
January 1, 2021

Charles E. Wilson, ’65
November 17, 2020

Stan G. Wyrick, ’74
March 20, 2021

Brian K. Zirkelbach, ’96
October 29, 2020

The Honorable Deborah Jean Shook, ’82
In Memoriam

Deborah Jean Shook, (“Debbie”), loving wife and mother, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at the age of 71. Debbie was born April 1, 1950, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Robert Lohman and Gloria Sturgeon and graduated from Ball State with degrees in Russian and German language as well as Dance. She went on to earn her Juris Doctor cum laude from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Shook began her legal career in 1974 at Bamberger & Feibleman where she met her husband Neil. In 1977, she joined Bushmann, Krieg, DeVault, Alexander (now Krieg DeVault LLP) and became a partner in the firm. She became an expert in banking law and led efforts by The League for Economic Development to reform Indiana’s Depression-era banking laws. In 1974, he was recruited to become the first general counsel for Indiana National Corporation and later became its president. Following the merger of INB National Bank with NBD Bank, N.A., Givens continued with the combined institution, retiring as president and chief operating officer in 1993. He concluded his career as of counsel to the law firm Johnson Smith Pence Densborn Wright & Heath.

Shook had a lifelong passion for gardening. In addition to tending to her own gardens, she founded Timeless Gardens in 1989 where she designed and installed custom designs for homes in the Indianapolis area. The highlight of this chapter was her award for best design at the Decorator’s Show House and Garden in 1991.

An accomplished artist, her pieces are on display at the Oncology Department at St. Vincent’s Hospital, and Salem Church in Zionsville, Indiana. She painted a portrait of one of her favorite law school professors, Professor Lawrence A. Jegen III, and presented it to the school in July 2019. The portrait hangs in the Ruth Lilly Law Library near the Woodard Room on the first floor of Inlow Hall.

She was preceded in death by her husband Neil, son Ryan and brother Bill. She is survived by her son, Evan (Lauren), grandchildren Fiona and Ani, sister Becky, and many loving family and friends.

(left) The Honorable Deborah J. Shook, ’82, presented a portrait she painted of Professor Lawrence A. Jegen, III, to the school on July 30, 2019.
Mary Delores Weber Barron, age 97, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2021. She was born August 9, 1924, in Indianapolis, Indiana. For more than 25 years, she worked for the Office of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, which was housed at the IU McKinney School of Law. Much of her tenure was spent working for Professor James P. White, former Consultant on Legal Education for the American Bar Association. He relied on her impeccable work ethic, and she shared his passion for excellence in legal education. Students and faculty alike respected and enjoyed their interactions with her. Earlier in her life, she worked as a model in New York City.

Zachary S. Eckert, ‘20, age 30, of Indianapolis, formerly of Jasper, passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at home. Eckert was born in Jasper, Indiana, on August 9, 1991, to Steven and Diane (Michel) Eckert. He was a 2010 graduate of Jasper High School. He then attended Indiana University and in December of 2020 received his Juris Doctorate degree from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis.

He worked for the Foundation for Excellence in Education (ExcelinED). Prior to working for the foundation, he served as a policy analyst for the Indiana Senate Majority Caucus focusing on education policy, worked as Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Education and Career Development Committee, and for the Chairman of the Senate School Funding Subcommittee. Zach was on the Board of Directors for the Yeti Orphanage.

Eckert enjoyed hunting, golf, spending time outdoors, grilling and spending time with his friends, traveling, and was an avid sports fan, especially of IU basketball.

Trent LaRon Garrett, ‘96, passed away on September 2, 2021, in Indianapolis. He was born on August 12, 1966, in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. He graduated from Montgomery County High School in 1985. He obtained his bachelor’s degree from Anderson University, where he played football, and his law degree from the IU McKinney School of Law.

For nearly 25 years he was employed by Simon Property Group in both the real estate development and legal departments. Prior to working for Simon, he was employed at Pioneer Electronics and UAW Legal Services.

Garrett joined Keas Tabernacle CME Church at very young age, however, later in life he rededicated his life to Christ and became a faithful member of Phillips Temple CME Church in Indianapolis. He said many times that being a father to his children was his greatest joy and achievement.

Thomas L. Plimpton, ’67, passed away on September 1, 2021. He was 87 years old. He was born June 2, 1934 in Hammond, Indiana. He graduated from Wesleyan University (CT) and the IU McKinney School of Law. He served in the United States Marine Corps. He retired after working 30 years with the predecessor banks of JP Morgan/Chase. Tom was active in church and several not-for-profit organizations.

Charles E. “Chuck” Wilson, ’65, passed away November 17, 2020, in Indianapolis, following a long illness. He was born May 26, 1937 in Indianapolis. He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1955, and St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana with a B.A. in Economics. He served in the National Guard and the U.S. Air Force Reserves for six years. He graduated with distinction from the IU McKinney School of Law. He worked at Lawyers Title during law school, and following graduation joined Ice Miller, later becoming a partner. He practiced real estate law for 36 years. Following a one-year break, he started a private law practice. In total, he practiced for 55 years. He co-founded and was the first chairman of the St. Francis Healthcare Foundation Board. He served as chairman of the Board of WFYI public broadcasting, the St. Francis Hospital advisory board and the St. Elizabeth Home board. He served on the board of the Gibault School and Home for Boys in Terre Haute and served on the law school’s board of governors. He also served as an adjunct professor at the school. He was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash and was a member of numerous organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, the Wine and Food Society of Indianapolis, and the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He is survived by his wife Karen, and four daughters, Ann Marie Wilczynski, Mary Frances Schmid, ’93, Kathleen Margaret Wilson, and Tonya Grace Wilson.
Dear McKinney Alumni,

I am excited to join the Inlow Hall team to lead efforts to drive continued alumni engagement with the school. I have spent my first few weeks listening to both colleagues in the building and members of the Alumni Association board of directors, and it’s clear that there’s a tremendous pride for the IU McKinney School of Law and the important work you do for not only Indiana, but the national and global community. I plan to continue my listening tour to better understand how the IU McKinney School of Law Alumni Association can continue to make an impact on you, our students, and the profession. I want to create meaningful opportunities for you to purposefully engage with the school, and your input is a vital part of the equation. I’d welcome the opportunity to learn more about your McKinney and professional journey and how the school has impacted you and your career.

The past two years have proven to be a challenge for us all. Our opportunities to connect with others have been put on hold … or on Zoom for all the fun that has created (“you’re on mute”). As we explore new opportunities for in-person connections moving forward, I also recognize the role that distance technology will continue to play in connecting us no matter where we live—Indianapolis, San Francisco, or Beijing. While IU McKinney is currently exploring in-person networking opportunities in major metropolitan areas around the country, I am actively seeking out ways in which alumni, regardless of their proximity to the school, can engage. It is my goal to build a portfolio of opportunities … both in person and virtual … to keep you connected.

I welcome your ideas.

I want to publicly thank my friend and mentor Stefan Davis for his many dedicated years of service to law school alumni and his decades of service to IUPUI. His contributions to this campus are immense, and he deserves every ounce of appreciation that comes his way. With your help, we can continue to build IU McKinney programs for generations to come.

Whether you give your time and talents when mentoring students or your treasure to support the school, you play an important role at IU McKinney. I look forward to meeting many of you and exploring more about what makes this place so special!

Yours,

Jayme Little
Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations

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Jayme Little, assistant dean for alumni relations, joins IU McKinney with more than 20 years of higher education and non-profit programming experience, serving more than a decade in various roles including director of alumni engagement for Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, director of alumni programs with the IU Medical School and the Fairbanks School of Public Health, and as interim executive director of the IUPUI Office of Alumni Relations. His most recent role was director of member engagement for the American Academy of Sports Physical Therapy, a 7,500-member professional association headquartered in central Indiana.

At IUPUI, Little worked closely on campus diversity efforts, including work with the Neal Marshall Alumni Club in Indianapolis (IUAA’s African American alumni club) and the campus’ LGBTQ initiatives, including the LGBTQ+ Faculty Staff Council and the campus’ annual Harvey Milk Cultural Dinner. His most notable contribution to the campus was the IUPUI Regatta, the campus’ homecoming program held each fall on the downtown Indianapolis canal.

Little and his husband, Joel, live in northern Indianapolis and have a first-grader, Harper, and a white Labrador puppy named Toby.

Little can be reached at jtlittle@iupui.edu or 317-278-6167.
Upcoming Events

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