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Vital Signs
Hall Center Brings Health Law to Life

by Alicia Dean Carlson

The COVID-19 pandemic. The opioid overdose epidemic. Health disparities and challenges to equity. The topics are so current that they could have been ripped from the day’s headlines, but these cutting-edge issues—and the legal and public policy questions they raise—are all part of teaching and learning through the William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health at IU McKinney.

That’s been the goal since the Hall Center was established in 1986 by the late Emerita Professor Eleanor Kinney, one of the country’s leading experts in health law and America’s health care system. Creation of the center was aided by the late William S. Hall, J.D. ’51, a pioneer in health law who founded Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman, one of the nation’s preeminent health law firms.

Hall recognized the importance of creating a space for scholarly discourse at IU McKinney, according to Bill Thompson, J.D. ’87, chairman of Hall Render.

“When Bill Hall and Professor Kinney teamed up to create the Hall Center, health law was limited in scope. Bill saw the complexity and the increasing fragmentation of the healthcare system, as well as its importance to our very existence,” Thompson says.

The center has remained at the forefront of these important issues under the leadership of Nicolas P. Terry, Hall Center executive director and Hall Render Professor of Law, Thompson says.

“Fast forward to today, the complexity of healthcare is just that, health care remains complex, it remains fragmented, and it remains an essential system for our wellbeing,” he says.

Pandemic policy under a legal microscope

As one of 50 national experts to contribute to a playbook assessing the U.S. response to the COVID crisis and detailing the failures and weaknesses in the nation’s health care and public health systems, Professor Terry was familiar with the challenging legal and policy questions that arose in the wake of the pandemic, including the appropriate balance between federal and state rights and duties, and between legislators and administrations at both state and federal levels, and how such powers should be used.

“When I first proposed the course last year my assumption was that it would be something of a retrospective on a pandemic that by 2022 would have become an endemic,” he says.

“As it turned out, the beginning of the class in January 2022 coincided with the worst of the Omicron variant—at least in Indiana—so we were able to track the pandemics’ spread and decline in real time and discuss new legal questions, such as the legality of mask or vaccine mandates, as they rose for decision,” he says.

For Chitra Ram, J.D. ’22, the topic was irresistible. She took the course during her last semester of law school before advancing to intellectual property litigation and transactional work with Mayer Brown LLP in Chicago.

“It is a topic that has been at the center of our lives, and especially my law school experience, so I was excited to be a part of it,” she says.

Students formulated arguments for alternatives to—or removal of—pandemic management policies.
and write and present policy briefs on issues such as mask mandates in elementary schools, the housing crisis, and the pandemic’s impact on hospitals’ surgical triage practices.

As COVID news, policies and legal questions seem to mutate nearly as fast as the virus itself, Professor Terry’s scholarship brought credibility to classroom discussions, according to Ram.

“It has been a learning experience to find how many practices we could easily implement to improve the accuracy and accessibility of data, and in real time, to interpret the data and consider solutions to visible—and unmeasured—issues that can be carried forward sustainably,” she says.

Deirdre Madden, professor of law at Ireland’s University College Cork, visited the Law of COVID class on April 5, during a visit to the law school that included her IU McKinney Grand Rounds lecture, “Law as a Tool to Improve the Quality of Healthcare.”

Impact Indiana

Jane Hartsock, J.D., ’02, is director of clinical and organizational ethics for the Academic Health Center at IU Health and faculty investigator at the IU School of Medicine Center for Bioethics, as well as adjunct assistant professor of Medical Humanities and Health Studies at IUPUI.

The Hall Center is important to Indiana, and not just because law students have so many health-law opportunities in law firms, hospital systems, and at life science companies like Eli Lilly and Company and Roche, according to Hartsock.

McKinney law faculty have expertise and scholarship that is crucial to understanding issues at the intersection of health, law, and ethics, she says.

IU McKinney Visiting Associate Professor Daniel Orenstein, for example, collaborated with Amy S. Martin, M.J., ’22, vice president of clinical and organizational ethics at IU Health and executive director of the Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics, while serving on Indiana’s ethical advisory board on COVID vaccine distribution. During the recent session of the Indiana General Assembly, Professor Orenstein also consulted with Hartsock on proposed legislation that could have impacted hospitals like IU Health.
Hartsock points to Indiana’s high levels of obesity, infant mortality, maternal morbidity, opioid and substance abuse, smoking, and other measures of health in which the state compares poorly to the rest of the country.

“I am a Hoosier. I was born here and I love Indiana, but Indiana is not a healthy state. It just is not,” she says. “I think there is a need for people—for lawyers—who understand the political and governmental structures behind our health outcomes. The Hall Center provides that opportunity.”

Reaching broader audiences is part of the Hall Center mission. The Grand Rounds speakers series and symposia provide CLE opportunities throughout the year. Audiences grew with online events during the pandemic and while live lectures have returned to the Wynne Courtroom at Inlow Hall, virtual opportunities will continue the Hall Center’s global reach.

“I am immensely proud of the work of the Hall Center and its engagement with the health challenges of our time, and I thank the faculty, staff, mentors, and alumni who make all of this work possible,” Professor Terry says.

**Student Focused**

McKinney student externs provide practical help to Hartsock and other Fairbanks Center of Medical Ethics staff in looking at healthcare issues through a legal and ethical lens. “I have had some extraordinary McKinney students,” Hartsock says. “They have done some really incredible work that has just blown my socks off.”

From the perspective of a health law firm like Hall Render, the Hall Center’s Health Law Graduate Certificates and dual-degree credentials are impressive and essential, Thompson says.

“McKinney health-law students are benefitting from a wide array of courses, symposia and speakers, and informed faculty—they all are right at the forefront of health law,” he says. “We are big fans and supporters.”

Students agree.

As a bioethicist at IU Health with a doctorate in philosophy, Martin chose to pursue a Master of Jurisprudence at IU McKinney to gain a deeper understanding of the U.S. legal system and how it relates to health care, as well as to gain a practical framework for her work. “I do a lot of reading of statutes and even help write them, so what I learned will continue to be so helpful,” Martin says.

**New Grant Focuses on Opioid Crisis**

In February, the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE), a private national grant-making foundation, announced 11 new grants totaling $4.8 million to support solutions to some of the opioid crisis’ most challenging problems.

Among them: A two-year, $600,000 grant to IU McKinney School of Law Professor Nicolas Terry and Temple University Beasley School of Law colleagues for their multi-year project using a whole-of-government framework and methods rooted in legal epidemiology to assess progress toward evidence-informed policy in reducing opioid use disorder.

IU McKinney Law students working as research assistants on the project include Adriana Conway, Julianne Nolan, and Edgar Martinez.

Her research explores topics in health law and Indian law, particularly Tribal public health law and the impact of federal Indian law on health outcomes. She completed her B.A. at Emory University and her J.D. at the University of Oregon. She is a member of the Indiana bar.

“Professor Hoss’s wealth of experience and scholarship will be a great asset to IU McKinney, especially to our Hall Center for Law and Health,” said Karen E. Bravo, IU McKinney Dean and Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law.

“During her time as a visiting professor, she impressed faculty and students alike with her commitment to student success, collegiality, and passion for teaching and the scholarship.”

**McKinney Law Welcomes Back Professor Hoss**

Aila Hoss, an expert in health law and federal Indian law, will join IU McKinney as an associate professor of law in August 2022.

Professor Hoss will teach Public Health Law, Introduction to Health Law, and Property Law. She previously served as a visiting assistant professor at IU McKinney Law from 2017 until 2020. Most recently, Professor Hoss was an assistant professor of law at the University of Tulsa College of Law.
Paula Marques Merlin, ’22
Master of Laws speaker
“It demands courage to thrive in a foreign language, legal system, and studying methods, and all of us accomplished it. We are now ready to brave the next chapter of our professional lives.”

Kortney Bond, ’22
Master of Jurisprudence speaker
“It is in love that goodness becomes contagious and spreads like wildfire. It is in love that systems and structures are challenged, equalizing the playing field so that people of color can have fair access and opportunities.”

Chaka Coleman, ’22
Doctor of Jurisprudence Day Division speaker
“No matter whose name is on the building that you walk into after you graduate, never lose who you are and what you stand for. Be courageous in everything you do.”

Richard Okello, ’22
Doctor of Jurisprudence Evening Division speaker
“With society as its canvas, the lawyer’s art can illuminate truth and right the wrongs, drawing upon ideals that recognize the beauty in our shared humanity, a beauty that everyone gets to witness.”

Katie Whitley, J.D. ’22
Winner of the Faculty Prize

Commencement ceremonies for graduate students took place at Carroll Stadium May 14. To learn more, visit mckinneylaw.iu.edu
Dean’s Global Advisory Council Advises Law School on Programs, Relationships

IU McKinney has more than 800 global alumni, 791 of whom are graduates of the law school’s Master of Laws program, representing more than 70 countries. The Dean’s Global Advisory Council seeks to gather the wisdom of these alumni to advise the school regarding global programs and relationships, help assess the law school’s partnerships across the world, and build on initiatives to help enhance IU McKinney’s reputation as a member of the global legal community. The council was formed in 2021.

“The law school is proud of its network of alumni, including those who live in Indiana and our alumni throughout the world,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “The achievements of the inaugural members of the Dean’s Global Advisory Council are truly inspirational, as is their dedication and commitment to IU McKinney. I look forward to working with them as we strengthen and enhance our bonds around the globe.”

A total of 22 alumni have volunteered to serve on the council, which is led by three officers. Leading the group are chair Shishir Deshpande, LL.M. ’06; chair-elect Achim Foerster, LL.M. ’06; and secretary Mosun Oke, LL.M. ’18, S.J.D. candidate.

Deshpande said he noted other Indiana University schools had similar councils and wanted to establish one for IU McKinney. He’s a commercial and civil litigation attorney with an independent practice concentrating on writ and appellate litigation in the Supreme Court of India in New Delhi. He serves as president of the Delhi chapter of the IUAA Executive Council. He wants the Dean’s Global Advisory Council to provide a means for alumni to share their current professional experience and discuss how the legal profession has changed or developed in their home countries since completing their legal educations at IU McKinney and returning home. “I truly appreciate the opportunity to create a vision for the council on how the alumni can effectively contribute to the school, as well as connect with one another and current students,” Deshpande said.

Connection is top-of-mind for Foerster. He’s vice president for academic affairs and professor of copyright law, media law and media policy at the University of Applied Science Wuerzburg-Schweinfurt in Germany. “IU McKinney has a strong record in attracting and educating international legal talent and has established a distinguished and diverse international alumni base,” Foerster said. “I am confident the Dean’s Global Advisory Council will assist the school in reaching out to its international alumni and in further strengthening the school’s international reputation.”

Oke serves as council secretary. She is a corporate attorney in Nigeria with expertise in corporate reorganization, regulatory compliance, corporate finance, capital markets, intellectual property, and technology law. She appreciates the law school’s commitment to international outreach. “My first impression on the first day of setting foot in IU McKinney’s atrium was the array of flags, which felt both welcoming and reassuring,” Oke said. “It also emphasized McKinney’s commitment to including cultural perspectives in its learning environment. I continue to be impressed by the caliber of people I meet in the IU McKinney community.”
IU McKinney Law Presents Distinguished Alumni Awards

The IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law honored three alumni during an annual joint meeting of the law school’s Board of Visitors and Alumni Association on June 8.

J. Douglas Boles, ’00, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation, responsible for the daily operations of IMS and all four world-class racing events at the facility: the Indianapolis 500 presented by PennGrade Motor Oil, the IndyCar Grand Prix, the Brickyard 400, and the Red Bull Air Race.

A Butler University graduate, Boles served as executive vice president of the marketing and advertising agency Ignition, Inc., from 2006-08. He became partner in the marketing agency i3Worldwide while conducting his own private law practice, primarily representing drivers, race teams, and sponsors. He was a founding partner of Panther Racing and served as a co-owner and team chief operating officer from 1997 until early 2006.

Boles served as director of governmental and corporate affairs for Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith from 1992-97, where he spearheaded the nation’s first government-led effort to attract motorsports companies and jobs to a community.

He serves on the boards of IndyCar Ministry, 500 Festival, United States Auto Club, and Motorsports Hall of Fame. Boles and his wife, Beth, live in Zionsville. They have four children.

Julie Roe Lach, ’04, is the recipient of the Outstanding Alumna of the Year Award. She has been involved with college athletics for 20 years and currently serves in the role of commissioner for the Horizon League.

Prior to the Horizon League, Lach worked at the NCAA for over 15 years, serving as vice president of enforcement. After that, she founded JRL Consulting and then joined forces with Church Church Hittle & Antrim’s sports law practice, where she currently serves as of counsel.

Lach earned her undergraduate degree from Millikin University graduating summa cum laude. She was inducted into Millikin University’s Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002 and CoSIDA’s Academic All-American Hall of Fame in 2009 based on her participation on the women’s basketball team. She served on Millikin’s Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2010 and is currently a Trustee Emeritus.

She graduated cum laude from IU McKinney Law in 2004. She was on the Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2001-2006 and was president for one term. Lach joined the law school’s Board of Visitors in 2015.

Lach joined the Indiana Sports Commission Board of Directors in 2019. She also serves on the fund raising committee for Family Promise of Hamilton County. Lach recently completed her term on the board of directors for WeCoach a national non-profit organization founded to recruit and retain women coaches.

She is married to David Lach, a vice president with Cripe Architects and Engineers in Indianapolis. They have two daughters.

Aida Ramirez, ’12, received the Alumni Early Career Achievement Award. She is director of the Columbus Human Rights Commission.

Ramirez joined the commission in 2013 as deputy director before being promoted to director the following year. A native of Northwest Indiana, she earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Purdue University in West Lafayette before attending IU McKinney Law.

Prior to moving to Columbus and joining the commission, Ramirez worked with the Marion County Circuit Court to increase access to justice in the Marion County Small Claims Courts by implementing the 2012 Indiana Court of Appeals Task Force Recommendations.

Her professional interests include fair housing, equal access to the judicial system for limited English-proficient users, and general equity for all in human and civil rights. Ramirez has been involved in local welcoming community initiatives such as Engage Columbus and is the current chair of the board of directors of United Way Bartholomew County. She is a member of the Council for Youth Development steering committee, and a board member of the Heritage Fund Community Foundation of Bartholomew County.
"Antisemitism is both the world’s oldest hatred and its most current news," but until recently, there was no field of legal study that systematically researches the intersection of law and antisemitism, according to Robert Katz, IU McKinney professor of law and John S. Grimes Fellow.

“The handful of legal scholars who research antisemitism and the law work in isolation, and without a sense of being part of a larger scholarly project. There has never been an event that convened legal scholars who work on antisemitism-related topics,” Professor Katz said.

That is changing. Professor Katz and Diane Klein, visiting professor of law at Southern University Law Center, are co-founders of the Law vs. Antisemitism Project. Its mission is to promote legal research and education on how law perpetuates antisemitism and can be used to combat it.

The project includes creating a law school textbook titled Jews, Antisemitism, and the Law, and in March, Katz and Klein convened the inaugural Law vs. Antisemitism Conference at McKinney.

Over two days, more than 50 presenters from more than 20 states in the U.S., plus Austria, Germany, Israel, England, and Luxembourg, engaged with audiences in the law school’s Wynne Courtroom and in virtual meetings on a multitude of topics, ranging from the definition of antisemitism to the view from the Midwest, hate speech and the First Amendment, critical race theory, and post-Holocaust litigation and reparations. Presenters included a wide representation of professions and disciplines, including practicing lawyers, judges, think-tank leaders, community activists, rabbis, filmmakers, and scholars of history, political science, and Jewish studies.

“This unprecedented outpouring of talent and interest in antisemitism as a legal phenomenon makes me optimistic that one day IU McKinney will be known as the place where the field of law and antisemitism studies was born,” Professor Katz said.
IU McKinney Student Groups Stage Discussion of Critical Race Theory

What is critical race theory, and should it be taught—or banned—in K-12 schools?
A forum at the law school on February 16, organized with the Greater Indianapolis NAACP by IU McKinney Law chapters of the American Constitution Society (ACS) and the Black Law Students Association, sought to shed light on the debate ignited by the introduction in of Indiana House Bill 1134 and similar legislation introduced and passed in other states. Indiana legislation was unsuccessful during the recent session.

Cassidy Segura Clouse, a 3L law student and founding member of the McKinney chapter of ACS, opened the forum with praise for the 350 registered attendees, who would “hear things you don’t like, things you disagree with, things you’ve never considered before, and things that make you uncomfortable. That’s good.”

“The ability to have vigorous good-faith debates undergirds a healthy democracy,” Clouse said.

Among the speakers were Indiana NAACP president Barbara Bolling, Indiana State Representative Bob Behning (R-Indianapolis), Indiana State Senator Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis), Professor Kevin D. Brown of the IU Maurer School of Law, senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation Mike Gonzalez, and Professor Russell Skiba of the Equity Project at IU.

National Lawyers Guild Student Group

The National Lawyers Guild Student Group presented a question and answer panel that included IU McKinney professors Lahny Silva and Florence Wagman Roisman. The event took place on March 2 in a virtual format.

Titled Not Home, Not Free: A Conversation about Mass Incarceration and the Housing Crisis, the discussion took place during the national Week Against Mass Incarceration. IU McKinney student Katie Osborne was instrumental in staging the event.

IU McKinney Honors Students, Alumni at Annual Diversity Dinner

IU McKinney students honored their peers and alumni for commitment to diversity during the ninth annual Diversity Dinner. The event took place April 8 in the Deer Pavilion at Newfields. It is the work of the Black Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Society, Asian Law Students Association, and Lambda Legal Society.

The theme for the event was “No More Firsts: Moving towards a New Normal.” The theme was inspired by the evening’s keynote speaker, the Honorable Myra C. Selby. She is a partner at Ice Miller and was the first woman and first African American to serve on the Indiana Supreme Court.

The students presented “Champion of Diversity” honors to four individuals during the event. Recipients were:

Enrique Flores, ’07, an attorney at Flores Law. Flores serves as a mentor in the ABA’s Pathways to the Profession program, which pairs minority alumni of IU McKinney with current minority law students and undergraduate students who wish to pursue a legal education.

Taylor Webster, ’22. Webster served as vice president of the Student Bar Association and previously served as secretary of Graduate and Professional Student Government.

Shelley Jackson, ’07, a partner at Krieg Devault and the co-founder of Indy Lawyers for Black Lives, a non-profit dedicated to leveraging resources within the legal community to achieve racial justice and inclusion.

Fariraish Muzondo, ’22, who served as the graduate assistant for the IUPUI Multicultural Center while attending law school and working full time. She is originally from Zimbabwe and has served as the vice president for the International Law Society and serves as secretary for the Black Law Students Association.

In the photo Myra Selby (center) and organizers (from left) Richard Okello, Jessica Ventes, Bryan Ayers, and Chitra Ram.
1—The 44th annual Women’s Caucus auction took place in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium on February 24. The event raised $11,922.44 to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis.

2—Chitra Ram, J.D. ’22, was named Outstanding Student Leader of the Year during the 10th annual Student Organization Awards on April 22.

3—During commencement ceremonies on May 14, Dean Karen E. Bravo (center) visited with the two Indiana University trustees who are IU McKinney alumni: MaryEllen Kiley Bishop, J.D. ’82 (left) and Jeremy Morris, J.D. ’14 (right).

RECENT EVENTS

March 4
Indiana International and Comparative Law Review Symposium
International Law and the Environment: Sustainability, Justice, and Climate Change Around the World

March 10
Alan and Linda Cohen Family Foundation Sports and Entertainment Law Virtual Lecture
The Role of Sports in Social Justice
4—Master of Laws students Anamika Krishnan (far right) and Van Stévie Bibila Kabila (center) presented an International Student Speaker Series lecture in a virtual format on March 24. They are in the photo with Vice Dean Cynthia Adams.

5—Madison Duncan, J.D. ’22, received the John Paul Berlon Service Award for contributing 713.5 hours of pro bono service during her time at IU McKinney. She received the honor during the Good Reception April 19.

6—The IU McKinney School of Law family gathered at Newfields on May 13 to celebrate the graduating class of 2022 with a party at the Deer Pavilion.

April 1
Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation Virtual Symposium

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

April 8
INDIANA LAW REVIEW Symposium

Transportation Infrastructure Law and Policy: The Road Forward
Karen E Laine Talks Law School, Favorite Job, and Plant Walls

You can still catch Karen E Laine, J.D. ’92, on the HGTV show, Good Bones, now in its seventh season. The show follows Two Chicks and a Hammer, the company she founded with her daughter, Mina Starsiak Hawk, as they renovate and restore homes in Indianapolis. She has stepped back from the company, but still appears on the show. She took time for a visit and talked about law school, her favorite job as a lawyer, and how that plant wall idea came about.

Q  What brought you to law school at IU McKinney?
A  “I love taking tests! I was in my bachelor’s program and a friend asked me if I wanted to take the LSAT. I did well and got into law school. My dad told me all my life that I should be a lawyer because I could argue about anything. I finally found a home for my oppositional brain!”

Q  What was your favorite legal job?
A  “Deputy prosecutor. A criminal trial is a battlefield with rules for how the battle is carried out. It was a way for me to test my skills and to seek justice. Apparently, I love an audience. Watching the jury is a good gauge of how you’re doing. If they’re nodding, you’re doing good. If they’re scowling, you need to change tactics.”

Q  Where did the idea for plant walls come from and how did you decide where to put it?
A  “That idea came from the house itself. The place where I was standing, the air, the light. It was perfect. We just needed a plant wall there.” Karen said it was easy to install and can be tailored to be as large or small as desired. “If you pay attention to the feng shui of the house, you can decide where to put one,” she said. Plants are a big part of Karen’s life. Her mother was an avid gardener, and her father was a vegetable farmer on their family’s seven acres. “There was not an inch of that property that wasn’t cultivated.”

Got a talent or skill to share? Tell us about it at RHMzine@iupui.edu

Karen delivered the Jordan H. and Joan R. Leibman Forum on the Legal and Business Environment of Art. The talk took place on February 24 at the Herron School of Art + Design.
Duong Vu, M.J. ‘15

Duong Vu is IU McKinney’s first Master of Jurisprudence graduate.

- Where are you working now and what is your role there?
  Currently, I am working as a data scientist at UrbanLogiq, a software company in Vancouver, Canada. We provide urban computing software and solutions to governments of different levels such as city, county, and federal. My main responsibility focuses on exploring the solutions leveraging data from various sources for traffic or economics issues faced by our clients. One of the projects I’m most proud of was collaborating with the city of San Jose to work on improving safety in their road network.

  The Master of Jurisprudence program gave me a foundation in research and critical thinking; skills that help me to develop creative solutions to problems, understand technical papers, and perform research for my career.

- What do you enjoy about what you do for work and where you’re living now?
  At UrbanLogiq, we pride ourselves on being close to our clients, trying to put ourselves in their shoes to understand the problem facing the government officials. This helps us to see the passion from our client in building a better and safer community and being part of that journey is what inspires me to continue in this path.

  I live in Vancouver, Canada, a beautiful west coast city where you can see the majestic mountain range while driving on every main road. This is also the greenest city I have ever lived in.

- How does what you’re doing for work now compare to what you wanted to do for work when you were living in Vietnam?
  My career path is not a straight line. I have had the fortune to try out different things. When I was living in Vietnam, graduating with a finance degree, I aimed for the U.S. and the M.J. program with a goal to work in the intersection between business and legal. After graduating from law school and working at a law firm for a period of time, I realized my passion was on a different path and switched jobs to work at the Indiana Auditor Office. That was where I explored and learned about data analysis. I came to Vancouver for a master’s degree in data science and have been working in this field since then.

- What do you like to do when you have free time?
  Besides my job, I am passionate about developing the diverse community in the field of data science for Vancouver. Since 2018, my annual Vancouver Women in Data Science conference cooperating with Stanford University has brought many distinguished women to Vancouver to give talks about various aspects of this field. My goal is to enable more women to enter and thrive in this technical world. Last year, I founded my own non-profit organization, DataCan with four other partners to take this goal further.

Aline Fagundes, LL.M. ‘17

- Where are you working now and what is your role?
  I live in Rio Grande do Sul, the southernmost state of Brazil, and I work as a judge in the Labor Court since 2005. I am currently appointed to coordinate the Conciliation Center of the Court of Appeals. I am also in charge of teaching and training new mediators. I consider myself very grateful to have in my hands the opportunity of spreading the culture of peace.

- What do you enjoy about what you do for work and where you’re living now?
  I do believe the best way to truly end a conflict is talking and reaching an agreement. It’s a highly gratifying job. It represented an important activity during the pandemic, when both parties were, more than ever, in deep need of fast and efficient solutions.

- What do you like to do when you have free time?
  I have two main passions to fill my free time. One is reading, which makes me fly all over the world and time through the books. My favorite style is historical romances. My other hobby is sewing. I usually sew simple things for the house, but the day I could make a dress for myself I felt as excited as a first grader reading her first words.
When I became a lawyer, one of my first memories is of getting my first client…and then not having any real idea what to do next. What did I need to file? How did I know how to do that? How was I supposed to figure out what to do? Why didn’t someone train me for this?

Enter the world of experiential learning at IU McKinney—where students learn all the above and more. Whether or not you knew it when you attended IU McKinney, we have a host of experiential learning options that give our students real-world experience in a variety of settings so when they graduate, they have answers to all the questions that plagued me as a new lawyer.

Part of the reason I likely didn’t have a lot of practical knowledge when I graduated was largely because of the options my law school had at the time, and because experiential learning wasn’t required to graduate. That all changed in 2014 when the American Bar Association adopted a new requirement that all law students complete six hours of experiential training prior to graduation. Students can fulfill this by taking simulation courses (such as negotiations, trial practice, and contract drafting), being placed at an externship, and/or taking a clinical course.

At IU McKinney, not only are we amazingly situated in the middle of Indianapolis giving us a wealth of opportunities, but our students can work through an arc of experiential learning. In their first year of law school, while choices for credit aren’t offered, students can gain practical experience through any number of pro bono and volunteer placements. During their second year, students can start to narrow down their areas of interest and skills by enrolling in simulation courses and externships. In their final year, students can cap off their experiences by participating in one of our live-client clinics under the direct supervision of McKinney clinical faculty. Each option gives our students so many opportunities for personal and professional growth.

I can’t begin to tell you how many times over the years students have told me, pre- and post-graduation, how much our skills curriculum gave them the confidence to practice and furthered their love of the law. I love being both a clinical professor and the director of Experiential Learning, mainly because I get to see firsthand our students’ practical growth as attorneys. I also have the privilege of learning and mentoring right alongside them. If you love witnessing this kind of transformative growth as well and want to get involved as an alum, reach out to Jayme Little, our assistant dean of Alumni Relations at alummck@iupui.edu.

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- More than 100 externship opportunities

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Director of the Civil Practice Clinic
Director of Experiential Learning
Alumni Serve Critical Role in IU McKinney’s Experiential Learning

by Rebecca Trimpe

Experiential learning is not only a requirement on the path to earning a law degree, it’s an integral part of becoming a lawyer. Part of the experience for some externships is an opportunity to observe a court proceeding, yet that isn’t always possible. That hasn’t stopped the Center for Victim and Human Rights in Indianapolis from giving their externs the best experience possible. IU McKinney externs at the center for the spring 2022 semester were rising 3Ls Sidney VanMeter and Amy Wilson.

Raio Krishnayya, LL.M. ’11, is executive director of the center, which he founded in 2008. “Our goal is simply to teach them the skills necessary to manage cases/clients from the initial connection to the end of litigation, keeping in mind not only the statutory requirements and the trial rules, but also, the ethical considerations that arise during the course of the attorney-client relationship,” Krishnayya said. The purpose of the externship is to connect what the students learn with real-world applicability, he said. The mock hearing is an opportunity for students to do just that.

“At the foundation of all of this is developing communications skills, which is at the heart of work, working with survivors of violence,” Krishnayya said.

That’s one of the things VanMeter said she has appreciated about her externship. “The biggest thing I have gained from working at CVHR is learning how to communicate, particularly with people who have undergone trauma,” she said. “Sometimes I think we view being a lawyer as being all about the law, but at its heart being a lawyer is about helping people. At CVHR, they took us back to the basics of communication and really taught us the importance of how we talk to others and how others receive our communication.”

Communication is key, and so is appearing in court. Not all students who extern at the center get to take part in a court proceeding, which disappoints some, Krishnayya said. “To that end, we have decided to create a mock file so students can take everything they have learned and then apply it to an actual hearing.” This hearing took place April 8 in the Wynne Courtroom at Inlow Hall. IU McKinney students VanMeter and Wilson took part.

Wilson is a rising 3L who was inspired to pursue a career in law during her undergraduate studies when she learned about social issues, nonprofits, and human rights. She has an aunt who studied law in England and got a job at Amnesty International. Wilson’s aunt talked with her about her career path and how much of an asset law school was in her work. “The opportunity that I was given to be a law clerk at CVHR has made me realize that I am in the right spot and made the right decision to go to law school and become a lawyer,” Wilson said.

CVHR began offering internships for law students in 2010, Krishnayya said, and the extern program developed soon after. About 60 IU McKinney externs have come through the program thus far and almost every staff attorney at the center has been a former extern, Krishnayya said. International students representing over a dozen countries from the law school’s LL.M. program also are hosted at the center from time to time.

“I was very fortunate to have a diverse group of mentors who took time and effort to show me not only how to practice as an attorney, but also to be a person committed to ideals greater than himself. Without that compassion, I wouldn’t have the foundations to have started this organization or run it. The best way I know how to show my gratitude for that investment is to pay it forward,” Krishnayya said.

With over 100 externships offered at IU McKinney, students are apt to meet an alum of the law school while meeting their degree requirements. If your practice or organization wants to help our students, reach out to Assistant Dean of Alumni Relations Jayme Little at alummck@iupui.edu
How state governments use their powers to protect the environment and promote public health will be the focus of two students selected for the 2022 IU McKinney School of Law Program on Law and State Government (PLSG) Fellowship.

PLSG Fellows Charis Grubbs and Hunt Reynolds will explore the variety of ways state governments address this complicated area of law and policy during their fellowship year, culminating in a symposium at the law school on Friday, September 23.

Grubbs is researching the variety of tools that state governments use to address environmental justice, which impacts citizens’ health and quality of life.

“Environmental issues are disproportionately present in historically resilient and under-resourced communities in Indiana. As a result, these individuals’ health, quality of life, and longevity are impacted,” Grubbs says. “The Indiana legislature should prioritize addressing environmental justice matters—not just to protect against the disproportionate environmental burden these communities bear—but to ensure that these communities have equal access to environmental benefits.”

Grubbs traces her interest in government to her undergraduate experience at Anderson University, where she studied political science. During her PLSG fellowship year, she plans to look at how funding environmental justice initiatives could stimulate the economy, create jobs, and help struggling communities thrive. Through research and conversations with state environmental agencies around the country, she will write model environmental justice legislation for the state of Indiana.

A graduate of DePauw University, Reynolds is focusing his fellowship year on how state governments use environmental impact statements as a tool to protect the environment and inform sound decision-making.

Growing up on a family farm in West Baden Springs, Indiana, Reynolds gained an appreciation for the importance of the environment. An externship with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb’s general counsel reinforced his interest in state government.

“For me, like many people, being in the outdoors is an important part of life,” he says. “The environment has become a political issue and it shouldn’t be. From rural to urban, we all want clean air and water. Protecting Indiana’s landscapes and waterways is just as vital as economic development.”

Reynolds will explore how states use environmental impact statements to balance proposed state projects and legislation with environmental consequences. Reynolds will also consider how impact statements can promote communication and transparency between government and citizens. After examining legislation from other states, he will propose revisions to Indiana’s current environmental policy.

Both fellows are talking with academics, attorneys, economists, health experts, and policy leaders to flesh out other important aspects of how state governments approach and fund this work. The fellows will address not only states’ power in environmental justice and protection, but also their limits, analyzing how citizen leadership can improve the environment beyond the limits of state government.

Cynthia Baker, clinical professor of law, directs the PLSG program at IU McKinney.

“It is a tremendous honor to steward the PLSG Fellowship through its 21st year,” says Professor Baker, who says her role is to ensure that PLSG fellows contextualize their ideas and scholarship with what might be possible, what might be necessary, and what is simply beyond the power of state governments.

“The role of law and state governments in protecting the environment and natural resources extends back to the beginning of statehood and will extend forward for generations; as our relationship with our environment evolves, state governments have no choice but to evolve as well,” Professor Baker says. “The question is, what choices will state legislatures, elected by their constituents, make as they do so? It will be interesting to see Charis’s and Hunt’s proposals in this regard, and, as always, see if any state legislatures follow suit.”
Legal research databases are expensive. If you need to locate legal resources in your practice but do not have access to Westlaw or Lexis, the following sources may be helpful. Law libraries are a great resource for both print and electronic resources and law librarians are quite helpful. If you are unable to visit a law library, Cornell Law School’s Legal Information Institute (law.cornell.edu/) is a free resource that has a wide variety of state and federal primary law and certain secondary sources.

**Case law:**
- Google Scholar (scholar.google.com) has an option to search for case law, including filters for jurisdiction. Cases can be searched using the citation or using limited Boolean operators, particularly quotation marks, parentheses, and ampersand (&). Unlike the paid resources, Google Scholar does not have citator flags to indicate the current status of the holdings but does contain a How Cited option to see how subsequent opinions have treated it.
- FastCase (inbar.org/page/fastcase) is a membership benefit from the Indiana State Bar Association and operates in a similar way to Westlaw and Lexis.
- NexisUni, the academic equivalent of Lexis+, is available for free for visitors to the Ruth Lilly Law Library.
- Court websites may occasionally have recently-released case opinions for free, but this is not a guarantee.
- Bloomberg Law (bloomberglaw.com) offers flat-fee subscription options.

**Statutes and bills:**
- United States House Office of the Law Revision Counsel (uscode.house.gov/) has an unannotated version of the United States Code with limited search functionality.
- Congress (congress.gov) has federal legislation from 1951-present, with increased functionality available for more recent years.
- State Legislatures have unannotated versions of state statutes and bills but are often limited in available dates. The Indiana General Assembly’s website (iga.in.gov) has the Indiana Code from 2009-present and Indiana Session Laws from 2000-present.

**Administrative documents**
- Agency websites at both the federal and state levels contain governing regulations and other governing administrative documents.
- The Code of Federal Regulations is available in multiple places with varying degrees of navigability (govinfo.gov/app/collection/cfr & ecfr.gov/)
- Indiana Administrative Code (iac.iga.in.gov/iac/) is largely up-to-date and contains the IAC and other related documents without annotations. Other states have similar websites.

**Secondary sources**
- Google Scholar is good for searching articles but may not have access to full articles.
- HeinOnline is available to visitors to the Ruth Lilly Law Library and is the premier database for law review articles.

Got a legal research question? Send your inquiries to lawlref@iupui.edu and maybe yours will be selected for the next issue of the McKinney Lawyer.

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When David C. Campbell, '74, and Margaret L. ‘Peggy’ Campbell decided to create a scholarship at IU McKinney Law, they wanted to help students, but they also considered how their gift could work for an even greater good.

Established in 2020, the Campbell Scholarship for Public Interest at IU McKinney Law will provide support for students who have completed their first year of law school and are interested in pursuing a career in legal aid, public interest, or public service law focusing on assisting individual clients in civil matters.

“We understand that there is a need for lawyers who represent underserved populations—in fact, the need is greater than the supply—and yet the cost of law school may deter some students, especially those with student debt, in considering that area of the law,” Campbell says. “Financial assistance for those law students makes it more likely they will leave law school prepared to provide legal assistance to people who need it.”

After graduating summa cum laude from IU McKinney, Dave practiced law at Bingham Summers Welsh & Spilman (now Dentons) in Indianapolis, and he is a retired fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. During his career, he served as chair of the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society board, a member of the Julian Center board, and chair of the Indianapolis Bar Association Pro Bono Committee.

Peggy graduated from Indiana State University in 1972 and was an educator in Indianapolis Public Schools and a community volunteer.

The couple created scholarships at their alma mater, Indiana State University, where they met as undergraduates and where Dave served as a member and chair of the Board of Trustees, and as chair of the ISU Foundation Board.

“The letters we have received from students who are grateful for much-needed help in paying for their education has been very gratifying,” Peggy says. “We feel fortunate to be able to help.”

Law school has good memories for Dave. The faculty was “great,” and he especially enjoyed classes taught by Professor of Law Emeritus Jeff Grove. After they were married during Dave’s second year of law school, Dave and Peggy spent weekends in the library while Dave studied. Their son, Andrew, is a 2005 IU McKinney graduate and practices law at Faegre Drinker.

“I am so proud of my parents for creating a scholarship at IU McKinney that will support students who are interested in public interest law,” Andy says. “It is a wonderful capstone to their decades-long investment in volunteerism and support of pro bono. These are qualities that my parents instilled in me, and I am gratified to know that students with similar values will be financially supported during law school.”
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In March 1821, a United States Supreme Court justice gathered his slaves and told them that they would never be free. This declaration came from no ordinary justice at no ordinary place. The justice was Bushrod Washington, George Washington’s nephew and Chief Justice John Marshall’s right-hand man on the Supreme Court. The place was Mount Vernon, which Bushrod had inherited after Martha Washington died. George Washington’s will, which made the justice his principal heir, provided that all the former president’s enslaved people would be free upon Martha’s death. Bushrod Washington honored that pledge but restored slavery to Mount Vernon by bringing his own slaves there. One of those enslaved people was West Ford, who was either Bushrod’s half-brother or nephew and was the only slave that the justice would ever free. When a journalist criticized Bushrod for his moral wrong of owning and selling people, he issued a public defense that laid bare the contradictions that would split the Union. Yet when the Civil War was over and Congress sought to make Blacks equal citizens through a civil rights law and a constitutional amendment, many Republicans relied on one of Washington’s judicial opinions as the best explanation of the liberties that all citizens should enjoy, including the right to vote.

Bushrod Washington was George Washington’s literal and figurative heir. While he inherited his family’s legacy as enslavers, he also carried forward his uncle’s ideals as a soldier during the Revolution, a delegate to Virginia’s convention that ratified the Constitution, and a Supreme Court justice for over thirty years. In each of those roles, he worked to strengthen the national government and the rule of law. He was widely viewed as a model judge who mastered the art of instructing juries, wrote opinions that fleshed out the Constitution’s meaning, laid the foundation for many legal concepts now taken for granted, and built up the fragile authority of the federal courts. Bushrod also brought George’s balanced temperament to the Supreme Court. The Founders agreed that George Washington was not the most brilliant among them, but that he possessed an uncanny ability to make the right decision. His unerring judgment came, Thomas Jefferson said, from never acting “until every circumstance, every consideration, was maturely weighed; refraining if he saw a doubt but, when once decided, going through with his purpose.” Bushrod Washington was described in almost the same terms by his colleagues, and their trust in his wisdom stabilized the Court in challenging times.
In April 2022, at the American Association of Law Schools Technology Section’s monthly meeting, Professor Jim Dimitri presented “How’s Your [F]instagram Game?: Using Instagram in Legal Skills Simulations.” In the presentation, Professor Dimitri discussed how to integrate digital social-media applications into legal-writing and oral-advocacy simulations. As one example, he used his legal writing class’s most recent appellate advocacy assignment. This assignment included an Instagram feed that Professor Dimitri created to simulate the social media posts of one of the parties to the simulated appeal.

Professor Jennifer Drobac was an invited presenter on her draft article titled “Sexual Abuse Survivors and ‘the Mann Effect.’” The piece explores the science of the ways that sexual harassment targets respond to their trauma and how those documented responses can negatively influence their legal status, position, or case. The event took place during Stanford BioLawLaPalooza at Stanford Law School in Stanford, California, May 13-14, 2022.

Professor Frank Emmert presented “Blockchain and Law in Comparative Perspective” during the Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation Symposium at IU McKinney on April 1, which took place in a virtual format. In spring 2022, Professor Emmert was teaching his usual courses at McKinney and a completely new course on “Blockchain and Digital Currency Law” at the Maurer School of Law in Bloomington. He also taught International Business Transactions for our partners at American University Central Asia and made a separate conference presentation there on March 29, 2022, on “Climate Mitigation Has an Investment Law Problem.” Professor Emmert is a founding member of the Blockchain Law Alliance. In that capacity, he contributed a blog post on Roundtable.io “Why and How Digital Assets Should Be Regulated.” Professor Emmert is a member of the Investment Law Group (https://www.cilpnet.com/investment-law-group), an international group of experts doing research and consulting work. The group is currently preparing a multi-authored textbook, edited by Professor Emmert, and soon to be published in book format, as well as open access online. About half of the chapters are already submitted and in the editorial review process.

Professor Aila Hoss presented, “Toward Tribal Health Sovereignty,” at the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics Annual Health Law

Dean Bravo Honored during BALSA Gala at NYU School of Law

Dean Karen E. Bravo was honored during NYU School of Law’s Black Allied Law Students Association (BALSA) Foundation gala. Dean Bravo is a graduate of NYU School of Law, where she received her Master of Laws degree.

The gala’s theme was “Been Black, Been Existing, Been Excelling: A Celebration of Blackness Changing and Shaping the Law.” The annual event recognizes and pays homage to NYU School of Law alumni whose contributions to the field of law and beyond have inspired students. This was the first time the event had taken place since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. NYU is the home of the founding BALSA chapter, which was established over 45 years ago to promote the advancement of Black law students.

Professor Desnoyer Receives LWI Emerging Scholar Award

IU McKinney Professor Brad Desnoyer has received the 2022 Emerging Scholar Award from the Legal Writing Institute (LWI). He received the honor for his law review article titled: “E-Memos 2.0: An Empirical Study of How Attorneys Write,” which was published in 2021 in Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute.

In the article, Professor Desnoyer builds on the existing scholarship recognizing that email is now a practicing lawyer’s primary means of communicating legal analysis and this means that the legal writing classroom should offer students training on how to draft effective E-memos.

The LWI board created this award in 2019 to help foster a new generation of scholars in the field. The award is limited to a professor’s first or second full-length, published article on legal writing or pedagogy.

In addition, Professor Desnoyer was elected to the board of directors of Legal Writing Institute. His four-year term will commence in July 2022. He is an associate clinical professor of law and Dean’s Fellow at IU McKinney. He joined the faculty in 2018 and teaches Legal Communication and Analysis I and II and Education Law. He is a past recipient of the Association of Legal Writing Directors’ Teaching Grant for his innovative pedagogy. In addition, he serves as a lead editor for Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JAWLD.
**Ben Keele Advocates for UELMA at Indiana Statehouse**

The Indiana General Assembly passed the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (UELMA), legislation advocated for by Ben Keele, associate director of the Ruth Lilly Law Library at IU McKinney. Keele also serves as chair of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries UELMA task force. Keele testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of Senate Bill 131 on January 12.

UEMLA lays out the format to make digital copies of laws official. Once official digital copies of laws are published, three requirements must be met: state government must authenticate it, preserve it, and permit public access.

In his role at IU McKinney, Keele also is a lecturer in law, teaching IU McKinney students how to access and evaluate legal information as part of their law practice. He also helps legal professionals find answers to their research questions.

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**IU McKinney Faculty Shine at Legal Writing Conference**

Faculty from IU McKinney’s nationally ranked Legal Communication and Analysis Program presented at the Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference.

Professor Allison Martin, along with other Association of Legal Writing Directors’ Online/Distance Education Committee members, shared tips, and tricks to success in a virtual, in person, or concurrent teaching environment.

Professor Brad Desnoyer discussed how, under learning transfer theory, professors can use news stories from varying sources to teach students about persuasive writing.

Professor Joel Schumm’s presentation detailed state and national trends in judicial opinions and what those trends can teach lawyers, law professors, and law students about using contractions and the parenthetical “cleaned up.”

Professor Jim Dimitri explored which teaching tools from online courses work effectively in in-person courses and how the pandemic has begun to reshape in-class pedagogy.

Visiting Professor Kristina Swanson discussed how standard first year LWR curriculum compares to first-year attorney work and how professors can best prepare students for early law-firm practice.

In the photo, IU McKinney LCA faculty gathered at the conference from left are Dimitri, Martin, Schumm, Swanson and Desnoyer.

The IU McKinney LCA Program is one of the strongest and most recognized in the nation due, in part, to faculty disseminating their knowledge through scholarly presentations. This year’s conference was hosted by Arizona State University and attended by professors from across the nation.

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**Two from IU McKinney Elected to Leadership Positions in ASIL**

Dean Karen Bravo and Professor Yvonne Dutton were elected to leadership positions in the American Society of International Law. These elections took place during the group’s 116th annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Dean Bravo was elected to a three-year term as counselor after having previously served as a member of the group’s executive committee. She was appointed co-chair of the organization’s DEI Task Force. In previous years, she has chaired the Teaching International Law Interest Group and the Interest Group Committee. Professor Dutton was elected vice chair of the Women in International Law Interest Group. She also has served as ASIL’s Midwest vice chair. In addition, Professor Dutton spoke at the event. She was part of a panel discussion on the topic: “Evaluating the International Criminal Court after 20 Years.” The panelists talked about a book they are launching on the ICC. Professor Dutton’s chapter was on the court and the peace versus justice debate.
Professors Conference at Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law in June 2022.

Professor Max Huffman lectured on comparative competition law with a focus on intellectual property and technology markets at Pazmany Peter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary, in March 2022. He participated in the work of the Loyola University Chicago Consumer Antitrust Institute as a Senior Research Fellow, organizing the yearly Consumer Antitrust Colloquium.

Professor Gerard Magliocca is providing expert commentary on litigation going on around the country on the application of Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Professor Fran Quigley delivered presentations on the human right to housing at Binghamton University, the IUPUI Sustainable Development Goals Celebration Day, and to IU Health Spiritual Care Grand Rounds.

Professor Florence Wagman Roisman served as a panelist during the “Not Home, Not Free: A Conversation about Mass Incarceration and the Housing Crisis” discussion on March 2, 2022. It took place in a virtual format and was hosted by the IU McKinney National Lawyers Guild Chapter student group.

Professor Frank Sullivan Jr. has published several articles on legal topics in the new “Digital Encyclopedia of Indianapolis,” including an entry on the Indianapolis Public Schools Desegregation Case and biographies of Justice Roger O. DeBruler, Justice Jon D. Krabulik, and Judge S. Hugh Dillin.

Professor Sullivan attended the May 16-18, 2022, annual meeting of the American Law Institute of which he is a member where two projects were approved: “Principles of the Law: Policing” on which he was an adviser; and “Uniform Commercial Code-Emerging Technologies” on which he was a member of the Joint Drafting Committee of the ALI and Uniform Law Commission.

Professor Sullivan was selected by the students to be a “hooder” at graduation on May 14, 2022, for J.D., LL.M., and M.J. students.

On February 1, 2022, the Indianapolis Civilian Police Merit Board of which Professor Sullivan serves as president adopted a new disciplinary process for sworn Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers.

Grant Award to Support Health and Human Rights Clinic Work

IU McKinney’s Health and Human Rights Clinic received a grant from the Herbert Simon Family Foundation to support its work on behalf of tenants facing eviction. The law school will work with Indiana Legal Services (ILS) to provide representation to tenants facing eviction in township courts in Marion County.

IU McKinney students will work alongside ILS attorneys who advise and represent tenants in eviction court. The students will undergo a training session and must commit to a minimum number of sessions in court during summer 2022. The generous grant from the Herbert Simon Family Foundation will support the student’s work over two years.

“It is exciting the Herbert Simon Family Foundation has decided student advocacy for housing stability is a priority for our community,” said Professor Fran Quigley, ’87, who teaches in the Health and Human Rights Clinic. “This program will be building on ILS’s great work in tenant advocacy and our Health and Human Rights Clinic’s ongoing role in that tenant advocacy effort.”

The grant and the students’ assistance will allow ILS to expand the work the organization is currently doing in eviction courts throughout Marion County. Clients currently do an intake to determine their eligibility and then are introduced to an ILS lawyer who must first gather details and case history before determining how to serve the client, said ILS Pro Bono Project Director Jeff Heck. That is time-consuming work the students will be capable of undertaking, allowing the attorneys to represent more clients.

Most tenants facing eviction arrive in court with no lawyer and many don’t realize assistance is available. “Through the generosity of the Herbert Simon Family Foundation, this grant will help address an urgent and critical unmet legal need in Marion County by providing low-income tenants access to meaningful legal assistance in eviction court,” said Jamie Devine, ’12, an attorney at Kids’ Voice of Indiana who teaches as an adjunct professor in the Health and Human Rights Clinic. “In addition, it will provide students with the opportunity to put into practice what they have learned in law school, under the supervision of experienced attorneys from Indiana Legal Services. Working with clients in a courtroom setting is an invaluable experience for students as they prepare for legal careers.”
Professor Gerard Magliocca has been providing expert commentary on litigation going on around the country regarding the application of Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment.

A group of North Carolina voters in January 2022 challenged U.S. Representative Madison Cawthorn’s qualification for re-election in 2022. The voters pointed to the representative’s statements and reports that he coordinated with the organizers of the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. The voters sought Professor Magliocca’s expert testimony in that case.

Professor Magliocca testified in Atlanta, Georgia, in April 2022 during a hearing to determine U.S. Representative Marjorie Taylor Green’s re-election qualification. Voters in her district challenged her qualification on grounds she helped facilitate the insurrection.

He also spoke on the topic with Arizona Public Media in April regarding three Arizona Republicans running for re-election. The elected officials face a challenge by voters over their involvement in the insurrection.

Professor Magliocca is a Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law at IU McKinney and a nationally known expert in constitutional law. He is the author of five books, the latest of which, Washington’s Heir: The Life of Bushrod Washington, which was published by Oxford University Press in early 2022.
Professor Sullivan delivered the following speeches and lectures:


In early 2022, the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) <https://forefdn.org/>, a private national grant-making foundation focused on ending the nation’s opioid crisis, announced 11 new grants totaling $4.8 million to support innovative solutions to some of the opioid crisis’ most challenging problems. One of the 11 grants announced is a two-year, $600,000 grant to IU McKinney School of Law Professor Nicolas Terry and Professor Scott Burris, J.D., professor of law and public health and director of the Center for Public Health Law and Research at Temple University Beasley School of Law. The grant was awarded to Professors Terry and Burris for a project called “Stop Overdose Deaths: Monitoring Comprehensiveness of State Policy to Prevent Overdose Deaths.” FORE President Karen A. Scott said the grants are intended to generate and support new approaches to some of the long-standing barriers to making real progress in addressing the opioid crisis.

Professor Terry was selected to chair a panel at the ALSME’s 45th Annual Health Law Professors Conference. The topic for the panel Professor Terry chaired is “Developments in Patient Privacy.” The conference took place in Phoenix, Arizona, June 1-3, 2022.

On April 1, 2022, Professor Fran Watson presented as a member of a panel on “Police and Prosecutor Misconduct” at a symposium sponsored by the NOTRE DAME JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION in conjunction with the Notre Dame Exoneration Justice Clinic. In addition, she testified before committees in the Indiana General Assembly as an affiliate of the Innocence Network and on behalf of the Innocence Project toward the successful passage of 2022 Evidence Preservation Legislation for Indiana.

Professor Tarkington Discussed Abuse of Government Power in Lecture

IU McKinney Professor Margaret Tarkington delivered the Miller Becker Center’s Distinguished Lecture in Professional Responsibility on April 8 at the University of Akron School of Law. Her topic was “The 2020 Election & Constitutional Governance: Examining the Rights & Responsibilities of Lawyers.”

“I spoke about the role and responsibility of lawyers in public and private advocacy surrounding attempts to overturn the 2020 election,” Professor Tarkington said. “My overarching theme was that the abuse of government power is an especially serious evil—one that can overthrow democracies and even deprive people of life and liberty. I, of course, spoke of Russia’s war against Ukraine as a horrific example of the ultimate abuse of government power. I also talked about the role that misinformation plays in effectuating such abuses. Lawyers for government must be gatekeepers against such abuse, and can be disciplined for advice, assistance, and public advocacy that defrauds the public and/or effectuates such abuse.”

Much of her remarks are covered in her paper, “The Role of Attorney Speech and Advocacy in the Subversion & Protection of Constitutional Governance,” which is forthcoming in the WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY OF LAW AND POLICY. This work predates the war in Ukraine. Professor Tarkington is a noted expert in this area of the law. Her book, Voice of Justice: Reclaiming the First Amendment Rights of Lawyers, was published in 2018.

Title IX turns 50 in 2022. The landmark law prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or education program that receives federal funding. IU McKinney alumnae, please tell us your story about what Title IX means to you: Send your story via email to RHMzine@iupui.edu by September 30.
IU McKinney Professor Joan Ruhtenberg, ‘80


An honors graduate of the Mississippi University for Women, Professor Ruhtenberg earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She went on to study Latin languages and literature at the University of Colorado and took graduate studies in composition and rhetoric at the College of William and Mary, and in English at IUPUI. Along the way, she taught history, Latin, and English in Colorado and Virginia.

In a 2017 article for the McKinney Lawyer, Professor Ruhtenberg recalled that she “had been thinking about going to law school ever since high school. When I finally did it, I loved it.”

During law school, she served as articles editor for the Indiana Law Review and was a clerk-intern for the Honorable James E. Noland, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and for the Honorable Webster L. Brewer of Marion County, Indiana, Superior Court.

Upon graduating magna cum laude from IU McKinney, Professor Ruhtenberg was hired by the law school as a legal writing instructor during the 1980-81 academic year. She was named director of the legal writing program the next year, and, under her leadership, the IU McKinney legal writing program was repeatedly recognized nationally for its excellence. In addition to teaching and directing the program, Professor Ruhtenberg also co-authored the second, third, fourth and fifth editions of A Practical Guide to Legal Writing & Legal Method.

“Professor Ruhtenberg’s legacy of excellence in teaching legal writing lives on in the law school legal communications program and in the many McKinney alumni who she taught and influenced,” said Karen E. Bravo, dean of the law school and the Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law. “Like me, many of our grads were fortunate to be taught by Joan Ruhtenberg and owe much to her gifted teaching and caring mentorship for our success in law school and professional careers,” said Cynthia Adams, vice dean and clinical professor of law. “A doyenne of legal writing and critical thinking, Joan was instrumental in developing our Legal Communication Analysis (LCA) program into the nationally ranked program it is today.”

James Dimitri, IU McKinney clinical professor of law and a member of the LCA faculty, noted that she was known as a colleague and mentor who cared deeply for her students. “Joan’s pivotal role in shaping her students into trusted practitioners cannot be overstated,” he said.

Clinical Professor of Law Joel Schummm was among Professor Ruhtenberg’s many students at IU McKinney. “Joan is a big reason why I’m teaching legal writing today,” he said. “I still have a binder of her handouts and hand-written comments—sometimes in red—on my papers. Her wisdom was timeless, and she generously mentored me and many others who served as tutors and later adjunct professors in a program that she directed and nurtured for decades.”

In gratitude and admiration for Professor Ruhtenberg and her impact on law school education and on his own career, IU McKinney Adjunct Professor Michael Mullett, ‘82, and his wife, Patricia N. March, created the Joan M. Ruhtenberg Scholarship for Achievement in Life and Legal Writing, an endowed scholarship.

Now in its 24th year, the scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates excellence in legal writing, qualifies for financial assistance, and who has overcome obstacles to be admitted to the law school. Nearly 30 IU McKinney Law students have received support from the scholarship.

Professor Ruhtenberg is survived by her children, Maria Ruhtenberg and Vess Ruhtenberg, and her grandchildren, Hannah, Jackson, and Berlin.
Judge Barbara Collins, ’84, Champaign, Illinois, formally of Indianapolis, died Sunday April 3, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, Illinois.

Judge Collins was born June 21, 1946, in Fort Sam Houston, Texas to Robert Adkins and Madeline Ehrenreich Adkins. She married William John Collins Sr. in 1964, then later married Van Barteau in 1990. Survivors include son, William John Collins Jr. (Tammy Collins); daughter, Laural Collins (Tim Heintz); sisters, Susan Adkins Clayton and Cherie Adkins Stark; plus five grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Van Barteau; parents, Robert and Madeline Adkins; sister, Donna Miller; and her grandson, Ty Mitchem.

Judge Collins earned an associate degree in nursing from Parkland College in 1975; a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Illinois Chicago in 1977; a Master of Science in nursing from Indiana University in 1981; and a Doctor of Jurisprudence, cum laude, from IU McKinney in 1984.

Judge Collins held many positions throughout her career including education consultant for the State of Indiana Board of Nursing, lecturer for the Indiana University School of Nursing, Deputy Public Defender, and Master Commissioner. She also served in the United States Army Reserve. She eventually retired as an elected judge for the Marion Superior Court in Indianapolis, where she served for 12 years.

She was especially proud to have been involved in creating programs to support individuals with mental illness who were charged with crimes and in helping to develop and teach the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training program for Indianapolis and Marion County, which educated officers in appropriate ways to recognize and interact with individuals with mental health concerns.

After retirement, Judge Collins relocated back to Champaign, Illinois, to be closer to family. She was a talented artist/lampworker and an active member of Artists of Marm Studio Gallery.

Shannon B. Adams-Bowman, ’80
November 7, 2021

Alan D. Albright, ’82
December 8, 2021

John L. Asbury, ’78
January 3, 2022

Anthony M. Benedict, ’70
January 5, 2022

Dick N. Bishop, ’56
February 7, 2022

Webster L. Brewer, ’69
January 1, 2022

Frank A. Case, ’62
December 14, 2021

Rebecca A. DeLong, ’96
December 22, 2021

Jeffery S. Dorman, ’83
November 6, 2021

Ricky D. Doyle, ’91
January 3, 2022

Richard T. Eppard, ’76
February 2, 2022

Burton L. Garten, ’79
November 15, 2021

Stephen C. Haas, ’63
March 10, 2022

Ronald G. Isaac, ’71
March 31, 2022

Kenneth H. Johnson, ’72
December 9, 2021

Michael C. Keating, ’77
November 5, 2021

Andrew C. Krull, ’97
January 29, 2022

James R. Lisher, ’75
November 8, 2021

Robert E. Lybrook, ’73
April 8, 2022

Stephen John Michael, ’67
December 15, 2020

John M. Moses, ’80
November 20, 2021

Megan M. Mulford, ’05
December 18, 2021

Mary Judith Murphy, ’85
April 23, 2022

March 27, 2022

John A. Perrin, Jr., ’63
November 4, 2021

Kari L. Reddel, ’95
November 29, 2021

Max E. Reed, ’61
April 7, 2022

Larry W. Robbins, ’76
February 25, 2022

Robert D. Schafstall, ’71
April 14, 2022

James P. Seidensticker, Jr., ’58
December 11, 2021

Richard C. Solaro, ’65
December 14, 2021

Linda K. VanHoy, ’74
January 7, 2022

George T. Wilson, ’84
April 9, 2022

Mary A. Young, ’51
December 28, 2021
1971  
C. Robert Knight celebrated his 50th year of legal practice in 2021. He practices in Connecticut.

1975  
J. Richard Kiefer of Dentons Bingham Greenebaum was named a Distinguished Barrister among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

1978  
Ralph Ogden is the author of Chapter 40 (“Ethnic Cleansing and Other War Crimes in Kosovo”) in a book titled “Building The Rule of Law: First Hand Accounts From a Thirty-Year Global Campaign” (American Bar Association Publishing 2021). It’s based on his work at Fort Dix, New Jersey, interviewing Albanian speaking Muslim refugees from Kosovo in 1999 and his 2000 visit to Kosovo.

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

John David Hoover of Hoover Hull Turner was named a Distinguished Barrister among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

1983  
Mark DeFabis has been elected to the board of directors of Conexus Indiana. He is CEO of Integrated Distribution Services Inc. Vice Dean Cynthia Adams was named a Distinguished Barrister among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

1985  
David W. Craig has been named an Indiana Super Lawyer for 2022.

1989  
Mark Metzger taught at ICLEF’s Trial Advocacy Skills College in March 2022. He has served as an instructor at the camp for over 20 years. The program is designed to help develop basic trial advocacy skills for lawyers with limited litigation experience while providing experienced trial lawyers the opportunity to sharpen their skills. Metzger, one of the founding partners of Metzger Rosta, practices in insurance defense, litigation, and personal injury.

Tammy Meyer taught at ICLEF’s Trial Advocacy Skills College in March 2022. She has served as

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Kathleen Grove, ’77, Receives International Award for Leadership

Kathleen Grove, ’77, director of IUPUI’s Office for Women, was honored by the Women and Leadership Member Community of the International Leadership Association. Grove received the Outstanding Practice with Local Impact Award for 2021. It was during the group’s annual Women and Leadership conference in June 2022 in Portsmouth, England.

Grove has led the Office for Women since 2004 and has a diverse background of professional experiences from which to draw in her role as the director including her work as an attorney, a marriage and family therapist and a businesswoman. As the director, she builds bridges across campus and collaborates with other units and academic departments to help create an inclusive environment in which both women and men can succeed. In addition, she teaches for the Women’s Studies program in the IU School of Liberal Arts, Indianapolis. Courses she has taught include Advancing Women in Leadership, Women and the Law, and Women’s Rights around the World.

Grove’s work is part of what makes IUPUI an empowering place for women to work. Forbes Magazine listed IUPUI among its top employers for women for 2021. The campus is the top employer in Indiana and the third ranked university nationally. Overall, IUPUI ranked 14th out of 300 employers on the list.

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Historic Marker Honors Life of Harriette Bailey Conn, ’55

A historic marker has been erected near the intersection of Washington Street and Capitol Avenue in Indianapolis to honor the life and life’s work of Harriette Bailey Conn, ’55. Born in 1922 in Indianapolis, Conn graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in 1937 at age 14. She graduated from Talladega College in Alabama in 1941. Conn married and had six children before entering law school in 1950 at what would become IU McKinney.

The marker honors Conn as a trailblazing Black lawyer who became a deputy Attorney General for Indiana, served as an assistant city attorney for Indianapolis, and was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives. She became the first African American and first woman to be appointed Public Defender of Indiana.
an instructor at the camp for over 20 years. The program is designed to help develop basic trial advocacy skills for lawyers with limited litigation experience while providing experienced trial lawyers the opportunity to sharpen their skills. Meyer, an attorney at Metzger Rosta, practices in complex and business litigation, and insurance coverage, including premises, trucking, products liability, drug and device, contract disputes, business litigation, and environmental insurance coverage.

1991
William J. Kelly II has been named an Indiana Super Lawyer for 2022.
Scott A. Faultless has been named an Indiana Super Lawyer for 2022.
John R. Hammonds III of Taft Stettinius & Hollister was named a Distinguished Barrister among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

1992
Dennis Bland of the Center for Leadership Development was named a Distinguished Barrister among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

1993
Adam Arceneaux has been awarded the Litigation Council of America’s inaugural William E. Wegner Professionalism Award.

1995
Lisa Dillman has been named an Indiana Super Lawyer for 2022.

1996
Blake Blanch has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer at Kittle Property Group, Inc.
Marilee Springer of Ice Miller was named a Distinguished Barrister among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

1997
Robert Schein has joined Dinsmore as a partner, where he focuses primarily on construction law and litigation, as well as governmental law and economic development.
A. Richard Blaiklock has been named managing partner at Lewis Wagner.

1998
Tina Bell of Christie Farrell Lee & Bell was named a Distinguished Barrister among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

Joyce Rogers, ‘96, Named Executive Vice President of IU Foundation

The Indiana University Foundation has named Joyce Rogers, ‘96, as permanent executive vice president of development. She had served in the role on an interim basis since fall 2020. Rogers is responsible for providing strategic oversight of the development function to uphold IU Foundation’s mission of maximizing private support for the university. She will work with leaders across IU and the IU Foundation to build upon existing strengths and explore new innovations necessary to prepare IU for the next campaign. Rogers has served as vice president of development for the IU Foundation for the last seven years, working closely with the IU Office of Diversity, Equity, and Multi-cultural Affairs.

Prior to her time at IU, Rogers was vice president for development for Ivy Tech Community College. Prior to this, she served in a variety of leadership roles at Indiana Black Expo. She is chair of the Board for the Madam Walker Theater and chair of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County.

Dean Kinney, ‘02, Column on ‘Heart Work’ Appears in Indiana Lawyer

Patricia Kinney, ‘02, assistant dean of diversity and inclusion at IU McKinney, wrote about her approach to doing work centered around diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging, also known as DEIAB. The column appeared in Indiana Lawyer.

Dean Kinney calls DEIAB ‘heart work’ because it starts with the individual and is an ongoing part of personal and professional development,” she writes in the piece. “This rarely happens after attending one training session or reading one article (including this one). It is much like working on a new skill such as learning a new language or adding a new habit such as incorporating an exercise regimen.” Dean Kinney encourages people doing this work to take a tip from the Apple TV+ show “Ted Lasso” and “be curious, not judgmental.”
2000

J. David Gardiner has been named general counsel at the Department of Defense publication Stars and Stripes. The publication maintains news bureaus around the world to provide independent news and information to the U.S. military community.

Martin Zivitz has joined Quarles & Brady as a partner in the firm’s business law practice.

2003

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

Andrew Manna has been named officer and secretary with the Council of School Attorneys. He is a partner with Church Church Hittle + Antrim in Zionsville.

2007

Samantha DeWester has been appointed to the Indiana Public Defender Commission. She will serve a four-year term. She works as an attorney with the infrastructure consulting firm Beam Longest and Neff.

Joseph D. Lawson was named director of the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library in Houston, Texas.

2009

Kyle Ring, Doehrman Buba Ring in Carmel, has been accepted into the Indiana State Bar Association’s Leadership Development Academy Class of 2022.

Paul Musser has joined Ackerman LLP as a partner in the bankruptcy and reorganization practice group in the firm’s Chicago office.

Malak Heiny has been promoted to city attorney in Fort Wayne. She previously served as associate city attorney.

2010

Emily Munson has been promoted to policy director at Indiana Disability Rights. She received a Master of Laws degree from IU McKinney in 2017.

Trisha Dudlo has been named to the 2022 class of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellows. The program is an intensive, yearlong professional development program that mentors the legal industry’s diverse future leaders. She also was named managing partner of Dentons’ Evansville office. Dudlo focuses her practice on a range of complex litigation, including dissolution, division of

Nicole Burts, ’17, Publishes Article on J.B. Stradford in TULSA LAW REVIEW

Nicole Burts, ’17, associate director of student recruitment in the Office of Enrollment Management, has seen her article on J.B. Stradford published in TULSA LAW REVIEW.

“The Journey of J.B. Stradford: A Life of Leadership, Loss, and Lasting Legacy,” was published in the review’s Tulsa Race Massacre Symposium Issue. The issue contains submissions from lawyers, scholars, poets, and journalists from across the country. “I’m honored to have my submission included in this special issue,” Burts said. “and incredibly proud of the work we’ve done at IU McKinney to recognize our distinguished alumnus, J.B. Stradford.”

During law school, Burts was a member of the Black Law Students Association, executive board member of the Indianapolis Bar Association Law Student Division, served as an admissions ambassador, and took part in IU McKinney’s pro bono program. She also served as a research assistant, was a judicial extern to Judge Tanya Walton Pratt of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, interned at the Indiana Court of Appeals as a Carr L. Darden Fellow and worked as a certified legal intern at the Marion County Prosecutor’s Office. She is a 2014 Indiana Conference for Legal Education Fellow through the Indiana Supreme Court.

In the photo, Burts is holding a copy of TULSA LAW REVIEW and wearing a shirt created by J.B. Stradford’s great-granddaughter, Erin Toole Williams. Williams created social media content to educate people about Tulsa’s Black Wall Street and J.B. Stradford’s role in it.

Brittany Kelly, ’16, Presents at Annual Conference

Brittany Kelly, ’16, served as a panelist at ASLME’s 45th Annual Health Law Professors Conference June 1-3. The panel featuring Kelly was titled, “Promoting Health Equity and Antidiscrimination.” Her presentation is centered around the idea that attorneys should act as “brokers of resources” for their clients, removing non-legal barriers wherever possible, to achieve improved legal outcomes and advance health equity.
marital estates, child custody, paternity, protective orders, guardianships, grandparents’ rights and adoptions, and trust and fiduciary litigation.

2011
Ahmed Young has been named director of Public and Government Affairs-Corporate Affairs for Walmart, where he covers the Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky region advocating for policies and supporting the advancement of the company’s mission.

Mindy Westrick Brown, vice president at the Indiana Energy Association, has been accepted into the Indiana State Bar Association’s Leadership Development Academy Class of 2022.

Alexander Kruse, Kruse Law, has been accepted into the Indiana State Bar Association’s Leadership Development Academy Class of 2022.

2012
Amber Comer has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at Indiana University in the School of Health and Human Sciences.

Tanmay Dharmadhikari has been promoted to partner at Cantor Colburn, a top intellectual property law firm. He practices in the Atlanta, Georgia, office.

Julian Harrell has been promoted to partner at Faegre Drinker.

2013
Kate Flood, Flood Family Law, has been accepted into the Indiana State Bar Association’s Leadership Development Academy Class of 2022.

Maurice Scott of Scott Legal & Consulting was named an Up and Coming Lawyer among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

Joel Swider of Hall Render Kilian Heath & Lyman was named an Up and Coming Lawyer among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

New On-Campus Interviewing Initiative Needs You

IU McKinney Law’s Office of Professional Development hosted in-person, on-campus interviewing in February 2022, the first since 2020.

Students applied for law clerk and associate attorney roles in a variety of settings including judicial clerkship, law firm, state government, and public interest. The Office of Professional Development is pleased to report:
• More than 200 employer-led interviews
• Participation by over 100 student candidates
• Each employer received an average of 15 applications

Prior to on-campus interviewing, the law school hosted an interview prep workshop for 70 students. This training helped students polish their interview skills and set appropriate interview expectations. A three-part, on-demand video series walked students through each aspect of on-campus interviewing, from registration and scheduling to the interviews themselves.

The Office of Professional Development received positive feedback about the program from both students and employers and we plan to continue this effort.

All students, including 1Ls, were able to participate and many reported that this gave them an additional opportunity to find summer positions. For the 2022-2023 academic year, we will line up our timing with the Advanced Career Exploration Fair so students and employers are able to connect both at the job fair and again during the more structured on-campus interviewing program.

Although some employers told us they believe the spring timeline matches up better with their hiring needs, on-campus interviewing typically takes place in August before classes begin, in keeping with national best practices.

If your employer is interested in participating in the fall 2022 round of on-campus interviewing August 8-12, please let us know. Full day and half day schedules are available.

For more information, reach out to Assistant Dean Willow King Locke at wkingloc@iupui.edu or register directly on McKinney Works at law-mckinney-iu.12twenty.com/hire. ◆
Fund at Kids’ Voice Honors Eddie Rivers, M.J. ’17

A fund has been established at Kids’ Voice of Indiana to honor Eddie Rivers, M.J. ’17. He learned about “The Giving Tree at River’s Edge” and its creation at a surprise event in late March 2022.

“I am definitely humbled by it,” Rivers said. “It’s all for charity, to take care of the kids at Kids’ Voice.” The fund will allow Kids’ Voice to grant special requests for the children it represents.

“This fund is special because it will support items beyond a child’s basic needs, that every child should be able to experience,” said Kids’ Voice president and CEO Lindsay Scott. “This might include clothes for prom, or a computer to start college, or maybe a first car. We were recently able to fund a child’s fees for a summer camp she wanted to attend to learn horseback riding, to further a dream she has always had.”

Rivers has a long history at Kids’ Voice. His family was adopting a child in 1996, a process that took 18 months. The organization was instrumental in making that happen, Rivers said, and he was so grateful he offered his future support to the organization, and they invited him to serve on the board. He left the board in 2004 to serve as president of the organization. That led him to IU McKinney’s Master of Jurisprudence program.

“I was leading a law firm as a non-lawyer,” Rivers said. “My goal was not to be a lawyer, but to know the law to better help the lawyers I work with. The cool part was I gained a lot of volunteers for Kids’ Voice, too.” After serving as Kids’ Voice president for 14 years, Rivers now serves as the organization’s chief development officer.

“Eddie has dedicated more than 20 years to the children in our community through Kids’ Voice of Indiana, in many roles,” Scott said. “This fund was a way to thank him, but also honor him and his dedication of so many years. It was important to Kids’ Voice for Eddie’s legacy to be a permanent part of our agency, and there was no better way to do that than name this fund after him.”

IU McKinney was well represented at the surprise event for Rivers. In attendance were Professor Frank Sullivan (on the left in photo with Rivers); Heather Hurst, ’18; Mark Mason, ’16; J. Bruce Wright, ’18; and Professor Emerita Debby McGregor, founding director of IU McKinney’s Master of Jurisprudence program.
Alexander Beeman has been elevated to shareholder status at Reminger Co., LPA. Beeman practices in the Indianapolis office where he focuses on defense litigation matters involving general liability, worker’s compensation, governmental/public entity liability, insurance/bad faith liability, premises liability, trucking and transportation, and probate.

Katherine Haire has been elevated to shareholder status at Reminger Co., LPA. Haire practices in the Indianapolis office where she focuses her practice on the defense of general liability/surplus risks, insurance coverage, medical malpractice, retail, and appellate matters.

Alexander Craig has been named a Rising Star honoree for 2022, part of the Indiana Super Lawyers honors.

Matthew Clark has been promoted to member at Frost Brown Todd in the firm’s Indianapolis office. Clark practices primarily in the areas of trademark, copyright and entertainment law. He has considerable experience representing clients before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and regularly advises on a wide range of transactional matters involving intellectual property.

Tarah Baldwin of Baldwin Legal has been accepted into the Indiana State Bar Association’s Leadership Development Academy Class of 2022.

Valerie Church has been named directing attorney of the Lexington North Trial Office in the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

Barash S. Raman has been named to the 2022 class of Best and Brightest in the law category. The event is hosted by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana. He also was named an Up and Coming Lawyer among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

Ted Cotterill of the State of Indiana Management Performance Hub was named an Up and Coming Lawyer among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

Adriana Figueroa of Indiana University Health was named an Up and Coming Lawyer among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

Suzie Smith, ’17, Co-Author of Book on Women in Law

Suzie Smith, ’17, is a co-author of a book that tells the stories of women who are creating their own pathways to success in the legal profession. “Women in Law: Discovering the True Meaning of Success” was published in February 2022.

The impetus for the book was a response to an article published on the ABA website. The piece indicated that women cannot be good lawyers and good mothers at the same time, Smith said. “Many women I network with on LinkedIn were upset,” she said. “These stories are told in an inspirational way to give hope to aspiring women in law school or other professions.”

Smith is an attorney at Taylor Chadd Minnette Schneider and Clutter in Crawfordsville, Indiana. She is currently on medical leave having contracted COVID-19 and shingles a couple of times during 2020 and is now struggling with long COVID. “I’m seeing medical specialists I didn’t know existed. Long COVID really is multi-system. But I am hoping to recover in time and see what happens.”
May Li, ’14, to Serve as Special Master for New York County Supreme Court

May Li, ’14, has been sworn in to serve as special masters for the justices of the New York County Supreme Court, New York County—Civil Division.

A native of New York City, Li will serve in the program which was relaunched as a pipeline for attorneys of color and other underrepresented communities to volunteer in the courts and inspire them to become judges. Special masters work closely with an assigned justice of the high court and help with tasks based on what the court needs. Li aspires to join the bench or become a neutral in the future, so the opportunity was a perfect fit.

“I thought the program would provide me with an opportunity to be mentored by a judge, prepare and equip me with the experiences and skills that are needed in becoming a judge or a neutral, and to learn how a judge navigates through the intricacies of the law and ensures justice is administered with independence, impartiality and integrity,” Li said.

Joanne Sommers of Plews Shadley Racher & Braun was named an Up and Coming Lawyer among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.

2016 Clark A. Giles has been named chief information security officer for Butler University.
Alex Van Gorp has been named general counsel and advocacy director at the Damien Center.
Brittany Kelly director of the Hall Center for Law and Health was named an Up and Coming Lawyer among Indiana Lawyer’s 2022 class of honorees.
Johanna Leblanc has been honored with the “Next Generation Woman Award” by the African Diaspora Advisory Board in Maryland.
Marcus McGhee was names to the IUPUI Elite 50. The program honors exceptional graduate students. McGhee, completed his Master of Laws studies at during the 2021-2022 academic year.

2017 Kyle Montrose has been promoted to senior managing associate at Dentons Bingham Greenebaum. Portia Bailey-Bernard has been named to the 2022 class of Best and Brightest in the government category. The event is hosted by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana.
Stefan Davis Retires after 28 Years of Service with Indiana University

Stefan Davis has retired, finally this time. Davis retired in 2015 but was pressed back into service in 2016 to serve “temporarily” as director of alumni relations at IU McKinney. He stepped down from that role in early 2022.

Davis served as executive director of the IUPUI Office of Alumni Relations and associate executive of the Indiana University Alumni Association. He received the IUPUI 50th Anniversary Chancellor’s Medallion in honor of his remarkable service to higher education and to the IUPUI campus through his significant contributions to student engagement, alumni relations, scholarship development, and advancement and in 2021 received the IU Bicentennial Medal for his work with the IU Calliope. Under Davis’ leadership and nurturing, the IUPUI Regatta was established in 2009 as a signature campus tradition at that firmly ties the campus to the broader Indianapolis community. The IUPUI Stefan S. Davis Regatta Scholarship was created in Davis’ honor to recognize his dedicated service to the campus, the university, and IUPUI’s growing alumni community. He also started the IUPUI Top 100 undergraduate student program and the IU Winter College.

“The McKinney School of Law has an outstanding volunteer base and one of the strongest within IU,” Davis said, citing one of his favorite things about his role with IU McKinney. “Alumni are willing to assist students and other alumni in multiple ways. As such, I loved working with the school Alumni Association’s great Board of Directors. Wonderful people. Further, the school has been fortunate to have had great leadership during my years and that leadership has been very supportive and understanding of the important role alumni can and do play.”

One of Davis’s favorite memories of working with IU McKinney was getting to travel to Washington, D.C., with then-dean Andy Klein. They were there to make a special presentation in the West Wing of the White House.

Now that Davis is retired, he’ll be able to indulge his zest for travel. “I have a passion for travel and am looking forward to be able to do that a bit more aggressively than I have been able to recently. One goal is to see all of the Presidential Libraries.”

In the photo from left are Stefan Davis and Steve Tuchman, J.D. ‘71.

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Join Us

Symphony on the Prairie
July 23
IU McKinney Law night
Noblesville, Indiana, 6 p.m. EDT
Register online at myiu.org/McKinney_SOTP22

Chicago Alumni
August 4
Alumni reception — location at Hahn Loeser & Parks
5:45 – 7:30 p.m. CDT
August 5
Lunch and Cubs baseball game
11:30 a.m. CDT
Contact alumMcK@iupui.edu for information on how to register.

Be on the lookout for more details about events in these areas on the school’s website.

October—Lafayette, Indiana
November—Jeffersonville, Indiana
February 2023—Naples, Florida
April 2023—Washington, D.C.

IU McKinney Law is seeking volunteers

Are you interested in working with students in Indiana to support their legal education? Do you live outside of Indiana and still wish to connect with IU McKinney Law to support the advancement of our students into the profession or to discuss working in your region? Consider supporting your alma mater by volunteering and giving time to support student development. Connect with the Office of Alumni Relations! Send an email with your current contact information to alumMcK@iupui.edu for more information.
Upcoming Events

Join us for online and in-person events (many with CLE) in Fall 2022!
A few key dates:

- August 11—Virtual Grand Rounds
- September 17—Constitution Day
- September 23—PLSG Symposium
- September 29-30—Hoosier CLE
- October 11—Annual Fall CLE
- October 21—Indiana Health Law Review Symposium
- October 25—Annual Birch Bayh Lecture

Check our website for updated information and to sign up: mckinneylaw.iu.edu

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