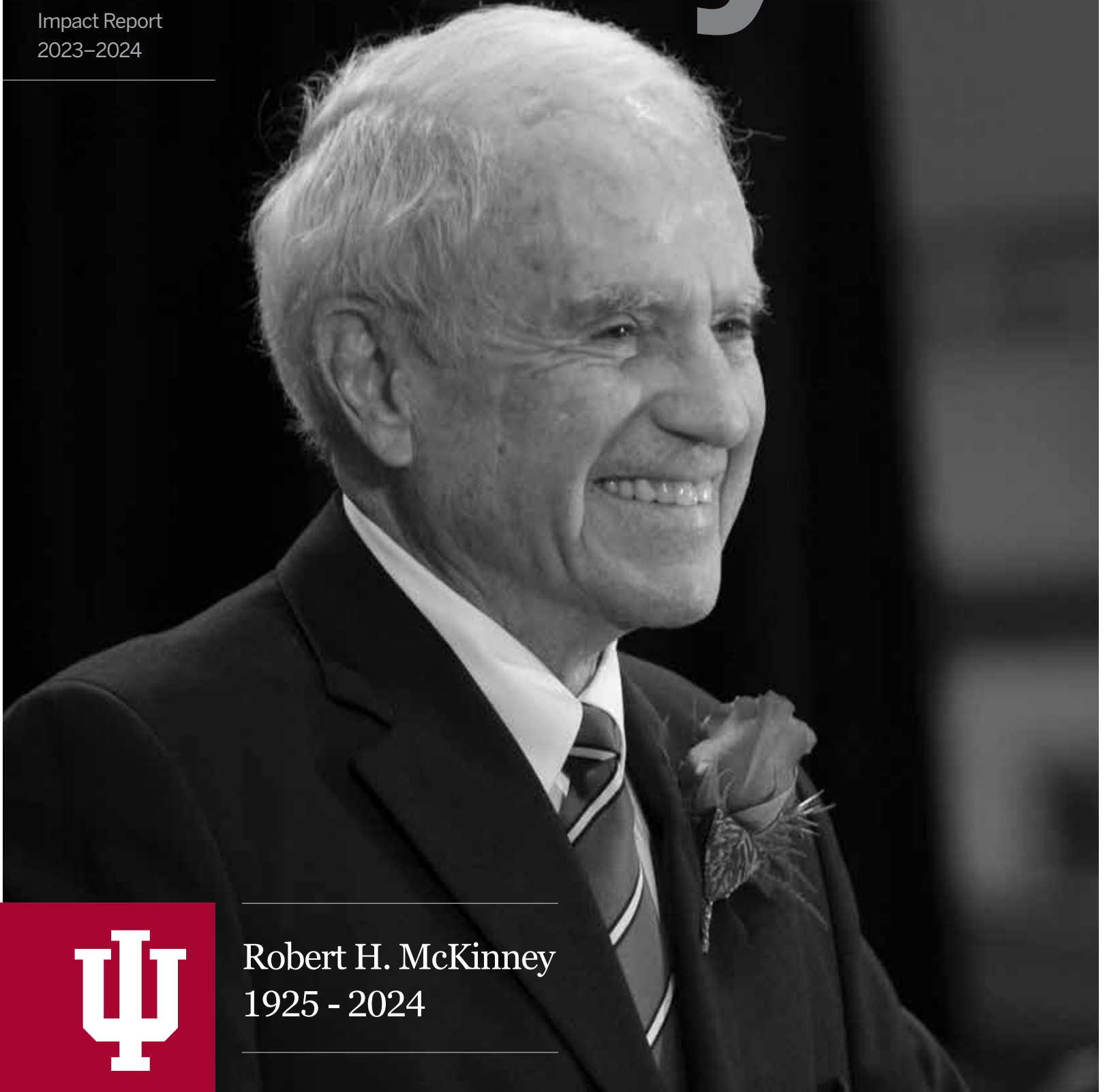


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Karen E. Bravo Dean and Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law

Dear Alumni and Friends:

In this issue of the *McKinney Lawyer*, we honor the remarkable life and legacy of Robert H. McKinney, the visionary benefactor and namesake of our law school.

Mr. McKinney's life was the embodiment of the values we strive to uphold at IU McKinney. His personal motto, "doing well by doing good," was evident in everything he accomplished. His service to the country, both in the military and in civil roles, his leadership as an attorney and business executive, and his tireless volunteer work and philanthropy, are an inspiring model for what it means to be a leader in the truest sense.

He led by example, not only through his academic and professional achievements but also through his generosity, making legal education accessible to countless future students. He believed in empowering others and actively worked to do so, helping our students become professionals and leaders who are equipped to shape the future.

Through his contributions to our city, state, and higher education in Indiana, Mr. McKinney has left a legacy that will shape generations. His kindness and support transformed our law school, enriching legal education and the legal profession in ways that are impossible to quantify.

It is an honor to pay tribute to a well-lived life. We hope that Mr. McKinney's story serves as an inspiration for all of us at IU McKinney to strive for excellence and to give back. The stories of our alumni, faculty, staff, and students highlight the continuation of his legacy. They exemplify the same values of selflessness, determination, and generosity. These stories remind us that we are all "McKinney lawyers," united by a shared purpose and inspired by a man who believed in the power of legal education to make a difference.

Robert H. McKinney's influence will continue to be felt for generations to come. His generosity and commitment to helping others will forever inspire us. He will be greatly missed, but always honored. We hope you enjoy this issue and find inspiration in Mr. McKinney's life and legacy. May we all strive to honor him by carrying forward his commitment to "doing good."

Sincerely,,

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“Doing Well By Doing Good”: In memory of Robert H. McKinney

Robert H. McKinney had a motto: “doing well by doing good.” He exemplified this throughout his extraordinary life, serving his community, his state, and his nation with integrity and passion.

Mr. McKinney died on September 29, 2024, at home in Walloon Lake, Michigan, surrounded by his family. He was 98.

“As the law school community mourns the loss of Robert H. McKinney, we celebrate his life, his commitment to his community and to the future. We are grateful to him for his unparalleled generosity, friendship, and dedication to helping others which impacted the school and the community in countless ways over the years,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo.

Mr. McKinney’s path to success had many turns. Fascinated by nature at a young age, he hoped to become a national park guide. When World War II broke out he headed for the U.S. Naval Academy and earned a B.S. degree in engineering. He went on to serve in the Pacific theater, including a period on General Douglas MacArthur’s staff.

After the war, McKinney chose to go back to school to earn a law degree from Indiana University. He attended evening school in Indianapolis and then transferred to the Bloomington campus to finish his degree before he left again for war, this time in Korea.

After serving his country honorably twice, he began a civilian career that led him to many leadership pinnacles, including chairman and CEO of First Indiana Corporation, parent company of First Indiana Bank (now BMO Bank); chairman and CEO of The Somerset Group,



Inc.; and founding partner of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP.

“His legacy isn’t just about personal accomplishments—it’s about how he consistently used his time and resources to improve the lives of others,” said Andrew R. Klein, former dean of IU McKinney, now dean at Wake Forest Law. “I’m deeply grateful for the time I spent with him, and immensely proud to have led the institution that now bears his name. The IU McKinney School of Law will continue to produce exceptional lawyers and leaders, carrying forward Bob’s legacy of making the world a better place for generations to come.”

Mr. McKinney believed in civil service to the nation as well and in 1977, his commitment to community-based banking prompted President Jimmy Carter, his classmate at the U.S. Naval Academy, to appoint him as chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board,



1—Robert H. McKinney at the university ceremony officially naming the law school after him in recognition of his generous gift to IU.

2—Mr. McKinney shows off a branded baseball cap immediately after the gift announcement.

3—Mr. McKinney (center) with then IU McKinney dean Gary Roberts, then IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz, then IU President Michael A. McRobbie, and then president and CEO of the IU Foundation Gene Tempel, posing in the Woodward Room after the signing of the gift agreement in 2011.





the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. He was re-elected chairman of First Federal Savings and Loan Association in 1979 and during his time leading the bank, he was asked by the U.S. State Department to advise the former Soviet Union on how to establish a banking system. He moved to Moscow for six months to do this.

Long active in Democratic Party politics, McKinney ran unsuccessfully for the Indiana House in 1956. He chaired the state's leading fundraising dinner for John F. Kennedy and served as Indiana chairman for the presidential campaigns of Edmund Muskie, Walter F. Mondale, and Jimmy Carter. He was also outside legal counsel to Indiana Gov. Roger D. Branigin and chair of Indiana Governor Evan Bayh's Government Reorganization Committee.

"Bob McKinney was unique: lawyer, businessman, philanthropist, public servant, beloved spouse, father, and friend," former Indiana Senator Evan Bayh said. "His positive legacy for Indianapolis and Indiana will be everlasting."

Throughout his life, he never forgot his passion for nature and the environment. He and his five children established the McKinney Family Foundation, which is committed to building an environmentally sustainable future for every Hoosier. The family created a fund at

the Central Indiana Community Foundation that helped launch Indianapolis's first Office of Sustainability under Mayor Bart Peterson.

Mr. McKinney's influence on higher education is incalculable. In 1989, Governor Bayh appointed him to the IU Board of Trustees, and he served there with distinction until 1998, including as president from 1993 to 1994. In addition, he was chairman of the Board of Advisors of IUPUI (now IU Indianapolis) and served on the Board of Visitors of his eponymous law school until his recent passing.

"He understood deeply that trustees of Indiana University had a fiduciary responsibility of the utmost importance to the state in that they held the university and all its assets and its reputation in trust for the people of Indiana," said former IU President Michael A. McRobbie.

J.T. Forbes, president and CEO of the Indiana University Foundation, served as a student trustee during the time McKinney served on the Board of Trustees. "Through it all, he always treated me as a peer and close associate despite me being a graduate student just getting started professionally. I miss him very much."

Arguably, his deepest impact in higher education is in legal education—exemplified by his generosity to each of Indiana University's two law schools. In 2011, Mr. McKinney deepened his commitment with his transformational \$24 million gift to our law

school, investing in something that he knew would outlive him.

Gary Roberts, dean emeritus of IU McKinney and former President of Bradley University recalled telling McKinney that his gift of money was certainly transformative for the law school that has produced roughly half of Indiana's lawyers," but that an even greater gift was his allowing us to become the Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Bob was universally admired and respected, had impeccable integrity, and was unsurpassed in his commitment to the environment, the community, IU, the country, and the world, and having his revered name attached to our school has given it enormous prestige and credibility. We have all lost a truly great man."

The IU McKinney Law School community will long remember the excitement of that banner day, when the audience was filled with alumni, community leaders, and students, many of whom were lining the railings overlooking the event, wanting to share in the historical moment when the announcement of the gift was made. The largest gift ever received by the school and one of the largest in legal education at that time, the gift included endowed funding for five faculty chairs and the McKinney Family Scholarships for students at the law school.

"Bob was a careful and thoughtful philanthropist," said Gene Tempel, Professor and Founding Dean Emeritus, IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and President Emeritus, Indiana University Foundation who worked with McKinney on his gift. "He was determined to use his resources to make better the world he left behind. But always on terms that had tangible results and that reflected the values of him and his family. His negotiations related to the naming of the McKinney School of Law included benchmarks to benefit students, faculty, alumni, and the school. He said once of improving the environment in Indiana, that if it



1—Shelley McKinney, Bob McKinney, IU McKinney Dean Karen Bravo, and Marni McKinney Waterfield at the Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in 2023.

2—McKinney shares a laugh with IU officials while signing the gift agreement.

3—Robert H. McKinney with his bust, proudly housed in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium.





1—McKinney speaking at a press conference while serving in the Carter administration.

2—McKinney (left) attended the inaugural Birch Bayh Lecture given by former Senator for Indiana Evan Bayh (center), pictured with then dean Gary Roberts (right).

3—A young Bob McKinney in his Navy uniform in the late 1940s. He served as a midshipman in both World War II and in Korea.

4—Robert H. McKinney (left) receiving the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Indiana University's then President Michael A. McRobbie (right) in 2018. Former IU McKinney Dean Andrew R. Klein looks on in the background.

5—Bob McKinney and his wife Shelley (center of front row), surrounded by children and grandchildren at their house in Michigan in 2020.

wasn't done through the leadership of philanthropy, it wouldn't be done."

Mr. McKinney was recognized with the Herman B Wells Visionary Award in 2017 and the Bicentennial Medal in 2019. He also received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Indiana University in 2018.

Cora and Franklin Breckenridge, Sr., J.D. '68, said "we were privileged to know and work with Bob. He was kind, caring, and extremely generous." Franklin and Bob served on the Board of Visitors of the IU McKinney School of Law together for many years. "Bob was a true philanthropist for our law school," he said. Cora served with McKinney on the IU Board of Trustees and said "it was a joy to have known him. He has left a lasting legacy at Indiana University."

"I was blessed to have met Bob through our mutual love for Indiana University," said MaryEllen Bishop, J.D. '82, who served on the IU Board of Trustees after Mr. McKinney. "His support of Indiana University is unparalleled. I am very proud to say that I am a graduate of the Robert H. McKinney School of Law, named after this giant of a man."

Mr. McKinney's visionary commitment to the future led him to invest in the lawyers and leaders of the state of Indiana, our nation, and our world for generations to come. He called the law school "a jewel that wasn't recognized" and said he would "do something to recognize it," referring to his decision to bestow the gift. A crucial factor in his decision making and commitment to the state's future was his knowledge of the impact that the law school has on Indiana. "The thing about this school is most of the students stay in Indiana," McKinney said. "They don't go elsewhere. So, this is a great place to build our leadership for Indiana."

Robert H. McKinney truly was a shining example of civic engagement and put his legal education from IU to the best possible use, making the world a better place. His legacy will live on through his family, his environmental work, and through the students, graduates, and community at the school that bears his name, all of whom endeavor to uphold the high standards he set and lived. ♦

21st Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute

The 21st Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute took place July 17 through 20 and was hosted by IU McKinney School of Law. Around 450 legal writing professors from across the country gathered to engage with colleagues and exchange ideas about teaching, scholarship, discipline-building, inclusion, well-being, professional development, and more.

IU McKinney Vice Dean Allison Martin and Professor Joel Schumm, J.D. '98, the Carl M. Gray Professor of Law, served as site co-chairs. Law school members of the site committee included Professor Jim Dimitri, Professor Cynthia Adams, Professor Sarah Parks, Assistant Dean for External Affairs Elizabeth Allington, and Associate Director of Institutional Reporting and Scholarship Administration Amber Morgan Walker.

1—Retired Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David, J.D. '82, presented "A View from the Bench" during the Bench and Bar conference that took place during the LWI Biennial. The daylong event took place on July 19 in the Wynne Courtroom at Inlow Hall. Justice David practices law at the law firm Church Church Hittle and Antrim, where he is of counsel focusing on mediation, appellate, and litigation. He also works with the family law and business law practice groups.

2—Members of the IU McKinney legal writing faculty at a reception at the Indiana State Museum during the conference. From left are Professor Parks, Professor Schumm, Professor Dimitri, and Vice Dean Martin.





Birch Bayh Lecture Held on Constitution Day

Yael Bromberg presented the annual Birch Bayh Lecture at Inlow Hall on September 17. Her topic was "The Unfulfilled Promise of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment: The Future is Unwritten." Bromberg is a lecturer on Election Law and the Political Process, and clinical supervisor in the International Human Rights Clinic at Rutgers Law School. This ground-breaking amendment was ratified in 1971, lowering the voting age to 18 and outlawing age-based discrimination in ballot access. Her talk addressed the creation and legacy of the amendment and its relevance today.

1—Yael Bromberg spoke in the Wynne Courtroom.

2—From left are Chris Bayh; Yael Bromberg; Jay Berman, who served as Birch Bayh's chief of staff; and IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo.



Hall Center for Law and Health's Virtual Grand Rounds

Sara Rosenbaum, professor emerita of Health Law and Policy at George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health, presented a lecture as part of the Hall Center for Law and Health's Virtual Grand Rounds series. The discussion, titled "Health Policy and the Future of Medicaid," took place on September 17.

3—Professor Emerita, Sara Rosenbaum

Alumna Combines Law, Business, and Athletics for Success

Chandler Carney, J.D. '17

Attorney and Owner
at Carney Immigration
Law Firm

Co-Founder of
KONDOR Pickleball
Board Member at
the Global Pickleball
Federation

In the photo, Chandler Carney shows off the pickleball paddle designed, produced by her company, KONDOR Pickleball. She was visiting Indianapolis Pickleball Club on the Indianapolis east side.



Chandler Carney, J.D. '17, is achieving her goals of having a global business and a global law firm, and she's doing it while advancing a sport she loves.

■ **Where are you from originally and where are you living and working now?**

I was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. I currently live and work between Naples, Florida, and Santiago, Chile.

■ **What brought you to IU McKinney for law school?**

I completed my undergraduate degree in pre-law at the University of West Florida, where I also had the privilege of captaining the volleyball team. While I loved my time on the Gulf Coast, I was eager to advance my academic career in law. IU McKinney stood out to me not only because of the in-state tuition but also due to its strong comparative and international law program. This focus aligned perfectly with my long-term goal of establishing a global law firm and eventually expanding into a global business.

■ **Tell us about your legal practice and what led you to this area of the law.**

My journey into immigration law began during a summer internship with the Justice Studies Center of the Americas in Santiago, Chile. This experience really helped me to improve my Spanish, and I quickly realized that bilingualism would be a significant asset for my future practice. I was right! Since graduating from IU McKinney, I've dedicated my career to immigration law, assisting clients both within the United States and internationally with a wide range of immigration matters. Additionally, I help clients navigate the complexities of establishing businesses in the U.S.

■ **Where did your interest in pickleball come from?**

Sports have always been a big part of my life, thanks to my athletic and competitive family background. After moving to Chile, I started playing padel, a fast-growing racquet sport. I loved it, but whenever I visited Naples, I noticed pickleball was all the rage. Initially, I'll admit that I was skeptical.



Chandler Carney is ready for a game at Indianapolis Pickleball Club.

But once I tried it, I was hooked. The game can be fast-paced, fun, and incredibly social; it's truly what you make of it. My passion for pickleball has taken me around the world, competing and now contributing to the sport's international governance and growth. Today, I'm proud to serve on the Board of the Global Pickleball Federation, which is dedicated to the sport's global development.

■ **What prompted you to start your company?**

After I first stepped onto the pickleball court, I went searching for the perfect paddle. Coming from a background in another racquet sport, I had high standards for both aesthetics and quality. However, I struggled to find a paddle that felt right in my hand. That's when I realized I had the resources and connections to create premium pickleball products that cater to younger players who are elevating the sport to new levels. After much research and hard work, KONDOR Pickleball was born.

■ **How has your law degree impacted your business?**

A legal education is invaluable in business. The ability to swiftly analyze large documents, navigate complex contracts, and properly establish an LLC, among other things, has been crucial to my success. My legal training has also been instrumental in helping lay the groundwork for the Global Pickleball Federation. You never know where your law degree will take you, but it opens doors you might never have imagined! ♦



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

Alumna Takes Pride in Seeing Public Lands Preserved

Sheila Willard, J.D. '19

Attorney-Adviser,
Office of the Solicitor
U.S. Department
of the Interior

Sheila Willard is in the
foothills of the Sandia
Mountains in New Mexico.



Sheila Willard, J.D. '19, had a career in real estate that predates her time at IU McKinney. Willard draws on those skills in the work she does now as an attorney at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Please tell me about your career path that led you to this role?

When I started law school, this was exactly the kind of role I envisioned for myself, although the path to it turned out to be longer and more diverse than I initially imagined. My career in real estate and land title actually began in high school in Texas, where I worked as a Sunday receptionist at a real estate office. During that time, I also gained valuable transactional experience assisting my father with his construction business, handling everything from drafting contractor agreements to coordinating site logistics.

While pursuing my undergraduate degree, I was recruited by the local Fidelity National Title branch, where I started as a receptionist. From there, my career progressed quickly: I became an escrow processor, then a title curative specialist for the City of Houston, and eventually a paralegal in the Real Estate Section of the City Attorney's Office. My transition from the private to the public sector fueled a growing passion for public service, and I found myself drawn to making a broader impact through my legal work.

While attending IU McKinney School of Law, I took the opportunity to focus on human rights through the Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL). This led to several transformative experiences. I traveled multiple times to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a legal observer for the military commissions. I spent a summer in Lisbon, Portugal; and Prague, Czechia;

where I worked with refugees as a legal intern. In my fourth and final year of law school, I continued this focus abroad, working with Amnesty International in both Edinburgh and London while also conducting human rights law research at the University of Edinburgh.

My final placement through PIHRL was with UNICEF in Suva, Fiji, at the end of my year abroad. I returned to the U.S. in February 2020, just as news of COVID-19 began to emerge, and the international aspect of human rights work, as I knew it, was dramatically impacted.

As so many people were forced to do, I adapted quickly to the situation, signed up to take the Indiana bar in the middle of a global pandemic, and decided to focus job applications primarily on federal government positions. I applied for my first job with the federal government through USAJobs.gov and was quickly hired by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a realty specialist in Massachusetts due to my long background in real property. There, I purchased land for the National Wildlife Refuge System in the Northeast, from Maine to Virginia. After several months in that role, my colleague emailed me a posting that made her think of me: The Department of the Interior's Solicitor's Office was looking for a title attorney to review title matters on behalf of National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and I thought, "Let's give it a shot!" The rest is history. It has been a great experience coming to the solicitor position with the deep program knowledge that I gained working as a realty specialist. It is invaluable as an attorney to know your clients' business firsthand!

■ What is your day-to-day like in your role?

As one of three title attorneys on a national team that was formed about a year ago, I've been responsible for issuing title opinions for the NPS and USFWS across a broad geographic range. Initially, my focus spanned from the Rocky Mountains in Colorado to Montana and east to the Dakotas and Nebraska. With the recent expansion of our team, I've now taken on an even larger territory, covering the East Coast from Maine to Florida, as well as the rest of the Southeast, including Texas, and Oklahoma, while my teammates handle other regions based on geography and federal funding sources. It's a significant workload for a small team, but I thrive on the challenge of high-volume work and the opportunity to deepen my expertise in land acquisition across multiple states.

Day-to-day, I draft title opinions for NPS and USFWS land acquisitions, which include fee title acquisitions for park and refuge expansions, purchasing voluntary conservation easements, and reviewing inter-agency transactions. My team also advises our clients on a range of legal matters related to land acquisition, from determining whether there is congressional authority to acquire specific land interests to reviewing acquisition instruments such as contracts and deeds. It's a dynamic and rewarding role that allows me to engage with complex legal questions while contributing to meaningful conservation efforts.

■ What do you enjoy most about the work you're doing now?

I'm someone who values experiences over things, and this role aligns perfectly with that aspect of who I am. I have the privilege of meeting people from diverse backgrounds, learning about their land, and understanding the deep connections they have with it, especially when it comes to conservation. Growing up in Houston and finding a passion for land transactions early on, I thought my career would be as a landman for an oil company. Today, I find myself doing similar work—but for parks and refuges, and with conservation as the central focus.

It's incredibly fulfilling, especially when I see a news release about the establishment of a new refuge, national monument, or historical site, or when a historical transaction results in the return of ancestral lands to a tribe—and knowing I had a part in making that happen. My team and I often share these articles amongst ourselves, and I'm continually grateful to see the tangible impact my work makes.

■ What's next for you?

Being part of this team has opened up relationships with clients from around the country, and as a public interest attorney there are always opportunities to contribute to important projects. I have found a career that's incredibly fulfilling, but I will always look forward to the next opportunity and next challenge to conquer.

The views expressed in this interview belong to Sheila Willard and do not represent the views of the U.S. Department of the Interior or United States. ♦



1—Sheila Willard is at the Nature Conservancy's bison preserve near Leola, South Dakota.

2—In the lookout tower at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Columbia, South Dakota.

3—Off the coast of northern Maine visiting a National Wildlife Refuge.

4—Observing the recent lava fields in Iceland from a helicopter.





1— In the photo are “Row and Order” alumni team members Andrew Redd, J.D. ’20; Richard Okello, J.D. ’22, David Nguyen, J.D. ’07; and Sterling Satterfield, J.D. ’24.

2—IU McKinney’s winning alumni team hoists their trophy.

3— “Row v. Wave” student team members 3L Cole Mahan, 3L Nick Hanna, 3L Noah Diallo, and 3L Wilkin Baldwin.

4—Richard Okello, J.D. ’22; and Andrew Redd, J.D. ’20, give it their all during the race.

5—3Ls Cole Mahan and Noah Diallo aren’t about to let anyone get the best of them during the Regatta.

IU McKinney Celebrates Regatta Winners

Two teams from IU McKinney placed first and second in the 16th annual IU Indianapolis Regatta.

The race on the White River Canal adjacent to campus took place on September 28. Team “Row and Order” won the alumni division and team “Row v. Wave” took second place in the men’s division.

IU McKinney fielded seven teams for this year’s race. Team “Trial by Water” featured Grant Cooley, Tom Steele, Adam Hall, and Josiah Parr. Team “The Attractive Nuisances” featured Shibani Mody, Rachel Rnoh, Lindsey Webb, Alli Onoszko, Ilsa Bnalsette, and April Sexton. Team “IC 25-24-1-20” featured Will Hogsett, Tyler Kelly, Carter Lawton, Peyton Muffley, and Farrah Goodall. Team “SELS” featured Sebastian Madrid, Morgan Seagrave, Mario Reyes, Boone Bacon, Cate Cross, and Hannalisse Davidson. Team “1Live Crew” featured Jasmeen Saini, Javi Gonzalelz, Tajh Borom, Kaleb Cooper, Carson Gadd, and Drew Stagge. ♦



IU McKinney Welcomes Dr. M. Alex Evans to the Faculty

Dr. M. Alex Evans joined the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law faculty as an associate professor of law in fall 2024. Professor Evans currently teaches Critical Race Theory, Constitutional Law, and Criminal Law.

Before joining IU McKinney's faculty, Professor Evans was the law teaching fellow for the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center at the Howard University School of Law. While there he co-taught in the Movement Lawyering Clinic supervising projects in education justice. Students there focused on projects in urban school redesign and youth social entrepreneurship, he said.

He previously worked as a postdoctoral research associate with the Education Policy Initiative at Carolina at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he worked on national and statewide evaluations of educator preparation programs. Prior to that, he practiced special education law at Disability Rights North Carolina where his work focused on Black youth with disabilities in youth detention centers across the state of North Carolina.

"My colleagues and I are delighted to welcome Dr. M. Alex Evans to the IU McKinney Law faculty," said Dean Karen E. Bravo. "His interdisciplinary educational background and achievements, and his research and teaching experiences make him a terrific addition to our faculty. He will have a positive impact on our students, our law school community, and the communities we serve."

Professor Evans's research examines race, disability, and systems of control and punishment in schools. "Listening to the stories of Black elders that attended segregated schools as well as those that integrated schools led me to find connections with the contemporary struggles that Black children continue to face in schools today," he said.

Professor Evans also serves as co-chair of the Board for Education Justice Alliance, a non-profit whose work addresses both the school-to-prison pipeline and school-to-deportation pipeline for Black and Brown youth in Wake County Public Schools.

"I became involved with Education Justice Alliance during my dissertation research on Wake County Public Schools System, North Carolina," Professor Evans said. "They are a major player in the education equity movement in North Carolina, and I'm honored to be a part of the great work that they are doing for Black and Brown families in the state." ♦



NEW FACULTY

IU McKinney Welcomes Four Visiting Professors

IU McKinney Law welcomes four new visiting professors: Carter Bishop, Eric Swank, Katherine Twomey, and Apryl Elizabeth Underwood.

Carter Bishop joined IU McKinney School of Law in fall 2024, as visiting professor of law teaching closely held business organizations, law of nonprofit organizations and tax-exempt healthcare organizations, bankruptcy law, income taxation of individuals, fiduciaries and business associations. Professor Bishop is from Suffolk University Law School, where he is professor emeritus.

Eric Swank is a visiting assistant clinical professor teaching legal communication and analysis. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College and earned his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. He started his legal career practicing in the employee benefits group of Ice Miller, where he assisted public employers design and administer retirement benefit plans. His expertise extended to representing public pension funds across the United States, providing guidance on legislative initiatives, compliance with Internal Revenue Service requirements, taxation, and other fiduciary and investment policy matters.

Katherine Twomey is a visiting assistant clinical professor teaching legal communication and analysis. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia, where she majored in political science. She later earned her law degree and completed her Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, and Drafting from Mercer University School of Law. Prior to joining Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Professor Twomey clerked for the Court of Appeals of Georgia and served as a staff attorney in Georgia's Superior Courts.

Apryl Elizabeth Underwood is visiting assistant professor teaching contracts, constitutional law, and related courses. Professor Underwood is a former litigation partner in the



Bishop



Swank



Twomey



Underwood

Indianapolis, Indiana, and Los Angeles, California, offices of Barnes & Thornburg, an Am Law 100 law firm, and managed cases from New York to California. She also practiced in the San Francisco, California, office of Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, an Am Law 200 law firm. Professor Underwood has been recognized by Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch, National Black Lawyers Top 100, National Black Lawyers 40 Under 40, and Lawyers of Color's Wonderful Women List. ♦

IU McKinney Welcomes Two New Visiting Professors to Hall Center

IU McKinney School of Law welcomes two new visiting professors to the William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health.

Renée M. Landers joined IU McKinney in fall 2024 as the visiting McKinney Family Chair in Health Law. She is professor of law at Suffolk University Law School and is the faculty director of the school's Health and Biomedical Law Concentration and the Master of Science in Law Life Sciences program. At Suffolk, she teaches administrative law, constitutional law, health law, and privacy law. Professor Landers was co-winner of Suffolk Law's Professor Catherine T. Judge Teaching and Service Award in March 2022. President of the Boston Bar Association in 2003-2004, she was the first woman of color and the first law professor to serve in that position. She has worked in private practice and served as deputy general counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Justice during the Clinton Administration.



Landers

Priscilla D. Thomas-Keith, J.D. '93, is the visiting Hall Render Professor and interim associate director of the Hall Center for Law and Health. Professor Keith served as the general counsel of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, in Indianapolis, including Wishard Health Services, the Marion County Health Department, and Environmental Services. Her primary focus was litigation, corporate transactions, and risk management, and serving as the counsel for the Marion County Health Department's Ryan White HIV AIDS Legal Project. Prior to her appointment as general counsel, she served as assistant counsel to the late Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon. She also served as an executive assistant to the Department of Insurance, State Board of Accounts, Utilities and Telecommunications, and the Women's Commission. Additionally, she was chief counsel of the advisory section under Attorneys General Jeff Modisett and Karen Freeman-Wilson. Most recently, she was assistant general counsel at Community Health Network and served as vice president of programs for an organization whose primary focus is to eliminate medical debt. ♦



Thomas-Keith

IU McKinney Celebrates Retired Professor Jeffrey Cooper

Professor Jeffrey Cooper retired in May 2024, concluding his 28-year career as a member of the faculty at IU McKinney. He was an associate professor of law and taught civil procedure, evidence, legislation, and products liability.

Professor Cooper joined the law school in fall 1996. He completed his undergraduate studies at Harvard University in 1986 and received his J.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1991.

Prior to joining the faculty at IU McKinney, Professor Cooper served two terms as law clerk to the Honorable Louis H. Pollak of the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and clerked for the Honorable Guido Calabresi of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In between clerkships, he was in private practice in Washington, D.C., where he specialized in labor and employment law. Immediately prior to joining the faculty, he was an associate research fellow at Yale Law School.

Professor Cooper was elected to membership in the American Law Institute in 2003. In 2005, the Indiana Supreme Court appointed him to a five-year term on the court's Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Erin Engels, J.D. '99, is director of IU McKinney's Academic and Bar Success office. Engels was in Professor Cooper's first class. "He was younger than many in our class, but he was not outwardly intimidated by this, at all," she said. Professor Cooper's teaching had a positive impact on her legal practice. "Two of my early cases as a lawyer involved jurisdiction questions and I was well prepared for both thanks to Professor Cooper," she said.

IU McKinney 3L Shelby Mohr was in one of Professor Cooper's classes each semester during her first two years of law school and she said she is definitely missing him now that she's in her final year of law school. "Professor Cooper is a once-in-a-lifetime professor," Mohr said. "His passions within the law became my passions in the law. He was the first person who told me that I should consider clerking post-graduation during my 1L. I am happy to say I will be doing just that. Although IU McKinney is not the same without Professor Cooper, I wish him a wonderful and restful retirement."

Anastasia Luc, also a 3L at IU McKinney, worked as a public school teacher for eight years prior to coming to law school. For two of those years, she worked as an instructional coach, helping teachers who were struggling in their classrooms. During that experience, Luc said she learned to spot those who were in the profession for a paycheck and those who truly loved to teach. Professor Cooper fell into the latter category, she said.

"Professor Cooper's love for teaching drove his expectations for his students," Luc said. "He expected us to be prepared and ready to contribute to class conversations. In his lectures, he intentionally walked us through different real-world examples and metaphors to illustrate how rules of civil procedure function. Even more, he went out of his way to make himself accessible during his office hours. As he likely recalls, I stopped by many times in the semester to ask questions and give my hypotheticals to help synthesize his lectures. He patiently listened to my questions to help me get back on track because he genuinely wanted all his students to succeed. Somehow, in a room of roughly 70 students, I didn't feel like a number because he spent time outside of class to ensure I understood his lectures."

Long known for his musical abilities, Professor Cooper has turned his creative energies in that direction since retiring from the law school. "I've been working on a set of musical projects," he said. "I will shortly finish work on a four-song EP, and once that's done, I'll start work on an eight-song album. Two of the four songs on the EP and all of the songs on the album are original."

In the photo, Professor Cooper enjoys his retirement celebration in the faculty lounge at IU McKinney with his family. ♦



Professor Terry Retires from Hall Center for Law and Health

Professor Nicolas P. Terry, the Hall Render Professor of Law at IU McKinney School of Law, retired in 2024 after 12 years of leading one of the nation's most respected health-law programs.

He joined the faculty as co-director of the William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health and later became its executive director.

The William S. and Christine S. Hall Center for Law and Health, established in 1987, has been consistently rated as one of the finest health law programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and preLaw Magazine.

"During Nic's tenure at IU McKinney, he developed a national reputation as a leading educator and researcher on health law matters," said William H. Thompson, J.D. '87, chairman of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C.

"Nic played a pivotal role in advancing the goals and objectives of the Hall Center and its national reputation as both a 'think tank' and developer of practical solutions to vexing health law issues," Thompson says. "The Hall Center would not be where it is today without Nic's leadership and dedication. I wish him the best of luck in his well-deserved retirement."

Professor Terry also taught torts, products liability, health information technology, law and science, and health care quality.

Born in England and educated at Kingston University and the University of Cambridge, Professor Terry began his academic career as a member of the law faculty of the University of Exeter in England before joining the faculty at Saint Louis University School of Law. From 1996-1997 he was director of Legal Education at LEXIS-NEXIS. He has been a Senior Fellow at Melbourne Law School and held visiting faculty positions at the law schools of Santa Clara University, the University of Missouri-Columbia, Washington University, and the University of Iowa.

From 2000-08 Professor Terry served as co-director of Saint Louis University's Center for Health Law Studies and from 2008-10 as the School of Law's senior associate dean. Professor Terry's research interests lie primarily at the intersection of medicine, law, and information technology. He was one of the permanent bloggers at the HealthLawProf blog.

In 2023, Professor Terry was one of the public health law experts creating a new, transformational model for U.S. drug policy, a project undertaken with support from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE), public health law experts from IU McKinney and the Temple University Center for Public Health Law Research at the Beasley School of Law.

McKinney's impressive alumni network of attorneys working in the health-law field, practicing at law firms, in hospital administration, government, and the pharmaceutical and biotech industry are testimony to how Professor Terry and the Hall Center helped to shape a generation of law school graduates, according to IU McKinney School of Law Dean Karen E. Bravo.

"Professor Terry is well known and respected in the field of health law and IU McKinney could not have asked for a more notable health-law expert to lead the Hall Center for more than a decade," said Dean Bravo. "We are grateful for his leadership, scholarship, and dedication to the Hall Center and the many McKinney students he taught and mentored over the years." ♦



About the book, *Five-Four: Dissecting Supreme Court Tightly Split Decisions*, by Professors Nicholas Georgakopoulos and Frank Sullivan

When the U.S. Supreme Court issues 5-4 decisions over a time period during which the justices remain the same, are the same five justices always the majority coalition—or are the majority coalitions more fluid, with different justices comprising the majority from case to case?

This question is the predicate for *Five-Four: Dissecting Supreme Court Tightly Split Decisions*, a surprising, multi-faceted examination of tightly split Supreme Court decisions over the past seven decades, chock-full with never-before compiled data and illustrations.

Five-Four begins by comparing tightly split decisions issued by “compositions” of the Supreme Court from 1946 through 2014, i.e., issued during discrete time

periods when the justices remained the same. It uses an “Index of Fluidity” developed by the authors to measure how “fluid” each composition has been in forming coalitions in 5-4 decisions: the more “fluid” a composition, the more often different groups of five justices comprise the majority. (During the 68 years studied, the composition with the highest Fluidity Index (most fluid) was the 1976-1981 composition (during which Justice Stevens was the junior-most justice); the lowest (least fluid or most rigid) was the 2011-2014 composition (during which Justice Kagan was the junior-most justice).

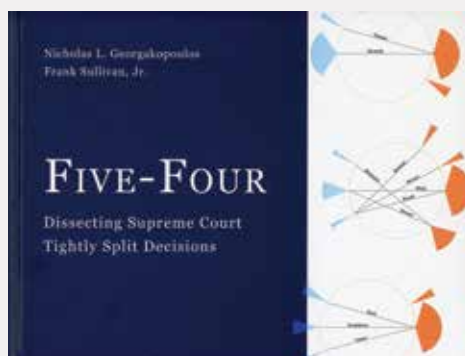
Five-Four demonstrates that over time, multiple coalitions produce tightly split decisions. To illustrate graphically the way in which these coalitions form, the authors arrange in circles the majority coalitions that issue tightly split decisions, and the swing votes between the different majorities; and then annotate the graph with the decisions those majorities issue, divided between conservative and liberal. These circular graphs constitute a rich and entirely new way of visualizing Supreme Court voting behavior.

Overall, *Five-Four* develops new techniques that show the work of supreme courts, work characterized by much greater complexity than that seen either by the usual lawyers’ focus on one topic’s current law or popular and media focus of left versus right.

In addition to the measures the “fluidity” of the voting coalitions and visualizations of tightly split decisions described above, the book offers many interesting applications of these techniques.

For example, the book identifies three “Super-Dissenters” who shaped the court’s output—and a paradox that, regardless of the overall ideology of the United States Supreme Court, its 5–4 decisions have a measurable conservative tilt, the investigation of which shows how 5–4 splits are formed and leads the authors to the conclusion that the justices are not driven by politics.

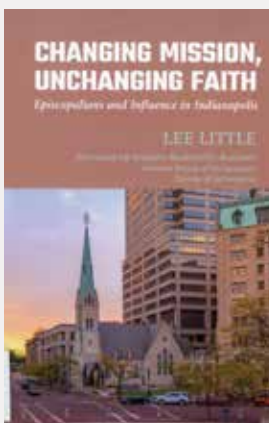
By analyzing the vast complexity of judging using new techniques of simple quantification and visualization, this book makes a contribution to understanding how supreme courts work. The authors believe that there is more work to be done in this regard and hope that readers will find more patterns to explore using techniques such as those developed here. ♦



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on March 27 (CLE pending). Check the IU
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An Excerpt from Professor Lee Little's Latest Book, *Changing Mission, Unchanging Faith*

In an effort to increase investment in the city, [Mayor Reginald] Sullivan and business leaders implemented the Indianapolis Community Plan in late summer 1933.¹ Run as a private corporation, the Plan was primarily the work of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and identified areas around the city where residents received more in social services than they paid in taxes. Criteria included rates of homeownership versus rental, juvenile delinquency, venereal disease, population density, and proximity to industry. These areas were labeled “areas of economic drain” and mapped on to Black and white working poor neighborhoods. The eventual goal was “slum clearance” in the areas in order to create new housing developments in identified areas. The Plan ultimately failed when organizers were unable to obtain sufficient funding for implementation and were thus unable to match federal dollars earmarked for housing projects.² However, the same goals of slum clearance and implementation of so-called “urban renewal” projects were achieved through the implementation of HOLC redlining maps, which tracked many of the same data points as the Indianapolis Community Plan, but included information on which areas were home to socially undesirable communities, such as African Americans and immigrants. The Plan’s maps predated HOLC’s redlining maps by four years and reached the same conclusions: areas populated by communities outside of the white middle—and upper-classes were economically dangerous and thus were under consideration for urban renewal projects in the decades to come. Under Sullivan’s administration, the city was among the first in the country to implement race—and class-based policies toward housing and property development that were eventually subsumed into federal redlining policy.³



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In addition, Sullivan’s approach to maintaining social order put his administration in direct conflict with the interests of organized labor. Though Indianapolis was home to many labor unions representing workers in a variety of different industries, labor unrest was uncommon compared to other industrialized cities. A major transit strike in 1913 locked down the city for more than a week, helping to sway public opinion in the region against unions. As a result of rising pro-labor sentiment following World War I, the city council passed the Anti-Picketing Ordinance of 1919, which outlawed picketing by striking workers and imposed fines and jail time as penalties. The Ordinance was invalidated in 1933 by the passage of the federal National Industrial Recovery Act, which gave workers the right to organize and collectively bargain. The spring of 1934 saw another round of violent strikes, this time by workers at the Real Silk Hosiery Mills. The strikers agitated for higher wages and improved working conditions, but their tactics eventually included violence against opponents. For his part, Sullivan invoked special police powers to put down the strikes and quell violence, returning the city to a state of calm. ❖

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Frank Emmert — Publications

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"Can Cryptocurrencies Save Islamic Finance," Manchester Journal of Transnational Islamic Law and Practice, ISSN 2633-6626, Vol. 20, No. 3, 2024, pp. 317-345

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Chapter 1.2: "The History, Economics, and Politics of FDI" in Frank Emmert & Begaiym Esenkulova (eds.), Investment Law, Justice, and Sustainable Development, Council on International Law and Politics 2025, 18 pp. (in print)

Chapter 1.7: "National Law Governing Foreign Investment" in Frank Emmert & Begaiym Esenkulova (eds.), Investment Law, Justice, and Sustainable Development, Council on International Law and Politics 2025, 15 pp. (in print)

Chapter 5.1: "Introduction to Investor-State Dispute Settlement ISDS" in Frank Emmert & Begaiym Esenkulova (eds.), Investment Law, Justice, and Sustainable Development, Council on International Law and Politics 2025, ca. 11 pp. (in print)

Aila Hoss — Presentation

Professor Aila Hoss presented her work at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Lehigh University, the Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference, and the Center for Health Innovation.

— Publications

"Indigeneity, Data Genocide, and Public Health," 110 IOWA L. REV. __ (2024) (forthcoming).

"Federal Statutory and Regulatory Definitions of 'Indian,'" 110 IOWA L. REV. ONLINE __ (2024) (forthcoming).

"Black Letter Law," 31 UCLA J. GENDER & L. __ (2024) (forthcoming).

Max Huffman — Presentations

Vice Dean Huffman presented on "Market Definition in the Circular Economy" at the University of Vienna Competition Law Hub "Competition Days" program, September 12-13, 2024, and lectured on Comparative Competition Law at Pazmany Peter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary, from September 9 - 20, 2024.

— Publications

"Sustainability and Antitrust - What to Expect from the US," with Jack Parke, Research Handbook on Sustainability and Competition Law (Nowag, J. ed., Elgar 2024)

"Neo-Brandeisian Antitrust," with Jack Parke, Encyclopedia of Competition Law (Pais, S. ed., Elgar 2025)

"Labor Market Antitrust," with Maria Jose Schmidt-Kessen, Encyclopedia of Competition Law (Pais, S. ed., Elgar 2025)

Gerard Magliocca — Presentation

Professor Gerard Magliocca gave a lecture at the U.S. Supreme Court on his Bushrod Washington biography on May 1. The lecture was for the Supreme Court Historical Society and Mount Vernon.

Mike Pitts — Presentation

Associate Dean Mike Pitts participated in the "Law of Democracy Scholars Workshop" at the George Washington University Law School in September. The event included meeting with Biden and Harris staffers at the White House.

— Publication

"Don't Mess With Reapportionment," 61 HOUS. L. REV. 989 (2024)

Fran Quigley — Presentation

Professor Fran Quigley presented on "Evicting Indy," at All Souls Unitarian Church, September 9, 2024, and was a panelist at the Community Mentors Housing Stability and Habitability Program, sponsored by the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, on April 30, 2024, and presented on "Eviction Court Observations on our Housing Crisis" to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Association, Homeless Youth Regional Program, on April 12, 2024.

— Publications

"A National Bill of Rights Would Give Power to Renters," Jacobin, July 3, 2024

"Don't Let the Supreme Court Get the Last Word on Housing Justice," Common Dreams, June 29, 2024

"A Bold Vision on Housing is Needed to Win Big Change," Waging Nonviolence, July 31, 2024

Lessons from Eviction Court: How We Can End Our Housing Crisis (Cornell University ILR Press, forthcoming June, 2025)

Frank Sullivan — Presentations

Professor Frank Sullivan was program moderator for "Celebration for the Honorable Randall T. Shepard" at the McKinney-Shepard Indianapolis Inn of Court, September 26, 2024. He was a panelist for "The Drafting and Interpretation of Statutes" during the Indiana State Bar Association Judicial Law Clerk Group, September 26, 2024. He was a speaker on "Banking, Business & Contract Law" at the 2024 Indiana Law Survey, September 12, 2024. (Proceeds from the Annual Indiana Law Survey fund scholarships for McKinney students.) He was a speaker with Jane Dall Wilson on "Recent U.S. Supreme Court Rulings" at the Indianapolis Bar Association on August 21, 2024.

— Publications

"Banking, Business, and Contract Law," 57 IND. L. REV. 811 (2024)

"New Law Amends the Uniform Commercial Code to Accommodate Emerging Technologies," 57 IND. L. REV. 775 (2024)



■ Professor Martin Joins IU McKinney Decanal Team

Professor Allison Martin has joined the IU McKinney decanal team as vice dean. Her new role began July 1. She took over for Vice Dean Cynthia Adams, J.D. '83, who has returned to the faculty.

"I am deeply grateful to Vice Dean Adams for the dedication and excellence of her work on the decanal team," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. "She joined the team during one of the most challenging periods in the world's and law school's history and was essential to both our successful navigation of the challenges of the pandemic and our achievements over the past four years."

Vice Dean Martin's primary responsibility focuses on academic programs including responsibility for managing curriculum, scheduling, and faculty affairs, including adjunct faculty. She also oversees IU McKinney's online initiatives.

"I am grateful that professor, now Vice Dean Martin, has agreed to join the decanal team," Dean Bravo said. "I look forward to our work together."

Vice Dean Max Huffman will be the administration's point person for the Office of Enrollment Management, Academic and Bar Success, Ruth Lilly Law Library, Institutional Data and Reporting, and for the planning of symposia, speakers, and other events at the law school, working closely with the Office of External Affairs. In addition, he will support the activities of the law school's Office of Development.

Vice Dean Martin joined the faculty at IU McKinney in 2003. After law school, she clerked for a justice sitting on the Illinois Supreme Court and practiced civil litigation with a Chicago law firm and then with the Illinois Attorney General's office. Her areas of practice included employment law, commercial litigation, bankruptcy, and civil rights litigation. In 1997, she began her teaching career at the University of Illinois College of Law, and then became director of legal writing at the University of Alabama School of Law. She has written articles and presented extensively in the areas of legal education, teaching, and legal writing. Her work has been recognized by national publications, including *The National Law Journal*, *The ABA Journal*, *The American Lawyer*, *The Huffington Post*, and *The National Jurist*. She has been named a Dean's Fellow multiple times and has been the recipient of Indiana University's Trustee's Teaching award in recognition of teaching excellence.

■ Professor Tarkington Presents at ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Conference

IU McKinney Professor Margaret Tarkington presented her scholarship at the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility conference. Professor Tarkington took part in the panel titled, "Watergate and Legal Ethics: 50 Years On." The event took place in Denver on May 31.

Professor Tarkington's presentation had to do with the lawyers who crafted and implemented the false elector scheme and are the co-conspirators in the federal indictment against former President Donald Trump. Her presentation was based upon her article, "Lawyers and the Abuse of Government Power." A half-length version of the piece is forthcoming in the *MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM*.



■ Professor Robert Katz Appointed to ABA Task Force to Combat Antisemitism

Professor Robert Katz has been appointed to the ABA Task Force to Combat Antisemitism, a body of 12 leaders in the public, private, nonprofit, and academic legal communities across the country, including former presidents of the ABA. Professor Katz, a national leader in the study of antisemitism and the law, was appointed by ABA president William R. Bay and immediate past president Mary Smith, both of whom created the task force. The task force will implement the ABA House of Delegates' resolution that the ABA

take a leadership role in opposing antisemitism, including through education designed to give people the knowledge and tools necessary to identify, prevent, respond to, and remedy antisemitism.

Professor Katz serves on the task force's Working Group for Higher Education, whose top priorities include identifying ways to promote law students' understanding of antisemitism and how to counter it through law.

In addition, Professor Katz spoke to the Indiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights about antisemitism and hate crimes. During the presentation on September 24, Professor Katz described some of the components that make for effective hate crime laws, explained some of the complexities of antisemitism and its detection, and then fielded questions from members of the committee, which described his presentation as "informative and powerful."

Professor Katz is writing *Antisemitism and the Law*, the first casebook on the subject, to be published by Carolina Academic Press. He is a senior research fellow for the Anti-Defamation League's Center for Antisemitism Research and director of the Center for the Study of Law and Antisemitism, a nonprofit organization he started to promote research and education at the intersection of law and antisemitism.



■ Professors Present at Online and Hybrid Learning Conference in Denver

Professor Jessica Schnelker and Professor Sarah Parks, alongside Instructional Course Designer Kathy Sekiguchi, presented on the advantages of hybrid pedagogy in legal education at the Online & Hybrid Learning Conference hosted by University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Their session highlighted the balance between online flexibility and in-person active learning, showcasing how hybrid models can enhance student engagement, provide practical legal skills, and offer personalized feedback. They also shared best practices for integrating real-world scenarios into the curriculum, ultimately preparing law students for the demands of legal practice.

In the photo from left are Professor Sarah Parks, Professor Jessica Schnelker, and Instructional Course Designer Kathy Sekiguchi.

■ Professor Georgakopoulos among Amici in Bankruptcy Case Involving Late Tax Returns

IU McKinney Professor Nicholas Georgakopoulos is among four legal scholars who have filed amicus briefs urging the United States Supreme Court to review a decision from the Ninth Circuit. The decision found that late-filed returns prevented a taxpayer from discharging his federal tax debt in bankruptcy. A story about the filing was published by Law360.

Approaches to whether late-filed returns are valid under bankruptcy law varies depending on where the petitioner lives, meaning bankruptcy and tax laws are not applied uniformly. Circuit courts developed separate tests, subjecting debtors "to dramatically different consequences for a late-filed return" based on geography, the law professors' amicus brief reads. The case is *Salvador v. U.S.*, case number 24-108, in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Georgakopoulos is the Harold R. Woodard Professor of Law at IU McKinney. He produces scholarship in the intersection of business and uncertainty. He is the author of *The Logic of Securities Law, Principles and Methods of Law and Economics*, a coauthor of the multi-volume *Blumberg* on Corporate Groups, and numerous articles that have received broad citation, including previous opinions by the U.S. Supreme Court.

■ Eighth Global Conference on Slavery Past Present and Future

The eighth global conference on Slavery Past, Present, and Future took place in Vienna, Austria June 13-15. IU McKinney School of Law was a sponsor of the event along with the host, the University of Vienna Department of African Studies.

The conference series brings together participants of different backgrounds and disciplines to discuss slavery, enslavement, and slavery-like exploitations in all its forms across time and geographies. By providing new opportunities for dialog across disciplinary and national boundaries, the conference series seeks to catalyze new insights and potential approaches, and the enrichment of knowledge on the topics of slavery.

This year's conference included representatives from Turkey, Kenya, Ghana, Portugal, Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom, Slovakia, and Jamaica. Disciplines represented included anthropology, psychotherapy, history, criminology, literature, journalism, law, theology, political science, and psychology.

"The 8th Global Meeting created meaningful opportunities for interdisciplinary engagement and learning on this important topic," Dean Karen E. Bravo said.

Themes for this year's conference included defining slavery; slaveries of the past; human trafficking and other forms of contemporary exploitation; the reproduction of systems and structures of enslavement and subordination; voices of the enslaved; legacies of slavery on the individual, community, and global levels; remembering, memorializing, and reckoning with the past; and anti-slavery initiatives and movements; among other topics.

IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo created Slavery Past, Present, and Future initiative in 2015. The eighth conference built upon the work of earlier convenings, which were held in Mansfield College, Oxford University in Oxford, England, in 2015; Prague, the Czech Republic, in 2016; Indiana University Europe Gateway in Berlin, Germany, in 2018; University of Innsbruck in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2019; in a virtual format hosted by IU McKinney in 2021; in person at Webster Leiden Campus-Webster University USA in The Netherlands in 2022, and in person at Webster University in Accra, Ghana in 2023.

■ Professor Baker Discusses Indiana Law Concerning Impeachment

The Indianapolis mayor's administration is facing a city-county council investigation into its handling of sexual harassment allegations against an employee. Indiana law doesn't allow for recall elections, and according to state code, impeachment proceedings against mayors would be heard by the Indiana General Assembly. An *Indianapolis Star* story about the procedures featured expertise from IU McKinney Professor Cynthia Baker.

The General Assembly's control over impeachment proceedings is reflective of local control issues that regularly play out during the legislative session, Professor Baker said in the story. "This statute hits on a nerve that is kind of baked into Indiana's state and local government system in which there is no constitutional home rule for the state's local governments," she said. Professor Baker is director of IU McKinney's Program on Law and State Government.

■ IU McKinney Vice Dean Huffman Discusses Antitrust Lawsuit Against Live Nation and Ticketmaster

The U.S. Department of Justice filed an antitrust lawsuit against Ticketmaster and its owner, Live Nation Entertainment. IU McKinney Vice Dean Max Huffman spoke with Indianapolis television news station WISH about the suit for a story May 29.

The lawsuit was filed in New York by the Department of Justice, and 30 state and district attorneys general. Federal and state governments are seeking a jury trial and a potential breakup of the companies.

"It's not illegal to be rich and to make a lot of money as a monopoly. But what is illegal is to use your position as a monopoly to either harm competition and ultimately to produce harm to consumers," Vice Dean Huffman said in the story. "And so, what they're really talking about is a course of conduct that includes things like exclusive dealing arrangements where they're saying if you want to use us as a business partner, you know, you have to only use us, you have to sign an exclusive contract."

Vice Dean Huffman also is director of Online Learning at IU McKinney. He teaches antitrust, bankruptcy, and commercial law.



■ Professor Magliocca Honored

Professor Gerard Magliocca (center) was honored at IU's annual Alliance of Distinguished and Titled Professors dinner on October 24. Magliocca was named Distinguished Professor by IU in recognition of his outstanding scholarship. He is also the Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law at IU McKinney. He is pictured here with IU President Pamela Whitten (left) and fellow professor Florence Wagman Roisman, the William F. Harvey Professor of Law at IU McKinney.



■ Professor from Japan Visits IU McKinney

Professor Koji Hirose of Aomori Chuo Gakuin University in Japan recently visited IU McKinney School of Law and Professor Jim Nehf.

Professor Hirose presented his paper at the 17th Conference of the International Association of Consumer Law, which took place at IU McKinney in 2019 and was hosted by Professor Nehf. Professor Hirose is studying the Japanese Civil Code and Consumer Law, and said he learned about American consumer law from Professor Nehf during the 2019 conference. He visited IU September 16 through 18, 2024, to study American contract law and consumer law.

"The United States is way ahead of Japan when it comes to contract law and consumer law," Professor Hirose said.



■ Professor Pitts Named Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Intellectual Life

Professor Mike Pitts has been appointed associate dean for faculty research and intellectual life. His new role began August 1.

"This role reflects our school's unwavering commitment to research excellence and is pivotal to the implementation of the research and teaching goals of our strategic plan," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. "Mike brings a background of research excellence and strong leadership to the role. We thank him for embracing this crucial responsibility."

The associate dean directs faculty development, advances faculty scholarship, and cultivates an intellectually vibrant scholarly community. The associate dean is also responsible for implementing and advancing the vision, plan, and policies of the law school's research and scholarship goals and strategies, including the scholarship of teaching and learning, as more particularly stated in McKinney Law's Strategic Plan, which the McKinney Law faculty adopted in the 2022 spring semester.

In this new role, Associate Dean Pitts will provide leadership to advance the law school's scholarly mission and to support the professional development of faculty of all ranks.

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John Krauss was recognized for his 10 years of service as a member of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission. Krauss is the former and founding director of the Indiana University Public Policy Institute, and is a former deputy mayor in Indianapolis, among other public service stints in his career.

1980

Tobin McClamroch has been appointed chair of the Board of Trustees of Marian University. McClamroch has served as a member of the board since 2008. He is a partner at Dentons, where he leads the Indiana public policy group in the Indianapolis office.



■ Karla Lopez Owens Receives Trailblazer Award from Indy Chamber

Karla López Owens, J.D. '17, received a Trailblazer award from the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Business Council. The awards were presented during the chamber's Connexión: 5 for 500 event on May 14.

López Owens is the director of community outreach for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Prior to this role, she served as a law clerk at DeFur Voran and worked as a bilingual legal assistant at Muñoz Legal, a job she held during her time in law school.

Connexión: 5 for 500 honors are presented to five individuals who are paving the way for Hispanic progress in the Indianapolis community. Recipients are nominated by their peers and recognized in one of five categories: Advocacy, Leadership, Small Business Impact, Trailblazer, and Vision.

■ Karol Sparks, J.D. '79, Honored with ABA Glass Cutter Award

Karol Sparks, J.D. '79, received the ABA's Business Law Section's Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award for 2024. The honor is presented annually to "an exceptional woman business lawyer who has made significant contributions to the profession and the Business Law Section."

"The Glass Cutter is particularly meaningful to me because glass was shattering around me for many years as I was the first woman associate and then partner at Krieg DeVault and then the first woman chair of the ABA Banking Law Committee," Sparks said. "It's been an extraordinary career."

Sparks is senior counsel in the financial institutions group of Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg in Chicago. She previously practiced with Krieg DeVault in Indianapolis from 1979 to 2001. Sparks has been an active member of the ABA's Banking



Law Committee of the Business Section since 1984, eventually entering its leadership and chairing the committee from August 1998 until August 2002. Following her term as chair of the committee, she was appointed to a four-year term on the Section Council, where she served on the Finance Committee. Thereafter, she served on the Publications Board of the Business Section and chaired it for a two-year term that ended in August 2014.

"As I look back, it is Professor R. Bruce Townsend who made a significant difference in my legal education," Sparks said. "I took all three of his classes and wrote for him in my third year on UCC Article 9. Over the years, as we

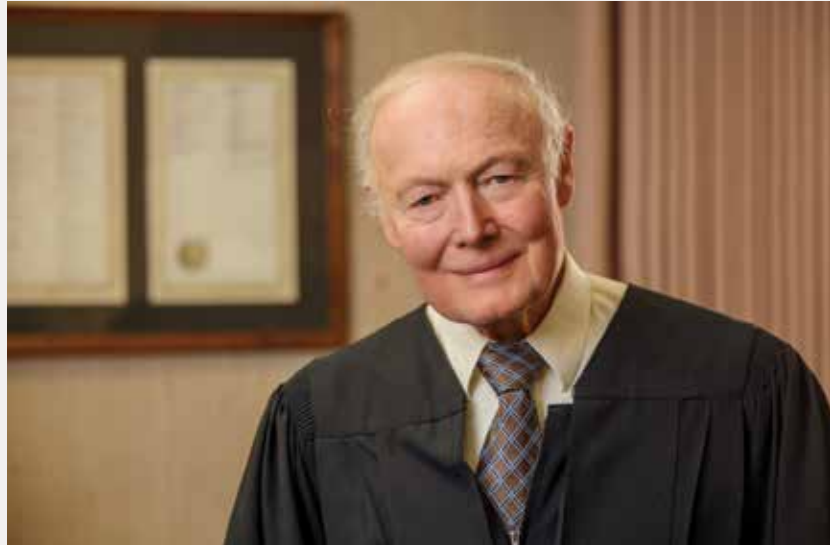
moved around, I was able to teach at a number of outstanding law schools and one of the courses I taught repeatedly was Secured Transactions, his signature class. I can't tell you how many times I would channel him with a smile when I would use his terminology or express his concepts."

Sparks is the author of three legal texts. Her most recent book, *Banking Law Essentials*, was published by the American Bar Association in 2022. She also authored *The Keys to Banking Law, A Hand Book for Lawyers* (now in its third edition), published by the Business Law Section, and the legal treatise *Insurance Activities of Banks* (now in its second edition), published by Wolters Kluwer.

In addition, Sparks taught as an adjunct professor at three law schools: the University of Iowa College of Law from 2001-2007; Wake Forest University School of Law from 2009 until 2013; and from January 2014 until she retired in April 2018, the Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law of the Boston University School of Law. She is a member of the founding faculty of Banking Law Basics, an ABA-CLE course offered in June and October of each year from 1998-2011, and its successor course, Banking Law Fundamentals, which began in 2012 and continues twice annually, sponsored in June by Boston University School of Law and in October by Chicago-Kent Law School.

In the photo Karol Sparks is holding the Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award, which she received from the American Bar Association's Business Law Section.

Judge Daniel A. Manion, J.D. '73



The Honorable Daniel A. Manion, J.D. '72, died August 31, 2024. He was 82. Judge Manion completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, where he served in the Notre Dame ROTC program. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the U.S. Army. He served as an officer and was deployed to Vietnam.

After completion of his military service, Judge Manion was appointed as the director of industrial development for the Indiana Department of Commerce and, while in this role, attended night classes to earn his J.D. from IU McKinney School of Law. He later worked for the Indiana Attorney General's Office and served as a state senator.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Manion to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He served as an active and senior status judge until his retirement in 2022.

Over the course of his career, Judge Manion served as a mentor to about 70 law clerks. It was said that he especially had an affinity for encouraging and mentoring each one to go out and do great things. He considered them his greatest professional legacy.

Judge John Christ, J.D. '51

Judge John Celia Christ, J.D. '51, died September 27, 2024. He was 97.

His college education at Butler University was put on hold by World War II and Judge Christ enlisted in the U.S. Navy as soon as he turned 18 in 1945. He received training in small landing craft at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and was assigned to the Naval Base in San Diego to prepare for the invasion of Japan. When the war ended and his service to his country was complete, he resumed his education at Butler and took law school classes at IU McKinney School of Law while in his last year as an undergraduate.

Judge Christ's political career started in 1953 when he became a deputy attorney general working with the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission. He was appointed a Marion County Municipal Court Judge in 1957 by Governor Harold Handley and for three more terms by three other governors. His court won national awards for innovation in traffic court administration. He helped create and champion the first mental health court in Marion County during his time on the bench and presided over hundreds of thousands of cases. He served as the judge of Marion County Municipal Court 5 until 1970, and he began a long and successful career as a defense attorney in private practice until his retirement.

Judge Christ was the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash presented to him in 1996 by Governor Evan Bayh and the Hanson E. Anderson Service Award as an outstanding alumnus of Arsenal Technical High School presented that same year.

Judge Ronnie Huerta, J.D. '01

Marion Superior Court Magistrate Ronnie Huerta, J.D. '01, died June 10, 2024. He was 56.

Magistrate Huerta started with the court as a commissioner in March 2013 and became a magistrate in 2018, where he served in numerous criminal courts. He was an active member of the Indianapolis Bar Association and a Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation.

Donald Polden, J.D. '75

Donald Polden, J.D. '75, of Mountain View, Arizona, died October 15, 2024. He was 76. Polden worked for what is now known as the Family and Social Services Administration during the day and was part of IU McKinney's evening program. After law school, he moved to Iowa where he clerked for a federal judge. He then became a law professor at Drake University Law School, eventually rising to the role of vice dean. Polden later served as dean at the University of Memphis School of Law from 1993 to 2003, and as dean of the Santa Clara University School of Law from 2003 to 2013.

Polden was a nationally known expert in the areas of employment and labor law, leadership, sports law, and antitrust and trade regulation law and policy. He was an active member of the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. In addition, he has been referred to as "the grandfather of leadership education for lawyers." His book, co-authored with Barry Z. Posner, *Lawyers as Leaders: Why it Matters and What It Takes*, was recently published by the ABA.

Judge Allen Wheat, J.D. '76

Judge Allen Wheat, J.D. '76, of Angola, Indiana, died August 10, 2024. He was 74.

During his time at IU McKinney, Judge Wheat met his future wife, Latrielle Eddy, now Latriella Wheat, J.D. '77. The couple married on October 15, 1977.

Judge Wheat worked for 19 years in the private practice of law. He also served briefly as a Steuben County deputy prosecuting attorney. He became Circuit Court judge for Steuben County in 1995, and remained Circuit Court judge until his passing.

Ralph S. Adams, J.D. '67
April 2, 2024

Harry R. Altman, J.D. '12
April 15, 2024

Herbert D. Biddle, Jr., J.D. '68
July 1, 2024

Dr. Michael L. Bogan, J.D. '05
April 24, 2024

Raymond L. Buchanan, J.D. '72
July 8, 2024

John W. Campbell, J.D. '81
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Cheryl A. Danberry, J.D. '82
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Ann G. Davis, J.D. '78
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Harold D. Ewen, J.D. '72
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Lawrence Fennerty, J.D. '72
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Donald G. Gardner, LL.B. '61
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Joseph D. Geeslin, J.D. '70
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Michael C. Gemignani, J.D. '80
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Charles Goodloe, Jr., J.D. '71
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William Gordon, Jr., J.D. '73
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Jeffrey B. Jackson, J.D. '95
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Jean L. Jennings, J.D. '79
June 7, 2024

Carlyn E. Johnson, J.D. '63
May 17, 2024

Gary L. Konsler, J.D. '72
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Skeen Mackie, J.D. '22
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John S. Null, J.D. '74
August 13, 2024

M. Anne Ogden, J.D. '76
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Dr. Mitchell M. Pote, J.D. '97
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Madelynne K. Purdy, J.D. '82
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Joseph Rabb, J.D. '62
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David L. Royalty, Jr., J.D. '70
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James E. Sandifer, J.D. '61
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Randall R. Sevenish, J.D. '84
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Donald E. Silas, J.D. '96
May 12, 2024

Sharon D. Slack, J.D. '81
June 5, 2024

William O. Smith, J.D. '73
June 17, 2024

Gerald E. Stinson, J.D. '55
August 13, 2024

Kathy J. Strahm, J.D. '85
May 23, 2024

Larry C. Thomas, J.D. '71
July 12, 2024

James M. Trueblood, J.D. '78
October 5, 2024

Maritza K. Webb, J.D. '12
July 31, 2024

Donald R. Willsey, J.D. '54
September 18, 2024

S. Michael Woodard, J.D. '83
August 8, 2024

Joseph R. Woods, J.D. '63
September 18, 2024

John O. Worth, J.D. '70
August 10, 2024

Allan L. Yackey, J.D. '80
April 16, 2024

Stephen E. Yeager, J.D. '71
April 29, 2024

Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson Retires from U.S. District Court

The Honorable Jane Magnus-Stinson, J.D. '83, retired from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana July 1. Judge Magnus-Stinson continues to serve as a senior judge.

"The law school is grateful to Judge Magnus-Stinson for her years of service on our Board of Visitors and her dedication to helping our students find their way in the legal profession," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. "Over the years, her administration of the Oath of Professionalism has been a highlight of the law school's Call to the Profession ceremonies. I wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement."

Judge Magnus-Stinson was sworn in as a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana on June 14, 2010. With the support of Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh, Judge Magnus-Stinson was nominated by President Barack Obama on January 20, 2010.

Prior to her appointment as district judge, Judge Magnus-Stinson served as a magistrate judge in the Southern District of Indiana,



beginning in January 2007. Preceding that appointment, she was appointed and then twice elected judge of the Marion Superior Court serving from 1995-2007. She served as associate presiding judge during 2005-06. Judge Magnus-Stinson served as counsel and deputy chief of staff to Governor Evan Bayh from 1991 to 1995. She maintained a civil litigation practice at the firm of Lewis Wagner from 1983 through 1990.

Judge Magnus-Stinson has served on the Defender Services Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts, the Seventh Circuit Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, the Seventh Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules, and the Seventh Circuit Committee on Supervised Release.

Judge Magnus-Stinson is a trustee of Butler University, and a



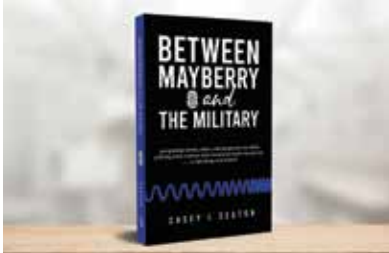
former member of the Board of Visitors of the Indiana University McKinney School of Law. She is a frequent teacher of judges and lawyers, teaching trial advocacy on both a national and international basis. She is active in the Indianapolis Bar Association serving as the chair of its Pro Bono Standing Committee from 2005-06, as a vice president in 2004, and on the Board of Managers in 2002-03. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference, and past member of the Board of Managers of the Indiana Judges Association, and chair of its Criminal Jury Instructions Committee, coordinating a complete revision of the Indiana Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions.

Judge Magnus-Stinson is a 1983 cum laude graduate of the Indiana University McKinney School of Law, and a 1979 cum laude graduate of Butler University. In addition, she is a past member and vice chair of the Wishard Memorial Foundation Board of Directors and past president of Big Sisters of Central Indiana.

In the photo, former Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson (right) and her husband Bill Stinson (left) pictured with their daughters, Mary and Jill, at the 2014 Outstanding Alumna of the Year Award Luncheon. ♦

■ Casey Seaton Book Details Life on Police Force

Casey Seaton, J.D. '16, has written a book about his life as a police officer. Titled *Between Mayberry and the Military*, the book is a memoir about Seaton's time serving in the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. Seaton now teaches law at the IMPD training academy.



As senior officers were getting ready to leave the force, many expressed regret at not having kept a written record of their stories and perspectives from throughout their careers, Seaton said. Hearing those comments made him decide to start writing about his career right from the start. "Writing became a way to remember stories worth sharing with friends and family. It also became a healthy release from the heavy reality of policing. Eventually, writing evolved into this deeper, broader form, lending perspective about the profession through real accounts, personal anecdotes, historical asides, social commentary, and explanations of the practices of one big city department interwoven with my own life," Seaton said.

With goals of promoting change in the police and society, Seaton said he hopes his book spreads the word about what's actually going on with policing from his boots-on-the-ground perspective.

1984

Fred Glass, CEO of Gleaners Food Bank, has been named the 2024 Irish Citizen of the Year. The award had been issued every year since 1978 to someone who embodies their Irish heritage through continued advocacy and service to the Indianapolis community.

1985

Melissa Proffitt presented the PNC Corporate Award at the NAWBO Visionary Award Luncheon on January 24, 2024. She also was a panelist at Deloitte's International Women's Day luncheon on March 7, 2024. Proffitt has been asked to serve on the IU McKinney School of Law Board of Visitors. She looks forward to supporting her alma mater.

1986

Peter C. Wright was honored by the National Association of Wabash Men with the Frank W. Misch Distinguished Service Award.

1991

Scott A. Faultless has successfully achieved recertification for the next five years as a truck accident law advocate which is awarded by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and accredited by the American Bar Association. In addition, he received the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association President's Award. It is the third time he has been so honored.

2000

Pat Scheiderer has been appointed as the real estate practice group leader at Faegre Drinker. Scheiderer collaborates with clients to grow and manage their real property assets and real estate portfolios. He represents institutions, REITs, private equity investors and developers in acquiring, developing, managing, and selling individual real property assets, as well as real estate portfolios with properties in many different states.

Patchen Haggerty, a partner at Perkins Coie, has been named to the Top 50 Women Leaders of Washington for 2024 by Women We Admire.

2002

Thua G. Barlay of Lueder Larkin & Hunter in Conyers, Georgia, was elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the 55,000-member State Bar of Georgia and was installed June 8. Barlay will serve in the Rockdale Judicial Circuit seat on the board, representing Rockdale County. His law



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MaryEllen Kiley Bishop, J.D. '82, Receives IUAA President's Award

MaryEllen Kiley Bishop, J.D. '82, received the IUAA President's Award for her lifetime of service as an alumna of Indiana University.

The IUAA President's Award was established to pay tribute to the most dedicated alumni volunteers. It is the highest award given by the association to a volunteer leader.



"On behalf of the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law, congratulations to MaryEllen Bishop! Her service, dedication, and commitment to Indiana University is exemplary and wide ranging," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. "Her service, dedication and commitment to the law school has also been extraordinary. I am delighted to see her honored with this award and join with the Indiana University community in expressing our gratitude and congratulations to her."

Bishop has long been an advocate for IU and its causes. Her interest in the quality and advancement of the IU Indianapolis campus began when she enrolled as a student at IU McKinney School of Law. She was passionate about the role of the Indianapolis campus in the IU system and was chair of the chancellor's advisory council. Over the years, she actively supported the Regatta, IUPUI Top 100, the IUPUI Alumni Leaders Dinner, and Athletics Hall of Fame.

A partner at Cohen Garelick & Glazier in Indianapolis, Bishop earned a bachelor's in business from the IU Kelley School of Business before pursuing her J.D. from IU McKinney. She served on the law school's Board of Visitors and Alumni Association board.

Bishop chaired the IU Alumni Association, served on the IU Athletics Committee, and the steering committee of the Colloquium for Women of IU. She also served on the board of the IU Foundation and its Women's Philanthropy Leadership Council. She served as co-chair of the IU School of Medicine Planned Giving Committee.

Bishop was first elected to the IU Board of Trustees in 2010 and was elected vice chair in 2021. She is the first woman in IU history to serve as chair of the board, having served as interim chair in 2013.

In the photo, above, MaryEllen Bishop addresses those gathered for Alumni Leaders Weekend in Bloomington during summer 2024.

In the photo, left, MaryEllen Bishop receives the President's Award from IUAA CEO Tricia Stumpf Riveire. ♦



Other IU McKinney alumni who have received the IUAA President's Award include:

1994: Robert H. Everitt, LL.B. '65

1995: Randy G. Hainlen, J.D. '81

2001: H. John Okeson, J.D. '89

2008: Marion County Judge Gary L. Miller, J.D. '80

2010: Douglas Bates, J.D. '92, and retired Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Margret Robb, J.D. '78

practice is focused in the areas of estate planning (wills and trusts) and residential closings. He is a past chair of the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors and Conyers Rotary Club and is a 2016 recipient of the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service, presented by the State Bar of Georgia and Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

Lora Mount was honored at the Columbus, Indiana, Chamber of Commerce 2024 Women in Leadership Lunch.

2003

Julie Halbig has joined Regional Opportunity Initiatives as vice president for economic and community development. In this role, she will focus on community and economic development priorities that elevate the assets of the Indiana Uplands, making it an attractive region to live, work, play, and invest. She most recently served as the director of compliance and initiatives for the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. Prior to that, she led

legislative strategy, government relations, and community engagement efforts for several Indiana organizations, including the House of Representatives Republican Caucus, Ball State University, and the Indiana Hospital Association.

2012

Melinda K. Mains has been named vice president of compliance and general counsel at the Christian Church Foundation. She previously worked as a trial attorney for Farmers Insurance.

2013

Alexander Craig was invited to speak at the 36th annual Indiana Trial Lawyers Association Lifetime Achievement Seminar May 1 and 2. His topic was "Using Focus Groups on the Front-End." He received the group's prestigious Max Goodwin Young Lawyer of the Year award in 2023.

2014

Tyler M. Doane has opened Doane Law in his hometown of Valparaiso and looks forward to helping

Hoosiers throughout Northwest Indiana in the areas of estate planning, criminal defense and expungements, Social Security disability, and family law.

Jeremy Morris has been selected to serve on the Commission on Indiana's Legal Future. The newly created commission will focus on growing the number of attorneys in the state. The 23-member commission includes individuals from each branch of government, judges, lawyers from various types of practices, leaders from Indiana's legal education institutions, and experts from the Office of Judicial Administration.

2015

Justin Hage has been appointed deputy mayor of Zionsville.

2016

Lacey Berkshire has joined Faegre Drinker's government and regulatory group.

Moustafa Alameldin, LL.M., has been admitted to the New York State Bar.



■ Sonja Rice, J.D. '07, Named Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at IU McKinney

Sonja Rice, J.D. '07, has been named assistant dean of the Office of Student Affairs at IU McKinney. Rice took on the role June 1 after serving in it on an interim basis during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Rice received her undergraduate degree from Purdue University, after which she worked in the public and private sectors. She started her public service career in the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, then moved to the private sector where she worked as director of financial affairs at Derrickson Financial Group.

During her nearly 17 years at IU McKinney, Rice has served in a variety of roles, including Egypt Program coordinator and director,

director of Special Projects, and assistant dean for Institutional Data and Reporting. She has taken on added interim roles when asked, including interim assistant dean of Professional Development, and two stints in the Office of Students Affairs. In addition, she has served on numerous law school committees, including the Assessment Committee, the ABA Reaccreditation Committee, and the Admissions Committee. Rice also serves with Professor Joel Schumm, J.D. '98, and Professor Lahny Silva on the Rural Justice Initiative.

■ IU McKinney Assistant Dean Kinney Serves on Indiana Supreme Court Panel

Patricia Kinney, J.D. '02, assistant dean of diversity and inclusion at IU McKinney, was asked to serve on the Indiana Supreme Court's Coalition for Court Access.

The coalition acts as a legal aid organization that develops and implements a statewide plan to improve the availability and quality of access to civil legal aid services for people of limited means. Assistant Dean Kinney's appointment began July 1 and continues until June 30, 2027.

Assistant Dean Kinney also serves as co-chair of the Legal Professional Chapter of the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education. In 2022, she helped launch the Association of American Law Schools' section on Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Professionals.

2017

Darwinson Valdez is serving as in-house counsel with Coastal Waste & Recycling, Inc., in Boca Raton, Florida.

Prianka Ghanta was recognized by BestAgents. us as a 2024 top real estate attorney in Maryland. Ghanta is an associate with Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber, P.A., where she is a member of the firm's Commercial Real Estate and Business Planning Transactions Group.

2020

TaNay Morris has been chosen as one of the 25 fellows for the 2024 Racial Justice Institute by the Shriver Center on Poverty Law. She works as a staff attorney at Legal Services NYC.

2021

Jian Shen, LL.M. graduate, has been working as a lawyer in China since 2007. When he returned to China after his Master of Laws studies, he joined Lawjay Partners, an intellectual property boutique law firm and an associated law firm, Bird & Bird, in 2022. He is a partner at Lawjay, specializing in intellectual property law. The firm specializes in protecting internationally renowned luxury brands in China such as Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Gucci, and others. He recently represented Louis Vuitton and won a case in the China Supreme Court. He also represented Afton Chemical Corporation and the American Chamber of Commerce in China in successful intellectual property cases.

2023

Anamika Krishnan, LL.M. graduate, has been named to IndyHub's Class XIV of the 1828 Leadership Project. Over the next nine months, the group will connect to deepen their understanding of the challenges facing Indianapolis, meet the many individuals who are shaping policy and practice in the community, and identify ways in which they can have an impactful role moving forward.



■ Chaka Coleman Named Black Rising Star by InnoPower

Chaka Coleman, J.D. '22, was given the Black Rising Star Award by InnoPower. Coleman received the honor during the InnoPower Minority Business Week's event. She serves as a government affairs liaison and attorney with Franciscan Alliance.

Coleman was a Program on Law and State Government fellow during her time as a student at IU McKinney. The 2021 PLSG Fellowship Symposium focused on

the topic, "Gun Laws and Gun Violence: State Governments Making a Difference."

InnoPower is a network of visionaries, innovators, and change-makers that is dedicated to fostering economic growth and promoting inclusivity within Indiana's innovation landscape.

The Black Rising Star Award celebrates Indiana's next Black leaders and role models. It recognizes individuals who have demonstrated advancement in their field or community and a commitment to outstanding work. Black Rising Stars are shaping the future using talent, dedication, and an innovative spirit.

■ Two IU McKinney Alumni Retiring from Marion County Bench

Two IU McKinney alumni, Judge John Hanley, J.D. '82; and Judge Mark Stoner, J.D. '81, have announced their retirement from the Marion County Superior Court. They both plan to step away from the bench effective December 31, 2024.

Judge Hanley has served on the bench in Marion County for 30 years. He served on the court's Executive Committee and as the court's presiding judge from 2011 to 2013. In that role, he was the host of a public affairs television show titled "Off the Bench," which featured guests who talked about issues of concern to the public about the court. In addition, for several years he served on the board of trustees of the Leukemia Society of America, as a volunteer for Indiana Reading Information Service (IRIS), and the Volunteer Corps.

Judge Stoner served on the bench in Marion County for 24 years. He previously served as a supervisor in the Marion County Probation Department, was a former chair of the State Probation Committee, and served on the board of the directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference. In addition, he served as chair of the legislation committee for the Indiana State Bar Association, and as the former chair of the Pro Bono Committee for the Indianapolis Bar Association.

Keva G. Rop, M.J. '20, Director of Finance and Operations at Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

Keva G. Rop, M.J. '20, discusses what she appreciates most about nonprofits and what her education at IU McKinney has meant for her career.

Where are you from originally? And where did you complete your undergraduate and graduate studies?

I was born in Eirunepé, Amazonas, a small town in the tropical jungles of western Brazil. My parents were linguists working with the native people called the Manchinere, and I was born in a prefab hospital whose



units had been imported from England. I attended Taylor University for my undergrad in business, completing a semester as an international student at Oxford University in England, with an emphasis in human resources and international business. I completed an MBA from Taylor as well, followed by a SHRM-SCP certification in human resources.

What are you doing now?

My upbringing in the not-for-profit world prepared me to serve in the finance, management, and operational functions at various colleges and nonprofits in Indiana. I am currently the director of finance and operations at Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, where I provide a platform for the talented staff to serve our mission and our statewide partners.

What drew you to this field? What do you like most about your job?

I am fascinated and inspired by the way nonprofits solve difficult problems with creativity and practicality for the betterment of society. My roles have allowed me to travel domestically and internationally, and seeing the amazing work of artists, musicians, doctors, researchers, medical staff, and philanthropists continues to fuel my determination to support this important work. I deliver a stability in challenging times and identify solutions to assist in meeting the ever-changing needs of our clients.

What prompted you to pursue a Master of Jurisprudence degree at IU McKinney?

My work with international projects, particularly in medicine and research, brought to my attention the legal complexities that most

degree programs can't address. The Master of Jurisprudence provided legal scaffolding that empowers me to dissect the layers of an issue and approach problem solving with clarity and objectivity. The not-for-profit world is staffed by passionate professionals, and this degree enables me to provide calm, assertive leadership as we make difficult choices regarding resource and personnel management.

How were you able to tailor your studies to your career interests?

This law program provided me with a solid foundation in basics of American law, and then I explored topics including human resources, international business, and healthcare. Dean Bravo was my advisor when I started the program, and it was an honor to be mentored and challenged by her. Learning alongside the J.D. students gave me a deep appreciation for the intensity of their training and enables me to work with attorneys today because I speak their language and understand how to best leverage their wealth of knowledge.

What was your experience like as a student at IU McKinney?

I was very impressed by the diversity of the legal profession and the passion that both students and professors displayed in furthering the understanding and practice of the law. Overhearing students discuss how their future careers would be dedicated to advocacy of the disenfranchised, while others were pursuing careers in the for-profit sector, showed the range of preparation that IU McKinney makes available for all students. IU McKinney is one of very few law schools who have a master's program and also offers night classes, both of which allowed me to participate in this rigorous and rewarding experience. As a nontraditional student, I developed deep relationships with a group of other older students, and we named ourselves GROWN (Girls Reaching Out When Needed). We still meet up regularly to discuss the latest legal changes that affect our careers.

What's next for you?

As a 2020 graduate, I had planned my last law class to be in the China program, but when COVID-19 paused that opportunity, I've decided to pursue a requisite experience of international law. Meanwhile, my education credentials and experience are in demand for board positions, and I'm honored to volunteer in leadership positions that form the fabric of our Indianapolis community. I also enjoy returning to IU McKinney for ongoing professional development and events. ♦



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Judge Robyn Moberly Retires from U.S. Bankruptcy Court

The Honorable Robyn L. Moberly, J.D. '78, has retired from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana. A ceremony honoring her career took place June 7.

"I join with many IU McKinney alumni and friends in wishing Judge Moberly congratulations on her well-deserved retirement," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. "She has served the IU McKinney community with distinction and left an indelible mark on our school and on the legal profession."

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

Judge Moberly served a vital role in the legal community, having served as president of the Indiana Judges Association, president and board



member of the Indianapolis Bar Association, board member of the Indiana Judicial Conference, and associate presiding judge of the Marion Superior Court.

A *cum laude* graduate of IU McKinney, Judge Moberly has been an active alumna. She has served as president of the IU McKinney School of Law Alumni Association, and as a member of the Board

of Visitors for the IU McKinney School of Law. She received the Maynard K. Hine Medal in 2021 in recognition of her service to the IUPUI campus and its alumni programs.

In the photo, Judge Moberly, center, is with IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo, left, and former IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar, at the Hine Medal ceremony in 2021. ♦



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— IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo.

IU McKinney Celebrates Dean and Alumni Named to IBJ's Indiana 250 Class for 2024

IU McKinney Dean **Karen E. Bravo** again was selected as one of the state's most influential and impactful business and community leaders by the *Indiana Business Journal's* Indiana 250 List. The publication gathered representatives from public and private companies, law firms, universities, not-for-profits, government, and community organizations, including Dean Bravo and 28 IU McKinney School of Law Alumni.

The list was compiled by the executives, editors, and newsroom staffs at IBJ Media's three news brands—*Indiana Lawyer*, *Indianapolis Business Journal* and *Inside Indiana Business*—after a monthslong process that included reviewing nominations, researching Indiana organizations, and interviewing community leaders across the state. Subscribers to the publications can read profiles of the Indiana 250 honorees at indiana250.com. ❖



Congratulations to Dean Bravo and the IU McKinney Alumni on the list:

Civic Leadership

Andy Mallon, J.D. '01
Eric Neuburger, J.D. '11

Financial & Business Services

Tim Cook, J.D. '92

Health Care & Life Sciences

Erin Albert, J.D. '12

Hospitality, Entertainment & Arts

J. Douglas Boles, J.D. '00
Julie Roe Lach, J.D. '04

Law

Fernanda Beraldi, LL.M. '15
Brian Bosma, J.D. '84
Andrew Detherage, J.D. '90
Trisha Dudlo-McCracken, J.D. '10
Angela B. Freeman, J.D. '12
John Hammond III, J.D. '91
Kyle Hupfer, J.D. '98
Lacy Johnson, J.D. '81
Jimmie McMillian, J.D. '02
Michael Millikan, J.D. '98
Lawren Mills, J.D. '04
Melissa Proffitt, J.D. '85

Manufacturing, Logistics & Transportation

Rachel Hazaray, J.D. '06
Dan Starr, J.D. '94

Not-For-Profit & Education

Dennis Bland, J.D. '92
Fred Glass, J.D. '84
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Real Estate, Retail & Construction

Tadd Miller, J.D. '06
Michael Wells, J.D. '79

Technology & Media

David Roberts, J.D. '03
Ryan Vaughn, J.D. '03



■ IU McKinney Alumnus Nelson Frech Named to IBJ's 20 in Their Twenties

Nelson Frech, who graduated *cum laude* from IU McKinney in May 2024, was named to *Indianapolis Business Journal's* 2024 class of "20 in Their Twenties." Honorees were celebrated at a reception August 13.

Frech was a dual-degree student at IU Indianapolis, graduating with an M.B.A. from the evening program at the Kelley School of Business in addition to his J.D. from IU McKinney. He is senior project manager at Skender Construction. He also serves on the board of directors for Adelante Schools, an Indianapolis Public Schools partner; and is actively involved in mentoring minority-owned businesses. Additionally, he represents consumers on the Home Inspectors Board of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, participates in the Indy Chamber BEI Peer Advisors program, and is involved with the local chapter of the ACE Mentors program.

In the photo, Frech was just hooded at IU McKinney's Graduation Celebration in May 2024.

■ IU McKinney Alumni Complete Bar Leader Series

An even dozen of the latest class to complete the 2023-2023 Indianapolis Bar Association's Bar Leader Series are IU McKinney alumni. In its 20th year, it's an intensive yearlong leadership development program designed for bar association members in their third to tenth years of practice.

The IU McKinney alumni who took part are:

John DeRoss Jr., J.D. '17, associate attorney at Lewis Wagner
 Sean Dewey, J.D. '15, senior associate at Ice Miller
 Kelsey Dilday Miller, J.D. '18, associate attorney at Barnes & Thornburg
 Jackie Gessner, J.D. '15, managing counsel at JD Finish Line
 April Keaton, J.D. '18, Office of the Indiana Attorney General
 Kathleen Meek, J.D. '05, attorney at Kid's Voice of Indiana
 P. Mason Riley, J.D. '13, attorney at Ruckelshaus Kautzman Blackwell
 Jami Sayeed, J.D. '20, visiting assistant professor at IU McKinney
 Kate E. Trinkle, J.D. '19, associate attorney at Ogletree Deakins
 Nate Walter, J.D. '17, special assistant U.S. Attorney
 Chase Wilson, J.D. '16, attorney at Hurst Limontes
 Joey Wright, J.D. '17, associate attorney at Kightlinger & Gray

■ Alumna MacAna Gilkerson Featured on *Indiana Lawyer* Podcast

MacAna Gilkerson, J.D. '24, was a guest on *Indiana Lawyer's* podcast, where she talked about being one of the founding members of the AccessABILITY Student Union at IU McKinney. Gilkerson was honored for this work with an *Indiana Lawyer* Diversity in Law award. Her interview begins at the 13:30 mark in the podcast. She talks about how she got the idea to form the student group the summer before her 3L year and working with IU McKinney administration to launch the organization. Gilkerson is working as a legal intern at the Freeman Law Office in Indianapolis.



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Andrea Vasquez, LL.M. '24, Works at Culwell Legal in Indianapolis

Andrea Vasquez, LL.M. '24, was drawn to IU McKinney for her Master of Law because of the school's strong international legal community. She studied the Corporate and Commercial Law LL.M. track and is currently working at Culwell Legal in Indianapolis.

Where are you from originally?

I'm a foreign attorney originally from San Pedro Sula, Cortés, Honduras, a country known for its gorgeous white-sand beaches, Mayan ruins, and having one of the world's largest reefs.

Where did you do your legal studies?

I did my bachelor's in law at the Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana of Honduras, home of the Jaguars, just as IU Indy.

What made you want to become a lawyer?

From an early age I've always known that I wanted to become a lawyer. Justice and service have been the bedrock of my drive and passion



for this profession. It is the privilege and talent that an attorney holds to defend people's rights that instilled in me the desire to take on that task. Naturally, it is my aspiration to become a trial attorney (I happen to have a knack for arguing in a non-aggressive manner) and to be of service to the community not only

through litigation, but with genuine compassion to alleviate people's legal concerns. Finally, my father, who's also an attorney and my mentor, has guided me through my life and career. His influence propels my aspirations as a lawyer since I look up to him as an example of both life and career.

What were you doing before you decided to pursue a Master of Laws degree?

I was a recent law school graduate and licensed attorney. I had been promoted from court clerk to judge (conciliation court) and I was taking business/corporate law online courses. Essentially, I was constantly preparing myself in every aspect to achieve my short-term goal at the

time: to be admitted to a recognized master's program in the United States of America.

What made you decide to pursue an LL.M.?

Competition and mastery. It doesn't get easier out there and a bachelor's degree isn't enough anymore—especially in my country where you pursue a bachelor's law degree straight after high school. I knew that as a young attorney with some degree of experience I needed something more that would distinguish me from the majority. An LL.M. would undoubtedly help me to build a strong foundation of knowledge that would prepare me to meet the market's expectations and make a difference in my craft as an attorney.

What made you decide on IU McKinney for your graduate degree?

A variety of factors. McKinney's Corporate and Commercial Law track is robustly designed to specialize as a lawyer in corporate and commercial law that'll allow you to enter the international legal market and pursue a career beyond country frontiers. Moreover, the school's location has been an invaluable asset for networking with all law firms, government offices, businesses, and corporations downtown. To conclude, they have a strong international community, for both LL.M. and J.D. programs. As an international student, this was a compelling factor as I was about to venture into a new academic pursuit away from home, family, and friends, it was important to find a program where I could have familiarity.

What's your experience been like at IU McKinney?

It has been everything I thought of and more. Law school can be exhausting and overwhelming, and having a dedicated support system is crucial to stay afloat. IU McKinney provided me with advisors, counselors, and professors that sincerely care for their students and will help them to succeed at McKinney and in their life pursuits. Furthermore, speaking from an international student's point of view, McKinney has shown me hospitality and given me a sense of belonging.

What's your favorite thing about Indianapolis?

I'm a city girl at heart, but I enjoy my dose of nature every now and then to breathe and relax; thus, the Canal and White River Park are my two favorite spots in downtown Indy to decompress. As to food, I must say that as a true Sampedrana I cannot live without fried chicken and "The Eagle" has, hands-down, the best fried chicken downtown. ♦

Ten Members of the IU McKinney Law Community among Diversity in Law Honorees

IU McKinney celebrates the 10 members of the law school community who were honored at *Indiana Lawyer's* Diversity in Law awards program on October 2. Dean Karen E. Bravo took part in a panel discussion during the event.

Lacy Johnson, J.D. '81, a partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister, was chosen for the Trail Blazer award, which is the highest Diversity in Law honor. It recognizes an attorney who has excelled in their commitment to diversity and who has inspired others to do the same.

Other members of the IU McKinney family who were recognized for their work in diversity and inclusion are:

Zechariah Banks, J.D. '22, of Dentons Bingham Greenebaum

Angela Freeman, J.D. '12, of Barnes and Thornburg

The Honorable Ryan Kenneth Gardner, J.D. '04, of Marion Superior Court 10

Burnell Grimes, J.D. '16, director, legal at Carrier Global Corporation

MacAna Gilkerson, J.D. '24, who co-founded the Accessibility and Equity Student Union at IU McKinney.

Julian Harrell, J.D. '12, of Faegre Drinker

LaToya Highsaw, J.D. '16, of Paganelli Law Group

Shamika Mazyck, J.D. '18, of Quarles & Brady

Finis Tatum IV, J.D. '10, of Hoover Hull Turner



Banks



Freeman



Gardner



Grimes



Gilkerson



Harrell



Highsaw



Mazyck



Tatum

City's First Chief Violence Prevention Officer is an IU McKinney Grad

Ralph Durrett Jr., J.D. '22, has been named the inaugural chief violence prevention officer for Indianapolis. The role is part of the city's Office of Public Health and Safety. A story about the new position appeared on news station WTHR.

"There are so many people doing great work right now, and I just want to engage them as much as I possibly can and help them out, but the kids need representation. They want to see somebody that looks like them in these positions," Durrett said in the story. He said his goal is to meet youth where they are.

IU McKinney Alumnus Serves on Panel with Chancellor Ramchand

IU Indianapolis Chancellor Latha Ramchand shared her vision and outlook for the campus as it transitions from IUPUI during an event on June 5. The program, "Bring on IU: Indianapolis," featured an alumni panel that included Senior Corporate Counsel and Chief Diversity Officer at Penske Entertainment Jimmie McMillian, J.D. '02.

The discussion explored the IU Indianapolis campus's unique position at the intersection of sports and higher education, which is poised to lead in mental health, physical fitness, wellness, injury prevention, and sports innovation. The event took place at the Indiana Historical Society.

Nathan Meeks, J.D. '13, Named Judge in Grant County

Nathan Meeks, J.D. '13, has been named judge in Grant Superior Court 2. Meeks has practiced law in Marion since 2014. Beginning in 2017, Meeks served for two years as a deputy prosecutor in Grant County. He returned to private practice while working as a part-time public defender and as the attorney for Grant County. Meeks also serves as president of the Grant County Bar Association.

John Pistole, J.D. '81, Announces Retirement as President of Anderson University

Anderson University president John Pistole, J.D. '81, has announced he will retire at the end of the 2024-2025 academic year. Pistole became the university's fifth president in 2015 after serving as head of the Transportation Security Administration under former President Barack Obama.

During Pistole's tenure, Anderson University added 17 undergraduate majors, including cybersecurity and engineering, as well as a master's degree in organization leadership and multiple certificate



offerings, the university said. He also helped secure more than \$7 million in grants to fund various projects. The university also said it welcomed a freshman class that is 15% larger than the 2023-24 academic year.



Pistole began a career with the FBI in 1983 before he rose through the ranks and was appointed deputy director in 2004. He was nominated by President Barack Obama to be director of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), a role he took over in summer 2010. As head of the TSA, Pistole led a 60,000-strong workforce, and oversaw the security operations of more than 450 airports throughout the United States.

Pistole's family has a long history with Anderson University. He earned his bachelor's degree from Anderson University in 1978, and both of his parents were alumni. The General Assembly of the Church of God founded the university in 1917.

Pistole received the law school's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009 and delivered the law school's graduation celebration address that same year.

In the photo, top right, John Pistole, center, visits the Leadership in Law class of former IU McKinney Dean Andrew R. Klein and the late IUPUI Chancellor Emeritus Gerald Bepko. ♦



■ IU McKinney Student Carson Tranter Interned with Senator Todd Young's Office

Carson Tranter worked as an intern in Indiana Senator Todd Young's office during summer 2024, immediately before beginning his first year of law school at IU McKinney. Senator Young is a 2006 graduate of the law school.

Tranter is originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he graduated from Homestead High School. He did his undergraduate studies in economics at Hanover College. He applied for the internship in Senator Young's office to learn more about and gain meaningful experience in government.

"I learned so much about the legislative process throughout the summer. I worked closely with Senator Young's legislative staff and was assigned research projects on a wide range of policy areas: Houthi attacks in the Red Sea, the China-Taiwan conflict, Social Security reforms, tax policy, etc.," Tranter said. "I learned how research like this directly contributes to proposed legislation and I attended countless House and Senate committee hearings, the real work of Congress.

"I also interacted with Hoosier constituents throughout the summer. By taking constituent calls, hearing from lobbyist groups, and giving tours of the Capitol, I gained a stronger understanding of how Hoosiers feel about issues and their efforts to affect public policy.

"My internship with Senator Young allowed me to reexamine and grow my political opinions and expanded my worldview. I expect my experience will give great context to legal concepts discussed in the classroom and aid my career."

In the photo are, at left, Senator Todd Young, J.D. '06, and IU McKinney 1L Carson Tranter at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.



■ LL.M. Alumna Named to 40 under Forty in Illinois

Sarah Dunkley, LL.M. '14, has been named to the 2024 class of *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and *Chicago Lawyer's* 40 Under Forty Illinois Attorneys to Watch.

Dunkley, a native of Australia, is a partner at the firm Golan Christie Taglia in Chicago. She practices in federal and state courts in Australia and the United States in the areas of regulatory disputes, product liability, international arbitration, and malpractice, among others. She worked at law firms in Australia before coming to IU McKinney for a Master of Laws degree. She studied the International and Comparative Law track. Since receiving her graduate degree, Dunkley was a senior associate at the Patterson Law Firm and was a litigation partner at Hahn Loeser & Parks.

Meet the Office of Development

Assistant Dean of Development

■ Beck Spears

Beck joined McKinney Law School in January of 2023 with a background in higher education financial oversight and development, and investment banking and leadership. She is passionate about connecting needs at McKinney with donor philanthropic intents.

Director of Development

■ Will Clansky

Will joined McKinney Law School in September of 2023 with a background in tech sales and leadership, and the non-profit sector. He connects with donors with their philanthropic legacies at McKinney Law School.

Director of Development, Stewardship

■ Lisa Schrage

Lisa joined McKinney Law School in January of 2003 with a non-profit and business background. She is intent on meeting the stewardship needs of McKinney donors in addition to the operational leadership of the department.

Assistant Director of Development

■ Reilly Wilson

Reilly joined McKinney Law School in July of 2023 with a background in university financial oversight, manufacturing, and government. He focuses on fundraising activities to engage alumni and increase donor outreach.

Development Associate

■ Brittany Davis

Brittany joined McKinney Law School in June 2024 with a background as an event coordinator in music education non-profit. She provides high-level administrative support to the team and assists in all aspects of fundraising for the school.

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Why Giving Feels So Good

by Alicia Carlson

A Chinese proverb advises, “If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else.”

Like so much ancient wisdom, this observation is now backed by science. A wide range of research has linked generosity to our evolution as homo sapiens who—like many species—have adopted prosocial behavior in order to thrive. It seems we are hardwired, through our brain circuitry and hormone systems, with a deep desire to help others.

Here’s just a sampling of what we know about how generosity is linked to both happiness and better health:

- In a 2017 study using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), scientists at Northwestern University found a direct neural link between generous decisions and increased happiness.
- Giving is also linked to the release of the hormone oxytocin, which induces feelings of warmth, euphoria, and connection to others. Scientists at the Center for Neuroeconomics Studies at Claremont Graduate University found that a dose of oxytocin will cause people to give more generously and to feel more empathy, with “symptoms” lasting up to two hours. It might even be contagious: People on an “oxytocin high” can trigger the same generous response in others, the researchers said.
- Generosity is associated with benefits in the workplace, such as reducing the likelihood of job burnout, and in relationships, where it is associated with more contentment and longer-lasting romantic relationships, according to the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California Berkeley.
- Numerous studies have shown that giving social support—time, effort, or goods—is associated with better overall health in older adults, and volunteering has been associated with delayed mortality.

Philanthropic behavior can be the key to increasing one’s own positive feelings, according to Gretchen Rubin, author of the best-selling “Happiness Project” and of the popular blog of the same name. “Research shows that happy people have a greater interest in the problems of others. And the more we give to others, the happier we are,” she says. “Philanthropy creates a kind of virtuous cycle.”

Need more evidence? Keep reading for more inspiring stories of giving, including how the generous spirit of the late Dean G. Kent Frandsen lives on through donors and recipients of the scholarship established in his honor (page 50) or the “epiphany” of the benefits of pro bono experienced by IU McKinney alumnus Tom French, ’71 (page 48). ♦



“One way to really be thankful for the success I had earned was to give back to the law school.” — Kate Crebo, J.D. ‘11

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Professor Schumm Selected for Carl M. Gray Professorship at IU McKinney

by Rebecca Trimpe

Professor Joel Schumm, J.D. '98, was selected for the Carl M. Gray Professorship. This new role became official July 1 with the approval of the Indiana University Board of Trustees.

"I am happy to see Professor Schumm recognized in this way," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. "He is a dedicated educator who created and leads our Rural Justice Initiative and whose students frequently find themselves arguing before Indiana appellate courts while still in law school. Professor Schumm is known throughout Indiana's legal community for his service on the Indiana State Bar Association's written publications committee and his frequent presentations for continuing legal education seminars."

A three-person panel made up of Professor Mike Pitts, Professor Frank Sullivan, and School of Liberal Arts Professor Jennifer Thorington-Springer served on the ad hoc Gray Professorship Committee. In its unanimous recommendation that Professor Schumm be awarded the professorship, the committee noted that:

[Professor Schumm] embodies exactly the type of individual the Gray Professorship is aimed at—a skilled instructor of effective client advocacy. He also has demonstrated outstanding leadership, an institutionally focused mindset, a student-centered approach to teaching, diversity and inclusion values, and has had a positive impact on the community and legal profession of Indiana. He is an exemplar of the essential functions of a faculty member.

"That Professor Schumm will be the Carl Gray professor is altogether fitting," said Professor Sullivan. "Carl Gray was a great figure in Indiana law. He was a president of the Indiana State Bar Association and active in law reform, including serving on the commission that brought about the merit selection of Indiana appellate judges. Like Carl Gray, Joel has been deeply engaged in bar and law reform activities, as well as providing pro bono representation at a level that reflects credit on all of us."

The Carl M. Gray Professorship is named for the late Mr. Gray, a Petersburg, Indiana attorney who made a gift in 1978 to support programs at the law school. Mr. Gray, a former trustee of Indiana University, was recognized during his lifetime for distinguished service by both the Indiana and American Bar Associations. ♦



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For Tom French, J.D. '71, Pro Bono is Part of Finding Joy in Retirement

by Alicia Carlson

Talk about being in the right place at the right time. After graduating law school, Tom French, J.D. '71, moved to a nascent Silicon Valley.

"I wanted to be at the center of what seemed to be revolutionary change," he says. "In that turbulent time of the early 1970s, San Francisco seemed to be the place."

When French was growing up in Indianapolis, his grandparents had an oil painting depicting a lush scene of swallows, palm trees and vivid flowers at the Southern California mission of San Juan Capistrano. California had always captivated his imagination.

But by the late 1960s, French was in his mid-twenties and married, with two young children. He'd settled into a commercial lending job in his hometown at American Fletcher National Bank, overlooking Monument Circle. At friends' urgings and despite a lackluster undergrad experience, he decided to apply—and was accepted—to the law school's evening program.

"When I started law school, it was like I couldn't get enough of it," French says. "I was intellectually stimulated like never before."

French and his family left Indianapolis for California, where he was hired as an associate at the Palo Alto law firm of Ware & Freidenrich and soon realized how important the tech sector would be. Over the next 50 years, French worked with tech startups, mature and emerging companies, and technology consortia, and was corporate partner with DLA Piper (US) LLP in its Silicon Valley office. Now in semi-retirement, he works under his own shingle, T. French & Co.

A New Direction

In the 1980s, French's law firm offered sabbaticals to mid-career professionals.



“My wife and I lived in New York for six weeks, delivering food and handling assignments all over Manhattan, working with women’s shelters and on my own caseload. It was a phenomenal experience and cemented a lot of things in my mind.” — Tom French

When French applied for a sabbatical in 1983, he had no fixed plans for his time away.

That same year, on a business trip to New York, French interviewed a Columbia University law student who listed the Coalition for the Homeless on her resume. French had never heard of the nonprofit, but was intrigued. Its founder, Bob Hayes, then a young associate in the “white-shoe” law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, had led a successful pro bono lawsuit against the state of New York, arguing that the state’s constitution mandated that the state was obligated to provide housing for all of its citizens.

“I immediately contacted Hayes to see if he could find a place for me, and he readily agreed,” French recalls. “My wife and I lived in New York for six weeks, delivering food and handling assignments all over Manhattan, working with women’s shelters and on my own caseload. It was a phenomenal experience and cemented a lot of things in my mind.”

French returned to his law firm, but also sought out a local nonprofit, the Ecumenical Hunger Program in Palo Alto. He made food deliveries to the needy, worked in the food warehouse, eventually serving two terms on the EHP board of directors and joining its fundraising arm, Friends of EHP.

In 2019, French began offering pro bono legal services to EHP clients, a practice he continues today. His pro bono clients’ legal needs fall into almost every conceivable category of life itself: landlord-tenant issues, credit problems, insurance claims, worker’s compensation, inheritance, child custody, pension rights, employment terminations, DMV issues, gang-related problems and criminal matters.

“I’m still very high on earning a law degree, and glad I am able to keep using it,” French says.

Here are French’s tips for a second, successful pro bono career:

- 1. Develop relationships.** French says that, as a volunteer, he has enjoyed learning from nonprofit leaders. He also has made connections in the local legal community, persuading other practicing lawyers willing to guide him in areas in which he felt his experience was too limited, and to take cases he can’t handle on a pro bono or discounted basis.
- 2. Celebrate the small wins.** Many of French’s pro bono clients not only have a legal problem, but other issues as well. He has learned it can make a world of difference if he can take one problem off their plate, such as allowing them to stay in their residence or settle a dispute. And sometimes, clients just need someone to listen—and that’s important, too.
- 3. Take pleasure in helping others.** During his long and successful career, French helped many corporate clients, but never felt the kind of gratitude that his pro bono clients express. “Going to bat for someone and helping them along the way to a better life provides a sense of intense gratification that is just amazing,” French says. ♦

G. Kent Frandsen Scholarship

For Grateful Alumni and Students, the Spirit of G. Kent Frandsen Lives On

by Alicia Carlson

IU McKinney Law student Brooklyn Hayes never met G. Kent Frandsen, '65. Neither did Justin Forkner, J.D. '10.

Both attended law school decades after Frandsen, an associate professor of law and associate dean for student affairs, died in 1988. But for Hayes and Forkner, Frandsen's legacy looms large.



G. Kent Frandsen, J.D. '65

They—along with more than 40 other McKinney students since 1984—are recipients of the G. Kent Frandsen Scholarship.

For Forkner, the scholarship continues to have an impact on his life, allowing him to pursue a career in public service. He serves as chief administrative officer of the Office of Judicial Administration, reporting directly to the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court and serving as the link between the Chief Justice and the agencies of the Court.

"This scholarship, which helped cover my law school tuition, made all the difference to me," Forkner says.

For Hayes, too, the scholarship is making an impact.

"It's made a huge impact on my law school career," says Hayes, a 3L who currently serves as chief justice for Moot Court. "That's something I would not be able to do if I was working to pay my law school expenses. I have been able to put my sole focus on being the best student that I can be."

From the beginning of her McKinney Law experience, Hayes has felt part of a community, "more than just a number and that I really belonged," she says.

So Memorable

Making students feel like they belonged at law school was a Frandsen specialty, alumni say.

Frandsen had just finished his own law degree at IU when he started his 23-year career at McKinney. Over the years, his titles included assistant to the dean, associate dean for student affairs, assistant professor of law, and acting dean of the law school. He taught courses in insurance law and professional responsibility and was awarded the inaugural Black Cane Award in 1968 as the most outstanding professor of the academic year.

"He had a manner and a grace about him that was so memorable," says J. Michael Antrim, '75, partner at the law firm Church Church Hittle + Antrim.

"His door was always open," Antrim recalls. "He seemed to have a unique capability of keeping things on an even keel, offering a calm sense of perspective. He made each of us feel like we were in the

“He seemed to have a unique capability of keeping things on an even keel, offering a calm sense of perspective. He made each of us feel like we were in the right place, and his ‘you got this’ attitude—before that was a popular phrase—nurtured a collective security in us at a time when we needed it most.” — J. Michael Antrim, ’75

right place, and his ‘you got this’ attitude—before that was a popular phrase—nurtured a collective security in us at a time when we needed it most.”

While on leave from the university in 1969, Frandsen served as Chief Staff Counsel in the office of the Indiana Attorney General. In his spare time, he served as a City Judge in Lebanon from 1970 to 1980. He was named as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Service Award by the law school in 1983.

The next year, grateful alumni established the scholarship, which has grown with support from friends, colleagues, family, and former recipients of the scholarship. It supports incoming students and is based on demonstrated leadership ability, undergraduate extracurricular activity and grade point average, financial need, and community involvement, with a preference for Indiana residents. The scholarship is renewable if academic performance is excellent and financial need continues.

Like many alumni and friends of IU McKinney who were fortunate to cross paths with the late Dean Frandsen, Antrim donated to the scholarship fund early in his career. But in the past year or so, Antrim says he’s grown more contemplative about his life and career, which prompted him to consider again Frandsen’s open-hearted, generous approach to students.

Antrim decided that by making a new gift to the scholarship fund, he could help continue the Frandsen legacy and change the trajectory of law student lives for many years to come. And, he’s urging his classmates and others to do the same.

McKinney Steps In

The Frandsen Scholarship made a financial difference for Forkner, but so did his experience with people who, like Frandsen himself, made the law school seem accessible and supportive.

Forkner served on active duty with the U.S. Army in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2007. As he prepared to return to Indianapolis and start classes at IU McKinney Law, he learned that his veteran tuition benefits and the law school calendar failed to line up, which put his plans—and his future—at risk.

“McKinney stepped in for me,” Forkner says. “They allowed me to start law school in the summer. To this day, I keep a list of people without whom I would not be where I am, including Patricia Kinney [’02, assistant dean of Diversity & Inclusion] and [former] Dean Andy Klein.”

At IU McKinney, those very personal student experiences, together with the Frandsen Scholarship, keep Frandsen’s legacy alive.

“For me, Dean Frandsen’s kindness and generosity are traits I associate with IU McKinney, Dean Bravo, and the faculty,” Antrim says. “His attitude was, ‘we’re all in this together.’ It’s wonderful to see that spirit continue for students today.” ♦



Justin Forkner, J.D. ’10



Scan the QR code if you would like to support the G. Kent Frandsen Scholarship.





Recipient of Two Scholarships, Doubly Grateful

by Alicia Carlson

Kira Ulrich acknowledges that it sounds like a cliché, but she applied to IU McKinney Law hoping to make a difference in the world.

As a high school student in Evansville, Ulrich volunteered for a program called Teen Court, a restorative, justice-based diversion program for first-time, juvenile offenders. Their peers—volunteers like Ulrich—are mentored by adult attorneys and serve as jury members, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, bailiff, and judges assistant.

It was her first exposure to the legal system, and she learned to enjoy advocating for her peers.

"I discovered both a passion for working with kids and strong belief in a rehabilitative justice system," Ulrich says. "Teen Court allowed me to see that, as a lawyer, I could help people."

What she didn't see were many attorneys who were women, let alone women who looked like her. Despite her German-sounding surname, Ulrich is Chinese-American, adopted from China as a baby from an orphanage, surrendered by her Chinese family as a result of that country's past one-child policy.

Her adoptive parents brought her home to Evansville, where she joined an older brother and a tight-knitted extended clan that included three cousins also adopted from China. Together, they shared a bond that helped reinforce Ulrich's Chinese identity.

Propelled by goals of law school, Ulrich chose to save money by living



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at home while attending the University of Evansville. At IU McKinney Law, Ulrich sought financial aid and learned about the Polston Scholarship, which is awarded to one or more students enrolled in the J.D. or LL.M. program.

The scholarship was established in 2002 by Yi Zhang, ‘96, in honor of Professor Emeritus Ronald W. Polston, who he said greatly helped him throughout law school. Professor Polston taught at IU McKinney Law for 30 years and was a member of McKinney’s China Summer Program faculty, before retiring in 1995.

“This scholarship not only provided financial help, but also a connection to my heritage and a validation that I belonged here in law school at McKinney,” Ulrich says.

Ulrich, who will graduate with a J.D. in 2025, has continued on her path toward becoming a lawyer making a difference. At IU McKinney Law, she has participated in the law school’s Child Advocacy Clinic and served as a certified legal intern with the Marion County Public Defenders Agency. Ulrich has also been involved in Women’s Caucus, Asian Law Society Association, and the Sports and Entertainment Law Society.

She is also a recipient of a McKinney School of Law Diversity Scholarship, established in 2020 and awarded to J.D. students with special consideration given to underrepresented populations. It is made possible because of the generous donations of many alumni and friends of the law school.

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David Miller, J.D. '77, Named Spirit of Philanthropy Honoree

David Miller, J.D. '77, was recognized on April 9 with the IU Indianapolis Spirit of Philanthropy Award.

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

During his legal career, Miller focused on employment and labor law, retiring in 2012 from the law firm of what is now Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath. He was recognized in the Indiana Super Lawyers magazine and as one of the best lawyers in America for more than ten consecutive years. In retirement, David has returned to the classroom and is taking courses at IU Bloomington.

Miller has been passionate about giving back to the institution that helped shape his career and the lives and careers of family members. He met his late wife, Mindy, at IU and several generations of their families are IU graduates as well.

He began his philanthropic journey with the university when he was a member of the IU Student Foundation. He generously supports the Speech and Hearing Program at IU Bloomington and has endowed the David W. Miller Scholarship for Wabash Graduates at IU McKinney Law, awarded to first-year J.D. students who are graduates of Wabash College.

Created in 1989, the IU Indianapolis Spirit of Philanthropy Award recognizes the sincere dedication of individuals and organizations to support the IU Indianapolis campus. These honorees give generously and provide volunteer leadership to advance the opportunities for students, faculty, and staff at IU Indianapolis.

In the photo is David Miller with Dean Karen E. Bravo. ♦



“The scholarship is for students from Wabash who go to the McKinney law school. It helps to encourage students at Wabash to go to McKinney which is a positive thing.” — David Miller

IU McKinney Alumni Inducted into Presidents Circle

Generous donors to IU McKinney Law were inducted into the Presidents Circle in recognition of their significant philanthropic giving to Indiana University.

A. Scott Chinn and Catherine Parker

Scott Chinn, J.D. '94, and Catherine Parker have four degrees from Indiana University, with Scott earning a bachelor's degree from the Media School and a J.D. from McKinney Law and Catherine earning a bachelor's degree from the School of Public Health and a master's degree from the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Scott is a devoted volunteer and advocate for IU McKinney Law serving as current vice chair of the school's Board of Visitors, former president of the school's Alumni Association, former member of the school's Bicentennial Campaign Committee, and current chair for the Law Firm Campaign, and he is also a recipient of the Maynard K. Hine Award.

Chinn and Parker are longtime supporters of IU and endowed the Ron Chinn Public Sector Law Scholarship at IU McKinney Law that is in memory of Scott's father. Scott has served as an adjunct faculty member at IU McKinney Law for nearly a decade.



A. Scott Chinn, J.D. '94 and Catherine Parker

Sandy and Bernie Miller

Sandy, J.D. '82, and Bernie Miller both received bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana State University before Sandy earned her J.D. *summa cum laude* from IU McKinney Law. Sandy taught high school English while attending law school at night, and Bernie spent his career as a high school faculty member and coach. Sandy then focused her legal career on health law and is passionate about the field.

While in law school, Sandy was involved in the school's moot court program and health law programs. Sandy and Bernie have supported IU McKinney Law for nearly 40 years and most recently established the Sandy and Bernie Miller Health Law Fellowship that has already helped 14 students working in unpaid summer positions in health law.



Sandy, J.D. '82 and Bernie Miller

Tony and Marya Rose

Tony, LL.M. '07 and Marya Rose, J.D. '90, hold advanced degrees from IU, with Tony earning a J.D. from IU Maurer Law and an LL.M. *summa cum laude* from IU McKinney Law, and Marya earning a J.D. *cum laude* from IU McKinney Law. Tony was an adjunct faculty member at IU McKinney Law for over a decade, and Marya recently joined the IU Foundation Board of Directors.

They endowed the Marya and Tony Rose Scholarship at IU McKinney Law in 2020. The scholarship helps students interested in civil rights and social justice practice areas and has helped four students so far.

In addition, **Thomas M. and Deborah M. Kimbrough**; and **Larry L. and Kathryn A. Barnard** also were inducted into the President's Circle in recognition of their significant philanthropic giving to Indiana University in the area of athletics. Thomas Kimbrough is a 1980 graduate of IU McKinney, and Larry Barnard is a 1987 graduate of the law school. Both alumni are from Fort Wayne, Indiana. ♦



Tony, LL.M. '07 and Marya Rose, J.D. '90

2023-2024 Law Firm and Corporate Campaign Results

The Law Firm and Corporate Campaign at IU McKinney Law is a powerful example of how gifts from many alumni add up to make a lasting impact. The goal of the campaign is for each firm or corporation to reach 100% IU McKinney Law alumni participation in giving back to the school during the fiscal year. ♦

Law Firm and Corporate Campaign Volunteer Chairs

Thank you to the following 2023-2024 Law Firm and Corporate Campaign Chairs, the alumni volunteers who encourage their fellow IU McKinney Law alumni at their respective law firm or corporation to join them and make an annual gift to the school.

William J. Barkimer, '07	Paul S. Mannweiler, '76
Kristen M. Carroll, '01	Craig M. McKee, '83
A. Scott Chinn, '94	Harley K. Means, '01
Lee C. Christie, '82	Edward J. Merchant, '06
Steven M. Crell, '88	Kyle Montrose, '17
John J. DeRoss, Jr., '17	Karl L. Mulvaney, '77
Conner R. Dickerson, '20	Scott A. Oliver, '16
F. Brooke Dunn, '16	David J. Pryzbylski, '08
Randall R. Fearnow, '81	Emily Schmale, '16
Kent M. Frandsen, '75	Blake N. Shelby, '08
Trenton F. Hahn, '04	Allison O. Smith, '96
John D. Hoover, '80	Casey R. Stafford, '07
Brian D. Jent, '05	Laura Walker Swafford, '15
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Courtney S. Lynch, '11	Mark R. Wenzel, '81



If you are interested in having your law firm or corporation participate in the campaign, please contact Reilly Wilson, Assistant Director of Development, at rewilso@iu.edu or 317-274-3808.

Thank you to the 26 participating law firms and nearly 260 IU McKinney Law alumni who made a gift as part of the 2023-2024 campaign. Recognized below are the top firms based on percentage of alumni giving participation and total dollars received from alumni within the firm.

Giving totals include gifts, pledge payments, and matching gifts received by the IU Foundation in support of IU McKinney Law between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. ♦

Top Firms by % of Alumni Participation

Firm Name	Dollars Received from Almni
Christie Farrell Lee & Bell, P.C.	100%
Cohen Garelick & Glazier	100%
Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP	100%
Riley Bennett & Egloff, LLP	100%
Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C.	100%
Wagner Reese, LLP	100%
Hoover Hull Turner LLP	89%
Parr Richey Frandsen Patterson Kruse LLP	85%
Quarles & Brady LLP	85%
Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim	79%

Top Firms by Total Dollars Received

Firm Name	Dollars Received from Almni
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP	\$37,590
Barnes & Thornburg LLP	\$28,210
Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP	\$13,900
Christie Farrell Lee & Bell, P.C.	\$10,520
Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim	\$8,640
Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C.	\$7,775
Dentons Bingham Greenebaum	\$7,590
Lewis Kappes	\$6,068
Lewis Wagner, LLP	\$3,955
Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C.	\$3,600

Overall Results

Law Firm/Corporation	% of Alumni Participation	Dollars Received from Alumni
Amundsen Davis LLC	25%	\$1,200
Barnes & Thornburg LLP	37%	\$28,210
Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP	14%	\$13,900
Christie Farrell Lee & Bell, P.C.	100%	\$10,520
Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim	79%	\$8,640
Cohen & Malad, LLP	69%	\$2,480
Cohen Garelick & Glazier	100%	\$425
Dentons Bingham Greenebaum	19%	\$7,590
Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP	100%	\$1,000
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP	39%	\$37,590
Frost Brown Todd LLC	28%	\$1,725
Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C.	19%	\$7,775
Hoover Hull Turner LLP	89%	\$1,715
Kightlinger & Gray, LLP	11%	\$1,191
Krieg DeVault LLP	11%	\$850
Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP	17%	\$975
Lewis Kappes	14%	\$6,068
Lewis Wagner, LLP	42%	\$3,955
Parr Richey Frandsen Patterson Kruse LLP	85%	\$3,350
Quarles & Brady LLP	85%	\$3,380
Riley Bennett & Egloff, LLP	100%	\$1,916
Ruckelshaus Kautzman Blackwell	17%	\$500
Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary, P.C.	100%	\$3,600
Wagner Reese, LLP	100%	\$420
Wilkinson, Goeller, Modesitt, Wilkinson & Drummy, LLP	33%	\$1,000
Woodard, Emhardt, Henry, Reeves & Wagner, LLP	20%	\$550

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Alumni Success



91%

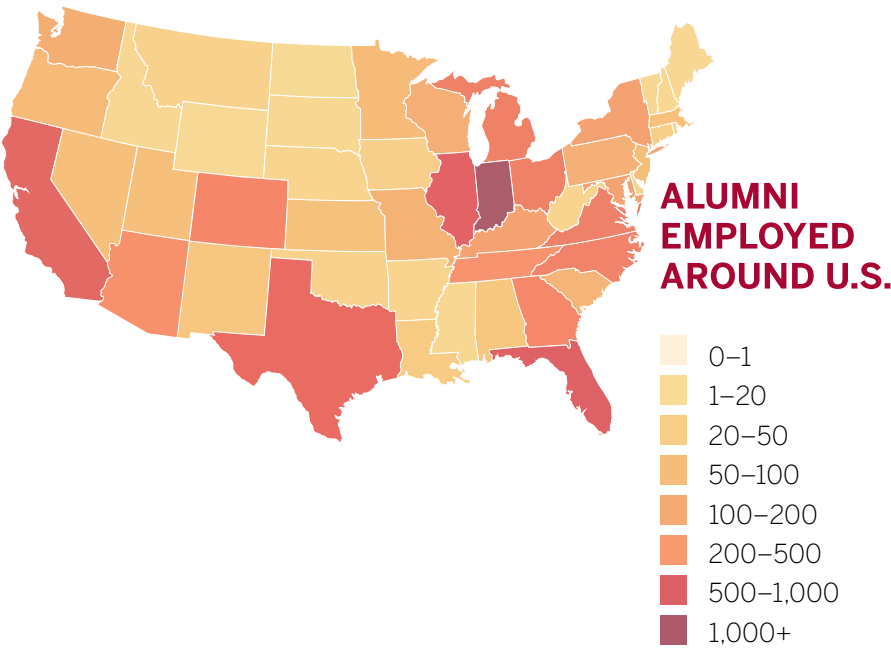
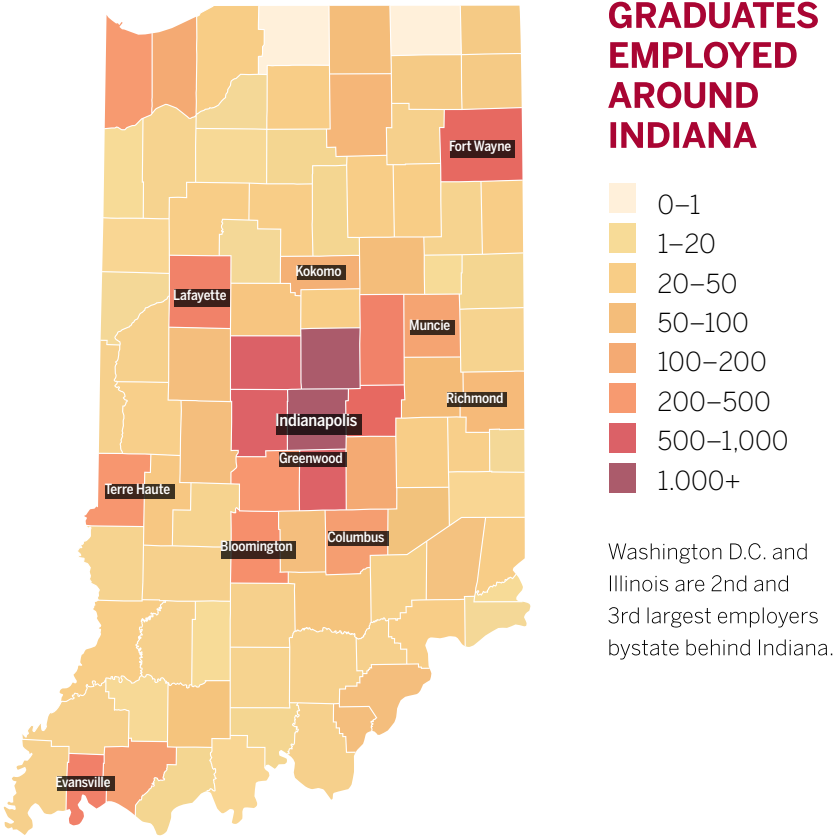
2023 graduates are employed 10 months after graduation.

97% 2023 graduates are working in bar-required or JD-advantage jobs.

85% graduates are working in Indiana

Alumni Employment by sector.

- 56% LAW FIRMS
- 22% GOVERNMENT
- 8% PUBLIC INTEREST
- 8% BUSINESS
- 4% CLERKSHIPS
- 1% EDUCATION
- 53% Small Firms (1-25)
- 30% Medium Firms (25-500)
- 17% Large Firms (500+)



2024 Graduating Class Profile

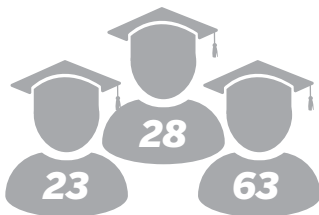
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GRADUATES



14 LLMs 12 MJs 12 Dual Degrees



25 States Represented
17 Foreign Countries



GRADS BY
THE AGES:
Youngest, Average, Oldest

20%
PEOPLE OF COLOR

2024 Entering Class Profile



3.59
Median
Entering GPA



155
Median
Entering LSAT



75%
Financial Grant
Recipients

Save the Dates for Spring 2025:

- Friday, January 31: Center for International and Comparative Law Symposium: "AI and the Law"
- Friday, February 14: *INDIANA LAW REVIEW Symposium*: "Recent Changes in Education Law"
- Friday, February 21: McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Award Lecture: Yolanda Becker, M.D., Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, LifeGift
- Friday, February 21: Women's Caucus Auction
- Thursday, March 27: Faculty Book Talk: *Five-Four: Dissecting Tightly Split Supreme Court Decisions* By Professors Nicholas Georgakopoulos and Frank Sullivan
- Tuesday, April 1: Faculty Book Talk: *Changing Mission, Unchanging Faith* by Professor Lee Little



The 2023 Women's Caucus was a big success! We hope you can attend this year.



Check the website for the latest additions to the IU McKinney calendar: mckinneylaw.iu.edu



Remember the 2005 Law Revue?

Alumni who attended law school in 2005 will remember this!



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1—The IU McKinney School of Law community is multi-talented and on occasion, students, faculty, and staff have put those talents on display during a “Law Revue” variety show. One such program took place in 2005 to great acclaim.

2—Mark Nicholson, J.D. '08, performed a stand-up comedy routine.

3—Bobak Jalaie, J.D. '05, stole the show with his piano playing, performing Billy Joel’s “Piano Man.”

4—Stephen Werner, Jr., J.D. '07, was fronting a band in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium during the 2005 Law Revue. His trio performed “Backtracker” and “Last Dance with Mary Jane.”

5—Professor Jeff Cooper has long been known for his singing and guitar playing. He performed a song titled “She Will Have Her Way” during the 2005 revue. Professor Cooper retired from IU McKinney in May 2024 and is currently at work on new, original music.

6—Lawren Mills, J.D. '04, (right) and Kelly Pautler, J.D. '05, performed “For Good” from the musical *Wicked*.



IU McKinney Welcomes New Alumni Association Board Leadership

IU McKinney School of Law welcomes two new leaders to its Alumni Association Board of Directors.

- Chair is May Li, J.D. '14, senior product counsel—executive and professional lines, North America, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, New York, New York
- Vice chair is Sharon Cruz, J.D. '13, cybersecurity and data privacy counsel, McDonald Hopkins, Indianapolis

The IU McKinney School of Law Alumni Association is an advisory board to the school and the Office of Alumni Relations. Members of this board are predominantly from Indiana but have representation from across the globe and represent a variety of disciplines within the legal profession. Alumni on this board advise the school on alumni engagement activities, work with students through a variety of programs, and seek to increase engagement in school programs from their peers. Learn more about who's on the alumni board on the law school's website.

1—In the photo, are Sharon Cruz and May Li at Inlow Hall.

IU McKinney Welcomes New Members to the Board of Visitors

IU McKinney School of Law welcomes seven new members to the Board of Visitors. The new members are:

- J. Michael Antrim, J.D. '75, partner at Church Church Hittle + Antrim
- Amber Finley, J.D. '11, corporation council for the city of Lawrence
- Danica L. Hostettler, J.D. '03, associate vice president—assistant general patent counsel, IP litigation, Eli Lilly and Company
- Jimmie L. McMillian Jr., J.D. '02, chief diversity officer and senior corporate counsel, Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- Melissa A. Proffitt Schmidt, J.D. '85, partner-in-charge of client relations, Ice Miller LLP
- Marci A. Reddick, J.D. '84, of counsel, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP
- Hon. David A. Shaheed, J.D. '84, senior judge

The Board of Visitors are accomplished and dedicated alumni and allies who provide their perspectives, experiences, and financial support to advance the IU McKinney School of Law toward continued excellence and expanded opportunities. The primary purpose of the board is to support the dean's priorities for advancing the law school. Board members may serve up to two consecutive three-year terms.

Board of Visitors members serve as ambassadors and advocates for the school by expanding relationships, connections, and opportunities for the school, its students, and graduates. They also provide personal philanthropic support and connect the school to alumni, friends, and donors. Board members strategize and mobilize community and political support for key initiatives affecting the long-term health and success of the school. They enhance the law school's reputation locally, regionally, nationally, and beyond. Members support the law school in broadening and enhancing professional opportunities for students and graduates. Finally, members of the Board of Visitors assist the dean as he or she requests by sharing insights and acting on initiatives and important issues in legal education or practice.

Learn more about the IU McKinney Board of Visitors on the law school's website.

2—In the photo from left are J. Michael Antrim, Danica Hostettler, Jimmie McMillian, and Marci A. Reddick.





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■ Annual Indiana Law Survey

The Alumni Association of IU McKinney, Indiana State Bar Association, and Indiana Trial Lawyers Association presented the Annual Indiana Law Survey September 12 and 13. Proceeds from the seminar benefit scholarships for IU McKinney students. To date, the event has raised over \$400,000 in scholarship support. Program chairs for this year's event were Indiana Supreme Court Justice Mark Massa, J.D. '89; and Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Leanna Weissmann, J.D. '94.

1—In the photo, Judge Weissmann, left, visits with Dean Karen E. Bravo.

■ Regional Networks

IU McKinney is working with local alumni in both Washington, D.C., and Chicago to create local networks. These networks are charged with creating programs to keep alumni connected throughout the year. This fall the Washington, D.C., network met for a happy hour on August 8. The Chicago network met on September 10.

2—In the photo are alumni gathered at the law offices of Norton Rose Fulbright in the West Loop of Chicago for their happy hour. Emily Beckmann, J.D. '19, and Jamal Abdulrasheed, J.D. '19, hosted a dozen alumni in the West Loop of Chicago.



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Alumni Greet Students and New Academic Year

1—Mark Carnell, J.D. '05; and Emily Shrock, J.D. '12; speak with students during the New Student Orientation Alumni Luncheon in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium at Inlow Hall.

Better Together Reception

2—Assistant Dean Jayme Little presents to approximately 45 students and alumni attending the 2024 Better Together Reception at alumni-owned Hotel Tango in Indianapolis on Aug. 15.



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More alumni events coming soon:

- January 16: MJ Alumni Annual Reception 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Inlow Hall
- February 19: Health Law Alumni Reception 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Inlow Hall
- February 21: Women's Caucus Auction
- February 25: Tampa/St. Petersburg Alumni Dinner
- February 27: Naples Alumni Lunch
- April 15: Washington, D.C., Alumni Reception



Check the website for the latest additions to the IU McKinney calendar: mckinneylaw.iu.edu





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