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McKinney Law Alumnus J.B. Stradford was Prominent on Black Wall Street

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The July 1, 2021, anniversary of my first year as dean of IU McKinney Law brought us closer to the end of an eventful and challenging time. As vaccination rates increase and COVID-19 cases decline, we are looking ahead with gratitude and anticipation to a return to more “normal” operations.

The word “normal” in the life of our law school, however, should not be interpreted to mean “ordinary.” Just the opposite, in fact. As students and faculty once again enliven classrooms at Inlow Hall this Fall, we especially extend a warm welcome to new classes of 1Ls, LLMs and MJs. We continue to plan for activities and operations and are optimistic that we will be able to gather for vibrant conversations and collaborations. The strategic planning preparations we undertook during this past year will be invaluable when we begin the formal process this Fall.

Our experienced faculty and technology staff will continue to build upon their online expertise in delivering instruction to students who, for a variety of reasons, may need to access legal education at a distance.

So many of our initiatives and achievements are made possible through the generosity of loyal alumni. We share a few alumni stories in this issue of The McKinney Lawyer. We hope you will enjoy learning more about what motivates people to create life-changing scholarships for students and remember IU McKinney through annual gifts.

The year 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre. Recognizing the significance of the anniversary and the role and impact of the Massacre on our alumnus, JB Stradford, we include a story by the Honorable David Shaheed, ’84. Please visit the IU McKinney website for details on registering for a virtual event on this important topic at 5 p.m. on September 10, which is Mr. Stradford’s birthday.

We also invite you to read more about the law school’s partnership with Purdue University to offer the first-ever M.J./M.S. in Agricultural Economics and Law dual-degree program.

As you read through this issue, I hope you’ll appreciate, as I do, how well our law school navigated through the worst of a historic pandemic. In countless ways, the essential rhythms of law school—papers, presentations, exams, class discussions, and lectures—continued. Students and faculty adopted social distancing, the use of masks, and other restrictions with grace. IU McKinney students continued their pro bono work, assisted clients through our law school’s legal clinics, honed their professional skills in externships, excelled in moot court competitions, and participated in symposia. They learned to lead, to analyze, to problem solve, and to respond to the needs of others.

And finally, please take a moment to enjoy the images of our 2021 commencement festivities—my first as dean of the law school—and to appreciate our IU McKinney graduates and their accomplishments.

Commencement marks a beginning, not just an end, and I look forward to the upcoming academic season and the transformational possibilities of our strategic planning process. I hope we can meet or become reacquainted in person, and I invite you to stay in touch, in all the ways that work for you, with your IU McKinney Law community.

Very truly yours,

Karen E. Bravo
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In the News

Former U.S. Senator Dan Coats, ’72, joins Indiana University

Former U.S. Senator Daniel R. Coats, ’72, is joining Indiana University at the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies as distinguished scholar and ambassador at large.

The Hamilton Lugar School offers instruction in about 70 languages and helps students develop cultural fluency and expertise in nearly every region of the world. The school hosts the largest number of global institutes designated by the Department of Education as National Resource Centers under the prestigious Title VI program.

Coats represented Indiana in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1981 to 1989 and in the U.S. Senate from 1989 to 1999 and 2011 to 2017. He also served as director of national intelligence from 2017 to 2019. As an ambassador to Germany from 2001 to 2005, Coats played a critical role in establishing robust relations with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and in the construction of a new U.S. Embassy in Berlin.

As a senator, Coats was a member of several high-profile committees, including the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Coats has been honored by IU with the President’s Medal for Excellence, the highest honor that an IU president can bestow.

Patricia Kinney, ’02, Named Chair of AALS Committee

Patricia Kinney, ’02, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion at IU McKinney, has been named Chairperson of the Standing Program Committee for the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on PreLegal Education and Admission to Law School.

In her role at IU McKinney, Dean Kinney is responsible for building the department 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. Dean Kinney 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. Prior to serving as Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, Dean Kinney was Assistant Dean of Admissions from 2010 to 2018.

While a student at IU McKinney, she actively participated in many student organizations, including co-founding the Asian Law Student Association (ALSA). She also served as a student representative for the law school at various national law school forums, student panels and open houses.

Dr. Nuthamon Kongcharoen, LL.M. ’07, Named Dean of Chiang Mai University Faculty of Law

Dr. Nuthamon Kongcharoen, LL.M. ’07, was named Dean of Chiang Mai University Faculty of Law in Thailand in the spring of 2021. She taught at Chiang Mai before she came to IU McKinney for her Master of Laws degree and returned there to pursue her teaching career.

Dean Kongcharoen comes from a family of educators. Her father graduated from Thammasart Law School in Thailand and was a professor at Chulalongkorn University; her grandfather also was a professor there.

After teaching for five years at Chiang Mai Law, Dean Kongcharoen wanted to expand her areas of expertise. She counts her legal research and writing class, Professor Florence Wagman Roisman’s “Law and Social Change” course, and Professor George Edwards’ advice and counsel as some of the most memorable things about her time at IU McKinney.

Dean Kongcharoen received her LL.B. from Chulalongkorn University, where she also received an LL.M. She completed her Ph.D. in Law at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. Her expertise is in environmental law, human rights, and public law.
News Briefs

Jimmie McMillian, ’06, Installed as President of Indianapolis Bar Association

Jimmie McMillian, ’06, was installed as the president of the Indianapolis Bar Association in January.

After completing his legal education, McMillian worked as a law clerk for then-Indiana Supreme Court Justice Frank Sullivan and as a partner in the litigation department at Barnes & Thornburg. He now is Senior Corporate Counsel and Chief Diversity Officer for Penske Entertainment, which includes the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, NTT INDYCAR Series and IMS Productions. Motorcycle riding is close to McMillian’s heart. He serves as president of 317 Ryders MC, one of the largest motorcycle clubs in the state.

McMillian was named to the 2018 list of Most Influential Black Lawyers by Savoy Magazine. He received the Maynard K. Hine Medal for service to the IUPUI campus in 2013. Among other honors, he has received the National Bar Association’s Presidential Award in 2007, his law firm’s Pro Bono Attorney of the Year award, and the Honorable Carr L. Darden Leadership Award. He was president of the law school’s alumni association in 2011-2012, and served as president of the Neal-Marshall IU Alumni Association in 2013. While in law school, he served as a barrister of the Moot Court Team and was a member of the Trial Advocacy Team.

Lauren Peña, ’13, Named to Statewide Independent Living Council

Lauren Peña, ’13, has been appointed to the Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council by Governor Eric Holcomb. Peña is Associate Director of Student Recruitment at IU McKinney.

“It is an honor and a privilege to be selected to serve on the council. It is so very important for individuals with disabilities to have a voice in matters that involve their ability to take part in and advocate for their communities,” Peña said. “I am looking forward to being a part of the disability justice change in Indiana.”

The council is a statewide advocacy organization directed and operated by Indiana leaders with disabilities. It works to empower members to lead and control their lives and leverage opportunities.

Peña holds a J.D. from IU McKinney Law and a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Business from Indiana Wesleyan University. She is currently part of the sixth round of the Next Generation 2.0 leadership development program at IUPUI. Peña has served on IU McKinney’s diversity committee, admissions committee, and over a dozen hiring committees. She serves the Indianapolis community as board secretary for ArtSpeak, Inc. and as a board member for accessAbility, Inc.

Professor Silva Appointed to IMPD General Orders Board

Professor Lahny Silva was chosen to serve on the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department’s new General Orders Board. The board was created in Fall 2020, and Professor Silva was one of two civilian members named to it in January.

The new board oversees the rules by which IMPD operates. The new board replaces the General Orders Committee, which was comprised of police department appointees. Under the new board structure, the Indianapolis City-County Council nominates three members, Mayor Joe Hogsett nominates one, IMPD Chief Randal Taylor nominates two, and the police department’s membership nominates one.

Professor Silva joined the faculty in Summer 2011. She and her students are active participants in the U.S. District Court’s REACH program, which helps people newly released from prison re-establish their lives. Professor Silva also is a driving force behind the law school’s annual Re-Entry Job and Resource Fair. Her areas of interest include criminal law, criminal procedure, constitutional law, torts, and evidence. She received the Indianapolis Bar Association’s 2017 Unsung Hero award and was named to the Indianapolis Business Journal’s Forty Under 40 class in 2018.
Classes of 2020 and 2021 Participate in Commencement Ceremonies
Commencement for the 2020 and 2021 graduating classes of Indiana University and Purdue University graduate and professional schools at IUPUI took place under sunny skies on Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. The Michael A. Carroll Track and Soccer Stadium on the IUPUI campus was the setting for the first in-person graduation since 2019.

The event was the final commencement ceremony for Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie, who is stepping down from the presidency, effective June 30, 2021, after 14 years leading the university. He indicated that it was his 135th commencement ceremony at IU. After welcoming guests and introducing members of the IU and Purdue Boards of Trustees, he turned the podium over to IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar.

“I am pleased to present the classes of 2020 and 2021,” said Chancellor Paydar in introducing the degree candidates. “Each graduate has written an important new chapter in the story of their lives,” he said. Both President McRobbie and Chancellor Paydar acknowledged the extraordinary circumstances during which these students pursued their degrees, noting the significant accomplishment it was to complete degrees during a worldwide pandemic. While praising the graduates for their resilience, Chancellor Paydar, in a moment of lightheartedness, quipped, “Can you count the number of times in the last year you said, ‘I think you’re on mute?’”

IU McKinney School of Law graduates were recognized as they processed across the stage. Graduate names were announced by Associate Dean of the University Graduate School, Janice Blum, and Assistant Dean for Student Development and Academic Affairs at the IUPUI Graduate School, Tabitha Hardy.

A hooding ceremony took place in front of the stage for all doctoral candidates present at the event. IU McKinney Dean Karen Bravo presided over the law school’s hooding ceremony which featured IU McKinney hooding faculty, Professors Frank Sullivan, Lahny Silva, Allison Martin, Fran Quigley, ’87, George Edwards, and Linda Kelly.

The national anthem and the musical Alma Mater for each university were sung by David Mannell, a lecturer of music education, private voice and choir in the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI.

(OPPPOSITE TOP) IU McKinney Law Dean Karen Bravo participated in her first graduation ceremony as dean of the school. 
(OPPPOSITE BOTTOM) Addison Zilenski was hooded by Professor Frank Sullivan.
(ABOVE LEFT) The IUPUI campus ceremony marked the final commencement for IU President Michael A. McRobbie, who stepped down from the presidency, effective June 30, 2021.
(ABOVE RIGHT) IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar presented graduates for degree conferral.
CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:
Professor Fran Quigley hooded 2020 graduate, Emily Rodgers, at the ceremony on May 15.
Professor Lahny Silva hooded 2021 graduate, Bre Robinson.
Zephyr Harris waits with her classmates prior to the start of the ceremony.
IU McKinney Law graduates prepared for the ceremony to start at the Michael A. Carroll Track and Soccer Stadium at IUPUI.
Graduates and their families were tuned in to Zoom on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. when the law school hosted a virtual graduation celebration. Dean Karen Bravo opened the event with a toast to the class of 2021.

A video recognizing the class featured graduating class speakers Joyce Almeida Ponce for the Master of Laws program, Carolyn Dawson for the Master of Jurisprudence program, Sundeep Singh for the Doctor of Jurisprudence full-time division and Bre Robinson for the J.D. part-time division.

Joyce Almeida Ponce is an attorney, licensed to practice in the Republic of Ecuador. She interned at the law firm IBELEX, and worked for the legal division of the Fire Department of Guayaquil. Almeida Ponce studied in the International Human Rights Law track for her LL.M. and was offered an internship at the Indiana Supreme Court. She participated in the International Student Speaker Series in March 2021.

Carolyn Dawson has over 20 years of experience working in public service for state government, non-profit organizations, and in academic institutions. She is currently a research administrator in grants and contracts at the Regenstrief Institute, Inc., a non-profit support organization of the Indiana University School of Medicine and other IUPUI schools.

Sundeep Singh earned a graduate certificate in Criminal Law and held the titles of chief justice of the Moot Court Society and vice president of the Asian Law Students Association. He also served as a mentor-advocate in the REACH program and as an IU McKinney student ambassador.

Vice Dean Mike Pitts announced that Bre Robinson was the recipient of the Faculty Prize. Robinson served as the Student Bar Association president (2020-2021) and vice president of the evening division (2019-2020). Robinson served as the symposium editor for the Indiana Law Review, Volume 54, and was an associate justice on the Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Board and co-champion of the Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition (2019-2020). Robinson also served as a teaching assistant for Civil Procedure, and the REACH Program, and was a Dean’s Tutorial Society tutor for two years.

The evening concluded with recorded congratulatory messages from IU McKinney Law faculty and staff.

(ABOVE) All graduates were recognized in the graduate celebration video that premiered on May 19, 2021.
IU McKinney has two programs aimed at helping formerly incarcerated people in rebuilding their lives. Second Chance Re-Entry Program, also known as SCRAP, is a student group that assists recently released people with obtaining food, clothing, housing, and employment. 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.

SCRAP was started during the 2016-2017 academic year by students interested in community service. The group was named the best new student organization in 2017, and was honored for its work (along with the Black Law Students Association—BLSA) on the annual Re-Entry Job and Resource Fair in 2018. BLSA students launched the resource fair in Spring 2016. Though the pandem-
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“Tolliver continues to attend most REACH meetings to learn about the issues faced by participants and determine how he can help. He described the REACH mentor-advocacy program, which was started in 2015, following a conversation between Professor Silva and then-Assistant U.S. Attorney Doris Pryor, about piloting a mentor program in the reentry court in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Judge McKinney and others at the court agreed and the REACH mentor-advocacy program was born. It now serves between 30 and 40 participants each year.

IU McKinney students are responsible for providing one-on-one assistance to REACH participants in the areas of employment, housing, driver’s licenses, and benefits such as health insurance. REACH probation officer Ryan Sharp oversees supervision and works with the entire team to work through barriers to reentry.

Legal issues are referred to IU McKinney alumnus, Terry Tolliver, ’00, who provides pro bono representation on a variety of issues, including child support and paternity issues, as well as counsel in administrative and civil legal hearings.

Tolliver began his pro bono work with REACH when he joined the firm that is now Brattain Minnix Tolliver. The firm’s former managing partner, Mario Garcia, ’99, now a magistrate judge for the Southern District, was an active volunteer with REACH, and encouraged Tolliver to get involved. After Judge Garcia left to join the court at the end of 2020, Tolliver continues to attend most REACH meetings to learn about the issues faced by participants and determine how he can help. He described the weekly time commitment, which makes a tremendous difference in the lives of REACH participants, as minimal.

One of the biggest needs faced by REACH participants is obtaining specialized driving privileges, Tolliver said. Participants who may be unable to pay the fees owed to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, often drive anyway. They then get pulled over, are cited, and that can impact their probation.

One of the ways REACH helps participants is by negotiating payment of those fees with the BMV, getting them reduced when possible, and setting up payment plans. Participants can then receive a specialized driver’s license that permits them to drive as needed for employment and other obligations.

“That’s an example of how we help clients,” Tolliver said. “How everybody plays a role on the team. I don’t do everything by myself. Law students take an active role and do a lot of initial work on the cases.”

Tolliver, who serves as treasurer of the IU McKinney alumni board, has done pro bono work throughout his career, and his experience in state government before moving into private practice often helps in meeting REACH participants’ needs.

“It’s rewarding because you’re helping people who are trying to better themselves. They’re trying to improve their lives and grow as people. We want that for everybody,” Tolliver said. “To the extent we are in a position to help, we do our part.”

REACH participants aren’t the only ones who benefit from the program. On a basic level, Professor Silva said, students learn the consequences of a criminal conviction, the way the rules and systems operate, and the real impact on the lives of people. Students also learn interviewing, problem solving, and advocacy skills. In addition, they work with people from all walks of life: from federal judges to people living in the poorest neighborhoods in Indianapolis.

“Perhaps more importantly, the REACH program empowers students to take initiative and instills great confidence within,” Professor Silva said. “Every year, I am truly amazed at the personal growth of my REACH students as they begin the program nervous and unsure and later leave the program a gladiator.”

The REACH program also has had an impact on Professor Silva’s scholarship. Prior to REACH, she focused on what she calls bigger picture “systems” topics such as employment and housing as barriers to reentry. “With REACH, I learned that the obstacles wreaking the most havoc are those related to more micro issues such as administrative driver’s license suspensions based upon unpaid traffic tickets and fees, and child support arrearages earned while in prison that can amount to tens of thousands of dollars, which are immediately garnished upon employment,” Professor Silva said. “The reentry discourse concerning these more micro issues is minimal, which has inspired me to bring them to the forefront.”

The REACH work has also inspired Professor Silva to turn it from a pilot project into a clinic at IU McKinney. Work toward that goal is in the preliminary stages. “Since 2015, this mentor-advocacy program has significantly expanded,” Professor Silva said. “It now provides outreach services in hot-spot zones around the City of Indianapolis, like the far Eastside and Haughville, collaborating with the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office and law firms such as Ice Miller and Faegre Drinker,” she said. “It is my hope that we can develop the program and expand its reach even further.”

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When the United States Supreme Court split 5-4 in the 1990s and 2000s, the votes were highly predictable: the same coalition of justices on the left; the same coalition of justices on the right; with only a swing vote or two differentiating them. Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., was on the Indiana Supreme Court at the same time. But when his five-member court split 3-2, the votes were not predictable: the justices did not align in rigid coalitions; their coalitions were far more fluid.
After Sullivan left the court and began teaching at IU McKinney Law in 2012, he discussed this difference between the two courts’ voting coalitions in tightly-split decisions with Professor Nicholas L. Georgakopoulos, a legal scholar with the quantitative flair. Their collaboration examining supreme court coalitions in tightly-split decisions has resulted in four published articles—with a book in the works.

After the discussion with Sullivan, Georgakopoulos set out to measure the differences between the fluidity of courts’ voting coalitions in tightly-split decisions and developed (with some crucial math design and other assistance from his talented son, Dimitri, now a graduate student in philosophy of mathematics at Carnegie Mellon University), an “Index of Fluidity” that was the subject of a 2016 article, “The Fluidity of Judicial Coalitions,” published in *Judicature*.

Georgakopoulos and Sullivan realized from their work on fluidity that the traditional straight-line, liberal-to-conservative portrayal of justices did not adequately reflect variations in courts’ voting coalitions. Using the composition of the Indiana Supreme Court from 1999 to 2010, during which the court’s membership was unchanged, Georgakopoulos arranged the 10 possible majorities in a circle in such a way as to present opposing majorities separated by a single swing vote. See Figure 1.

Next, all 150 of the court’s tightly-split (3-2) decisions were added to the diagram by means of a small arc within the larger arc that each respective majority occupied around the circumference. See Figure 2. Georgakopoulos and Sullivan categorized two-thirds of the decisions as conservative and one-third as liberal; the conservative decisions were represented as red and liberal decisions as blue. This work was published by the *Indiana Law Review* in a 2020 article, “Illustrating Swing Votes I: Indiana Supreme Court.”

Georgakopoulos and Sullivan then applied the same methodology to tightly-split decisions of the United States Supreme Court. Starting with 1946, the unchanged composition of the court that issued the most tightly-split decisions was that
Comparing Figure 2 with Figure 3 vividly illustrates the differences between the fluidity of these two courts’ voting coalitions in their tightly-split decisions: far more coalitions of justices on the Indiana Supreme Court produce tightly-split decisions than on the United States Supreme Court. This work was also published by the INDIANA LAW REVIEW in another 2020 article, “Illustrating Swing Votes II: United States Supreme Court.”

In “Six Dimensions of Criminal Procedure,” an article published in 2020 by the SUPREME COURT ECONOMIC REVIEW, Georgakopoulos and Sullivan examined 65 tightly-split criminal procedure decisions of the Indiana Supreme Court during its 1999-2010 composition. The article uses the same circular diagrams to illustrate differences among the voting tendencies of the justices in six categories of criminal procedure cases: finality; consent and warning requirements; governmental and trial bias; warrant requirements; trust in juries; and retroactivity of defenses.

Georgakopoulos and Sullivan are now working on a book that will consolidate and amplify their study of supreme court voting coalitions in tightly-split decisions.
Donors Create New Scholarship

IU McKinney now has a Diversity Scholarship, established in 2020 and awarded to J.D. students with a preference for students of color. It is made possible because of the generous donations of alumni and friends of the law school. This scholarship welcomes gifts of all amounts from alumni and supporters.

IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo says that she remembers feelings of joy, apprehension, and determination to succeed when she began her legal studies as a first-generation immigrant from Jamaica and the first in her family to pursue a law degree.

“The transformative power of a law school education provided me with tremendous opportunities, including the incredible privilege of leading the IU McKinney School of Law,” Dean Bravo said. “I am so pleased that the Diversity Scholarship was established to extend opportunities to students of color to pursue their dreams of a law school education. IU McKinney is wonderfully positioned to help students thrive as they build the foundations of their legal career.”

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Establishing Professorship Brings Mary Beth Ramey, ’72, Full Circle

By Alicia Dean Carlson

When Mary Beth Ramey, ’72, was a student at IU McKinney, she was one of very few women in her law school classes.

It was a different time—quite a contrast to today’s IU McKinney Law, where the entering law school class in 2020 was 57 percent female—and Ramey has the stories to prove it. She and other women were breaking glass ceilings, not just in law firms and courtrooms, but for the ordinary right to sit at the swanky King Cole Restaurant bar at noon.

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—Mary Beth Ramey, ’72
Their gift will support a professorship for a faculty member at IU McKinney School of Law who advocates for civil rights, individual and human rights, or social justice, including anti-discrimination, civil liberties, employment and labor rights, gender and women’s rights, or immigrant and migrant rights.

For Ramey, who served with Hailey as co-chair for the law school’s Bicentennial Campaign steering committee, this gift is part of a long, loyal relationship with IU McKinney. Philanthropic gifts such as the professorship provide the margin of excellence beyond tuition and state support, which do not fully cover the cost of an excellent legal education.

Establishing the professorship will help attract new talent to the law school, as well as provide financial support for the law school, she says.

“I am excited that we are doing this,” Ramey says. “We want the law school to get the recognition it so deserves, and part of that is recruiting professors that are recognized as leaders in their fields. IU McKinney has such a wonderful faculty and reputation, especially here in Indiana, but establishing endowed professorships can help raise that profile even further.”

But the gift also brings Ramey full circle. Once one of few women in law school, she is now the first alumna to establish a professorship, the first such endowed faculty position at IU McKinney named for a woman graduate.

She hopes it inspires other women to give naming gifts that establish their legacies in the history of the law school. Traditionally, having fewer women graduates has meant that men have been the primary donors creating named scholarships and professorships, she notes.

That can change—and should change, because “there’s still a lot of work to do,” Ramey says.

“There are so many charitable priorities that tug and pull on you, but when you look at where you can have a difference, IU McKinney makes an enormous impact,” she says. “The law school does a phenomenal job developing wonderful leadership in its students, giving them the skills and tools needed to produce meaningful change for our society.”
Shared Values: Marya Rose, ‘90, and Tony Rose, LL.M. ‘07, Establish Scholarship

By Alicia Dean Carlson

In 2020, Marya Rose, ‘90, and Tony Rose, LL.M. ‘07, created a scholarship with a very specific purpose for students pursuing a J.D. degree at IU McKinney Law.

The Marya and Tony Rose Scholarship will be awarded to students who have demonstrated interest in civil rights or social justice practice areas, including working for public interest groups, civil and human rights organizations, governmental or nonprofit entities, or representing clients engaged in civil rights or social justice.
The scholarship, created during the “For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign,” represents the Roses’ backgrounds, as well as their lifelong interests. Both have parents who were lawyers (Marya’s mother, Joan Mernitz, ’85, is a McKinney graduate too) and grew up discussing issues of the day around the dinner table, as well as receiving a clear message about their responsibilities.

“It was an environment in which the ideals of social justice were very important,” Marya says. “From an early age, I was fascinated about how laws and court decisions, such as those about issues like school desegregation, affect people. The principle of fairness is very important to me.”

Helping others was also a basic value, Tony recalls. “It was understood that being a good citizen meant helping others,” he says.

Both are grateful that they were able to graduate from law school without overly burdensome student loan debt, and for careers that have provided them with both interesting work and the ability to give back.

Marya recently retired as Chief Administrative Officer of Cummins Inc., where she was responsible for nine global functions, including legal, communications, marketing, government relations, compliance, facilities, security, corporate responsibility, and the company’s global shared services organization.

She served as the public voice for the company on critical issues, including Cummins’ corporate stance and commitments to inclusion and equity. In ten years as General Counsel, Marya transformed the legal function from a U.S. organization to a global one with lawyers in China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Europe, Australia and Africa. Prior to joining Cummins, she served in state government in both the Bayh and O’Bannon administrations, and practiced law in Indianapolis.

While Marya planned to go to law school as long as she could remember, Tony had dreams of a career in creative writing or performance as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan. After making a spur-of-the-moment decision to take the LSAT, he applied to law school, earning his J.D. in 1990 from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

In the process, he discovered he loved law school so much that he went on to earn a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in Intellectual Property Law from McKinney, where he taught Internet Law as an adjunct professor for more than a decade.

He joined Meitus Gelbert Rose LLP, a boutique IP and entertainment law firm, in 2005, and prior to that, served as Vice President and General Counsel to an Indianapolis-based technology services firm. He also previously served as General Counsel for an Indiana state agency providing telecommunications, Internet services, technology consulting, website development, and other information technology services to authorized users, and practiced commercial civil litigation for the first ten years out of law school.

Creating the scholarship at IU McKinney made sense. “It’s important to support the institutions that helped make you who you are,” Tony says.

As Marya looks back on her professional and civic life—she has served in leadership positions on a number of not-for-profit boards including Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, Newfields, Hoosier Women Forward, and 16 Tech—she and Tony are happy to support future IU McKinney students who share their concern for civil rights and social justice issues.

“Our society needs lawyers who want to work to make the world more just for all people,” Marya says. “If students are not overburdened by law school debt, they have the ability to go out and do work that is in the public interest and often not very financially rewarding. Through this scholarship, we want to make it financially easier for students to choose that career path.”

―Marya Rose, ’90

“If students are not overburdened by law school debt, they have the ability to go out and do work that is in the public interest and often not very financially rewarding. Through this scholarship, we want to make it financially easier for students to choose that career path.”
One hundred years ago, a section of Tulsa, Oklahoma called Greenwood or more commonly known as “Black Wall Street,” was destroyed by a hostile white mob armed with guns, knives and other weaponry. Over 300 African Americans were killed. Businesses in this thriving community were burned to the ground as well as the homes of the Greenwood residents. This event was erased from the formal history of Tulsa and until recently, the American consciousness. However, one of Greenwood’s most successful business leaders, J. B. Stradford, with links to Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, provided his personal account of the terror associated with the assault on his community and his personal ordeal. This narrative is primarily based upon his memoir, written in 1935 and passed along by his great-grandson, Cornelius E. Toole, a fourth-generation lawyer in the Stradford family and a Circuit Court judge in Chicago. Judge Toole recounted his great-grandfather’s account in a news release that he prepared for Oberlin College Archives in 1996, where his grandfather completed his undergraduate studies. Judge Toole was two years old when J.B. Stradford died, but he was so inspired by his memoir that he reached out to the law school for verification of his great-grandfather’s connection with IU McKinney Law.
J.B. (John the Baptist) Stradford was born in 1861 in Kentucky. After Oberlin College, he attended Indianapolis College of Law and graduated in the class of 1900. In his memoir, he spoke of lectures on constitutional law presented by former United States President, Benjamin Harrison. (The Indianapolis College of Law later merged with the American Central Law School and became the Benjamin Harrison Law School. In 1936 the Benjamin Harrison Law School merged with the Indiana Law School and in 1944, the school became part of Indiana University, making all previous graduates alumni of Indiana University School of Law, now the IU McKinney School of Law). It is also reported in the Indianapolis Journal of July 2, 1900 that Stradford was admitted to practice law in Indiana.

Stradford moved to the Oklahoma territories seeking opportunities related to the discovery of oil. Although J.B. Stradford did not profit from the oil boom, he was able to join other African Americans building up “Little Africa,” which was later known as Greenwood.

As a budding entrepreneur, he borrowed money to build the 65-room Stradford Hotel. Due to segregation, all of the Black musicians and celebrities visiting the area stayed at the Stradford Hotel. The Stradford Library and other establishments in Greenwood carried his name.

As a civil rights pioneer, he unsuccessfully challenged the “separate but equal doctrine” of Plessy v. Ferguson, after he was ousted from the railroad facilities while traveling through the state to attend his son’s high school graduation in Coffeyville, Kansas. Stradford was also known as an outspoken critic of lynching. In May 1921, he led a protest against the arrest and threatened lynching of a Jewish man by a white mob. Approximately a week later, his activist predilections led him to organize a group of Greenwood men to advocate for a young Black man unfairly charged with assaulting a white woman, which stirred up local white citizens. The assault charges were eventually dropped against the young Black man because there was no evidence of a crime.

White citizens, however, were so incensed that Black men would come to the aide of one of their own, it was decided that the citizens of Greenwood had to be taught a lesson. Circuit Judge Toole used J.B. Stradford’s memoir to provide this account of events that May morning in 1921:

( TOP) A promotional advertisement for the Stradford Hotel, opened on June 1, 1918. At that time, the hotel was the largest Black-owned and operated hotel in America. (Photo courtesy of Laurel Stradford, Stradford family historian.) (BOTTOM) A notice placed in the Tulsa Star by J.B. Stradford, April 17, 1915. (Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities.)
“The (Stradford) hotel was bombed from an airplane. There were two airplanes in Oklahoma at the time, one owned by the governor of Oklahoma, and the other owned by Sinclair Oil Company. Sinclair’s plane was accounted for, but the governor’s plane could not be accounted for. J.B. was arrested, as stated herein, and placed in custody. His son, C.F. Stradford, drove to Tulsa and filed the great Writ of Habeas Corpus which probably saved his life, and enabled him to be released; and the story in my family is that he was sneaked out of Oklahoma on street cars, going from town to town, and state to state until he came to Chicago. He never returned to Oklahoma and lost all of his real estate and personal property and business.”

Judge Toole served as the official representative of the Stradford family in 1996 when Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating presented a Proclamation to the family along with an honorary executive pardon. Governor Keating apologized to the Stradford family at the Greenwood Cultural Center stating, “It is regrettable that we have to come together to recognize an embarrassment, a historic event that never should have happened.” During the ceremony, Tulsa County District Attorney, Bill LaFortune, requested that Judge Jesse Harris of the District Court formally drop all charges against J.B. Stradford. So, after 75 years, J.B. Stradford was completely exonerated and no longer a wanted fugitive.

Along with his son, C.F. Stradford, the elder Stradford relocated to Chicago. C. F. became the second in the family dynasty of influential lawyers. He was one of the early presidents of the Cook County Bar Association and one of the principal lawyers in the Hansberry Restrictive Covenant case, which went to the United States Supreme Court in 1940. Another notable descendant of J.B. Stradford was Chicago attorney Jewel LaFontant-Mankarious, who was appointed Deputy Solicitor General by President George W. Bush. Jewel’s son, John Rogers, Jr. has distinguished himself in finance as the Chairman and Co-CEO of Ariel Investments, with offices in New York and Chicago.

When Laurel Stradford, an artist in Chicago, turned eight years old her Aunt Jewel, as she referred to her, gave her a photo of J.B. Stradford and began sharing some of his history and accomplishments. “It was as if she was passing the torch to me to keep alive his memory and preserve his history for the current generation,” said Laurel Stradford.

Indiana portrait artist, Jay Parnell, has used that photo given to Laurel Stradford for his portrait of this notable graduate, which will be on permanent display in the law school. It will be unveiled on September 10, J.B. Stradford’s birthday.

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Save the Date:
Commemoration of Tulsa Race Massacre Survivor and IU McKinney Alumnus, J.B. Stradford

IU McKinney will hold a commemorative event to recognize distinguished alumnus J. B. Stradford, a prominent business leader in Tulsa, Oklahoma’s “Black Wall Street” district at the time of the 1921 race massacre in that city.

Date: Friday, September 10, 2021
Time: 5:00 pm EDT
Location: Zoom webinar
Contact: Elizabeth Allington at eallingt@iupui.edu
Sign up on the IU McKinney web site: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/events
Indiana University Bicentennial Medal Presentations

In several separate ceremonies in late 2020 and early 2021, Indiana University Bicentennial Medals were presented to alumni and friends of the IU McKinney School of Law. The Bicentennial Medal is awarded to individuals who, through their personal and professional efforts, have broadened the reach of Indiana University around the state, nation, and world.

The medals themselves are unique, made from materials salvaged from the old bells which hung in the Student Building on the IU Bloomington campus, giving recipients a lasting piece of IU history. The Bicentennial Medal honors distinguished and distinctive service, broadly defined, in support of Indiana University’s mission as a public university, individuals who have enlarged the footprint of IU, or have helped to put IU on the map in unique ways.

Those receiving the Bicentennial Medal should be seen as models for future students, faculty, alumni, and organizations to emulate as IU enters its third century.

IU McKinney Dean Karen Bravo, IU President Michael A. McRobbie, IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar, and IUPUI Vice Chancellor Kathy Johnson officiated at the various ceremonies that took place virtually in November, December and January.

Medal recipients included the following: the Honorable Steven H. David, ’82; the Honorable Brent E. Dickson, ’68; the Honorable William T. Lawrence, ’73; the Honorable Jane Magnus-Stinson, ’83; the Honorable Mark S. Massa, ’89; the Honorable Robyn L. Moberly, ’78; the Honorable Randall T. Shepard, and the Honorable Frank Sullivan, Jr.

Other recipients included the Honorable Dan Quayle, ’74 and Marilyn Tucker Quayle, ’74; Dennis Bland, ’92; Pamela L. Carter, ’84; Deborah Daniels, ’77; Rich D. Hailey, ’74; Jimmie McMillian, ’02; Alan K. Mills, ’82; John Pistole, ’81; Mary Beth Ramey, ’72; Joyce W. Rogers, ’96; Steven L. Tuchman, ’71; Fay H. Williams, ’71; G. Michael Witte, ’82 and Barbara Wynne, namesake of the school’s Wynne Courtroom with her late husband, John Wynne, ’63.
Donkeys and Goats, and Pigs—Oh My!
Kay Williams, ’92, Rescues Farm Animals at Frog Song Farm Sanctuary

By Alicia Dean Carlson

Kay Weymouth Williams, ’92, practiced law in Indianapolis after she graduated from IU McKinney, and she was a nurse before that.

Both careers play into her current role, running Frog Song Farm Sanctuary, a 501(c)(3) non-profit home for farm animals on 107 acres of rolling pastureland in Hodges, South Carolina.

She makes morning and evening rounds of the sanctuary, feeding, cleaning and administering medicine and affection as needed to a menagerie of horses, donkeys, llamas, goats, cows, ducks, chickens, barn cats, “several very spoiled dogs” and the sanctuary’s original pig, Laverne, as well as four others.

“Nurses have a strong, emotional and nurturing side, and I am not afraid of needles or blood,” Williams said. “Law school taught me to be a critical thinker and improved my negotiation skills."

A native of Alabama, Williams lived in Zionsville for 30-plus years, working and raising a family with her husband, the late Dr. Stephen Williams, founding director of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center. She later married Richard D’Antoni, and they moved to the Florida Panhandle, where Williams was involved with the DAWGS in Prison program out of Port St. Joe and served on the board of the Franklin County Humane Society.

“When we set our sights on rescuing farm animals, we found land in southern Georgia in 2016. Forty-two acres seemed huge to us at the time, but we outgrew that and looked for more land for a year before finding it in Hodges,” Williams said.
Caring for farm animals is not easy. There are enormous feed expenses, barns to build and fences to repair. On Frog Song Farm Sanctuary’s Facebook page, Williams described being “filthy, hungry and tired, but very proud,” after successfully getting halters on three difficult donkeys named Cookie, Muffin and Snickers.

“It’s the hardest I have ever worked. You never have a day off,” she says. Harder still is that Williams sometimes has to say “no” even when she would like to say “yes” to all the animals that need a sanctuary.

Some animals come to Frog Song Farm Sanctuary through networks of animal rescuers and many come from desperate conditions or have special needs, such as Jasmine, a blind horse, or Pink, a llama with a jaw infection. Laverne the pig and Shirley, a goat, were living in a tiny pen with no grass or shelter when paramedics took their owner to the hospital.

“The EMTs realized that someone needed to save these animals,” she recalls. “How do you expect people to take care of animals if
they can’t take of care themselves? You can’t be angry, just sad for everyone.”

Frog Song Farm Sanctuary supporters follow Williams on Facebook and help raise funds. Future plans include opening a guest house on the property to overnight visitors in the Fall of 2021, with proceeds benefiting the sanctuary.

Once again, she will rely on her lawyering skills. “My lawyer head starts thinking about all the waivers and consents I’ll have to get,” for visitors who might want to mingle with the animals, Williams says.

For now, visitors can request an appointment at FrogSongFarmSanctuary@gmail.com. No admission fees are charged, but donations are requested. ✨
McCabe Confirmed as Deputy EPA Administrator

IU McKinney School of Law former professor of practice and director of the Indiana University Environmental Resilience Institute, Janet McCabe, was confirmed by the United States Senate as deputy administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in April.

The Senate voted April 27 to confirm McCabe as President Joe Biden’s pick to serve in the No. 2 position at the agency, where she joined an administration that has pledged aggressive action on tackling the climate crisis.

McCabe previously served as acting assistant administrator of the Office of Air and Radiation at the EPA under the Obama administration from July 2013 to January 2017 and as principal deputy in that office from 2009 to 2013. She has also been air director at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and she has held other environmental policy and management positions at IDEM and in Massachusetts.

“I’m honored to be returning to the EPA as deputy administrator and grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of the Environmental Resilience Institute and to teach the next generation of environmental lawyers at Indiana University these last four years,” McCabe said in a statement released by IU after the vote. “I look forward to supporting the amazing EPA career staff in protecting public health and the environment around the country.

“The same challenges faced by farmers, businesses and communities in Indiana are also felt across the country. In my new role, I’ll take with me the valuable lessons I’ve learned building a broad, bipartisan coalition to protect Indiana’s economy and Hoosiers’ health from the risks of environmental change. Just like in Indiana, these issues are critical to the long-term prosperity of the nation.”

IU McKinney Law Dean Karen E. Bravo congratulated McCabe on her appointment.

“As a public servant, Janet has made many contributions to our state and nation, working to protect the environment and leading the conversation on environmental resilience,” Dean Bravo said. “We are so grateful that she shared her wisdom, scholarship and leadership with the IU McKinney community over the past few years and congratulate her on her confirmation. We are immensely proud that she has been part of our faculty and wish her well as she continues this important work.”
IU McKinney Law and Purdue Partner to Offer Innovative Degree Program
Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and Purdue University’s Department of Agricultural Economics have joined forces to create the first MJ in law/MS in Agricultural Economics dual degree program in the nation. Students who complete the program will receive a Master of Science (MS) in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University and Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) from IU McKinney.

“This new program will provide students with a multidisciplinary education in agricultural economics and law and equip them to make creative and significant contributions to their companies, the food and agribusiness industries and food and agriculture policies,” said Karen Plaut, the Glenn W. Sample Dean of the Purdue College of Agriculture. “This unique offering capitalizes on the strengths of both universities to provide an essential foundation in agricultural law.”

IU McKinney’s legal training emphasizes the understanding of regulatory oversight, administrative agencies’ roles, policy questions, and transactional structures.

Purdue’s agricultural economics program offers an in-depth understanding of the food system’s economics and the economic concepts and theories required to make effective decisions in a vibrant industry.

“We are delighted to partner with Purdue on this important initiative as it will distinguish graduates in the dynamic agricultural law industry and equip them with the tools they need to be effective change makers and leaders in this growing field,” said Cynthia Adams, ’83, IU McKinney Vice Dean and Clinical Professor of Law.

The MJ/MS program consists of 51 total credits. Students will first earn a Master of Science (MS) degree from Purdue University after completing 21 credits from Purdue’s Department of Agricultural Economics and 15 credits from the IU McKinney School of Law. The student then would earn the Master of Jurisprudence degree after completion of an additional set of 15 law credits from IU McKinney School of Law.

The MS in Agricultural Economics degree consists primarily of online courses with three required periods of in-person residency—where students will receive a continuation of the online education courses required for the MS degree. The MJ degree program offered by IU McKinney offers evening, online, and hybrid courses.

Both programs are now accepting applications. Prospective students must separately apply to and be accepted by both universities. For more information about the MJ/MS in agricultural law program, please contact Miki Pike Hamstra, IU McKinney Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs, mhamstra@iupui.edu.
Loyal Donors Give Year After Year

By Alicia Dean Carlson

Ten years. Twelve years. Twenty-one years. Twenty-six years. Thirty-three years.

Those are just some of the numbers posted by nearly 1,300 loyal donors who have made annual gifts to IU McKinney School of Law for 10 years or more. Many alumni can count their consistent contributions not just in years, but in decades.

G. Michael Witte, ’82, is one of those donors. Witte, who was executive director of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission from 2010 until his retirement in February of 2021, had a 25-year career on the bench, serving as judge in Dearborn County Court, Dearborn Superior Court and Wayne Superior Court.

The ABA’s National Conference of Specialized Court Judges honored him with its National Distinguished Judge of the Year honor in 2008. He was presented with the Daniel K. Inouye Trailblazer Award in 2017 by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, an honor that recognizes the outstanding achievements, commitment, and leadership of lawyers who have paved the way for the advancement of other Asian Pacific American attorneys.

He has been a friend of the law school, providing the Indiana Ethics Update during the Annual Fall Continuing Legal Education Program, which supports student scholarships at IU McKinney, and as a member of IU McKinney’s Alumni Board from 2003 to 2010, serving as President in 2009.

Staying involved with the law school has provided important connections—he was mentored by those who graduated before him, and he has tried to mentor younger attorneys, Witte says.

“Obviously, the law school had an enormous impact on my life,” he says. “McKinney provided me an education and opportunities, and also has been a real platform to further my career.”

Witte traces his philosophy toward giving to much earlier experiences. An Eagle Scout, Witte says that a scoutmaster’s admonishment applies to both camping—which he still enjoys—and personal philanthropy.

“He instilled in us the idea that we should leave our campsite better than we found it,” Witte says. “Give back to whatever has shaped us, and never forget where you started, or who or what helped you get where you are today.”
The Honorable Margret G. Robb, ’78, judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals, shares that belief. After law school, she started practicing law in Lafayette and served as a Chapter 11, 12 and a standing Chapter 7 Bankruptcy trustee for the Northern District of Indiana. She was a registered family and civil mediator and served as a Tippecanoe County Deputy Public Defender.

“I think starting out in my career, I felt that connection and thought that it was important to give. I had friends there and the faculty cared about students,” she says. “The law school gave me a firm foundation, and I wanted to acknowledge that and also ensure that others had the same opportunity.”

Judge Robb joined the Indiana Court of Appeals in 1998. In 2011, she became the first woman elected Chief Judge in the 110-year history of the court. Since then, she’s been honored by many organizations—including the law school—for her service to the judiciary in Indiana. She is the recipient of the IU McKinney Distinguished Alumnus Award, the IUAA President’s Award, and the IUPUI Maynard K. Hine Medal.

She has served as president of the IU McKinney Alumni Association, and for 17 years, she chaired a Continuing Legal Education program that raised more than $1 million to fund scholarships for law school students.

“IU McKinney is the backbone of the legal profession in Indiana, but the law school also has created a foundation for graduates to compete on any playing field, anywhere,” Robb says. “It’s wonderful to be able to recognize that each year, even if you begin by giving a small amount and start giving more as you do better.

“There’s something to be said for consistency,” she says.

John “Jay” Boyd, ’76, likes to remind his IU McKinney alumni colleagues at Barnes & Thornburg of something that the late Dean Emeritus Norman Lefstein told him more than 15 years ago: a consistent record of alumni giving provides credibility when it comes to generating additional private and public contributions that support the law school’s mission.

“It’s critically important that the law school can show a significant percentage of alumni giving when it goes to the state legislature to request funding,” Boyd says.

Boyd and his wife, Laurie L. Boyd, ’79, also give out of a sense of loyalty. “We think it is important to recognize the contribution that the law school has made to our careers and to our lives,” he says.

Loyal donors like Boyd, Robb and Witte are the foundation for the strong tradition of giving at IU McKinney Law, according to Nan Edgerton, IU McKinney Law Assistant Dean for Development. Their annual generosity is equal to an endowed fund more than 20 times the amount, she notes.

“These are loyal donors who have taken to heart what we mean when we say, ‘Every gift matters, every gift counts.’ These annual gifts—no matter the size—provide fundamental support to fulfilling McKinney’s mission and securing the margin of excellence,” she says.
In April, the Indiana University Board of Trustees named Pamela Whitten as the university’s 19th president. A visionary scholar and accomplished educator and researcher, Whitten has held a variety of leadership roles, beginning at Michigan State University and now as president of Kennesaw State University. President Whitten began her duties at IU on July 1.

As IU’s first female president, Whitten assumes the helm at one of the nation’s leading research universities at a time of record-level research funding and philanthropic support.

“Pamela has distinguished herself as a passionate and accessible leader,” trustee chair Michael Mirro said. “Her student-centered approach and proven ability to harness diverse talent and secure vital resources will help IU continue on its strong trajectory.”

Whitten holds a Ph.D. in communication studies from the University of Kansas, a Master of Arts in communication from the University of Kentucky, and a Bachelor of Science in management from Tulane University. She is an internationally recognized expert in the field of telemedicine. As part of her work in higher education, she also held leadership roles at University of Georgia and the University of Kansas Medical Center.

“Indiana University is one of our nation’s finest public research universities, with a rich history, wonderful traditions and a worldwide reputation for excellence,” Whitten said. “This is an especially exciting time as IU builds upon its 200 years of success, strengthening its mission of delivering outstanding education and innovative research. I’m deeply honored to be selected to lead this great university, and I look forward to working with the exceptional faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of IU to seize the opportunities and challenges ahead, creating a better future for all of those we serve.”

Whitten was appointed by the board of trustees following an extensive search. Faculty, staff and students across the university provided early input regarding the characteristics and experiences most desired in IU’s next leader.

Whitten succeeds Michael A. McRobbie, who has served as president since 2007. ✦
The Indiana University Board of Trustees has awarded the University Medal, the highest award the university can bestow, to both former IU President Michael A. McRobbie and former IU first lady Laurie Burns McRobbie.

Rarely awarded and honoring the truly exceptional, the University Medal is presented to those who have made extraordinary contributions to IU or humanity at large. The medal has previously been awarded only 20 times.

Former President McRobbie stepped down from that role at the end of June. Effective July 1, President McRobbie assumed the titles of president emeritus and university professor, as well as the honorary title of university chancellor.

McRobbie is just the third person in the university’s more-than-200-year-old history to be named university chancellor, a title that recognizes his past achievements and anticipates his continued support of IU’s core missions. IU’s legendary 11th president, Herman B Wells, held the title from 1962 to 2000. Longtime university administrator Kenneth R.R. Gros Louis held the title from 2006 to 2017.

Laurie Burns McRobbie has assumed the title of first lady emerita. She also holds the titles of adjunct professor of informatics, computing and engineering at IU Bloomington, adjunct professor in the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at IUPUI, and university fellow.

President McRobbie also continues to hold his titles of professor of informatics and computing, cognitive science, philosophy, and informatics at IU Bloomington, and professor of philosophy and computer technology at IUPUI.

McRobbie stepped down after 14 years as president and 24 years in senior positions at IU.

“I am immensely proud of all that has been accomplished over the period I have been president,” McRobbie said. “All the change and effort has, I believe, consolidated and elevated IU’s position as one of America’s premier and leading research universities. But all these accomplishments—and many more—are not a one-person show. They are the collective product of the hard and unremitting work of IU’s outstanding senior leaders, the strong support of superb faculty who have embraced change, engaged and talented students who have and will continue to go on to become leaders in their chosen fields, and exceptional staff whose professionalism and dedication have been the linchpin of so many of our successes.”

McRobbie came to IU in 1997 from his native Australia as its first vice president for information technology and chief information officer. Now a U.S. citizen, he was appointed vice president for research in 2003 and named interim provost and vice president for academic affairs for IU Bloomington in 2006. He became IU’s 18th president on July 1, 2007, making him one of the longest-serving university presidents in the country.
Former U.S Representative Susan Brooks, ‘85, Joins IU McKinney School of Law


Brooks, an alumna of the school, will be appointed as distinguished scholar and ambassador at large. Among her various roles, Brooks will co-teach a course on law and leadership with former dean and Paul E. Beam Professor of Law Andrew R. Klein.

"On behalf of the IUPUI campus, we welcome the tremendous expertise and practical knowledge that Representative Brooks will bring when she returns to the McKinney School, this time as an esteemed member of our faculty," Paydar said. "Her years of service in the U.S. Congress as well as her experience as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana will make her not only a valuable resource in the classroom but a valued colleague as well."

"Our law school is delighted to welcome home Susan Brooks, our distinguished alumna, to share her knowledge, skills and experience with us," McKinney School Dean Karen Bravo said. "Her presence in the classroom and other engagements outside the classroom present unparalleled learning opportunities for IU McKinney students. I can think of no better ambassador for our school as we strengthen our communal ties—in Indianapolis, the state of Indiana, our nation and the world."

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 has also worked in the Government Services Practice Group at the law firm of Ice Miller and served two years as deputy mayor of Indianapolis under Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, focusing on crime, the criminal justice system and social welfare issues. Brooks began her career as a criminal defense lawyer, working for 13 years with the law firm McClure, McClure and Kammen.

Through the course of her career, Brooks was twice named Influential Woman of Indianapolis in 1999 and 2008, and last year she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indianapolis Bar Association. She was also named Government Leader of the Year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce in 2014 and Legislator of the Year by the Indiana Health Industry Forum in 2015, and she received the 2020 Congressional Leadership Award from the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. Brooks is a member of the IU McKinney Law Board of Visitors and is a past recipient of the Alumna of the Year Award.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to give back to the school that set me on my career path of public and private service," Brooks said. "It truly is an honor to be able to share my experiences with IU McKinney students and faculty and maybe have some small impact on the current and future generations of legal minds and public servants."

Brooks earned her Bachelor of Arts from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1978. She received a Juris Doctor from the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1985. ✦
Robert T. Grand, ‘82, and Melody Grand were recognized for having loyally supported the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law and demonstrating the value of giving back to one’s alma mater.

Bob Grand is a member of the law school’s Board of Visitors. The couple’s recent gifts have focused on an endowed chair and a memorial scholarship, created to recognize the excellence of the faculty and to help students who face financial challenges.

Bob graduated from Wabash College in 1978 and IU McKinney Law in 1982. Melody graduated from Indiana University Bloomington in 1978 with a degree in biological sciences. Bob is the firm managing partner of Barnes & Thornburg and concentrates his practice in the areas of public finance and governmental regulation.

The Best Lawyers in America has recognized Bob every year since 2005, and he was named its “Lawyer of the Year” in 2016 for his work in government relations practice and municipal law.

Since 1989, the IUPUI campus has presented the Spirit of Philanthropy Awards during a recognition event that honors individuals, corporations, and foundations that have contributed to campus programs through gifts and voluntary services.

The awards ceremony included a welcome from student emcee and IU McKinney Law 1L student Lance Howard, a 2020 graduate of the IUPUI School of Science.

Melody and Robert T. Grand, ‘82, Receive Spirit of Philanthropy Award

(ABOVE) Robert T. Grand, ’82, and his wife, Melody Grand, were presented with the IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy Award during a virtual ceremony on April 13.
The Indiana Law Review at IU McKinney considered the topic “No Justice, No Peace: Finding Justice in American Policing” during its annual symposium. The event took place in a Zoom format on March 26.

“The symposium topic is important because in the last year, community conversations about policing have only become more prevalent. These conversations have resulted in academics giving more attention to policing issues, as well as policy changes within policing across the United States. Understanding how our roles as attorneys and advocates can impact social and structural change within our communities is very important,” said ILR Symposium Editor Bre Robinson,’21.

After a welcome from Robinson and opening remarks from IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo, attorney and community organizer Andrea Ritchie delivered the keynote address, “War on Black Women: Challenging Criminalization, Creating Community Safety.”

Ritchie is a nationally recognized expert and commentator on policing issues, and works with groups across the country to support campaigns to end profiling, police violence criminalization, mass incarceration, and deportation. She is currently Researcher in Residence on Race, Gender, Sexuality and Criminalization at the Barnard Center for Research on Women, where she recently launched the Interrupting Criminalization: Research in Action initiative.

Ritchie was lead counsel in Tikkun v. City of New York, which challenged unlawful searches of transgender people in police custody. She is the author of Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color (Beacon Press 2017), among others. Her articles and opinion pieces have been published in the...
New York Times, Washington Post, Teen Vogue, Essence, and the Guardian, and she regularly appears in national media outlets, including HBO, BET, MSNBC, and NPR.

At the conclusion of Ritchie’s remarks, the first panel discussed “Police Reform: From Prisons to the Streets, How Far We Have Come and How Far We Still Have to Go.” Professor Silva moderated a discussion among Kami Chavis, Vice Provost and Professor of Law at Wake Forest Law and a former assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; SpearIt, Professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law; Seth Stoughton, Associate Professor at South Carolina School of Law, former police officer and co-author of Evaluating Police Uses of Force; and Katie Tinto, Clinical Professor of Law at the University of California Irvine School of Law and a former public defender in Los Angeles County.

The program concluded with a panel discussion on “Defunding the Police: What it Means, What it Does, and Whether it Should be Realized.” Panelists were Alex Vitale, Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College and author of The End of Policing; Page Fernandez, Policing Policy Advisor for the ACLU National Policing Advocacy Department; James Galiano, adjunct professor and doctoral candidate at St. John’s University and law enforcement analyst and policing methodology subject matter expert who served with the FBI for 25 years; and Keith “Wildstyle” Paschall, Indianapolis historian and activist and Central Indiana Community Foundation Ambassador. The talk was moderated by award-winning multimedia journalist and community advocate Ebony Chappel.

(ABOVE) Panelists for the second panel of the day were (top row from left), James Galiano, adjunct professor and doctoral candidate at St. John’s University; Page Fernandez, Policing Policy Advisor for the ACLU National Policing Advocacy Department, and Alex Vitale, Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College and author of “The End of Policing.” Second row from left: Moderator Ebony Chappel, award-winning multimedia journalist and community advocate; Keith “Wildstyle” Paschall, Indianapolis historian and activist and Central Indiana Community Foundation Ambassador, and Bre Robinson, ILR Symposium Editor.

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Featured speakers at the International and Comparative Law Review (IICLR) symposium on February 25 included a member of the IU McKinney faculty with international law expertise, a justice of the Indiana Supreme Court who served as a military lawyer in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, and an Australian justice known for his work in human rights.

The symposium, “International Law and Human Rights in a New Administration,” took place in a virtual format that was attended by more than 200 people, and was moderated by IU McKinney Law Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr.

Khoa D. Trinh, IICLR Symposium Editor—Live portion; Zachary J. Reichle, IICLR Symposium Editor—Publication portion, and Ariel L. Anderson, IICLR Editor-in-Chief, planned the successful event.

After a welcome and introduction from Professor Frank Sullivan, Justice Steven David, ’82, of the Indiana Supreme Court spoke on the topic, “Never Doubt the Oath You Have Taken. Human Rights Matter if the Rule of Law Means Anything!” Justice David is a contributor to the IICLR.

Next on the agenda was Professor Frank Emmert, who discussed “An International Law Agenda for the Biden Administration.” Professor Emmert is the John S. Grimes Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law at IU McKinney.

The program concluded with a talk by the Honorable Michael Kirby, former Justice on the High Court of Australia. He discussed “Retreat from Multilateralism: Peace and Security on the Korean Peninsula.” He has served as judge of the Federal Court of Australia, president of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, and on three university governing bodies. He also has been active as a member of the World Health Organization’s Global Commission on AIDS, and many other international human rights groups. He currently serves on the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights. ⇩
Virtual Experiential Learning Fair

IU McKinney Law offered its first-ever virtual, multi-day experiential learning fair, from February 15-19, 2021. “Well-being and the Practice of Law” was the theme for this year’s fair, which was the brainstorm of the director of experiential learning, Professor Cynthia Baker. With the tagline of “Learn. Reflect. Grow. and Bend, Stretch, Walk!” the sessions included a “Watch & Learn” video section with pre-recorded messages from supervisors; virtual chat rooms on two days designed to provide an opportunity for students to chat with supervisors that was similar to what would have happened live in Inlow Hall; and special wellness related activities with faculty, attorneys and judges who support the school’s experiential learning curriculum. Students also had opportunities to win IU McKinney swag!

Representatives from 55 experiential opportunities participated in the fair. Externship participants included Eli Lilly and Company, Center for Victim and Human Rights, Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics, and the Horizon League, just to name a few. Courts were also well represented at the fair, as were numerous government offices.

A CLE program, “The Reflective Counselor: Ethics, Well-being and the Practice of Law,” kicked off the week’s activities and featured the following speakers: the Honorable Christopher M. Goff, Associate Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, Terry L. Harrell, Executive Director of the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, and IU McKinney Professor Cynthia Baker.

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Students learned about wellness tips and had the opportunity to participate in activities with lawyers, judges and faculty.
The COVID-19 pandemic proved to be devastating to nursing home residents throughout the United States, leaving the long-term care industry ripe for disruption.

Speakers at the 2021 Health Law Conference: Older Adults and Aging with Dignity, sponsored by IU McKinney’s Hall Center for Law and Health on February 26, touched on many of the legal and policy issues contributing to the challenges ahead.

Tara Sklar, Professor of Health Law and Director of the Health Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, presented the keynote address, “Where Do We Go from Here? Long-Term Care After COVID-19.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected residents and staff in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities. Sklar cited Kaiser Family Foundation findings that, nationwide, deaths in long-term care facilities account for 40% of all COVID-19 deaths. In 18 states, COVID-19 deaths in long-term care facilities account for at least half of all deaths due to the pandemic.

Sklar outlined some fixes: establish trust, develop staff and provide technology that could increase connections, efficiency and optimize health. But the conversation should also include a health-justice framework, she said.

The long-term care workforce is predominantly female and low wage. Nearly four in 10 are age 50-plus and nearly 1 in 4 are Black; more than one in five nursing home aides work in more than one long-term care facility, which was one of the conditions that led to COVID-19 outbreaks, Sklar noted.

She called out Indiana, too, which ranks 48th in the nation for long-term care staffing, and unpaid caregivers, including family members, who often shoulder the responsibility for elder care.

“We need a national strategy that cares for the caregivers,” she said.

A panel discussion on “An Interdisciplinary Approach to Aging Well” followed the keynote address. Panelists included:

- Amber R. Comer, ’11, PhD, JD, Assistant Professor of Health Sciences, Indiana University School of Health and Human Sciences, who spoke on surrogate medical decision-making during COVID-19.
- Colin Milner, CEO, International Council on Active Aging, who offered a perspective on aging as “navigating the new normal.”
- Dana Reed Wise, MPH, REHS, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Environmental Health, Marion County Public Health Department, discussed the benefits and challenges of managing the agency’s experienced and seasoned employees.
- Phyllis Barkman Ferrell, Global Head External Engagement for Alzheimer’s disease, Eli Lilly and Company, who discussed science and the aging brain as well as the unmet need for timely diagnosis for the 110 million individuals and families impacted by the disease.

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Hall Center Mentor Board Connects Students and Alumni

When IU McKinney Law student Lizzie Ford wanted career advice, she did not have to search long or go far for help. The Hall Center for Law and Health at IU McKinney has an established Mentor Board to connect legal professionals with students. Ford, a 1L, signed up online and, shortly after, was connected to Anna Fiorvento, ’19, an attorney with a practice in Traverse City, Michigan.

Their virtual “coffee chat” was one of 20 connections that took place during the Fall 2020 semester, with more planned for the future. “My virtual coffee chat was very helpful,” Ford says. “I prepared by researching my mentor on LinkedIn before the meeting. We started the meeting by talking briefly about ourselves, and she then allowed me to ask whatever questions I had.

“She really met me where I was at as a 1L. She answered my questions about starting her own firm and working in the field of health law. In addition, she also discussed tips she had for 1Ls to help them get involved in the field of health law and do well in law school,” Ford says.

Mentors bring a range of practice experiences, including solo practitioners, as well as those from big firms, hospital corporations, health IT and nonprofit organizations.

In addition to connecting students and members of the legal community as mentors, the Hall Center Mentor Board connected volunteers to opportunities for coaching and advising for the Health Law Moot Court team and the Indiana Health Law Review. The board also assisted with providing practitioners to speak on panel discussions for Health Law Society meetings. The 2020-21 board was led by Jennifer Penman, ’17, as president, and Coffee Chat Chair Jacob Butz, ’20.

IU McKinney alumni are now being sought to fill executive board positions, as well as to serve as mentors to students, an experience that Jennifer Strange, ’09, a partner at Drewery Simmons Vornehm, LLP, said was gratifying.

“I joined the Mentor Board because I thought it was a great opportunity to give back to the law school and connect with and serve as a resource to law students,” Strange says.

“The outreach done through the Hall Center, including virtual coffee chats, provides a great way for students to continue to hone their networking skills and stay connected to the legal community during a time when traditional networking opportunities are few and far between. I have been impressed by the students’ optimism and resilience in the face of an unprecedented year,” she said.

To volunteer for the Hall Center Mentor Board, contact Angela Covele, Hall Center Coordinator, at aacovele@iu.edu.

Alumni Invited to Join Mentor Board  The Hall Center Mentor Board assists health-law students in building a professional network and honing the skills they need to succeed. If you are interested in joining the Hall Center Mentor Board, please contact Angela Covele at aacovele@iu.edu. Opportunities include meeting a student virtually for a “coffee chat,” serving as a Health Law Review Note Advisor, providing feedback to the Health Law Moot Court Team, or speaking virtually to the Health Law Society about the field of health law.

Professor Terry Moderates Webinar on Pandemic Recovery for Vulnerable Populations

On May 11, the Network for Public Health Law presented a webinar, “Equitable Rebuilding from COVID-19: Ensuring Quality Care for Vulnerable Populations” moderated by Hall Render Professor of Law Nicolas Terry.

Professor Terry is an expert on law and policy issues surrounding opioid use disorder (OUD), which impacts populations that also face disparities in COVID-19 burden and risk.

The webinar included a discussion of recent changes to increase access to OUD treatment in response to the pandemic, and recommendations for permanently reducing legislative and regulatory barriers to effective, evidence-based interventions for OUD, as well as insight into how law and policy can support access to mental health care and promote well-being during and after the pandemic.

Professor Terry is Executive Director of the Hall Center for Law and Health at IU McKinney, where he teaches healthcare and health policy courses. 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.

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**Hall Center Students Named to ISBA Health Law Section**

IU McKinney 2L students Shelby Knop and Stuart Settle were named Indiana State Bar Association Health Law Section Council student representatives for the 2020-2021 term.

In their roles as Student Representatives, Knop and Settle experienced first-hand how the Health Law Section and the ISBA function. They represent the views of students to the Council and also have the opportunity to work on various subcommittees.

Both students are pursuing J.D. degrees, as well as Health Law Certificates through the Hall Center for Law and Health. The Health Law Section Council promotes the interests of the Section’s members and of the Association in the area of health law, studies and makes appropriate recommendations concerning health law matters, and monitors the developments of this area of practice. From time to time, when called upon the Council may provide insight, or guidance on legislation, or may testify before the General Assembly on matters of concern to the Section. The Health Law Section Council also plans, coordinates, and sponsors the annual Health Law Symposium.

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The Hall Center for Law and Health at IU McKinney School of Law made an effective transition to virtual events during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the past year, the Hall Center conducted 12 webinars bringing in a total of 2,691 attendees and awarded a total of 2,808 CLE credit hours, attracting attendees from Canada, Switzerland, Greece and Slovakia.

During the Fall semester, the Hall Center events included the IHLR Symposium, “The Intersection of Health Equity and Housing Law,” a two-day virtual event that was the first Hall Center event to draw in more than 300 attendees each day, as well as two Grand Rounds fall series events.

The Hall Center also sponsored three events during the spring semester, including two Grand Rounds events and the 2021 Health Law Conference, “Older Adults and Aging with Dignity”.

The Grand Rounds program on March 12 featured Christina S. Ho, Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Faculty Research, Development and New Programs, at Rutgers Law School. She spoke on “Normalizing an American Right to Health,” arguing against the conventional wisdom that a U.S. right to health is out of reach.

On April 16, the Hall Center presented a Grand Rounds lecture by Professor Medha D. Makhlouf of Penn State Dickinson Law, who spoke on the topic, “The Law and Policy of Immigrant Access to Healthcare.”

Professor Makhlouf drew upon her research and experience with medical-legal partnerships to present on key topics relating to the law and policy of immigrant access to health care. Medha D. Makhlouf is an Assistant Professor at Penn State Dickinson Law, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at Penn State College of Medicine, and the Founding Director of the Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) Clinic.

(LEFT) A slide from Professor Medha Makhlouf’s online webinar presentation that took place on April 16.
IU McKinney Law students shared heartfelt stories of gratitude and personal journeys during the Hall Center for Law and Health 2021 Health Law Donor Appreciation Celebration on March 30.

The nationally-recognized health law program brought students, alumni and donors together for the virtual event with IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo.

“As you know, our Health Law Program is a wonderful part of our school, and a jewel in our IU McKinney crown,” Dean Bravo said. “To our donors I say: We could not do this without you: your generosity makes possible our ability to offer this nationally ranked program in health law, and to prepare our students to practice in this area.”

The pandemic “has shown our community, our country, and the world, as never before, the importance of health and health law,” Dean Bravo said.

Among the donors and scholarship recipients were:
• The law firm Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C. established the Hall Render Health Law Scholarship in 2015. It is awarded to those students in the Doctor of Jurisprudence/Master of Health Administration or the Doctor of Jurisprudence/Master of Public Health joint degree programs in the Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Christopher (Chase) Wilson is the 2020-2021 recipient.
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• IU Health Foundation established the IU Health and Daniel F. Evans, Jr. Health Law Scholarship in 2017. It is awarded to McKinney Law J.D. students who have outstanding academic credentials and a demonstrated interest in studying and practicing health law. 2020-2021 recipients are Alyson Crane and Cass Lawson.
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Daniel Orenstein, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Interim Director, Hall Center for Law and Health, praised students for the dedication to health law, and especially for their resiliency during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IU McKinney alumni, including Allison Emhardt, ’15, Associate General Counsel, Indiana University Health; Daniel F. Evans Jr., ’76, former CEO of IU Health; William H. Thompson, ’87, Chairman, Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C., and Crystal Hinson Miller, President, IU Health Foundation, joined the virtual celebration to offer words of advice and encouragement to students.

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.

“Bill and Christine Hall would be so proud of what the Hall Center is today,” Thompson said. “There is so much opportunity for you. We are so proud to continue to support the Hall Center.”
ENR Symposium Focuses on State Priorities

When it comes to understanding both works of art and environmental issues, it is important to understand the context of the times.

Bruno L. Pigott, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), drew that unusual connection in the first panel presentation for the 2021 IU McKinney School of Law Environmental and Natural Resources Law Symposium, “Hot Topics in Environmental Law,” on March 5.

But Pigott made the case that environmental issues—like art—are shaped by events of our time, including the current global pandemic, the death of George Floyd and racially motivated violence, and a fiercely contested presidential election.

“It’s time for us to develop plans and policies to reflect the times we are in,” Pigott said. “Just like a piece of art, you can understand it if you look at it in the context of the times.”

On the state level, that means that IDEM is working on equity and inclusion issues, including updating its environmental justice maps.

Pigott traced environmental justice as a priority to the tenure of Janet McCabe, Professor of Practice at IU McKinney Law and Director of the IU Environmental Resilience Institute, who worked at IDEM from 1993 until 2005. “She was a superstar,” Pigott said.

Professor McCabe was recently confirmed as deputy administrator of the U.S. Environmental Agency. Her confirmation hearing was the same week as the virtual symposium, which she took the lead in planning.

The panel also included a presentation by Martha Clark Mettler, Assistant Commissioner of the IDEM Office of Water Quality, who provided a Waters of the United States (WOTUS) overview and addressed the impact of recent executive orders, as well as Senate Bill 389, a proposal to recall Indiana’s State Regulated Wetland law in its entirety.

Mettler and Pigott both emphasized the importance of wetlands, noting their role in protecting water quality, flood prevention and providing habitats for critical wildlife. “Repeal of the whole law could have some serious unintended consequences,” Mettler said. “IDEM hopes at a minimum, the bill may be amended to protect many of its [Indiana’s State Regulated Wetland law] key elements.”

The symposium also featured:

- A panel on “Updates to IDEM’s Risk-based Closure Guidance and Long-Term Stewardship: Ensuring Protection of Human Health and the Environment Now and into the Future,” with April Lashbrook, IDEM attorney, and Kathryn Watson, Of Counsel, Katz Korin Cunningham, and Adjunct Professor of Law at IU McKinney.

- A panel on “Energy Law and Policy in Indiana: the 21st Century Task Force and the 2021 Legislative Session” with Rep. Ed Soliday (R-Indiana House District 4); Rep. Ryan Hatfield (D-Indiana House District 77); Danielle McGrath, President, Indiana Energy Association; Joseph P. Rompala, Director, Lewis Kappes; and Jennifer Washburn, ’11, Counsel, Citizens Action Coalition and Adjunct Professor of Law at IU McKinney.

The panel was moderated by Donald M. Snemis, Partner, Ice Miller LLP and Adjunct Professor of Law at IU McKinney. ◆
IP Symposium Considers Pandemic and Inequity Issues Relating to Intellectual Property Law

The Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation hosted its annual symposium on the topic: “Intellectual Property and Identity in Post Pandemic.” The event took place as a live webinar on April 9 and was attended by more than 150 people.

“The COVID-19 pandemic and inequity issues impact and shape our understanding about intellectual property law and practice,” said Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, Gerald L. Bepko Chair in Law and Director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation. “The IP Symposium provides a forum for us to bring together leaders, practitioners and academics to engage in meaningful conversations about these topics.”

After opening remarks from IU McKinney Dean Karen Bravo and Professor Nguyen, the first panel discussion examined “Patent Issues, Litigation, and Policy in Post Pandemic.” Discussants were Sanders N. Hillis of Brinks Gilson & Lione; Troy J. Cole of Ice Miller; and R. Trevor Carter, ’95, of Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath. The talk was moderated by Pervin R Taleyarkhan, ’13, Legal Counsel at Whirlpool Corporation and Director of the USPTO Clinic at IU McKinney.

The next panel talked about “Trademarks, Rights, and Identities.” Taking part in this

(TOP) The program’s keynote speaker (above), Sharon R. Barner, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Cummins Inc., was introduced by Angela B. Freeman, ’12

(BOTTOM) Keynote speaker Sharon Barner spoke on the topic, “Intellectual Property in Post Pandemic.”
discussion were Dr. John R. Rudolph, Assistant General Counsel and Trademark Attorney at Eli Lilly and Company, who presented “Decoding the Supreme Court’s Recent Trademark Interests;” Willajeanne McLean, Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Connecticut School of Law, who presented “Trademark, Cultural and Corporate Identities” and Janewa Osei-Tutu, Associate Professor of Law at Florida International University School of Law, who discussed “The Right of Publicity & Cultural/Commercial Identity Conundrum.” Professor Nguyen moderated this discussion.

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Professor Nguyen offered closing remarks.


(BOTTOM) The topic for the second panel was “Trademarks, Rights, and Identities.” Panel participants were (clockwise from upper left): Professor Janewa Osei-Tutu, Professor Willajeanne McLean, moderator IU McKinney Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, and Dr. John R. Rudolph.
Professor George Edwards Honored with Two Prestigious Awards

IU McKinney Professor George Edwards has received the National Bar Association’s Global Advocate Award. He has received the honor for his contributions to and global impact on the international legal community. He received it May 14 during the organization’s international summit, which took place in a virtual format.

The organization’s Global Advocate Award honors those who have demonstrated a commitment to advocating for change and charging calls to action toward human and civil rights on an international scale. Professor Edwards has been appointed by the NBA to many roles in the diplomatic conference circuit within the United Nations over the years. “It’s an honor to be singled out, and it’s quite humbling today, but the true honor goes to the NBA, to the founders, to the leaders, to the domestic and overseas members,” he said in his acceptance speech. “And I’m just hopeful that more of us will become even more involved in these efforts to promote and protect human rights and the rule of law in the United States and overseas.”

It’s the second time the organization has honored Professor Edwards within the last 12 months. He received the bar association’s Sankofa Award on July 29, 2020, during the annual meeting.

Professor George Edwards also received Indiana University’s John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Programs and Studies. He was presented with the honor April 5.

The award recognizes faculty members and librarians for exceptional contributions in teaching, research, or professional service to international programs at IU over a period of many years which have sustainable impact on the students, faculty, and staff of Indiana University. Initiated in 1991, the award is named after the late Indiana University President John W. Ryan who led the institution from 1971 to 1987 and was instrumental in fostering IU’s commitment to excellence in international education. In addition to an award parchment, the honor comes with a $2,500 award.

Professor Edwards founded the Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL) at IU McKinney in 1997. PIHRL has placed more than 250 students in internships in 70 countries since its founding. Students work with private human rights organizations, governmental bodies, and the United Nations. IU McKinney was the first law school in the U.S. to which the UN granted “Special Consultative Status,” which was conferred in 2011.

Professor Edwards founded the Military Commission Observation Project (MCOP) after the Pentagon granted non-governmental organization observer status to PIHRL in 2014. MCOP participants view commission proceedings for Guantanamo Bay detainees through video link at Fort Meade in Maryland, or travel to Guantanamo Bay to witness them in person.

The Carl M. Gray Professor of Law, Professor Edwards has been elected as delegate to two Presidential National Conventions, attended two others, and has worked on political campaigns at all levels, from local to presidential, including working at primaries and caucuses around the U.S., primarily on legal matters related to voter protection.
Inaugural European Law Alumni Event Connects Graduates, Law Schools

Indiana University’s two law schools, IU McKinney and IU Maurer, along with the IU Alumni Association and the IU Europe Gateway, hosted the first Indiana University Law Alumni Conference for alumni who live and work in Europe. The event, which drew more than 70 attendees, took place in a virtual format on March 18. The goal of the effort was to foster existing ties and forge new relationships with the university’s overseas alumni.

“It was great to connect with our law alumni from both campuses for this event,” said Hannah Buxbaum, IU Vice President for International Affairs. “Though COVID has interrupted our ability to gather in person, I have been encouraged by the continuing desire of alumni to stay engaged with the university and with each other. Even as the world gradually returns to travel, online outreach will continue to be a powerful way to connect individuals and catalyze community within IU’s global network.”

Achim Förster, LL.M. ‘06, of Germany; Shalva Tskhakaya, LL.M. ‘08, of Georgia; and Angelique Devaux, LL.M. ‘12, of France served on the IU McKinney Steering Committee. Professors Frank Emmert and Tom Wilson served as faculty panelists. Assistant Dean Miki Hamstra was one of the organizers of the event.

“When I was asked to be on the steering committee, I was immediately excited,” Förster said. “IU McKinney and IU Maurer have a strong alumni network in Europe, and the IU Gateway in Berlin is a great hub for activities. The conference was a fantastic experience and a wonderful opportunity to interact with alumni from both schools and to share ideas for future collaboration. I am proud to be part of IU’s worldwide network of lawyers and am very much looking forward to future events.”

The keynote speaker for the event was Professor Dr. Bostjan Zupancic. He formerly served as vice president of the European Court of Human Rights and vice president of the United Nations Committee Against Torture. The event featured breakout panels and interactions with IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo and IU Maurer Dean Austin Parrish.

“The idea of the IU Law European alumni meeting has been seeded before the pandemic and aimed at bringing like-minded people together,” said Lukasz Lasek of IU Maurer. “Although the pandemic pushed us virtually, the objective of creating a community has been achieved. The great thing about the meeting is that it created opportunities to get to know new people from outside of ‘our year’s bubbles,’ yet with the same IU experience and interesting life stories. A big turnout demonstrates that there is a need to stay in touch with our foreign alma mater and participate in its life. I truly look forward to our future meetings and discussions.”

Program in International Human Rights Law Presents Before United Nations

A student from the Program in International Human Rights Law spoke at the United Nations Human Rights Council hearing on March 17. McKinney Law student Elizabeth Halodik was nominated by the program to present statements on alleged human rights violations of the U.S. at Guantanamo Bay during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program is directed by IU McKinney Professor George Edwards. In addition to his students working on the presentation, students and faculty from Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law in Bangkok, Thailand, and the Auckland University of Technology School of Law in Auckland, New Zealand, also took part.

The report focuses on six specific human rights violations that the United States has committed against the prisoners, including arbitrary prolonged detention, torture, denial of health rights, interference with privacy and family life, denial of a fair trial, and denial of remedies for human rights violations.

Professor Edwards noted the students taking part in this project are learning while making a contribution. “While working on this Guantanamo project, students from Thailand, New Zealand, and Indiana develop research, writing, and oral presentation skills, all of which are important parts of a legal education,” he said. “This experiential work — providing students valuable practical law experience — also benefits other stakeholders, such as victims of human rights violations. Our students’ reports inform governments, who may accept the suggestions our students make, and inform the UN as it oversees human rights compliance in countries around the globe. This experiential project builds on other Guantanamo work performed by our students and faculty from Thailand, New Zealand, and Indiana.

All of the materials the students compiled, as well as a recording of Halodik’s statement, are available on the program’s webpage on the IU McKinney website.
International Updates

Professor Dutton Named PILPG Senior Peace Fellow

IU McKinney Professor Yvonne Dutton has been named a Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG) Senior Fellow. PILPG is a global pro bono law firm. The firm provides free legal help to parties involved in peace negotiations, drafting post-conflict constitutions, and war crimes prosecution/transitional justice.

Professor Dutton is a Dean’s Fellow and Grimes Fellow at IU McKinney, where she teaches evidence, criminal law, criminal procedure, international criminal law, international law, and comparative law. Her scholarship examines questions about international cooperation and the role and effectiveness of international institutions in deterring and holding accountable those who commit crimes of international concern.

PILPG was founded in London in 1995 and is currently headquartered in Washington, D.C. Since its founding, PILPG has provided legal assistance with over two dozen peace negotiations, and over two dozen post-conflict constitutions, and has assisted every international and hybrid criminal tribunal, as well as helped to create a number of domestic transitional justice mechanisms. Over the past 20 years PILPG has operated offices in 25 countries and annually provides $20 million worth of pro bono legal assistance.

IICLR Announces Executive Board for 2021-2022, Student Notes for Publication

The staff of the Indiana International & Comparative Law Review has announced the members of the Executive Board for Volume XXXII, 2021-2022, and the student notes for publication. They are:

- Editor-in-Chief: Marlee Jacocks
- Executive Managing Editor: Jacob Amstutz
- Executive Member Director: Hannah Smith
- Executive Articles Development Editor: Jessica Venters
- Executive Note Development Editor: Fariraishe Muzondo
- Executive Production Editor: Michael Moser
- Executive Symposium Publication Editor: Analiese Smith
- Executive Symposium Live Editor: Brittany Doyle
- Executive Content Citation Editor: Stephen Reen II
- Executive Content Writing Editor: Hannah Brady

The following student notes have been selected for publication:

- "Reclaiming America as the Land of Opportunity: How International Law Can Help the United States Increase Employment for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities" by Jacob Amstutz
- "Absentee Voting Laws in the Face of a Global Pandemic: Can the French proxy system fix absentee voting in Indiana?" by Trent Bennett
- "Self-Regulation is No Regulation—The Case for Government Oversight of Social Media Platforms" by Brittany Doyle
- "Too Young for the System: What the United States Can Learn from International Law on the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility" by Madison Duncan
- "Legal Identity as a Tool of State-Sponsored Genocide: Enforcing the Responsibility to Prevent Through A Norm of Active Engagement" by Ellie Halodik, which also received the Best Student Note award.
- "Use of Force by Law Enforcement in the United States: A Human Rights-Based Reform and the Ireland Decision Making Model" by Marlee Jacocks
- "Freedom of Expression and Social Media: How Employers and Employees can Benefit from Speech Policies Rooted in International Human Rights Law" by Anthony Smith
- "Privacy Concerns and the Push for Social Justice in the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Effort: The American Approach Versus the Australian Approach" by Hannah Smith
- "The Case for School Choice Given the Absence of a Fundamental Right to Education: Learning from the European Experience" by Victoria Szechowski

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Vu Phan, LL.M. ‘20, Publishes Article in Prestigious Legal Journal

Vu Phan, LL.M. ’20, has published a scholarly article in the renowned HANOI LAW REVIEW, published by Hanoi Law University (HLU). His topic is the concept of piercing the corporate veil, which is not part of the jurisprudence in Vietnam. It is his first article published since he completed his Master of Laws degree at IU McKinney.

Phan is from Hanoi, and graduated as the valedictorian of his law class at HLU. He’s currently working as an intern at a firm in Hanoi. He plans to work for the Ministry of Justice in Vietnam, while continuing to conduct legal research and write scholarly works, particularly on legal concepts foreign to Vietnam jurisprudence.

The impetus for the article, titled “Exceptions in Limited Liability of Corporate Entities Owners—Experience from the United States of American for Vietnam Practice,” came to Phan when IU McKinney faculty and staff visited Hanoi Law University in Summer 2019. Later, he learned the finer points of it during his second semester at IU McKinney in Professor Frank Sullivan’s Closely Held Business Organizations class.

The work, Phan said, has two primary objectives: to introduce the concept to those unaware of its existence in Vietnam, and to examine the law on enterprises in Vietnam with regards to business owners’ liabilities in order to speculate whether personal liability can be imposed upon them in circumstances that might get them in trouble were they in the U.S.

“Overall, I had fun researching and writing the paper,” Phan said. “I am very satisfied that my first significant academic achievement as an LL.M. is one that I accomplished by utilizing the knowledge that I gained at IU McKinney.”

Shang Jiang, LL.M. ’10, JD ’14, Named to New York Metro Rising Stars

Shang Jiang, LL.M. ’10, JD ’14, has been named to the 2021 New York Metro Rising Stars Super Lawyer list. Jiang has been named to the list every year since 2018.

Jiang is an associate at the law firm Ellenoff Grossman & Schole, where she practices in all aspects of corporate and securities law, with a particular focus on securities regulation, public and private offerings, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate matters. She has extensive experience advising clients on cross-border transactions. At IU McKinney, she was a dual-degree student while she was part of the doctor of jurisprudence program, earning a master of business administration degree from the Kelley School of Business.

Master of Laws Association Selects New Officers

IU McKinney’s LL.M. students elected a new set of officers for their student group, the Master of Laws Association, for Fall 2021. The students chose the following: Paula Marques Merlin, president; Ibrahim Abuthuhayr, vice-president; Adekunbi Adeleye, reservationist; Adedoyin Adeniran, SBA representative; Ibrahim Abuthuhayr, risk manager; and Adekunbi Adeleye, treasurer.

“As incoming president of the MLA,” Marques Merlin says, “I plan to be closer to the international students and let them know about the great opportunities McKinney offers to its students. The MLA team will be available to help them with several matters like exam tips, externship opportunities, and the bar exam for international students.”

Perfecto Caparas, LL.M. ’05, associate director of graduate programs, serves as MLA adviser.
IU McKinney Master of Laws Students Discussed Nigerian, Latin American and U.S. Legal Perspectives

Four Master of Laws students discussed the legal systems in their home countries during the Spring 2021 International Student Speaker Series. The event took place virtually in a Zoom format on March 19. Vice Dean Cynthia Adams moderated the discussion.

Adaugo Sandra Nwachukwu, who studied in the International and Comparative Law LL.M. track, discussed “The Health Law Practice in Nigeria.” Nwachukwu is a lawyer in Nigeria, and has worked with Amazon Energy Limited as its legal officer dealing with engineering, oil gas and commercial law. She also has served as a legal intern at Indiana Legal Services Inc., in Indianapolis.

Febuk Uya studied in the Corporate and Commercial Law track. Uya presented “Nigeria: Employment and Labor Laws and Regulations.” Uya is a lawyer in Nigeria with over 6 years of experience as legal counsel, leading teams focusing on corporate commercial, regulatory compliance, company formation and due diligence, commercial real estate, and foreign direct investment matters. Febuk has served as a corporate counsel extern at Cummins Inc., Indianapolis.

Joyce Almeida Ponce focused her studies in the International Human Rights Law track. She discussed “Same Sex Marriage in Ecuador: A perspective from the Ecuadorian Constitution and Laws v. International Law.” Almeida Ponce is an attorney in Ecuador, and worked for the legal division of the Fire Department of Guayaquil, focusing on public and administrative law and litigation.

Jose Luis Materan Sanchez, a student in the Corporate and Commercial Law track, talked about “Essential Differences between the Venezuelan Legal System and the American Legal System.” Materan Sanchez is a lawyer in Venezuela who graduated from Andrés Bello Catholic University in Caracas, Venezuela where he also completed postgraduate studies in administrative law. He conducted specialized studies in fiscal control and state auditing. Since 2017, he has worked as a consultant at the law firm Culwell Legal LLC, in Fishers, Indiana.

Perfecto Caparas, LL.M. ’05, Discusses President Biden’s Executive Actions in Television Interview

IU McKinney Doctor of Juridical Science student Perfecto Caparas, LL.M. ’05, discussed President Biden’s executive orders dealing with refugees and immigrants during a live interview February 6 with KABAYANi TALKS, a television channel catering to Filipinos worldwide.

Caparas also serves as IU McKinney’s associate director of graduate programs.
IU McKinney celebrated the ninth annual Student Organization and Leadership Awards in a virtual format April 6. The program was hosted by Associate Director for Student Affairs Heather Grimstad, J.D. ‘15, LL.M. ‘19.

The honor for Best Service Project of the Year went to the IU Student Outreach Clinic. The clinic operates out of Neighborhood Fellowship Church on the Indianapolis near eastside. Students help residents with a variety of issues, working under the direction of an attorney volunteer from Indiana Legal Services.

The award for Best New Student Organization went to the American Constitution Society. The group provided a mentorship program to incoming 1Ls, staged a commemorative event in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, and provided a discussion about the *Box v. Henderson* case, in collaboration with the Lambda Law Society. The group also hosted several networking opportunities for students throughout the academic year.

The award for Best Collaboration of the Year was given to the American Constitution Society and the Lambda Law Society for their event, “Box v. Henderson Case Discussion: Equality for Indiana Families.” The event took place in a virtual format on February 2, and featured Nicole Goodson, who teaches as an adjunct professor in IU McKinney’s Child Advocacy Law Clinic. The event was attended by more than 75 people.

There was a tie for Outstanding Student Leader of the Year: Bria Kemp and Bre Robinson.

Kemp was active in the Black Law Students Association, where she served as public relations chair. She also served as vice chair of the Midwest Black Law Students Association. Kemp served as an IU McKinney Student Ambassador to recruit talented students to our law school. She earned a spot in the IUPUI Elite 50 and was selected to the IUPUI/IUPUC/IUFW Anti-Racism Policies and Practices Committee.

SBA President Bre Robinson demonstrated exceptional leadership during the pandemic. Robinson organized events for Indy Lawyers for Black Lives and also served as the Symposium Editor for *Indiana Law Review*.

Student Organization of the Year honors went to the Black Law Students Association. BLSA partnered with Indy Lawyers for Black Lives for a call-to-action event that took place at the law school to reaffirm the Indiana legal community’s commitment to social justice and equity. They also started The Writing Thirteen Experience—a digital conference that connected local attorneys with the next generation of change agents.

The Advisor of the Year award was presented to Chasity Thompson, ‘02, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. Dean Thompson’s support of the Student Bar Association was greatly appreciated by the students. Her continued efforts in communicating and being transparent during this challenging time helped the SBA provide information to the student body.
Professor Fran Watson, ’80, and Assistant Dean for External Affairs and Alumni Relations Jonna MacDougall, ’86, were both honored during the IUPUI Women’s History Month Annual Leadership Awards program. The honors are presented by the Office for Women, led by Kathy Grove, ’77, and the Division of Student Affairs at IUPUI in commemoration of Women’s History Month. Both were announced by Lauren Peña, ’13, Associate Director of Enrollment Management at IU McKinney.

“I’m delighted that my colleagues and their work have been recognized,” said Dean Karen E. Bravo. “Professor Watson’s work in the Wrongful Conviction Clinic benefits her clients and her students, many of whom go on to pursue careers in the public interest because of the inspiring example she sets. Assistant Dean MacDougall’s efforts may be behind-the-scenes, but her committed and creative work toward telling the law school’s story here in Indianapolis, statewide, across the country, and indeed around the world benefits our entire institution.”

Professor Watson received the Inspirational Faculty Woman Award. She established the Wrongful Conviction Clinic, which is a founding member of the Innocence Network. Over the course of three decades, she has been a relentless advocate for people who were wrongfully convicted. Perhaps her most well-known clients are Darryl Pinkins and Roosevelt Glenn. Their case was the subject of the CBS News program 48 Hours in February 2017. Professor Watson’s support of her clinic’s clients doesn’t end with their release and exoneration. She helped them advocate to get legislation passed in Indiana that would provide a means for the wrongfully convicted and exonerated to be compensated by the state. Professor Watson worked with IU McKinney alumni serving in the Indiana General Assembly and former Wrongful Conviction Clinic clients to see the law passed in 2019. A cum laude graduate of IU McKinney, she has received honors for her teaching from Indiana University, including the Teaching Excellence Award, the Trustee Teaching Award twice, the IU McKinney Faculty Leadership Award, and the Inspiration Award from the law school’s faculty executive committee.

Assistant Dean MacDougall received the Veteran Staff Award. She has worked tirelessly throughout her career to champion the field of journalism and lead the public relations, communications and continuing legal education efforts on behalf her alma mater. 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 has served on the board of directors of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum since 2002. She is a co-founder 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. She holds a B.A. and M.A. in journalism from IU.

Professor Wilson received the Faculty Leadership Award. He received the award from his peers on the faculty at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

The award was given to Professor Wilson on May 4 in appreciation of his service as chair of the academic affairs committee, his recent service on the executive committee, and his consistent presence as a role model through uncompromising dedication to teaching and mentoring students.

Professor Wilson is director of IU McKinney’s Joint Center for Asian Law Studies in partnership with Renmin University of China Law School in Beijing. The center has hosted more than 40 visiting scholars from China and Taiwan. Professor Wilson also directs the Chinese Law Summer Program, which celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2021. The program offers an opportunity to study in China and visit sites of cultural and legal significance. Professor Wilson also is a faculty member of the Transnational Law Program at Université de Genève, and a member of the editorial board of Frontiers of Law in China in Beijing.
Wendy Fisk Retires in March 2020 after over 35 Years of Service

Wendy Fisk retired in March 2020 after over 35 years of service to IU McKinney and the IUPUI campus. Fisk began her work in 1983 as a faculty assistant to Professors Harold Greenberg, David Leonard, and James Torke. She moved into her role as the Assistant to the Academic Dean, now the Vice Dean, in 1986 when Professor Torke moved into that role. She was honored for 35 years of service in October 2018 at the Chancellor’s Staff Recognition Ceremony. At the time, Fisk said her favorite thing about her job was “all the people I work with.” Her favorite memory was of moving into Inlow Hall. “Going from concrete block walls and linoleum floors into cherry-paneled walls and terrazzo floors was a major upgrade.”

“Wendy is the absolute best,” said Vice Dean Mike Pitts. “I'm amazed the law school can operate without her as she was the go-to person for, well, just about everything. And not only did she know how to get everything done, she did it with the most calm and pleasant demeanor. She's truly missed.”

“In every organization there is ‘that person’—someone who solves every problem, finds every answer, and keeps the rest of us on track, said Professor Andy Klein. Klein served as IU McKinney’s Dean from 2013 to 2020, and as a vice dean in the early 2000s. “For over 35 years, ‘that person’ at our school was Wendy Fisk. I had the pleasure of working with Wendy on a daily basis for more than a decade, and I could not be more grateful. She has been a wonderful colleague and friend, and I wish her all the best for a long, happy, and healthy retirement!”

In this photo from the 2018 Chancellor’s Staff Recognition Ceremony, Fisk, second from left, is with Camy Broeker, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, far left, IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar, who is standing to the right of Fisk, and Juletta Toliver, Senior Human Resources Director/Director of Financial Services.

IU McKinney Welcomes New Employees

Amanda Fishman and Lee Little, ’16, have joined the team at IU McKinney. Fishman is assistant director of financial aid and Little is research and instruction librarian and adjunct lecturer in law at the Ruth Lilly Law Library.

Fishman is originally from Frankfort, Indiana, and has been a part of the staff on the IUPUI campus since 2011, working with graduates and non-professional graduate students. She completed her bachelor of science degree in psychology at Purdue University. Her goal is to improve communication between her office and IU McKinney’s students, she said. “It is hard to navigate financial aid; it changes so frequently. My goal is to help students navigate the application process, use, and repayment of aid,” she said.

Little is originally from Brownsburg, Indiana. He was a dual-degree student, receiving his MLS the same year he graduated from IU McKinney. Little worked as a research librarian at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath before coming to the Ruth Lilly Law Library. Libraries have played a big role in his life; when he was 13 years old, he worked as a page at the Brownsburg Public Library (in exchange for pizza) and he worked as a law librarian while in school at IU McKinney. Little also is the historiographer of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, where he manages the diocesan archives, conducts research into the various clergy and congregations that have existed in the diocese over its 180-plus years, and investigates the social currents to which the church has responded.
Professor Joanne Orr Retires during Summer 2021

Professor Joanne Orr, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of IU McKinney’s Disability Clinic, retired in July 2021. Prior to joining the law school faculty in 1990, Professor Orr was a staff attorney and later a managing attorney at Indiana Legal Services (ILS). While at ILS, she practiced general poverty law with an emphasis in public entitlements, landlord-tenant, and elder law. The Co-Director of the law school’s Graduate Certificate in Advocacy Skills, she has received the Trustees’ Teaching Award multiple times.

“It is impossible to quantify Joanne’s many achievements and contributions to the law school, the legal profession, and the legal education of generations of McKinney students,” said Dean Karen E. Bravo. “She has made a wonderfully positive impact throughout her three decades in teaching our students the practice of law. And her impact goes even further: We must also acknowledge the countless clients who Joanne and McKinney students have assisted and represented throughout the years. On behalf of our school, students, alumni, and friends, a huge ‘Thank you!’ to Joanne, and our best wishes for a wonderful and fulfilling retirement.”

“I have a hard time putting into words how much I will miss my colleague and friend Professor Joanne Orr,” said Professor Fran Watson, ’80. The two worked closely together in IU McKinney’s Law School Clinic, where Professor Watson is the founding director of the Wrongful Conviction Clinic. “Joanne is an extraordinary lawyer and teacher. She exemplifies what it means to be a professional in a fiduciary capacity. In the Disability Clinic role, she bettered the lives of countless clients and their families, while instilling in the student lawyers-to-be essential skills and judgment. Of course, her teaching went beyond the Disability Clinic. Once I commended a student for effective communication skills with our client. The student replied, ‘I attribute any success in that field to the interviewing and counseling clinic course taught by Joanne Orr. Despite the fact that I owned a business for 25 years and have had thousands of in-person interactions with customers, without this class, I would not possess the skill set to establish the rapport necessary to elicit facts from clients and witnesses.’ Professor Orr’s work will carry forward to many lawyers and their clients. It has been an honor to work with and learn from her grace and excellence.”

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
Professor Orr shown in 2017 with current and former members of the clinic faculty. From left: Professor Joanne Orr, Professor Emerita Mary Wolf, Professor Fran Watson, Professor Emeritus Bill Marsh, former Dean Andy Klein, and Professor Novella Nedeff.
Professor Orr is shown at the retirement reception for a colleague in 2008.
Professor Joanne Orr retired in July of 2021 after more than 30 years on the McKinney faculty.
Richard E. Humphrey, Research and Instructional Librarian and Lecturer in Law, retired from the Ruth Lilly Law Library in December 2019. Humphrey joined the law library faculty in 1995. He taught courses in Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication (LARC) from 1996-2003. He also taught courses in Law Librarianship and in Government Documents for the Indiana University Graduate Program in Library Science. His law library duties included providing reference services and instruction, faculty liaison services, collection development, and library display design. He also served as the faculty advisor to the Lambda Law Society.

Humphrey began his career in 1980 as Assistant to the Director of the Jefferson County Public Law Library, Louisville, Kentucky, where he served until 1986, when he was employed by the Cincinnati Law Library Association as Head of Circulation. In 1992, he was hired as Public Services Coordinator of the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary Library in Cincinnati, where he served until joining the library faculty at IU McKinney.

Humphrey was active in law library professional organizations at the state, regional, and national level, having served as President of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries from 1999-2000.

Early in his career, Humphrey worked as an actor/singer in a theater troupe and his creative side was definitely on display during Halloween at the law school. “Some of Richard’s most unforgettable work activities fell outside the realm of reference and research,” said Miriam Murphy, Director of the Ruth Lilly Law Library. “He created dozens of intricate library book displays and years of Halloween-themed scenes. A few of his more memorable Halloween performances include: the Huntsman in Snow White, Frozen’s Oaken with his “Big Summer Blow Out,” a cigar-twirling Gomez Addams, Harry Potter’s Dumbledore, an underwater Merman, and Alice’s Cheshire Cat.”

Richard Humphrey Retires from Ruth Lilly Law Library

(TOP) Richard Humphrey (second from right) shown as Dumbledore on Halloween when the library faculty and staff presented a Harry Potter theme for the holiday.

(BOTTOM) Richard Humphrey retired at the end of 2019 after 24 years with the Ruth Lilly Law Library.
Working Group Led by Dean Bravo Releases Police Reform Report

In February of 2021, the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (GIPC) released the findings of its Structural Reform Team, aimed at recommending critical police reforms. The team’s work was part of the Race and the Legal Process Working Group created in Summer 2020 and led by IU McKinney Dean Karen Bravo.

The report, “Police Reform: Equal Treatment of Black Americans,” recommends increased public access to misconduct investigations, improved police training and certification, and application of new approaches to community policing similar to those working in other cities.

“The analyses and recommendations offered by the Structural Reform Team are the result of thoughtful and collaborative research and discussion,” Dean Bravo said. “Their work will benefit the entire Indianapolis community, and has the potential to set examples for other municipalities. I am gratified that so many of our McKinney students, alums, and staff contributed their time, effort, and expertise.”

Several IU McKinney students took part in the reform team’s work.

“I wanted to take part in this project because we have to do better,” said Tiffany Costley. “In the short term, I hope the project shows that the people in this city, in all diversities, want to see change and are ready to speak out and help implement results. In the long term, I hope the people with authority to make administrative changes within the IMPD take the project seriously based on the many hours of research and the caliber of people involved.”

“I joined because it’s not every day as a student that you can research and offer recommendations on items that can potentially impact the community that you live in,” said Jessica Venters. “It was great working with practicing attorneys and coming together to improve our community.”

Student Bar Association President Bre Robinson chose to get involved in the work to support GIPC’s efforts. “I think it is important for legal professionals to be engaged with their communities,” Robinson said. “Given the calls from the Indianapolis community for changes within policing, I was eager to be part of a project that worked to find solutions for the community’s requests.”

Law student Marlee Jacocks wanted to work toward positive change. “I felt the need to do my part in supporting police reform efforts in Indianapolis in the wake of George Floyd’s death,” Jacocks said. “I came to law school to advocate for others and I believe as lawyers, we have a responsibility to use our skills to advocate not just for clients, but also for our communities.”

The working group is comprised of two teams: the Structural Reform Team, which is co-chaired by John Gaidoo, ’07, Assistant General Counsel at Cummins, and Joseph Smith, partner at Faegre Drinker Biddle and Reath; and the Pro Bono Legal Services Team, chaired by Myra Selby, former Indiana Supreme Court Justice and partner at Ice Miller.
Faculty News

Cynthia Baker moderated *The Reflective Counselor: Ethics, Well-being, and the Practice of Law*, a CLE event that took place on February 12 for the lawyers who support experiential learning at McKinney. Because of the virtual environment of this year’s experiential learning fair, the panel discussion kicked off the event on the preceding Friday of the week-long fair. Featured in the CLE program were Indiana Supreme Court Justice Christopher Goff and Terry Harrell, executive director of Indiana’s Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program.

In her role as director of Experiential Learning, and with great thanks to the wonderful team who helped re-shape this opportunity for law students to learn more about experiential learning options at McKinney, Professor Baker devoted significant time and energy to making this event great, despite the pandemic environment. The 2021 fair included opportunities for students to engage in video chats with faculty, lawyers, and judges who support the school’s experiential learning curriculum and pre-registered content about clinics, externships, and simulation courses. An extra component invited faculty, lawyers, and students to get together (virtually, of course) to do all kinds of things: cook, knit, run, walk, meditate, practice yoga, or just chat.

Professor Baker presented *Experiential Learning During a Pandemic* to members of the law school’s alumni board and board of visitors on April 29, assisted by two law students, Cassidy Segura Clouse and Dawit Yilma. They explored how experiential learning continued throughout the 2020-21 academic year, how it has evolved as we live through this pandemic, and how it will continue to evolve.

Professor Baker’s internal service includes continuing work on the Online Strategies Committee and the law school faculty’s Executive Committee.

Karen E. Bravo was the featured speaker for the 22nd annual Black History Month event sponsored by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana on February 24. The virtual, hour-long program, “Looking Back, Leaning Forward,” focused on key moments throughout African American history, while putting recent events into a broader historical context. On May 27, Dean Bravo was a panelist for the Indiana State Bar Association’s Open Conversations: Racism and Racial Injustice discussion series. She joined Dean Marcus Cole of Notre Dame and Dean Austen Parrish of IU Maurer, in a talk surrounding the Brown v. Board of Education decision in May 1954.

Jennifer Drobac continued to give interviews about sexual harassment law to a variety of media outlets, including the Evansville Courier & Press: https://www.courierpress.com/story/news/local/2021/04/19/university-evansville-fail-learn-lesson-previous-lawsuit-sexual-harassment-accusations/7209672002/ on April 19 for a story on a sexual assault case at the University of Evansville, and Wisconsin Public Radio https://www.wpr.org/andrew-cuomo-metoo-and-persistence-workplace-harassment on March 8 regarding allegations against New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. She was interviewed by the Indianapolis Star https://www.indystar.com/story/news/crime/2020/12/29/major-indiana-court-stories-coney-barrett-curtis-hill-trump/3830210001/ for a 2020 year-end story that appeared December 29 and recapped the year in legal news. In non-law-related activities, Professor Drobac just finished a leave of absence and stint working as the general manager for Makai Island Kitchen and Groggery and to help her father who has been very ill. Her father is stable and in February, the restaurant won the Santa Cruz Sentinel’s https://www.santacruzsentinel.com/2021/03/09/quick-bites-makai-island-kitchen-groggery-starts-weekend-brunch/ Reader’s Choice award for the best new restaurant in Santa Cruz County.

Yvonne Dutton has been named a Public International Law & Policy Group Senior Fellow. PILPG is a global pro bono law firm. The firm provides free legal help to parties involved in peace negotiations, drafting post-conflict constitutions, and war crimes prosecution/transitional justice.

George Edwards was a visiting fellow at both the Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law in Bangkok, Thailand, and the Law School of Auckland University of Technology in Auckland, New Zealand for the 2020-2021 academic year. In March, Professor Edwards and Dean Karen Bravo were appointed by Catherine Amirfar, president of the American Society of International Law, to serve as members of Blacks of the American Society of International Law.

In 2020, Professor Edwards served as a presidential elector for the state of Indiana in the U.S. Electoral College and was invited to membership in the Council on International Affairs of the City Bar of New York.

He supervised students and faculty from IU McKinney, Auckland University of Technology School of Law, and Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law on written submissions and oral presentations to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. The reports were submitted for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the United States for the UPR Third Cycle. The first was made November 9, 2020, titled “Deprivation of Guantanamo Bay Prisoner Rights During COVID-19.” A Supplemental Submission was made February 9, 2021, and the last report was made on March 9. The final submission was an oral video statement by an IU McKinney student on the floor of the UN Human Rights Council on March 16, 2021.

At the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) annual meeting in San Francisco in January, 2021, Professor Edwards presented a lecture, "The United Nations and Human Rights Non-Governmental Organizations – 75 Years of Consultations, Collaboration, and Contributions (1945-2000)." His discussion was part of a panel, sponsored by the AALS International Law Section, titled “The United Nations at 75 and the Challenges Facing International Law.” His publication on the same topic can be found at 33 (1) Pace Journal of International Law 327 (2021).

Professor Edwards lectured on “The Right to a Fair Trial Under International and Domestic Law: U.S. Military Commissions at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a Case Study” for a course conducted by Professor Michael Dan Mori at Monash University Faculty of Law in Melbourne, Australia. He was invited to deliver two lectures, the Dean Fred F. Herzog Distinguished Visiting Scholar Lecture at the John Marshall Law School, The University of Illinois at Chicago, and a “Special Faculty and General Public Invited Lecture” at National Chiao Tung University School of Law, Hsinchu, Taiwan, Republic of China. He delivered international law lectures at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, and at the University of Illinois Chicago John Marshall Law School in the International Law Course of Professor Mark Wojcik.

In 2021, he served on the Charles R. Bantz Chancellor’s Community Fellow...
ship Grant Review Committee, and was invited by the Indiana House of Representa-
tives to testify before its Government and Regulatory Reform Committee at a hearing on February 11, 2021. On April 9, he spoke on a panel, “Traditional and Non-Traditional Legal Careers—Mid-Career Transition Prospects for Law-

ers,” as part of the Gertrude E. Rush Awards at the 41st Mid-Year Conference of the National Bar Association.

He was chosen by graduating Master of Jurisprudence (M.J) students to serve as a commencement hooder during ceremonies on May 15, 2021.

Frank Emmert, the director of the Center for International and Comparative Law, took his first-ever sabbatical during the spring of 2021. His original plans of visiting several law schools in Asia and the Middle East for short courses and/or presentations were thwarted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To make use of at-home time, Professor Emmert accepted an online teaching assignment for our partners at American University Central Asia, teaching a full semester course on European Union Law with newly developed materials. He also became the facilitator of a full semester online course on Consumer Law developed by Professor Katherine Porter, now Congresswoman Porter, delivered to students at the IU Maurer School of Law. Even on sabbatical leave, Professor Emmert served on the Executive Committee of IU McKinney during the academic year 2020-21 and continued the supervision of half a dozen doctoral and master theses. He also served on the Fulbright evaluation commission for applicants from Germany and chaired an international accreditation team for review of the law department at Augustine Voloshyn Carpathian University in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. A summary of his recent research on sys-

In pursuit of his original sabbatical project, Professor Emmert co-founded the International Investment Law Group (a more catchy title may yet have to be found), bringing together younger and more diverse voices for a discussion on overdue reforms in this area of law, in meetings held online every two to three weeks. The first major project of the group is the development of a textbook on international investment law which will be co-authored by about 15 members of the group and distributed free of charge or open access. While less developed countries are typically the targets of investor-state disputes and often end up having to pay large amounts in damages after being found in violation of inves-
tor protection rules, legal professionals in these countries are typically cut off from the development of these rules or even from access to the very expensive teaching and research materials on international investment law. The textbook project will make it easier for academics in less developed countries to develop courses and for young professionals to educate themselves before they have to repre-
tent their countries in an international arbitration over hundreds of millions of dollars in damage claims. After the textbook is completed, the group also will develop online teaching modules to be distributed free of charge or at cost to interested parties, i.e. universities, research and training centers, and other venues around the world where courses on international investment law are not currently offered. In addition to these first two projects, members of the group will write cutting-edge commentary on and proposals for investment law reform to be published in a special issue of the EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM in 2022. The group not only maintains parity between male and female members, it also includes researchers and practitioners from around the world, including many less developed countries. Therefore, it should be able to offer contributions that are not currently heard and seen.

In his spare time, Professor Emmert co-founded the Blockchain Law Alli-

ance, a group of experienced educators, lawyers, and technologists focusing on advocacy for clear and functional standards in the regulation of digital assets and the development of online teaching tools for blockchain industry professionals, politicians and regulators, business executives, legal practitioners, law students, and other interested parties, about the intersection of block-
chain technology and law. In this context, Professor Emmert was awarded a Grimes fellowship to bring a full semester course on blockchain and law to the students at McKinney during the academic year 2021-22.

Linda Kelly has published “The Tortured Woman: Defying the Conventions of the Convention Against Torture,” at 24 HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF 83 (2020).

Gerard Magliocca has been much in demand by media members nationwide for his constitutional law expertise. Professor Magliocca appeared in episode one of the Netflix docu-series Amend: The Fight for America, which is about the 14th Amendment and debuted in February 2021. He co-authored a piece in January 2021 for the Washington Post (with Bruce Ackerman) on “Impeach-
ment Won’t Keep Trump From Running Again: Here is a Better Way.” He also offered expert comment for stories for Reuters, the Minnesota Star-Tribune, and WISH-TV. Lastly, he appeared on the BBC to comment on the Trump impeach-
ment trial and the possibility of applying Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment to his case.

Janet McCabe was confirmed as Deputy Director of the Environmental Protection Agency. She first joined the agency in 2009, serving as the Princi-
pal Deputy to the Assistant Administrator of Office of Air and Radiation. She was the Acting Assistant Administrator for that office before coming to serve as professor of practice at IU McKinney. The Program in Environmental and Natural Resources Law enjoyed a successful symposium in a virtual format on March 5 featuring hot topics in environmental law. Professor McCabe also served as Director of the IU Environmental Resilience Institute, created by the IU Prepared for Environmental Change Grand Challenge. Among other activities, the institute launched the 2021 Resilience Co-
hort, which includes 12 Indiana cities working with students and staff from IU on three climate resilience projects: becoming a solar friendly city, becoming an electric vehicle friendly city, and improving energy efficiency in wastewater treatment operations, which is often the largest single energy user in a city’s budget. McKinney student Vince Kesig helped by analyzing legislation under consideration in the General Assembly this year affecting local governments’ requirements for renewable energy projects. More information about ERI’s activities is available at eri.iu.edu.

Xuan-Thao Nguyen published “Promoting Corporate Irresponsibility? Delaware as the Intellectual Property Holding State” in 46 JOURNAL OF CORPO-
ra TION LAW 101 (2021). Her work was cited in the case Innovative Metal Craft, LLC v. Whaley, 2020 WL 2065281 *4 (W.D. Penn. April 29, 2020). Professor Nguyen presented on IP financing at “IP Strategies for FinTech and SMEs” on April 26, 2021. The event was sponsored by the UK’s Intellectual Property Office and Nottingham Trent University, UK. She also presented a lecture titled “Comparative IP Financing in the United States, China and South Korea” at the ABA Business Law Section Virtual Spring Meeting on April 21, 2021.

Fran Quigley continued to write and present on the issue of access to health-
care and on the religious socialism movement. He published articles profiling Christian, Jewish, and Muslim socialist clergy and leaders in publications in-
cluding Commonweal, Common Dreams, Jacobin, and The Bias. He coordinated and moderated two multi-faith panel discussions about Medicare for All, one of which was broadcast as part of the national conference of the Religion and Socialism Working Group of the Democratic Socialists of America, where he serves on the steering committee. He was selected to serve as a commence-
ment hooder by both the J.D. and LL.M. graduating classes.
In November 2020, Professor Orenstein participated as a panelist in the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance’s presentation, “Philanthropy’s Role in Vaccine Distribution” and provided comment and response for the IU McKinney Federalist Society’s event, “When Politicians Panicked: The New Coronavirus, Expert Opinion, and a Tragic Lapse of Reason.” Professor Orenstein served as a member of the Indiana Department of Health and Indiana Family and Social Services Administration’s COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Workgroup and Ethical Considerations Advisory Group, as an Expert Reviewer for WISE Indiana (Wellbeing Informed by Science and Evidence), and as an External Advisory Board Member for the Ethical Allocations of Scarce Food Resources in Emergencies project at the Arizona State University Center for Public Health Law & Policy. Professor Orenstein also served as the Interim Executive Director of the Hall Center for Law and Health during the spring semester, 2021.

In November 2020, Florence Wagman Roisman gave the “Last Lecture” at IUPUI. The topic was the heroic Dorie Miller and White Supremacy. [https://senioracademy.iupui.edu/Activities/Last-Lecture](https://senioracademy.iupui.edu/Activities/Last-Lecture) The presentation was virtual. Despite the name of this talk, this was not and will not be Professor Roisman’s last lecture. She is not retiring and has no plans to retire. Also in November, she spoke virtually to the board, staff, and volunteers of the Washington, D.C. Legal Clinic for the Homeless, and in December she spoke virtually to the Rotary Club of Fishers, Indiana, on the topic “Structural Racism in Indiana.”

During this period, Professor Roisman also published two brief book reviews in the National Housing Law Project’s seasonal newsletters. These reviewed Eric Foner’s *The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Re-made the Constitution* (N.Y.: Norton & Co., 2020); and Jack Bass’s *Taming the Storm: The Life and Times of Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. and the South’s Fight Over Civil Rights* (NY: Doubleday 1993). In addition, she published “Indiana Landlord-Tenant Law: An Important Step Forward in Theory Needs to Be Made Real by the Courts,” 53 Ind. L. Rev. 317 (2020). Professor Roisman continues to serve on the Board of the Inclusive Communities Project of Dallas, Texas.


Lahny Silva was appointed to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department General Orders Board in January 2021. Professor Silva also won the Black Cane award for Most Outstanding Professor for the fifth time. She previously received the award in 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2020. Professor Silva was honored with the Red Cane for Best New Professor in 2013.

Ross Silverman co-authored a study, published in the American Journal of Public Health, that discussed the obstacles to studying local law in Indiana. They found that unlike Indiana state laws, which are collected, cataloged by topic, and kept regularly updated in centralized, publicly available electronic databases, laws in about half of all Indiana counties are not online, or if they are, they are not necessarily up to date. This means that in Indiana, acquiring the laws meant driving hundreds of miles and scanning thousands of print pages in local government offices, as there is no comprehensive, current centralized source that can be used to study how different local governments respond to similar health-related concerns. The study is part of IU’s Responding to the Addictions Crisis Grand Challenge.

Frank Sullivan, Jr., along with other former and current federal and state judges with significant ties to IU McKinney, was awarded the Indiana University Bicentennial Medal on November 30. The Bicentennial Medal is awarded to individuals who, through their personal and professional efforts have broadened the reach of Indiana University around the state, nation, and world.

Professor Sullivan was appointed on March 15 to serve as a member of the Joint Drafting Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code and Emerging Technologies, formed jointly with members from the American Law Institute (ALI) and the Uniform Law Commission (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 was a frequent commentator on legislation considered during the 2021 session of the Indiana General Assembly that sought to curtail the powers of the governor during a health emergency. He testified before the Senate Rules and Legislative Procedure Committee on March 11 that, in his opinion, legislation being considered by the committee violated the Indiana Constitution. He was interviewed on several television programs and quoted in several news articles and opinion columns to the same effect.

Professor Sullivan co-chaired the law school’s Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Committee during the 2020-2021 academic year. On February 25, he moderated the 2021 Indiana International and Comparative Law Review Symposium on “International Law and Human Rights Under a New Administration.” In his capacity as director of the law school’s Graduate Certificate in Corporate and Commercial Law, he participated in IU McKinney’s Spring 2021 Experiential Learning Fair on February 12. In his capacity as director of the law school’s LL.M. program’s Corporate and Commercial Law Track, he delivered remarks at the IU McKinney LL.M. graduation celebration on December 21 and attended the IU European Law Alumni Networking Conference on March 18. He is the faculty advisor for the law school’s Hispanic Law Society.

Professor Sullivan’s article, “Banking, Business, and Contract Law,” which surveys banking, business, and contract law decisions of the Indiana Supreme Court and Indiana Court of Appeals between September 1, 2018, and August 31, 2019, was published at 53 Indiana Law Review 821 (2021).

Professor Sullivan helped lead the 21st Annual ABA Judicial Clerkship Program held online, February 18-20. The program encourages minority law students to seek judicial clerkships upon their graduation. He designed (for the 20th consecutive year) the program’s research exercise – 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. He also moderated the program’s concluding plenary session in which approximately 25 judges answered students’ questions.

On January 14, Professor Sullivan administered the oath of office of president of the Indianapolis Bar Association to Jimmie L. McMillian, Jr. ’02. (McMillian was a law clerk for Professor Sullivan when the latter was a Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court.) McMillian in turn has appointed Professor Sullivan to chair the 2021-22 IndyBar Bar Leader Series. The Bar Leader 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.

Professor Sullivan has been asked by the Indiana Supreme Court and the Board of Law Examiners to serve as a member of an informal working group formed to assist in the development of the Indiana component of the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE). In November, the Indiana Supreme Court adopted the UBE beginning with the July 2021 test, necessitating an alternative approach to the Indiana component of the bar exam. IU McKinney Director of Academic and Bar Success Michele Cooley is also a member of the working group.
Professor Sullivan is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education and other events. On November 19, he delivered a lecture to the Indianapolis Law Club titled “A Century of Debate Over the Purpose of the Corporation.” On December 1, he made a presentation to the IndyBar Winter Insurance Symposium called “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Hand-down: The Unusual Backstory of United Nat. Ins. Co. v. DePrizio, 705 N.E.2d 455 (Ind. 1999).” On December 9, he spoke at a continuing legal education program for Cook Group Inc. on “Law Firm Mergers and Client Conflicts of Interest.” During the spring semester, he taught a short online course on international business transactions to students at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest, Hungary.

As president of the Indianapolis Civilian Police Merit Board, Professor Sullivan presided over monthly meetings of the board, including its February meeting at which the board certified a new rank-ordered promotion list for the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. The list was the product of a rigorous promotion process approved by the board in 2020; the list will remain in effect for 30 months.

Professor Sullivan was elected chair of the Indiana State Employees’ Appeals Commission and presided over its meetings in December and April. The commission adjudicates qualified state employees’ appeals under the state’s civil service system.

As member of the Indiana Business Law Survey Commission, Professor Sullivan participated in commission meetings on November 18 and April 14. As a member of the Indiana Supreme Court’s Commercial Court Working Group, he participated in a meeting of the working group on January 8. He also serves on the board of directors of Christamore House, a neighborhood service center in the Haughville neighborhood adjacent to IUPUI.

Margaret Tarkington presented at the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting as a panelist for the program “Bright Ideas and Best Practices for Online Teaching in Professional Responsibility Courses.” The lecture took place on January 5, 2021. In addition, Professor Tarkington published the second edition of her textbook: John Sahl, Michael Cassidy, Benjamin Cooper, & Margaret Tarkington, Professional Responsibility in Focus (2d. Ed. 2021).

Nicolas Terry was on sabbatical during the spring 2021 semester, but he participated actively in virtual programming related to health law, and spoke to the media about health law issues. Professor Terry discussed possible policy and legislative outcomes resulting from the “historic churn” of the past year as part of a panel discussion, “Post-Covid 19 Medical Legislation: Where do we go from here?” The discussion was presented at the American Medical Association’s June 2021 Medical Student Section Meeting. Professor Terry detailed how federal emergency declarations issued in the face of the global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the American Rescue Plan, might continue to impact healthcare delivery.

On May 11, Professor Terry moderated a webinar on the topic, “Equitable Rebuilding from COVID-19: Ensuring Quality Care for Vulnerable Populations,” sponsored by the Network for Public Health Law. The webinar included a discussion of recent changes to increase access to OUD treatment in response to the pandemic, and recommendations for permanently reducing legislative and regulatory barriers to effective, evidence-based interventions for OUD, as well as insight into how law and policy can support access to mental health care and promote well-being during and after the pandemic.

In an April interview with MarketWatch, Professor Terry commented on the issue of individuals posting their COVID vaccination cards online, saying “there isn’t much of a legal angle” related to individuals posting their own vaccination cards online. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the federal healthcare privacy law, shields information, including vaccine records, from disclosure by a covered entity such as a doctor or hospital. But if the disclosure is by the patient, it is a different story. He pointed out “the well-known limitation of HIPAA in that it doesn’t apply to health information circulating on, [for example], social media.”

In December 2020, Fran Watson participated as a team captain for the Indiana Legal Aid Society’s Attorney Holiday campaign. In January 2021, Professor Watson served as a consultant to Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears with respect to his establishment of the first Conviction Integrity Unit in Indiana. Upon invitation, in January 2021, she joined the board of the Indiana Abolition Coalition. In March, Professor Watson and Wrongful Conviction Clinic exoneree Roosevelt Glenn presented virtually to a group of faculty and students at Decatur Central High School in conjunction with Black History Month. On April 1, Professor Watson argued against the death penalty in a virtual debate sponsored by The Federalist Society and the Criminal Law Association at IU McKinney. Professor Watson’s Wrongful Conviction Clinic client Andrew Royer successfully defended an appeal taken by the State of Indiana in a decision of April 8, 2021.

Tom Wilson served as co-chair of a discussion panel for the IU European Law Alumni Networking Conference on March 18, 2021. The other co-chair was Shalva Tkshakaia, a 2012 alumnus of the LL.M. program at IU McKinney and now a founding partner of the GLCC law firm in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. The panel discussion focused on promoting the professional goals of IU McKinney alumni in Europe and on sustaining community identity among alumni. The virtual conference was facilitated by the IU Europe Gateway in Berlin.

Michele Cooley was named Assistant Dean of Academic and Bar Success after serving previously as the director of that program. She was selected as assistant editor for The Learning Curve, the official publication of the AALS Section of Academic Support. She will serve a three-year term, moving up each year from assistant to associate to executive editor. She was appointed to the post in November 2020.

Patricia Kinney, ’02, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, worked with higher education colleagues to complete a “tool kit” which aims to coalesce the best practices and current thinking around issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The pandemic, which necessitated a shift to remote learning and closing residence halls and dining centers, left some students facing homelessness and food insecurity. Community of practice members developed recommendations to address this broad need for change and focused on centering diversity, equity, and inclusion in all facets of an institution’s work. Assistant Dean Kinney is part of American Council on Education Engage’s first Community of Practice: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Chasity Thompson, ’02, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, was selected as Advisor of the Year during the Student Organization awards. The Student Bar Association nominated her for the honor. In addition, Thompson also advises the IndyBar law student division.
Class Notes

1969

1973
E. Thomas Sullivan of the University of Vermont has been elected by the faculty of Cambridge University Clare Hall College (UK) as a Life Fellow and Member with lifetime faculty privileges for teaching, research and lectures at Cambridge.

1974
Gregory F. Hahn was appointed for a second four-year term to the Indianapolis Public Transportation Board (IndyGo) by the Marion County City-County Council. He currently serves as chairman of the board through 2021. Hahn serves on the IPTB Foundation Board as well, which is a not-for-profit supporting the bus line with free vouchers for the elderly, veterans and poverty level citizens.

1975
Thomas Q. Henry of Woodard, Emhardt, Henry, Reeves & Wagner, LLP has been named to the 2021 edition of Indiana Super Lawyers.

1981
Anderson University President John S. Pistole has been named to the Council of Christian College and Universities board. He is one of 19 members on the board of directors and will serve a three-year term.

1985
David W. Craig spoke at the Indiana Trial Lawyers Associations 33rd Annual Lifetime Achievement Webinar on May 19-20, 2021.

1986
Dan Ladendorf has been named president of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association. He is a partner at Ladendorf Law.

1990
Marya M. Rose retired as Cummins Inc. Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective April 2021.

1991
Richard K. Shoultz has been elected to the 2021 Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Board of Directors.

1991
Todd A. Etzler was recently promoted to executive vice president, general counsel at Horizon Bancorp.

Scott A. Faultless spoke at the Indiana Trial Lawyers Associations 33rd Annual Lifetime Achievement Webinar on May 19-20, 2021.

Shaw, ’72, Published New Book, Collateral Damage
Mark Shaw, ’72, has published his latest book, Collateral Damage, which considers the deaths of film star Marilyn Monroe, investigative reporter Dorothy Kilgallen, U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, and President John F. Kennedy.

Shaw is the author of more than 25 books and the former legal analyst for USA Today, ABC, and CNN. His books include The Reporter Who Knew Too Much and Denial of Justice, written about Kilgallen and her investigation into the Kennedy assassination. In all, Shaw, whose presentations and interviews have garnered more than two million views on YouTube, has written five breakthrough books about JFK’s death. His books also are centered on Indiana-connected subjects such as biographies of basketball hall of famer Larry Bird, Larry Legend, spy Jonathan Pollard, Miscarriage of Justice, and New York Yankees pitcher Don Larsen and his perfect game in the 1956 World Series The Perfect Yankee. A mentor to other aspiring writers, Shaw also wrote How to Become a Published Author, a practical guide to becoming published.

Judge Kirsch ’74, Announces Retirement from Indiana Court of Appeals
Judge James Kirsch, ’74, has announced that he will retire from the Indiana Court of Appeals in Fall 2021. He has been an appellate judge for 25 years.

Judge Kirsch served as chief judge of the Court of Appeals from March 2004 through February 2007. He served on the Marion Superior Court Bench for six years before his appointment to the Court of Appeals by Governor Evan Bayh in 1994. Prior to that, he practiced commercial and business law at Kroger Gardis & Regas in Indianapolis, where he also served as managing partner.

Judge Kirsch is a past president of the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and is a former member of IU McKinney’s Board of Visitors. He also has taught law in 30 countries on five continents and holds concurrent faculty appointments at the University of Tilburg in the Netherlands and Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.
Dr. Ruth Reichard, ’85, Publishes Urban and Social History on AIDS Crisis

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The book is set in the 1980s against the backdrop of the AIDS crisis, deindustrialization, and the Reagan era. At the same time White was fighting against the intolerance of his hometown, Kokomo, to attend public school, one of the city’s largest employers, Continental Steel, filed for bankruptcy. This significantly raised the stakes of the fight for the city’s livelihood and national image. The work tells the story of a fearful time in recent history, as people endured massive layoffs, coped with a lethal new disease, battled the stigma that came with national condemnation, and discovered a legacy of toxic waste.

Dr. Reichard, who gave a talk about the work at IU McKinney in 2016, holds both masters and doctoral degrees in U.S. History from IU.

Class Notes

1993
Judge James Osborn has been elected to the Marion Superior Courts Executive Committee.

1996
Howard Joseph Cowen, a partner at Barrett & McNagy, LLP in Fort Wayne, has received the 2021 Monsignor Thiele Award, which recognizes individuals who perform exceptional services on behalf of the organization. He serves on the board of directors of the United Way of Allen County and is vice president of the board for the Mad Anthony’s Children’s Hope House.

Norris Cunningham has been elected to the 2021 Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Board of Directors.

Judge Alicia Gooden has been elected to the Marion Superior Courts Executive Committee.

1997
Jonathan M. Brown has been recently appointed as one of the four new commercial court judges in the state of Indiana.

1998
Kyle J. Hupfer has joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister as a partner.

1999
Libby Valos Moss has been elected to the 2021 Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Board of Directors.

Jim Lauck ’79, Recognized for Setting Milestone in Blood Donation

Jim Lauck, ’79, has been recognized by the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana for donating 20 gallons of blood since 1980. A story about this remarkable achievement appears on the Indiana Lawyer’s website.

The story indicates that Lauck always had a goal of reaching the 20-gallon mark, thinking he would stop donating after reaching that mark. His blood type, 0-, is universal and may be given to anyone in need. It is used for babies and people battling cancer, too.

Lauck may have been tricked into making his first blood donation, by his friend, Jay Kennedy, ’82, who was a law clerk at Kroger Gardis & Regas, where Lauck was already practicing law. The two became friends and Kennedy suggested they go for a beer after work one evening. Instead, they ended up at what was then known as the Indiana Blood Center and donated.

Lauck has been donating ever since. “I would joke with people after I gave and say, ‘How many little kids do you think are walking around with my blood?’” Lauck said in the story.

In the photo, Lauck is giving blood at Versiti Blood Center of Indiana.

2000
Kelley A. Karn has been promoted as vice president for regulatory affairs and policy for Duke Energy in Indiana.

Kori L. Chambers is the 2021 president of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

2002
Hilary Buttrick, a Butler University professor, has been named executive director of the Orr Fellowship, a two-year program that connects outstanding college graduates with high-growth companies.

Lucy R. Dollens has been elected to the 2021 Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Board of Directors.

Bradley J. Schulz has been elected to the 2021 Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Board of Directors.

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Vice Dean Adams, ’83, Mark Shope, ’12, Named IUPUI Virtual Exchange Fellows

Two from IU McKinney are part of the inaugural cohort of the IUPUI Office of International Affairs’ Virtual Exchange Fellows program. Vice Dean Cynthia Adams, ’83, and Mark Shope, ’12, are collaborating together on a project.

The pair are working on a virtual international negotiation simulation experience. Shope is a Visiting Online Instructor at IU McKinney and is an Assistant Professor of Law at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University School of Law in Taiwan. The award will allow Shope and Vice Dean Adams to work on this project, which they hope to run in late summer or early Fall 2021.
Class Notes

Patricia K. Kinney was selected to lead an Association of American Law Schools committee. She has been named Chairperson of the Standing Program Committee for the AALS Section on PreLegal Education and Admission to Law School. She has also been appointed to serve on the Benjamin Harrison YMCA’s Community Advisory Board.

Anna E. Mallon is the 2021 treasurer of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

2004

Jennifer Alvey was named the top honoree in the not-for-profit/government category in the CFO of the Year for 2020 honors presented by the Indianapolis Business Journal. She is the vice president and chief financial officer at IU Health. After earning her law degree at IU McKinney, she worked at Ice Miller, then left to join the administration of then-Governor Mitch Daniels as the state’s public finance director and CEO of the Indiana Finance Authority. She began her work at IU Health in 2010.

Ethan S. Lowe has been appointed to the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission by Mayor Matt Murphy. Lowe also serves as corporate counsel for ENVOCORE.

2006

Judge Andrew Heath has been named Director of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts. He will be the point person to get the state’s courts up and running again after being closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A story about this appeared in the Carolina Journal.

2007

Jerry M. Padgett has been made a shareholder and Director at Taylor DeVore & Padgett, P.C.

2008

Mark W. Nicholson was recently honored as a 2020 Elite Lawyer in Criminal Defense. He was also named to the Board of Directors of the ACLU of Indiana.

Megan L. Savage has been named the senior director of government and community affairs at The Heritage Group.

Susan E. Wilkie was awarded the 2021 Dennis Woods Dedication Award by the Indiana Bar Foundation, given annually to a teacher, legal advisor, parent, principal, assistant, or student in recognition for their enthusiasm and devotion to Mock Trial in Indiana. Wilkie is the legal advisor to the Early College Academy program in Evansville.

2009

Jessica L. Allen was selected by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to serve as chairwoman of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Christopher F. Bagnato, Partner and Shareholder at Jensen Bagnato, PC in Philadelphia, has joined Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law as an adjunct professor of Law teaching upper level law students the new Spanish for lawyers course.

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Proffitt Schmidt, ’85, and Tuchman, ’71, Join IU Foundation Board

The Indiana University Foundation has announced that Melissa A. Proffitt Schmidt, ’85, and Steven L. Tuchman, ’71, are among five new members of the foundation board of directors.

They will join Indiana University’s 19th president, Pamela Whitten, who began her tenure as IU Foundation Board Chair on July 1. The IUF Board stewards and supports Indiana University’s fundraising goals and serves as the legal governing body of the IU Foundation.

Proffitt Schmidt is Partner-in-Charge of Client Relations, former Managing Partner of the firm and former Office Managing Partner of the Firm, chairs the Food & Agribusiness Group and the Energy Group, and is former Chair of the Employee Benefits Group at IceMiller.

She is an accomplished attorney and community leader, active in politics and the Republican party, from the community to a national level. Proffitt Schmidt is often invited to share her knowledge at speaking events for a wide variety of professional organizations and has been recognized in a number of business journals and community publications as an outstanding leader and attorney. She serves on the boards of numerous community organizations and volunteers her time for causes supporting economic development, diversity, and women’s issues.

Proffitt Schmidt holds a B.A., with distinction, from IU Bloomington, where she was the recipient of a merit scholarship and consistently made the Dean’s List, graduating in 1982. She received her J.D. in 1985 from the IU McKinney School of Law, cum laude. She is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, and Alpha Lambda Delta honorary fraternities.

Tuchman recently retired from the Indianapolis-based law firm Lewis & Kappes where he had been a director for more than 30 years. At the firm, he focused his practice on immigration and nationality law. He is currently the only immigration attorney in Indiana to be designated as an Indiana Super Lawyer (2004-2015) and The Best Lawyers in America (2009-2020).

He is a member of several legal organizations and is a former director of several organizations, including Dance Kaleidoscope, Indiana Arts Commission, Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission, Planned Parenthood, and The Cabaret.

Tuchman received a B.A. in history in 1968 at IU Bloomington and a law degree from the IU McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis in 1971. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors of the McKinney School of Law and a past member of the Dean’s Advisory Council of the School of Liberal Arts. He played a pivotal role in the conception of a new bachelor’s degree in international studies, one of the fastest growing majors in the School of Liberal Arts. Among other IU honors, Tuchman is the recipient of both the IUPUI Maynard K. Hine Medal and the IUAA LGBT+ Distinguished Alumni Award.

In 2020, Tuchman and his husband, Reed Bobrick, made a $4 million gift to support the creation of an endowed scholarship and an endowed professorship to further the school’s commitment to diversity and inclusion. In honor of their contribution, the atrium in the law school building, Lawrence W. Inlow Hall, is named the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium.
Mark Nicholson, ‘08, Named an Elite Lawyer, Featured by WTHR

IU McKinney alumnus Mark Nicholson was named an Elite Lawyer, and a story about him appeared on Indianapolis television news station WTHR.

A 2008 graduate of IU McKinney, Nicholson was named an Elite Lawyer in 2020 by the Elite Lawyer directory and rating service dedicated to providing a diverse directory of the nation’s most outstanding attorneys. Elite Lawyer awards and recognizes attorneys who have displayed a high level of competence in their practices and have received acknowledgement from their peers, community, bar, and committees.

The television news story recounts Nicholson’s path to becoming a lawyer. He served in the U.S. Army and National guard, and less than a year after his service he was charged with murder and convicted of voluntary manslaughter. He served 12 years in prison and was homeless after his release. He began volunteering with the ACLU of Indiana, who didn’t realize Nicholson was homeless. Nicholson found help through the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation. He enrolled in law school at IU McKinney, where he made the dean’s list, served as class president, and was voted to represent his evening program classmates as the commencement speaker in 2008. He practices law in Indianapolis.

Class Notes

2010

L. Katie Boren has been promoted to partner at Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP, in Evansville, Indiana.

Michael E. Doversberger has recently been elected a shareholder at the Michigan law firm, Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge.

Michelle Gaskin Brown has been named to the 40 under 40 Class for 2020 by Nashville Business Journal. She is a manager for public policy at Amazon in Tennessee.

Elizabeth A. Trachtman Villa has been elected the Chair of the Bioethics Committee for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Comer was also appointed by Nashville, TN Mayor John Cooper to The Convention Center Authority Board. Degrafinreid is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Local Government and Community Relations within Vanderbilt University.

Carlton Martin has been named to the National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 organization. Membership in this group is by invitation only and limited to the top 40 attorneys under age 40 in each state who have demonstrated excellence and achieved outstanding results in their careers.

Keith D. Mundrick has been elected to the 2021 Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana Board of Directors.

2011

Michelle E. Allen has been named as director of Indiana’s Office of Administrative Law Proceedings.

Amber R. Comer, PhD was appointed to the Public Policy Committee for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Comer was also elected the Chair of the Bioethics Committee for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Grant E. Helms has opened the private practice firm Helms Legal, LLC. The Indianapolis-based office will focus primarily on civil litigation, employment law matters, civil rights and discrimination claims, and administrative law cases.

2012

Alfred Degrafinreid II was appointed by Nashville, TN Mayor John Cooper to The Convention Center Authority Board. Degrafinreid is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Local Government and Community Relations within Vanderbilt University.

Four IU McKinney Alumni Named to IBJ 40 Under 40 Class for 2021

A total of four alumni of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law have been named to the Indianapolis Business Journal’s “Forty Under 40” class for 2021: IU McKinney’s Assistant Director of Student Recruitment Lauren Peña, ‘13; Hall Render attorney Colleen M. Powers, ‘07; Assistant General Counsel at Toyota Industries North America Jennifer M. Triplette, ‘09, and General Counsel at Hurco Companies Jonathon D. Wright, ‘10. In addition, Ryan Vaughn, ‘03, president of the Indiana Sports Corp, received the inaugural Forty Under 40 Alumni Award.

Peña joined the staff of IU McKinney seven years ago and has served on the school’s diversity committee and admissions committees, as well as more than a dozen hiring committees. On the IUPUI campus, she has taken part in several leadership experiences and has presented at the IUPUI Graduate Recruitment Conference. She has lectured in several educational capacities, served as a Class Agent for the IU McKinney Class of 2013, and co-published scholarly articles with faculty members.

Powers is an attorney at Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman, where she advises some of the nation’s largest health systems, physician group practices, and health care management organizations. She has been named in the Indiana Super Lawyer Rising Stars for several years, and listed in the Top Healthcare Transactions Lawyers by the Ambulatory M&A Advisor.

Triplette began her career at Toyota as senior counsel in 2015 and held that post for three years before becoming assistant general counsel in 2019. Previous to this, she worked at Baldwin & Lyons, first as a compliance analyst and then as legal counsel and supervising legal counsel.

Vaughn has served as president of Indiana Sports Corp for seven years and is the sixth person to hold that post since the organization was founded in 1979. Prior to this role, he served as chief of staff for then-Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, and as an attorney at Barnes & Thornburg.

Wright began his career in private practice, working at Carson LLP in Fort Wayne and then Dentons Bingham Greenbaum before moving into his role as general counsel at Hurco Companies. Wright was a joint-degree student, receiving a Master of Business Administration degree from the Kelley School of Business the same year he graduated from IU McKinney.
Amy Beard, ’13, Named Commissioner

Amy Beard, ’13, has been named commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance. Governor Eric Holcomb made the announcement.

Beard has eight years of experience at IDOI, including five years as general counsel. She was responsible for the review of multimillion-dollar transactions regarding insurance holding companies, ensured the state met all national accreditation standards, and served on the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission Regulatory Counsel Committee. She earned an undergraduate degree from IU McKinney Law. Beard began her new post on June 2.

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

The American Bar Association (ABA) named Mauricio Videla, ‘12, a Top 40 Young Lawyer. 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.

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.

Taleyarkhan, ’13, Named to Notable Women in Law List

Pervin Taleyarkhan, ’13, has been named to Crain’s Detroit Business’s Notable Women in Law list for 2021. She is legal counsel at Whirlpool Corp., which is among the most prolific patent filers in the country. The newspaper made the announcement April 19.

At Whirlpool, Taleyarkhan 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.
2017

Portia L. Bailey-Bernard recently started a new position as Vice President, Indianapolis Economic Development, at the Indy Chamber.

Karla A. Lopez-Owens has joined the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office as the Community Outreach Director.

James Policchio has joined Reminger Co., LPA Indianapolis office.

Whitney L. Rogers has joined Taft Law as an associate in the firm’s Public Finance group Indianapolis office.

2018

Jamar A. Cobb-Dennard has joined Alerding Castor LLP as attorney of counsel. He also serves as a business broker with Indiana Business Advisors.

Talitha Krenk, LL.M. ’18, and current J.D. student at IU McKinney, was interviewed by CNN Brazil after the results of the U.S. election for president were announced November 7, 2020. Krenk was introduced as an attorney from Brazil who now lives in Indiana. She was asked several questions about the election, and about the electoral process.

2019

Adam Goss has joined the Goss Law Office in Greencastle, Indiana.

2020

John B. Gregg has joined Ice Miller.

Matthew D. Reed has joined Hall, Render, Killian & Lyman as an associate attorney in its Indianapolis office.

Article by McGhee, ’16, Published in the ABA Journal

Marcus McGhee, ’16, a member of the advisory board for the ABA’s Pathways to the Law Program at IU McKinney, wrote an article about the program that has been published in the ABA Journal.

In his article, “Guiding the Underrepresented to the Yellow Brick Road,” McGhee wrote about the importance of ensuring underrepresented populations have a place in the legal profession and how talking with young students contemplating a career in law can help encourage them. He began working with the program in its infancy in 2017, and has served as both a mentor and advisory board member.

Pathways to the Law is a four-course sequence at IU McKinney that acquaints students with the essential skills necessary to earn admission to, and succeed in, law school. Program participants are integrated into a larger network of law students, legal professionals, and the IU McKinney law school family. The ABA Office of Diversity and Inclusion partnered with IU McKinney and the ABA in 2017 to co-launch the effort. The project’s goal is to create a pipeline for underrepresented students into legal education and ultimately the profession.

McGhee is a staff attorney at the Indiana Supreme Court, where he works directly for the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications/Indiana Judicial Nomination Commission. He teaches “Advanced Professional Responsibility: Judicial Ethics” as an adjunct professor at IU McKinney.

IU McKinney Alumni Dominate Ranks of IndyBar Leader Series

The Indianapolis Bar Association has chosen 19 attorneys to take part in its Bar Leader Series, and 12 of them are alumni of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. In its 18th year, it’s an intensive yearlong leadership development program designed for bar association members in their third to tenth years of practice.


Class members will have the chance to interact with prominent legal and community leaders, develop leadership skills, explore long-term opportunities for leadership, and develop a lifelong network. These aren’t the only IU McKinney connections to the program. Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., will lead the series. He has been Professor of Practice at IU McKinney since 2012, after serving as a Justice on the Indiana Supreme Court for 19 years.

Johanna Leblanc, ’16, Named to National Bar Association 40 Under 40 Class

Johanna Leblanc, ’16, has been named to the National Bar Association’s 40 Under 40 Class for 2021. She 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.
In Memoriam

Michael R. Bain, ’94, age 52, died January 30, 2021 at St Vincent’s Hospital. He was born October 24, 1968.

Mike graduated from Brownsburg High School, class of 1987. He was an Eagle Scout, Minisino Firecracter, and served on the Eagle Scout Board of Review. He earned a B.A. in Economics from Indiana University in 1991 and a J.D. from the IU McKinney School of Law. He began his law career as a Deputy Prosecutor in Hendricks County before eventually becoming a senior partner at Hume, Smith, Geddes, Green and Simmons. Mike was a member of the Indiana Bar Association, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, Defense Research Institute, Indianapolis Law Club and regularly recognized as an Indiana Super Lawyer. However, in keeping with the spirit of Michael, his impressive resume was not his focus. His interests centered on family and friends.

Mike enjoyed his time as a youth lacrosse coach and followed his former players’ careers as they competed in high school. He was the voice of Chatard’s lacrosse programs for several years, manning his public address duties with colorful commentary and a vast playlist for breaks in the action. The last football game he attended was capped by ringing the Monon Bell with his son Jack, who played for the DePauw Tigers that day. Mike was a devout Catholic and 25-year member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Carol Comer, ’96, died on June 9, 2021. She had served as director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources since 2017.

Comer previously was the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) under then-Governor Mike Pence, ’86. Comer served as IDEM General Counsel, where she oversaw approximately 30 attorneys and support staff. Previously, she served as a Senior Administrative Law Judge for the Indiana Board of Tax Review and as an Administrative Law Judge with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Comer began her environmental law career at Plews Shadley Racher & Braun in Indianapolis, and she also practiced law at Lewis Roca Rothgerber in Phoenix.

Comer received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business. She was a dual-degree student at IU McKinney, receiving a J.D. and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the IU O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Comer was the law school’s first Environmental Law Fellow.

IU McKinney Community Mourns Loss of Terry Curry, ’78

Terry Curry, ’78, who was elected three times to the role of Marion County Prosecutor, died June 29. He was 72 years old.

“Our law school community mourns the loss of Terry Curry,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “He was a well-respected leader in the legal community whose exemplary career was a source of pride for the law school, and an example for our students to follow. His loss is deeply felt and he will be missed.”

Curry has been lauded for restoring integrity to and modernizing the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office. He was elected in 2010 and successfully ran for reelection in 2014 and 2018. He stepped down from his role in 2019 due to a long battle with prostate cancer. Curry was succeeded in the office by Ryan Mears, ’06.

“I am saddened to hear the Indiana legal community has lost Terry Curry,” said Professor Fran Watson, ’80. She is the director of IU McKinney’s Wrongful Conviction Clinic. “As the elected prosecutor, he was a model minister of justice. His judgment, integrity, and compassion will remain an example.”

As prosecutor, Curry established a significant policy legacy not only in criminal justice reform but also as an outspoken and respected advocate for Indiana’s Second Chance law, a comprehensive state hate crimes law, and responsible gun ownership laws. His career as a prosecutor began in the area of white-collar crime, where he was recruited by then-prosecutor Stephen Goldsmith, a Republican, due to his experience and legal acumen. He served in the office twice as a deputy prosecutor before returning to serve as the elected Prosecutor. Curry is believed to be the only Democrat to serve three terms in the prosecutor role.

Photo courtesy of Marion County Prosecutors Office.
Charles R. Oehrle, ’68, age 93, passed away April 12, 2021. Chuck was born in Lawrence, Kansas July 24, 1927 to the late Charles F. and Ethel Mull Oehrle. Chuck was preceded in death by his first wife, Phoebe Walker Oehrle and his second wife, Lucinda Jackson Oehrle. Chuck is survived by his two children, Philip A. Oehrle (Carla) and Jennifer Lee Shaw (Dick), and his two stepsons, Jeff Jackson and Eric Jackson, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

He graduated from the University of Nebraska and attended the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law, graduating in 1968. Chuck served in the United States Navy and the Army Reserves, and spent over 30 years working in the insurance brokerage business.

Chuck was an active alumnus of IU McKinney Law, serving on leadership boards for many years. He was a familiar face at law school functions and events, and regularly sponsored a scholarship to benefit students at the school.

Chuck is well known for his lifelong friendships, his devotion to his family and his relish for collecting and restoring antique furniture. ◆

Gregory Kellam Scott, ’77, a retired Colorado Supreme Court justice and former executive director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, died March 31 at his home in Anderson, Indiana. He was 72.

Scott, the only Black person to serve on the Colorado Supreme Court, was sworn onto the court on Jan. 15, 1993, after being appointed by Gov. Roy Romer. He served seven years, stepping down in 2000 to become vice president and general counsel of Kaiser-Hill LLC, a private company contracted to clean up Rocky Flats, the former nuclear weapons facility in the northwest Denver suburbs.

On the bench, Scott participated in about 1,000 opinions, according to a news release announcing his retirement, with Hill v. Thomas among his most notable. In that opinion, written by Scott, the Colorado Supreme Court upheld a state law that created an eight-foot buffer zone between protesters and people entering Colorado abortion clinics. The opinion survived a challenge before the U.S. Supreme Court, according to a story in the Denver Post.

Scott and his wife, Carolyn Weatherly Scott, moved to Denver in 1977 after he accepted a job with the Securities and Exchange Commission’s regional office, where he worked as a trial attorney. After his retirement from the Colorado Supreme Court, they returned to Indiana. Scott was appointed to the Indiana Civil Rights Commission in 2005 by then-Governor Mitch Daniels, retiring in 2008.

He is a former member of the IU McKinney Board of Visitors. Andrew R. Klein, Paul E. Beam Professor of Law, recalled meeting the late Colorado justice when he returned to Indianapolis and taught at the law school as an adjunct professor, teaching Civil Rights Law.

“We stayed touch, and he spoke in one of my classes as recently as a year and a half ago,” Professor Klein said.

“Justice Scott was an accomplished jurist and lawyer but, more important, a kind and compassionate person,” Professor Klein said. “He also cared very much about the legal profession and his alma mater, giving time to teach courses and speak to students at our school. Everyone who met Justice Scott was better for having done so. He will be missed.” ◆
Upcoming Events

We are planning both in-person and virtual events for the Fall! We look forward to welcoming you back to Inlow Hall for a variety of in-person events! There will also be several online webinar events (including CLE) as well. Check our website for the latest event information and registration: mckinneylaw.iu.edu/events

**Friday, September 10, 2021**
Commemoration of prominent Black Wall Street businessman and IU McKinney alumnus, J.B. Stradford

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**
Constitution Day Educational Program (CLE pending)
*Featuring: Gerard Magliocca, the Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law*
Presentation will be posted online (no CLE available) on September 17.

**Friday, October 1, 2021**
Program on Law and State Government Fellowship Symposium (CLE pending)
“Gun Laws and Gun Violence: State Governments Making a Difference”

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**
Annual Fall CLE Program (CLE pending)

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**
Annual Birch Bayh Lecture (CLE pending)
*Speaker: Joseph P. Allen, executive director, Bayh-Dole Coalition*

**Friday, October 22, 2021**
Indiana Health Law Review Symposium (CLE pending)

**Friday, November 12, 2021**
International Student Speaker Series (CLE pending)
Legal Spotlight on Brazil, Nigeria, US, and Zimbabwe
Topics include alternative dispute resolution, rights of persons with disabilities, intellectual property rights, and Europe’s General Data Protection Regulation

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**
Alan and Linda Cohen Family Foundation Sports and Entertainment Law Lecture (CLE pending)

Empowering You to Make a Difference