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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 focus on experiential learning, a highlight of an IU McKinney education. The opportunities offered to IU McKinney students are rich and varied, providing them with pathways to experience law practice and acquire real-world skills in a wide range of legal specialty areas before graduation. Our students are then well-positioned to decide between and focus on the practice areas they will pursue *after* completing their legal education.

The law school offers more than 100 externship placements, and our simulation courses provide students with practical training in areas such as Advanced Legal Research, Mediation Practice, and Contract Negotiations, to name a few. In addition, IU McKinney's Pro Bono Program offers dozens of choices that allow students to gain more legal skills while helping those in need in our community. Finally, each semester, our nine clinics, ranging from Child Advocacy to Intellectual Property to Civil and Legal Practice, provide our students real-world live client skill-building opportunities. These courses and learning opportunities help prepare our students to be confident and practice-ready when they graduate. This issue features reflections from some of our alumni on how our experiential learning courses and opportunities helped shape their present practice. Many of these opportunities are made

possible by our alumni, who generously serve as supervising attorneys for our students. We are grateful to our graduates who have made these experiences so impactful for current students, thus contributing to the future success of our students and the profession.

This issue also features IU McKinney's Rural Justice Initiative. Some who participated in this program as law school students are now entering legal practice in rural parts of Indiana, where the need for attorneys is acute. I am delighted to see this work beginning to bear the fruit we aimed for when we invested in and launched this program.

Lastly, our law school family came together in mid-April to celebrate the life and legacy of our dear friend and colleague, Gerald L. Bepko. It was wonderful to see so many friends come together with his family to remember what a wonderful human being he was. His legacy will truly live on in our law school, on our campus, and in the words and deeds of so many of us who admired and learned from him.

Very truly yours,

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Students, Faculty, and Alumni Shine in Experiential Learning Opportunities at IU McKinney

Learning the law and how to think like a lawyer are critical parts of anyone's legal education. But learning how to work like a lawyer? That's where experiential learning takes over and is also yet another area where IU McKinney Law has earned its well-deserved reputation of excellence.

IU McKinney students have always taken advantage of hands-on learning opportunities—many located literally across the street from the school, and several of those experiences helped students get a job once they graduated. Today, the ABA requires law students to complete at least six experiential learning credits to graduate. They do that through externships, clinic courses, and simulation courses.

The McKinney Lawyer talked with some alumni for their insights into the most meaningful aspects of experiential learning and the impact it had on them and their career paths. Here's what they had to say. ➤



Diamond McDonald, J.D. '24 Diamond McDonald attended DePauw University for her undergraduate studies and interned with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office as part of DePauw's internship program. That put IU McKinney's externship opportunity on her radar even before she applied to law school. McDonald said she saw all the experiences the law students were getting and thought to herself "that had to be me one day!"

What did you enjoy most about your experiential learning?

"What I have enjoyed most about experiential learning at IU McKinney is the opportunity to gain confidence in the practice of law. It opens the door for you to not only be a great attorney but to also be a great person to practice alongside. That experience grows your confidence, grows your network, and it also just makes you assured in the fact that you can provide great legal service."

IU McKinney also prepared her for her next step by being accessible, McDonald said. For her, accessibility has meant the ability to network with alumni, the law school's proximity to law firms large and small in metropolitan Indianapolis, and by being a school where students can receive support.



Bria Kemp, J.D. '21, deputy prosecuting attorney at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office

Bria Kemp was a student in the Wrongful Conviction Clinic and was a member of the Second Chance Re-Entry Assistance Program, also known as S.C.R.A.P, during her time as a student at IU McKinney. Kemp now serves as a supervisor and mentor for law students. Kemp was selected as a recipient of the National Bar Association's Top 40 under 40: Nation's Best Advocate Award. She will receive the honor at the group's annual convention in summer 2024.

How did experiential learning help you as you entered legal practice?

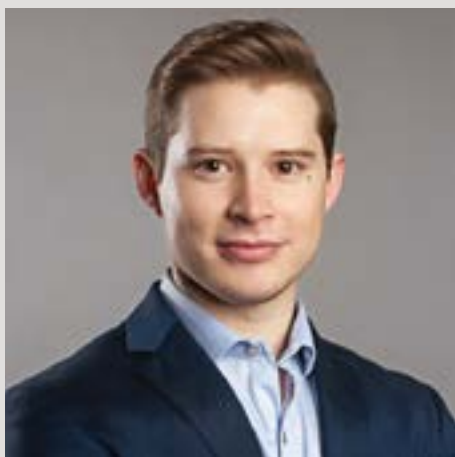
It allowed me to have real world experience and a taste of the profession before being a licensed attorney. Being one who cares about the community, I was given an opportunity to directly interact and impact my community. My experience taught me to be attentive to the smaller details in cases. You never know what is important until you realize it is important. Taking the time to be thorough upfront can be the difference between a guilty and not guilty. More importantly, it can be the difference between the right and wrong person being held accountable. Thorough investigations are essential for me.

What's it like supervising and mentoring students?

The role is now reversed! I love it. It is an honor and a privilege to have others allow me in their journey. I get to pass along any knowledge that I have and have been given but I also get to learn from my mentees. The relationships that I have built are valued. Mentoring is important because you get to make an impact on someone else's walk. It is your turn to give back, encourage, sponsor, and support another.

What do you gain from doing this work?

I value the lessons that come from it all. I value the opportunity to take every interaction and apply it so I can continuously grow in personal or professional development. My experiences elevate why I am an asset to the different organizations I am involved with.



Nicholas Michel, J.D. '23, associate at Wormser Casey in Indianapolis

Nicholas Michel took part in an externship with Carrier Corporation, where he was supervised by Burnell Grimes, J.D. '16

How did experiential learning impact you once you began legal practice?

What I've enjoyed most is getting to know other people in these hands-on experiences. In my 10 weeks with Carrier, I learned more than I could have in a classroom setting. IU McKinney is integrated with the Indianapolis legal community and that was a big draw for me. You hear all the time about how important it is to network and build connections and the law school does a great job of providing students with opportunities to do that. That was exactly how I found the job I took on after passing the bar exam.



Kasey Barnes, J.D. '23, associate at Ice Miller in Indianapolis

Kasey Barnes said she most enjoyed the variety of opportunities IU McKinney's experiential learning program has to offer. She externed in a not-for-profit, a small healthcare data integration firm, IU Health General Counsel, and at the Indiana Statehouse.

What did you like most about working with the Indiana House Democratic Caucus during law school?

What I really enjoyed about that was getting the up-close and personal view of how laws are passed starting with when bills are introduced and how they move through the legislative and political process. I also enjoyed getting to see what being a lawyer for the state government is like.

Breeze "Bre" Robinson, J.D. '21, associate at Dinsmore in Indianapolis

Breeze "Bre" Robinson was a co-champion of the Honorable Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition at IU McKinney

What made you want to take part in moot court while you were a student?

I decided to participate in moot court because it was an opportunity to obtain practical legal experience and because I had spoken to several law students who said moot court was one of their favorite experiences at IU McKinney.



If there was something about moot court that surprised you, please tell us about that.

I was surprised by how many connections I made with our legal community. Since so many attorneys volunteer their time as judges, I had the opportunity to meet more attorneys from moot court than I did from any formal networking event.

What did you gain from moot court that you utilize in your practice today?

Moot court helped alleviate my imposter syndrome, and presenting an oral argument at the Indiana Supreme Court before current and former justices of the court drastically shifted my mindset and made me realize I was in the right place. Also, I had to present an oral argument before a judge in the Eastern District of New York a few months after being admitted to the bar. My moot court experience was invaluable and gave me the necessary confidence and skills to not only appear before a judge in the E.D.N.Y., but to also win the oral argument in my client's favor.



Joseph Ross, J.D. '23, law clerk at the office of the Indiana Attorney General. Joseph Ross took part in a variety of externship opportunities that introduced him to several areas of the law he may not have otherwise considered.

What impressed you most about experiential learning at IU McKinney?

The best thing about the experiential learning opportunities at IU McKinney are the fact that they expose you to so many different legal areas. I know from my experience I've been in the non-profit sector and I've worked for the Attorney General's Office. I even did an externship with the federal bankruptcy courts. The opportunities are pretty endless.



Chelsey Lang, J.D. '24, was a teacher before coming to law school at IU McKinney. Lang served as an extern in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana while a law student. A legal writing professor spoke so frequently and favorably about their work as a judicial law clerk that Lang decided she wanted to gain that experience for herself.

What was externing with the U.S. District court like?

For me, externing with the Southern District of Indiana has been a chance to get to see how the court operates. It's more than just reading cases but actually seeing everything in action. It's helped me cement my learning. I think that regardless of what I decide to do with my J.D., I know that I will bring essential analytical skills to the table. I will be able to look at the factual and legal issues and work through those more concisely and clearly than I would have been able to otherwise. ♦

A New World of Real-World Experiences for Students

Joel Schumm, J.D. '98

Clinical Professor of Law

Director of Experiential Learning



When I enrolled as an evening student three decades ago, I spent a lot of time in classrooms. The law school had a few clinics, including the Disability Clinic that I was able to complete as an evening student, and a wonderful Trial Practice class. The term “externship” or field placement was not in my vocabulary.

We have come a long way since then. The law school’s website has a page appropriately called “Real-World Experience,” which details these. <https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/practice/index.html>. I’d like to highlight a few of them.

Simulation courses. The Trial Practice class is now taught at the new Community Justice Campus but continues to offer the same excellent, small-group training to students. Students now have a wide range of other options, including Advanced Legal Research, Contract Drafting, Data Security and Privacy Law, Intellectual Property Licensing: Drafting Skills, and Mediation Practice, to name a few. Often taught by adjunct professors at the top of their field, these courses equip students with practical skills and experience not involving an actual client but instead a simulated scenario created or adopted by the professor.

Externships. Virtually unheard of when many of us attended law school, externships now provide students the opportunity to spend a day or more every week to gain experience in placements around Indianapolis and beyond. Placements with judges, in criminal or health law, and with state government were early entries and continue to draw large numbers of students. Other placements run the gamut of practice areas including corporate, intellectual property, public interest, and sports law.

Clinics. The law school continues to offer its long-standing clinics in Criminal Defense and Civil Practice. But several others have been added in a wide range of areas including Appellate, Child Advocacy, Health & Human Rights, Immigration, Intellectual Property, Re-Entry Assistance and Community Help (REACH), and Wrongful Conviction. Most clinics require that students be certified legal interns, which allows them to represent clients in court under attorney supervision, and each is taught in a small-class setting ideal to prepare students for practice.

The hybrid program has made it easier for students from more remote parts of the state to attend law school, and the law school is committed to ensuring they have ample experiential opportunities, with course and clinical offerings in the evening, on Saturday, or sometimes online. Students who are employed in a legal setting may be able to earn externship credit when they meet certain requirements. For example, a law student working as a court reporter or bailiff can earn credit for doing legal research or assisting in drafting court orders. Finally, the Rural Justice Initiative facilitates and funds summer placements with judges, prosecutors, or public defenders in rural counties around the state.

Experiential opportunities not only prepare students for practice but are often among their most memorable and positive experiences in law school. The only downside is having to decide between so many terrific options. ♦



Giving Back: The Michael and Annie Wells Legal Scholarship

When Michael Wells, J.D. '79, was approached with the idea of endowing a scholarship at IU McKinney School of Law, he quickly recalled his own years as a student.

Money was tight. He was a full-time student from Illinois, paying out-of-state tuition. His wife, Annie, supported them both on her teacher's salary.

"As a full-time student, I really enjoyed law school, but I also needed a job," he says.

Wells landed a part-time job—at \$100 per week—in the legal department for the city of Indianapolis during the William Hudnut administration, where he worked with city leaders advancing the city's reputation as a thriving amateur sports capital and destination city.

The law school's evening program allowed Wells to continue working and earn his law degree at IU McKinney, graduating magna cum laude. He practiced real estate law before founding his own firm, REI Investments, Inc., which has developed landmark properties such as the J.W. Marriott in downtown Indianapolis as well as dozens of other commercial real estate projects around the country.

For 30 years after leaving law school, he rarely considered donating to his alma mater. But in 2010, he was approached with a significant request: Would he consider being a co-chair of the law school's capital campaign?

When he agreed to help with the capital campaign, Wells renewed a relationship with IU McKinney that continues today. He has served on the



Jackson

school's Board of Visitors and, in 2018, he and Annie created the Michael and Annie Wells Legal Scholarship, awarded to J.D. students at IU McKinney Law who are also graduates of IUPUI.

"The more I became involved at McKinney, the more it brought back memories of law school," Wells says. "I went from not giving at all to the law school to trying to provide more significant assistance. I don't like the idea of our law students graduating with a lot of debt. It

has become really very important to me to contribute where I can."

And for that effort, IU McKinney 1L Safari Jackson, who received the scholarship in 2023, is very grateful.

"The financial burden of law school can deter a lot of students from attending, but with the generosity of donors like Michael Wells, the burden of educational expenses is alleviated, allowing students to focus on the most important aspect of law school—learning," says Jackson.

"I am beyond grateful for the Wells' willingness to invest in students like myself and our education," she says. ♦



A Firm Foundation: The Robert F. Wagner Trial Advocacy-Diversity Scholarship

For IU McKinney 3L Olivia Burpo, receiving the Robert F. Wagner Trial Advocacy-Diversity Scholarship was a welcome financial award as she was finishing her last year of law school.

But it was also meaningful to receive recognition for her work with the IU McKinney Moot Court Program, Burpo says. As a 2L, she and a partner won the Honorable Robert H. Staton Moot Court Competition, and she competed at the American Bar Association's national competition in Philadelphia. In 2023,

she was elected as chief justice for IU McKinney's moot court competition.

"Moot court was where I found my niche in law school," Burpo says. "The scholarship fits me so well, because I've become passionate about advocacy. I really felt grateful."

Burpo is the latest of 20 IU McKinney Law students who have received the Robert F. Wagner Trial Advocacy-Diversity Scholarship since it was established in 2012 by the law firm of Lewis Wagner LLP.

The scholarship honors the

professional excellence, leadership, and community service of their partner, Robert F. Wagner, J.D. '67. It is awarded to students with experience in the law school's trial advocacy or moot court competitions, with special consideration given to students of underrepresented populations, including financial need and diverse cultural experiences.

Wagner is a well-respected trial lawyer, having tried more than 100 jury cases throughout the United States, named one of "The Best Lawyers in

America," and a faculty member of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

The scholarship expresses Lewis Wagner values, but it has also become an important way for colleagues and clients to show their admiration for Wagner and honor his legacy, according to John Trimble, J.D. '81, partner at Lewis Wagner.



Trimble

Lewis Wagner has been committed to diversity since its inception in 1955 and has been publicly recognized for its commitment to diversity and inclusiveness in the workplace and legal profession, according to Trimble.

"When we set up the scholarship, we looked at what was important," Trimble says. "We wanted to create a scholarship for diverse students in trial practice, because diversity is important to our firm, and we have been known for our trial practice."

Each December, it's become an important tradition for the firm's employees—both alumni and non-alumni, lawyers and support staff—to contribute to the scholarship in honor of Wagner. Some of the amounts are modest—gifts of just \$25 are gratefully accepted—and clients have also contributed to the scholarship fund, Trimble says. Many of the firm's partners make the scholarship part of their annual philanthropy and the firm itself regularly donates.

The scholarship also reinforces a strong relationship between IU McKinney and the law firm, he says. The majority of lawyers at the firm are alumni and there's a special pride in supporting a hometown law school. ♦



Burpo

Anne Marie Kempf, J.D. '80, Retires into New Adventure, Featuring Academy Award Nominated Film

When The McKinney Lawyer received the following class note, we knew we needed the backstory: "Anne Marie Kempf retired from the full-time practice of law at Baker Donelson in Nashville, Tennessee, in January 2021, and pivoted to her 'second act' as an actor and model. In the last three years, Kempf has appeared in the new Netflix film 'Nyad' with Annette Bening and Jodie Foster, several television commercials, and starred in a Belmont University short film drama, 'Blue Lullaby.'"

Wait. What?! Acting? Annette Bening and Jodie Foster? For those of you who haven't seen it, the film, "Nyad," tells the story behind Diana Nyad's ultimately successful swim across the Straits of Florida. The backstory behind this Class Note is, well, we'll let Kempf tell it.

■ You were in a film nominated for an Academy Award! How did that happen?

After I suffered a bad back injury about 9 years ago, my husband, angel that he is, got me into a chiropractor who helped me heal. In the crazy COVID spring of 2020 (after he'd been treating me for about five years), he began insisting during my monthly appointments that I talk to his childhood friend—an actor who was into acting and coaching actors. He asked if I had a photo, so I gave him my photo from my law firm's website, which he forwarded to his actor friend. The next thing I knew, I received a call from a local talent management agency. They said the whole advertising industry had begun to cast "normal" people, including baby boomers, and they needed more talent with white hair. I was already considering making a life change, so I was intrigued! I took the acting and modeling classes they required and signed with my Nashville agency, Tribe Talent Management. With my agent's help, I went to a talent expo in Dallas in June 2021, and there was recruited by agents in several major media markets. In September 2021 I got my first job in a commercial. In the spring of 2022, I submitted an audition for this movie called "Nyad." I didn't know much more about it. Then, in early April, I got a call from my agent: "Can you be in the Dominican Republic next week?" It was an incredible experience! On my first shoot day, I hugged Annette Bening all morning long (one of the final scenes in the movie features Bening stumbling up onto the beach completing the swim), then on our first break, in the cast tent, I did the lawyerly thing and introduced myself to her, shook her hand. On my second working day, I got to mime talking face-to-face with Jodie Foster in the background of the birthday party scene, and I got to film my one line with Annette Bening hugging me! Sorry to say, my line ended up on the cutting room floor. Nevertheless, it was an incredible experience!

■ Where were you living and working before you retired into acting and modeling?

I retired as a shareholder/partner from Baker Donaldson in Nashville, Tennessee. I had always practiced business-related law. From the time I moved to Nashville in 2007, I worked in telecommunications network real estate: leasing land for cell towers and space on towers, rooftops, municipal water tanks, etc. for antenna placements for a major carrier, acquiring easements for fiber optic cable, providing zoning and other regulatory counsel for carriers and infrastructure providers. Before that I primarily practiced real estate law, both commercial and residential. I was the in-house city attorney in Jeffersonville, Indiana, from 1995

through 2003. We did lots of public-private partnership projects during my tenure there, including all of the restaurant developments along the Ohio River, significant expansion of the Clark Maritime Center, and the redevelopment of the historic Quadrangle into retail and offices. I also participated in laying much of the final groundwork for building the new Ohio River Bridges between Jeffersonville and Louisville. I really enjoyed that work. I also was appointed by the Supreme Court to act as a permanent pro tem judge for the Crawford Circuit (1990) and the Washington Superior (1992) Courts and was a finalist for the Indiana Supreme Court vacancy in 1994 that ultimately went to Myra Selby.

■ What brought you to law school?

I was a good student in high school, but I really didn't want to go to college immediately after graduating. My father, who had practiced law in Jeffersonville since 1960, informed me that my "gap year" would be spent working for him. So, I worked as his secretary/paralegal, closing all manner of residential real estate



Anne Marie Kempf, far right, had a part in the movie, "Nyad," which was filmed in the Dominican Republic. Here she is with castmates Annette Bening, Jodie Foster, Carolyn McCormick, and Lilo Grunwald.

loans, and writing title insurance. I quickly figured out that I couldn't support myself in the manner to which I had become accustomed unless I became a lawyer, too! Law school was the best part of my academic career. I had a great group of friends, including my roommate Fran Watson! (Professor Fran Watson, J.D. '80) She and I met the summer before we started law school when she worked in the same Clarksville, Indiana restaurant as two of my younger sisters. We got an apartment together and she's still a dear friend.

■ What's next?

I did a Farm Bureau Medicare advantage advertisement recently, and I'm filming an advertisement for a local senior living center this month. Commercials are where most working actors make their money, so those are what I'm auditioning for. I've done some student films, and I continue to send in auditions for a commercial movie, so we'll see! I'm working to hone my skills and keep my name out there, so maybe I'll find myself back on the big screen again soon! ♦

IU McKinney Celebrates Retired Professor Robert Brookins

Professor of Law Emeritus Robert Brookins retired in December 2023, concluding his 34-year career as a member of the faculty at IU McKinney.

Before Professor Brookins joined the law school in fall 1990, he was a doctoral student at Cornell University, where he taught courses in labor relations law, labor arbitration, employment discrimination, collective bargaining, and employment. While completing his doctoral studies, he was a visiting professor at the Syracuse University School of Business and



Brookins

a full-time assistant professor at the Ithaca College School of Business. Professor Brookins also taught at the IU Kelley School of Business on both the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses from summer 1989 through spring 1990. In addition to a doctoral dissertation on labor arbitration in the federal sector, Professor Brookins wrote several law review articles on employment discrimination. He received a Trustees Teaching Award in 2001.

"During his 34 years as an IU McKinney faculty member, Professor Brookins taught generations of students, influencing the practice of law in the State of Indiana in countless ways," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo.

Vigo Superior Court Judge Lakshmi Reddy, J.D. '97, took first-year torts with Professor Brookins and said her fondest memory of being in that class was his smile and laugh. "He had a good sense of humor and always appreciated the 'off the wall' and outlandish arguments," Judge Reddy said. She also appreciated the practical training she received in his course. "Taking torts from Professor Brookins taught me how to stretch my imagination and be creative in coming up with arguments for or against a position," she said. "This was a learned skill that was useful when I was practicing medical malpractice defense. It has also been useful as a judge as I am constantly trying to come up with solutions to solve problems in ways that are different than the traditional approach."

Professor Brookins was a frequent lecturer and provided training sessions in employment discrimination, labor/management relations, alternative dispute resolution, and employment law. He also served for many years as director of the annual labor management seminar sponsored by the Indiana University School Robert H. McKinney School of Law and Region 25 of the National Labor Relations Board. ♦

IU McKinney Celebrates Retired Professor Jennifer Drobac

Professor of Law Emerita Jennifer Drobac retired in December 2023, concluding her 22-year career as a member of the faculty at IU McKinney. She was a Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law.

Professor Drobac joined the law school in fall 2001. From 1992 to 2001, she practiced law in California, focusing on employment law issues and litigation. From 1997 to 2000, she served as a lecturer at Stanford Law School.

Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Barefoot Sanders, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

With the #MeToo and #TimesUp campaigns, Professor Drobac was much in demand by media members and people in politics for her expertise in sexual harassment and assault law. She spoke with over 100 local, state, and national media outlets on those topics.

"Throughout her career at IU McKinney, Professor Drobac demonstrated deep knowledge of and passion for her scholarly work and dedication to her students' learning and success," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo.

Maggie McMillan, J.D. '23, was a student in Professor Drobac's sexual harassment law class and was one of the students who worked on the multi-disciplinary forum, "Can We Talk?" which took place in spring 2023. "My favorite part of her class was the constant emphasis on intersectionality," McMillan said. "Women and other marginalized individuals in the workplace and in society often carry multiple levels of identity and the ways that they are impacted from discrimination affect every aspect of their lives. We didn't just study the law, we studied how society is affected by both the successful defense of those rights and how it is hurt when the law fails." McMillan currently works in litigation support and continues to "live out my feminist ideals as an advocate for children in foster care and students who experience gender discrimination."

Professor Drobac's scholarly work has been published in a variety of law reviews and journals. She is currently working on a book titled "The Myth of Consent" for University of Cambridge Press. This book analyzes the neuroscientific and psychosocial aspects of decision making by vulnerable adults and offers legal solutions for reform. In 2005, she finished her first



Drobac

textbook, "Sexual Harassment Law: History, Cases and Theory." A new edition of that text was published in 2020 (with Carrie N. Baker and Rigel C. Oliveri, Carolina Academic Press). Professor Drobac has also completed a book concerning adolescent neurological and psychosocial development and the law, "Sexual Exploitation of Teenagers: Adolescent Development, Discrimination, and Consent Law" (University of Chicago Press, 2016).

Professor Drobac engaged in her research as a visiting scholar or fellow at a number of academic institutions including: The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School and Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior; Clare Hall, University of Cambridge; and Berkeley Law, University of California, The Center for the Study of Law and Society. She became a Fulbright Specialist in 2015. She received the Indiana University 2010 Sylvia E. Bowman Distinguished Teaching Award. She also received the 2005 Indiana University Trustees' Teaching Award. She was named a John S. Grimes Fellow in 2006, 2009, 2017, and 2018, and a Dean's Fellow in recognition of scholarly excellence in 2005-2006. ♦



1—IU McKinney students honored their peers, faculty, and members of the legal community for their commitment to diversity during the eleventh annual Diversity Dinner. The event took place March 25 at the Indiana Historical Society. In the photo from left are Professor Aila Hoss, Amiya Reina, Mark Nicholson, J.D. '08, and Doneisha Posey, J.D. '14.

2—The IU McKinney and IU Maurer schools of law jointly convened leading scholars for an event titled “*Sackett v. EPA: What the Supreme Court’s Decision Means for Regulation and Wetlands Conservation*,” took place November 10 in the Wynne Courtroom and Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium at IU McKinney. At the far right are Professor Sam Kalen, Visiting Robert H. McKinney Family Chair in Environmental Law, and Professor Robert L. Fischman, the George P. Smith II Distinguished Professor of Law at IU Maurer School of Law.

3—The 46th annual Women’s Caucus auction took place at Inlow Hall on February 23. Always a phenomenally successful event, this year’s auction raised nearly \$18,500 for Indiana Women in Need. The group exceeded its goal by almost \$3,500, making this year’s total one of the largest in the history of the student group. In the photo from left are Women’s Caucus co-president Taylor Gaby, board secretary of IWIN Thrasher Carmichael, Women’s Caucus co-president Mahek Sharma, and Women’s Caucus Auction co-chairs Clare Van Prooyen and Dasuni Sirisooriya.

4—Master of Laws and Master of Jurisprudence students who graduated from IU McKinney in December 2023 took part in a celebration at Inlow Hall on December 19. The occasion helped cap the end of their studies at the law school. In the photo from left are Olayinka Adegbemile, Associate Director and Academic Advisor of Graduate Programs Anne McGee, Kenyi Kenyi, Mohammad Almani, Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs Tom Wilson, Camry Brown, Konrad Schmid, and Leyda Castro.



RECENT EVENTS

2023			2024					
October 27	November 3	November 9	February 9	February 21	February 29	March 27	April 11	April 12
Hall Center for Law and Health: Indiana Health Law Review Symposium	Indiana International and Comparative Law Review Symposium	Hall Center for Law and Health Virtual Grand Rounds	Indiana Law Review Virtual Symposium	The Annual Jordan H. and Joan R. Leibman Forum on the Legal and Business Environment of Art	Hall Center for Law and Health Virtual Grand Rounds	Hall Center for Law and Health Virtual Grand Rounds	Alan and Linda Cohen Family Foundation Sports and Entertainment Law Virtual Lecture	Center for International and Comparative Law Event
Health, Housing, and the Environment	Building LGBTQ+ Inclusive Legal Systems	Abortion Rights as Disability Rights: Safeguarding Choice After Dobbs	Artificial Intelligence and Health Care	Kirk Wallace Johnson, author, <i>The Feather Thief</i>	Transgender Healthcare and the Law: Where We Stand	Abortion Pills and the Law	How We View Sports Today	What’s Going on with Blockchain Technology and Digital Currencies?

Professor Magliocca Named Indiana University Distinguished Professor

IU McKinney Professor Gerard Magliocca has been named a Distinguished Professor by Indiana University. It is the most prestigious appointment offered to honor faculty whose outstanding scholarship, artistic or literary distinction, or other achievement have won significant recognition.

"The Distinguished Professorship is an honor that I plan to use for the benefit of the law school for many years to come," Professor Magliocca said. "I am so grateful to my colleagues and my students for making this possible."

Professor Magliocca, the Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law at IU McKinney, is recognized as the world's leading voice on the original meaning and application of Section 3 of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. With a substantial publication record and numerous citations, which include five books and 30 articles across leading law reviews, Magliocca is known as one of the most original and productive scholars of his generation because of his insights into the relationship between law, history and political science.

"Professor Magliocca is richly deserving of the status of Indiana University Distinguished Professor," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. "His deeply researched and scholarly work meaningfully impacts law and policy in real time, including two contemporary political issues – insurrection and the debt crisis. In both cases, the national debate invoked arguments Professor Magliocca first and comprehensively articulated in his scholarship. In addition, Professor Magliocca always answers the call to serve the work of the law school and is an outstanding institutional citizen."

Professor Magliocca's research into the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which produced his biography of amendment drafter John Bingham, laid the foundation for his 2021 article *Amnesty and Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment*. This article, drafted before the January 6, 2021, events at the U.S. Capitol, is the foundational document informing the national understanding of former President Trump's eligibility to hold national office in the future.

Testifying in a hearing held by the Maine Secretary of State's Office concerning former President Donald Trump's eligibility to appear on the state ballot in 2024, Professor Magliocca provided a history of the 14th Amendment's development and said there is no historical indication that the presidency was intended to be excluded from disqualification under Section 3. He also provided testimony on a similar case in Colorado. He provided expertise in this area of law to over 30 media outlets since late 2023.

Throughout these media contributions and official proceedings, Professor Magliocca applied the lens of a scholar of law, history, and the Constitution, with no "axe to grind" on questions of merit, morality, or fitness for office. Despite writing the foundational piece in what has become a political cause celebre, it is difficult in reading Magliocca's words to divine his own political views. ♦



Professor Cynthia Baker moderated a “Crystal Ball” panel discussion at the September 22, 2023, Program on Law and State Government Fellowship Symposium, *State Governments’ Roles: Creating, Defining, and Dismantling Liberty*. Professor Baker presented her work on *Elections and Voting Rights: The Role of the Judiciary and State and Local Governments*, sponsored by the Indianapolis Law Club on November 16, 2023. She also served as a panelist on the impact of the Harvard/UNC opinion handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court. That panel discussion, *Empowering Students of Color After Affirmative Action* took place on October 23, 2023, and was hosted by the Efroymson Diversity Center and Butler University.

Professor Jim Dimitri presented at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. This year’s conference was hosted on March 8–9 by Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, California, and was attended by professors from across the nation. In his presentation “Straddling the Pedagogical Line,” Professor Dimitri discussed IU McKinney’s new part-time hybrid program for J.D. students. Professor Dimitri’s presentation explored the hybrid LCA course’s structure and pedagogy, including the course’s in-person and online components, and covered best practices in online legal education.

■ IU McKinney Announces Cane Award Recipients for 2024

Students at IU McKinney School of Law have selected the 2024 recipients of the annual Cane Awards. The Cane Awards serve as a means for the students to show their appreciation for faculty and staff members who have gone above and beyond during each school year.

The Black Cane for most outstanding professor went to Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr.,



Professor of Practice at IU McKinney. This marks the third time he has won the Black Cane award. Professor Sullivan joined the faculty after 19 years of service as a justice on the Indiana Supreme Court. He was named an Indiana University Bicentennial Professor in 2020. Professor Sullivan teaches Closely Held

Business Organizations, Securities Regulation, and Advanced Sales.

The Red Cane, this year designated for the most outstanding adjunct professor, was presented to Scott Oliver, J.D. '16, a partner at the Indianapolis law firm Lewis & Kappes. A cum laude graduate of IU McKinney, he teaches Legal Communication and Analysis.

The White Cane for most outstanding administrator was presented to Mary Morris, senior associate director in the Office of Student Affairs. A graduate of IU Maurer School of Law, Morris worked as an associate attorney at Ice Miller and at Delaney & Delaney before joining the staff at IU McKinney.

In the photo from left are Professor Frank Sullivan, Scott Oliver, and Mary Morris.



Sayeed



Schnelker

■ IU McKinney Welcomes Two New Visiting Assistant Professors

IU McKinney Law welcomes two visiting assistant professors: Jami Sayeed and Jessica Schnelker.

Professor Sayeed teaches and researches at the intersection of health law and administrative law. She specializes in Medicaid law and administrative proceedings. She has created and provided trainings and guidance for administrative law judges, including developing a comprehensive judicial orientation program for new Indiana administrative law judges. Her practice also includes Alternative Dispute Resolution, government contracts, and elder law.

Prior to joining Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Professor Sayeed served as the director of administration with the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning. She also served as deputy general counsel and director of operations with the Indiana Office of Administrative Law

Proceedings and was this agency’s ethics officer. She spent six years as an administrative law judge and chief administrative law judge for the Family and Social Services Administration.

Professor Sayeed earned her J.D. and Health Law Graduate Certificate from IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Professor Schnelker spent 10 years as a trial lawyer and has amassed extensive experience representing clients at every stage in litigation: from initial case evaluations all the way through trial and appeals. During her practice, she represented businesses, schools, and public entities in a variety of state and federal litigation, including Section 1983, Title IX, catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, and employment matters. She now uses this experience to teach Torts and Professional Responsibility.

In her life outside of work, Professor Schnelker enjoys reading, yoga, and spending time with her friends and family. She volunteers for a variety of organizations in and around Indianapolis, including Coburn Place, Kids’ Voice, and the Southern District of Indiana’s Pro Bono Assistance Program.

Frank Emmert, the John S. Grimes Professor of Law and director of the Center for International and Comparative Law, taught International Business Transactions at IU McKinney and IU Maurer in fall 2023 and, for the first time, Contracts and Sales I for first year J.D. students at McKinney. In spring 2024, he taught a new course on Blockchain and Digital Currency Law, as well as International Commercial Arbitration, at McKinney. He is also teaching International Business Transactions online for our partners at American University Central Asia (AUCA), and he developed a new course on Artificial Intelligence and the Law to be delivered for the first time in fall 2024 at McKinney. Professor Emmert was the faculty advisor of the student team from McKinney competing in the Willem C. Vis Moot Court in International Arbitration in Vienna, Austria. In July 2023, he made a presentation on *Investment Law, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development in the Context of Extractive Industries* at AUCA. In September, he made a presentation about *The Regulation of Cryptocurrencies* for the Federal Bar Association, and in October he spoke about *The European Union's Regulation on Markets in Crypto Assets (MiCA) and Web3 and the 2022 UCC Reform* at the conference *Deep Dive into the Metaverse and Web3* organized by the New York State Bar Association at NYU. In December, Professor Emmert traveled to Saudi Arabia with former Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller for their third annual training program in *Public Policy Mediation* hosted by the Saudi Center for Legal Studies & Research in Riyadh. During this trip, he also spoke about *Creating a Bespoke Digital Currency to Revolutionize Islamic Finance* to an audience of Saudi law makers and judges. During the spring semester 2024, Professor Emmert participated in a panel on *Hot Topics in Crypto* and spoke about *Cryptocurrencies and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)*. At the end of the spring 2024 semester, he organized a larger conference on *What's Going on with Blockchain Technology and Digital Currencies* with many notable speakers from around the country and the world. Since last summer, Professor Emmert wrote articles on "Social Money for the People – Using Financial Innovation and Technology to Promote ESG" (DUKE LAW AND TECHNOLOGY REVIEW 2023, VOL. 22, NO. 1, PP. 21-70), "The Long Arm of the SEC in the Regulation of Digital Currencies" (INDIANA INT'L & COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW 2023, Vol. 33, No. 1, pp. 1-37), and "The Regulation of Cryptocurrencies in the United



■ IU McKinney Formalizes Relationship with Université Toulouse-1 Capitole

IU McKinney and Université Toulouse-1 Capitole formalized their working relationship with the signing of a memorandum of understanding at the law school. The university was represented by its president, Hugues Kenfack, and IU McKinney was represented by Dean Karen Bravo.

Dean Bravo has been a strong proponent of growing IU McKinney's international relationships to attract students and scholars and to create opportunities for the law school's students and faculty.

"I'm delighted that IU McKinney has formalized its relationship with Université Toulouse-1 Capitole," Dean Bravo said. "I look forward to the opportunities this partnership will bring for our students and faculty."

Vice Dean Max Huffman has led the effort to develop the relationship with Université Toulouse-1 Capitole, which has hosted a faculty delegation from IU McKinney for a conference in 2022 and been an enthusiastic partner in planning stronger collaborations. "UTC is the perfect mix of, on the one hand, a welcoming environment for students and faculty, and on the other hand, a world-renowned university conducting cutting edge research. Its student-centric focus and desire for international collaboration makes UTC an ideal partner for pursuing a long-term collaboration."

Dean Ash Soni and Executive Vice Dean Julie Magid from IU Kelley School of Business, and Dr. Leslie Bozeman the IU Office of International Affairs also attended the ceremonial signing and celebratory dinner with President Kenfack. Also in attendance were Associate Dean Tom Wilson, Professor Frank Sullivan, Professor Aila Hoss, and staff leaders at McKinney who were instrumental in planning the event and strategizing future collaborations.

In the photo from left are IU McKinney Vice Dean Max Huffman, Dr. Leslie Bozeman the IU Office of International Affairs, IU Kelley School of Business Dean Ash Soni, IU McKinney Professor Aila Hoss, Université Toulouse-1 Capitole President Hugues Kenfack, IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo, IU Kelley School of Business Vice Dean Julie Magid, IU McKinney Associate Dean Tom Wilson, and IU McKinney Admissions Credentials Representative Elise Seidel.

States of America" (EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM, 2023, Vol. 25, No. 1 & 2, pp. 27-122). He contributed a chapter on "State Aids in the United States" and another on "NAFTA and the USMCA" to a book on International Subsidies Law edited by Professor Marc Bungenberg of

Germany. Another article, "Can Cryptocurrency Save Islamic Finance?" is currently undergoing peer-review. For over two years, Professor Emmert has been working on a textbook on "International Investment Law" with Professor Begaiym Esenkulova of AUCA to be published open access

by the Council on International Law and Politics (<https://www.cilpnet.com/P1-textbook-outline-and-chapters>). The book brings together over 40 experts from around the world and is specifically pursuing diversity, equity and inclusion among the authors to bring new perspectives to the field

■ News Report on Attorney Shortage Features IU McKinney Alumni, Faculty, and Students

Indianapolis television news station WRTV has done an investigative series into the attorney shortage in Indiana and the stories feature many of IU McKinney's alumni, faculty, and students.

The first segment notes that the national average is four lawyers for every 1,000 residents. Indiana has 2.3 lawyers for every 1,000 residents. IU McKinney student Thomas Estabrook was interviewed in this story. He enrolled at IU McKinney because there are no lawyers Bicknell, Indiana, in Knox County, where he lives and has served the mayor for the last seven years. Mayor Estabrook was interviewed in Bicknell and at IU McKinney during the story. The report also featured an interview with Brent Eaton, J.D. '00, who is the prosecutor in Hancock County. There are seven prosecutors in the office and a budget for eight, but the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council says the county needs 12 to be adequately staffed.

Marion County public defender Lucy Frick, J.D. '15, was interviewed in the second segment. At the time the news story was filmed, she was juggling 55 cases, and she said that many of her colleagues have even more. The county has 150 public defenders but should have 185 to be fully staffed. Chief Public Defender Bob Hill, J.D. '82, said one of the attorneys has 70 active major felony cases. Defense attorneys in counties with too few lawyers spoke about distributing cases to lawyers in other parts of Indiana. Bargersville-based attorney Stacy Uliana, J.D. '97, spoke in the story about the five cases from Vanderburgh County she was working on at the time. Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Melissa May, J.D. '84, talked about people facing criminal charges representing themselves out of frustration with the criminal justice system. Those who are self-represented slow the process even further because judges need to take more time with them, she said.

IU McKinney's Supporting Rural Justice Initiative featured prominently in the final segment in the series. Mario Reyes, a 2L, was interviewed and talked about his work in White County during summer 2023. Professor Joel Schumm, J.D. '98, talked about the importance of the initiative and the law school's hybrid program which only requires part-time evening division students to attend in-person classes twice a week. Uliana talked about the need for the state to re-evaluate the cases it prosecutes, and the segment concluded with possible solutions to the state's attorney shortage.

The Supporting Rural Justice Initiative began in 2019 at IU McKinney. That year, students were placed with judges in rural counties, but the program has since expanded to include placement of rising third-year students as certified legal interns with prosecutor and public defender offices in rural counties. Law students commit to working at least 200 hours for which they receive three experiential learning credits and a \$4,000 stipend. The IU Maurer School of Law also has a Supporting Rural Justice Initiative program.

In the photo are some of the IU McKinney students who took part in the Supporting Rural Justice Initiative during summer 2023. From left are Nathan Lundy, Alexa Campbell, Shelby Rice, Professor Joel Schumm, Indiana Supreme Court Justice Christopher Goff, Mario Reyes, and Jerrick Adams.



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that are so far underrepresented in the respective literature. In recognition of these goals, the project recently received a generous grant from the Open Society University Network (OSUN) and will need to be completed by July 2024. As always, most of Professor Emmert's publications and presentations can be accessed free of charge on his ResearchGate page (just Google "Emmert ResearchGate"). More information about the Investment Law project can be found at www.cilpnet.com.

Professor Julie Gilgoff spoke as a panelist at a University of San Francisco Housing Symposium called "Navigating Gentrification in our Changing Cities."

Professor Stephanie Hoffer presented a research paper and a masterclass in international taxation at Vienna University's Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, where she is a visiting professor.

Professor Aila Hoss presented her research at Harvard Medical School, the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and Northern Arizona University. She was the recipient of a Champion of Diversity Award at IU McKinney's 11th Annual Diversity Dinner.

Professor Gerard Magliocca is at work on his next book, titled "Zone of Twilight: Justice Robert H. Jackson's Concurring Opinion in the Steel Seizure Case." It should come out in 2025.

Professor Fran Quigley reports that Health and Human Rights Clinic students earned important victories for their clients during the spring 2024 semester, including preventing the eviction of a tenant living with significant disabilities, obtaining a new apartment and significant rent abatement for a mom and three children who were living in

■ Professor Terry Speaks on Latest Opioid Crisis Research

Professor Nicolas P. Terry, Hall Render Professor of Law and executive director of the Hall Center for Law and Health at IU McKinney spoke on a panel titled "Policy and Regulatory Opportunities to Address the Opioid and Overdose Crisis in 2024" organized by the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE).

The past year brought about several major policy changes that aimed to better address the nation's opioid and overdose crisis. These included the removal of the X-Waiver



requirement to prescribe buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder, as well as the approval of the first 1115 demonstration waivers to use federal Medicaid to pay for certain health care services inside jails, prisons, and youth correctional facilities during the last 90 days of a person's incarceration. However, with drug overdose deaths rising in the past year to over 110,000 people for the first time, there is still much more to be done.

FORE grantees have identified additional policy and regulatory opportunities that can help stem the tide of the crisis. The Bipartisan Policy Center has been conducting policy analysis and developing educational materials to inform and engage policymakers in Congress and the presidential administration. Their efforts have yielded substantial insights and opportunities for change. In addition, Temple University Center for Public Health Law Research, alongside Prof. Terry from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, have identified 84 opportunities to align laws and drug policies at the federal, state, and local levels in ways that reduce the risk of overdose and other harms.

Professor Terry's FORE grant-sponsored project (along with Temple University) is titled "Stop Overdose Deaths: Monitoring Comprehensiveness of State Policy to Prevent Overdose Deaths."

The event took place on Thursday, January 15 and included Regina LaBelle, JD, director of the Addition and Public Policy Initiative, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown Law Center; and Michele Gilbert, MPH, Senior Policy Analyst—both from the Bipartisan Policy Center who spoke on their project "Reviewing the SUPPORT Act and FY2023 Omnibus to Assess Federal Levers Addressing the Opioid Crisis."

In addition, Professor Terry spoke with *Indiana Lawyer* about this work for a news story,



■ Professor Wilson Interviewed for *National Jurist* Story on Best LL.M. Programs

IU McKinney's Master of Laws program was placed on the Best LL.M. Programs Honor Roll by National Jurist magazine. The fall 2023 issue also features an interview with Professor Tom Wilson, associate dean of graduate and international programs at IU McKinney.

The piece, which begins on page 14, focuses on IU McKinney's practice of providing LL.M. students with immersive learning experiences, including externship opportunities and clinic courses. Professor Wilson talked about the other advantages for foreign students seeking an LL.M. at IU McKinney, including how much the law school values the contributions of those students to the overall classroom experience. In many ways, that appreciation is signified by the international flags on display in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium at Inlow Hall. The practice shows IU McKinney's reach around the world and helps international students feel recognized.

"It's a symbol of the value we place on the LL.M. students in the building," Professor Wilson said in the story.

dangerous and unhealthy conditions, and helping a homeless family gain access to assistance that allowed them to finally move into safe, affordable housing. In addition, he has a finished manuscript for a book tentatively called "Lessons From Eviction Court: How We Fix Our Housing Crisis." It is under publisher review now.

Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., helped lead the 24th annual ABA Judicial Clerkship Program in Louisville on February 3. The program encourages law students from historically underrepresented groups to seek judicial clerkships upon their graduation. He designed (for the 23rd consecutive year) the program's "research exercise"—meant to illustrate the judge-clerk working relationship—in which judges and small groups of students work together to examine a closely-watched case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. He also moderated the program's concluding plenary session in which approximately 36 judges answered students' questions. In addition, Sullivan received a citation from the Uniform Law Commission for "hard work and perseverance in the face of opposition to enact the 2022 UCC Amendments" to the Uniform Commercial Code.

From October 10 to 13, 2023, **Professor Tom Wilson** spoke to students at the Autonomous

■ Professor Pitts Asked to Contribute Essay to Curriculum on Voting Rights

IU McKinney Michael J. Pitts was one of three legal scholars to work with the Gilder Lehman Institute of American History to write about the history of voting rights.



The institute received a grant from the Annenberg Foundation to create a curriculum for high school students and teachers about voting rights, which is housed on its website. Professor Pitts was asked to be part of a group who wrote short essays about the history of voting rights. He wrote about voting rights from 1920 through 2000 in an essay titled "The Right to Vote: The Role of States and the U.S. Constitution."

"I called upon my old journalism degree skills," Professor Pitts said. "I

distilled 80 years of the history of voting rights into 500 words."

After the initial review process indicated the first draft was appropriate for students at the graduate level, Professor Pitts was able to get the piece to the high school level through the editing process.

The piece also was vetted for political balance and it was found to be balanced. "I feel a point of pride in that," Professor Pitts said.

Professor Pitts is the Cleon H. Foust Professor of Law at IU McKinney. He is renowned for his expertise in voting rights law. He served the law school as vice dean from 2018 through 2022.



Bravo



Svoboda

■ Dean Bravo and 3L Anne Svoboda Honored with Campus Women's History Month Recognition Awards

IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo and 3L Anne Svoboda were selected for IUPUI Women's History Month Awards. The program is the effort of the campus Office for Women, which is directed by Kathleen S. Grove, J.D. '77. Dean Bravo received the honor in the faculty category. In 2012, Dean Bravo attempted to enroll in a leadership program on the IUPUI campus only to learn that it had been discontinued. This did not stop her. In 2013, she co-proposed and subsequently in 2015-2018 co-led IUPUI NextGeneration 2.0, the campus-wide leadership development and leadership succession-planning program dedicated to the preparation of women and underrepresented faculty and staff for positions of leadership and opportunities for advancement in higher education. The original

leadership program was focused on faculty members. It was important to Dean Bravo to include staff members in the re-imagined program. Since the program's inception, several of her female faculty and staff colleagues at IU McKinney have taken part in the initiative which is still going strong. Dean Bravo currently serves on the NextGeneration Advisory Board.

Svoboda received the honor in the graduate/professional student category. She discovered early how to advocate for herself and she's in law school to ensure other girls who ran into the trouble she did during high school have an easier time. She became pregnant during high school and was actively discouraged from graduating. She was told it would be better for her to stay with her parents, drop out of school, earn a GED, and enter the workforce. Svoboda had other ambitions. She is in the less than 2% of teen mothers who go on to complete a four-year degree. There are no figures on teen mothers who earn law degrees.

University of Barcelona Faculty of Law (UAB) about the American legal system and met with administrators to plan collaborative activities between UAB and IU McKinney. From March 11 through 14, 2024, Professor Wilson delivered lectures to students at the University in Bergen Faculty of Law (UiB) as part of UiB's course on comparative law. Professor Wilson has contributed to law courses at UiB since 2016. On March 27, Professor Wilson delivered a lecture on federalism and the electoral process to members of the International Women of Indiana, an educational and social group of more than 200 women from 30 countries. ❖



■ Professor Tarkington OpEd Published in Los Angeles Times

Professor Margaret Tarkington published an op-ed about lawyer conduct in the *Los Angeles Times*. The piece was published on October 29.

Professor Tarkington is a well-known expert in the area of attorney free speech rights. Her book, "Voice of Justice: Reclaiming the First Amendment Rights of Lawyers," was published in 2018. She is a dean's fellow and co-director of the J.D. Program and Evaluation Assessment at IU McKinney, where she teaches professional responsibility, civil procedure, and federal courts.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Julie Gilgoff — Publications

"The California Shimby Movement: Social Housing in My Backyard," 60 CAL. W. L. REV. 1 (2023)
 "Opportunity to Purchase Policies: Preserving the Affordability of Manufactured Home Communities," 68.3 VILL. L. REV. 405 (2023)

Aila Hoss — Publications

"Black Letter Law," Aila Hoss, 31 UCLA J. GENDER & L. __ (forthcoming 2024).
 "Defining Indigeneity," Aila Hoss, Defining Indigeneity, 110 IOWA L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2024).
 "Federal Statutory and Regulatory Definitions of 'Indian,'" Aila Hoss, 110 IOWA L. REV. ONLINE __ (forthcoming 2024).

Max Huffman — Presentations

Vice Dean Max Huffman presented an open lecture on "The Shifting Regulation and Competition Interface" at Universidade Católica - Porto, Portugal, on November 2, 2023.

— Publication "The Shifting Regulation and Competition Interface," MARKETS AND COMPETITION LAW REVIEW, Vol. 8, No. 1 (2024)

Gerard Magliocca — Publication

"Background as Foreground: Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment and January 6th," 25 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 1059 (2023)

Fran Quigley — Publications

"Our Housing Crisis is Literally Killing People," (*Common Dreams*, January 30, 2024)
 "When It Comes to Housing, We Know What to Do," (*Commonweal*, October 2023)
 "Housing First is a Proven Solution to Our Eviction Clients' Crises," (*The Hill*, September 10, 2023)

Frank Sullivan, Jr. — Presentations

"The Anniversary of Two Enduring Speeches: The Gettysburg Address (1863) and 'I Have a Dream' (1963)," Indianapolis Law Club, January 25, 2024, and McKinney Faculty Colloquium, February 20, 2024.

— Publication *Five-Four: Dissecting Tightly Split Supreme Court Decisions* (2024) (co-author: Nicholas L. Georgakopoulos).

Margaret Tarkington — Presentations

Organizer and panelist, "The Duties of Lawyers to Constitutional Governance," AALS Professional Responsibility Section Program, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., January 5, 2024.

"Creating Rules of Professional Conduct that Clarify the Duties of Government Lawyers and Protect Constitutional Governance, Work in Progress Session," SEALS (Southeastern Association of Law Schools), Boca Raton, Florida, July 27, 2023.

Panelist, Workshop on Professional Responsibility: "Legal Ethics Lessons from the Trump Era," SEALS (Southeastern Association of Law Schools), Boca Raton, Florida, July 28, 2023.

— Publications The following article was selected and reprinted in Rodney A. Smolla, *First Amendment Law Handbook* (2023-2024 Ed.)—a yearly collection of notable First Amendment publications. The article that was republished is "The Role of Attorney Speech and Advocacy in the Subversion and Protection of Constitutional Governance," 69 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY 287 (2022).



Remembering Gerald L. Bepko

April 21, 1940 – September 5, 2023

The IU McKinney School of Law family gathered at Inlow Hall in person and via video to celebrate the life and legacy of Gerald L. Bepko. The event took place in the Wynne Courtroom at Inlow Hall on April 13.

Leading the campus from 1986 to 2003, Bepko was the longest-serving chancellor of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. He served as dean at IU McKinney from 1981 to 1986. He also served as interim president of Indiana University from January 1, 2003, to August 31, 2003.



1—Dean Karen E. Bravo, the Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law, welcomed everyone and shared personal remembrances of her colleague.

2—Dr. Latha Ramchand, who became the first Chancellor of IU Indianapolis in February of 2024, spoke about Bepko's formidable legacy on campus and in the community.

3—MaryEllen Bishop, J.D. '82, former IU Trustee, talked about Bepko leading the law school during her time as a student.

4—Former IU McKinney Dean and former Interim Chancellor of IUPUI, Andrew R. Klein, Dean of the Wake Forest University School of Law spoke about his colleague and friend.

5—Jean Bepko, left, and Gerald L. Bepko, Jr., also known as JJ, at the celebration of life event.





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1—J. Herman Blake, Former Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education at IUPUI, sent a video tribute to Jerry Bepko, recalling his work in the community, particularly the black community.

2—Tonja Eagen, CEO of Kappa Delta Pi and IUPUI graduate recounted the origins of the Bepko Learning Center.

3—Former IU Trustee Peter Obremsky told stories illustrating Bepko's sense of humor and generosity of spirit.

4—Former U.S. Representative from Indiana Susan Brooks, J.D. '85, was among the community leaders attending the event.

5—Arminda Bepko, also known as Mindy, spoke on behalf of the Bepko family at the event.

6—Former Interim Dean and Professor of Law Emeritus Jeffrey Grove recalled his days of working with Bepko when he was dean of the law school.



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Thomas E. Alsip, J.D. '70
January 7, 2024

Jack E. Buckles, J.D. '53
October 23, 2023

William R. Coffey, J.D. '63
February 24, 2024

Timothy C. Currens, J.D. '72
October 1, 2023

Stephen E. DeVoe, J.D. '65
November 13, 2023

Michael M. Disler, J.D. '71
February 19, 2024

Rodney E. Farrow, J.D. '74
November 30, 2023

D. Charles Gantz, J.D. '71
December 8, 2023

Albert George, Jr., J.D. '68
January 13, 2024

J. Gordon Gibbs, Jr., J.D. '68
October 27, 2023

Randall K. Girod, J.D. '84
September 22, 2023

David W. Gotshall, J.D. '73
February 22, 2024

Warren Haas, J.D. '76
December 23, 2023

William J. Haskett, J.D. '71
January 21, 2024

Philip H. Hayes, J.D. '67
December 20, 2023

Louis J. Heeb, J.D. '73
December 10, 2023

Linda K. Hughes, J.D. '96
September 26, 2023

Joanne S. Johnston, J.D. '80
November 5, 2023

John R. Kenley, J.D. '71
December 15, 2023

Bruce L. Kirchoff, J.D. '74
February 17, 2024

Michelle L. Kossmann, J.D. '01
November 27, 2023

Daniel A. Lamb, J.D. '19
February 18, 2024

Diana J. LaViolette, J.D. '81
December 17, 2023

Tricia A. Leminger, J.D. '96
March 5, 2024

William F. Levy, J.D. '66
January 11, 2024

Thomas J. Mattern, J.D. '69
December 30, 2023

Patrick W. Mullen, J.D. '61
November 27, 2023

Suzanne S. Newcomb, J.D. '97
October 11, 2023

C. Duane O'Neal, J.D. '84
October 8, 2023

Richard M. Patterson, J.D. '64
January 23, 2024

David A. Redmond, J.D. '75
October 9, 2023

Charles F. Robinson, Jr., J.D. '66
December 4, 2023

Thomas J. Ruble, J.D. '72
February 1, 2024

Gerald A. Schroeder, J.D. '72
December 11, 2023

Patrick J. Sheedy, J.D. '69
March 1, 2024

Barbara J. Simmons, J.D. '90
December 23, 2023

John M. Smart, III, J.D. '74
November 15, 2023

David E. Summers, J.D. '67
August 9, 2023

Mary A. Tucker, J.D. '73
March 8, 2024



The IU McKinney Law family mourns the loss of **Marion Superior Court Judge Shatrese Flowers, J.D. '98**. Judge Flowers was 50 years old. She served on the bench of Marion Superior Court 28 at the time of her death.

"Judge Flowers faithfully served our community for so many years," said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. "She will be missed."

Judge Flowers began serving on the bench in 2005 when she became a master commissioner

for the Marion Superior Court. She was elected to the bench in 2020 after receiving a favorable recommendation from the Marion County Judicial Selection Committee.

During her time on the Marion Superior Court bench, Flowers served as the supervising judge of jury pool and the Arrestee Processing Center. She had also been an associate presiding judge on the Marion Superior Court Executive Committee since 2021.

After her graduation, Flowers went into private practice at a small, family-owned firm. Prior to taking the bench, she worked as assistant corporation counsel for the Indianapolis Office of Corporation Counsel and as a deputy public defender for the Marion County Public Defender Agency.



M. Anne Wilcox, J.D. '76, died in Denver, Colorado, on January 21, 2024, after a long illness. Wilcox was a summa cum laude graduate of IU McKinney and was on the national moot court team during her time in law school. She practiced law with her husband, Ralph Ogden, J.D. '78, until her retirement in 2011.

Wilcox's most notable case, Ogden said, was winning a declaratory judgment that Colorado's

ban on same gender marriages violated the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. She was the firm's trial partner. She was the first woman to try a civil jury case in South Carolina and Alabama and in a Hendricks County Circuit case, won the first Indiana jury award of punitive damages against a dishonest attorney. She represented the Indiana State Employees Association in a federal lawsuit that resulted in the end of Indiana's strict political approval requirements for government jobs. *Indiana State Employees Association v. Indiana Republican State Central Committee*, 630 F.Supp. 1194 (S.D. Ind. 1986).

Wilcox was an appellate public defender for Judge Webster Brewer's Marion County Criminal Court for several years and served as a special judge in numerous civil and criminal cases. In *In re Perrello*, 270 Ind. 390, 386 N.E.2d 174 (1979), she tried the first criminal contempt case brought by the Indiana Supreme Court in over a hundred years. Wilcox represented attorney defendants in disciplinary cases in Indiana, South Carolina, Texas, Arizona, and Alabama and was instrumental in forcing changes to restrictive attorney advertising rules in several of these states on First Amendment grounds.

Wilcox and Ogden moved to Colorado in 1983. She taught lay public defenders in Cambodia in 1996. Wilcox served as president of the Denver Tech Center Rotary Club during the year the club received the Paul Harris Award for the best club out of 63 in District 5450. She is survived by her son Christopher, her daughter Helen Darby, her two adopted children from Cambodia, Theavy Sok and Sok Serey Tao, two foster children, Samuel Kirapash from Kenya and Samantha Bermudez from Nicaragua, and her husband, Ralph Ogden.

Judge Patricia Riley to Retire from Indiana Court of Appeals

Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Patricia Riley, J.D. '74, has announced that she is retiring from the court.

Judge Riley was named to the Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor Evan Bayh in 1994. A native of Rensselaer, Indiana, early in her career she served as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County, and as a public defender in Marion and Jasper counties before entering private practice in Jasper County. She served as judge of the Jasper Superior Court from 1990 to 1993.

"Judge Riley is a longtime, committed supporter of IU McKinney," said Dean Karen E. Bravo. "She has not only served on the Board of Visitors and the IU McKinney Law Alumni Association board (including serving as president), she has also participated in countless law school events including mentorships of law students in both the J.D. and LL.M. programs. The law school family is grateful for her support, and we wish her all the best in her retirement." Judge Riley received the law school's Alumna of the Year honor in 2019.

Judge Riley is the former chair of the Appellate Practice Section of the Indiana State Bar Association and is a member of the ABA's Judicial Division. She is a member of the Indiana Judges Association and the National Association of Women Judges. In 2008, she co-founded the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret, Kenya (LACE), which provides legal access to justice for HIV/AIDS patients in the AMPATH medical center. She worked in tandem with the law school's Program in International Human Rights Law on projects related to LACE.

In 2011, Judge Riley traveled with the Washington, D.C.-based International Judicial Academy to The Hague, Netherlands, to observe the International Criminal Court and two International Criminal Tribunals that were hearing cases from Sierra Leone and the former Yugoslavia. And in 2012, she participated in the 3rd Sino-U.S. Law Conference, which was held in Beijing at the National Judges College of the People's Republic of China, which oversees all aspects of that country's judicial training, placement, and promotion. In 2013, Judge Riley attended the Justice Academy of Turkey where she presented her paper about ethics rules in the U.S. ♦



1971

John Render was elected to a second term as chairman of the board of Ascension St. Vincent in Indianapolis.

1972

Peter Guerrero was recognized by the State Bar of Arizona for 50 years of service. He is retired from his trial practice.

1973

Ted Smith said he enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion for the class of 1973 on October 7, 2023. He is still practicing law full time and enjoying it. He's had his own practice for the last 50 years in Central Texas. "I plan on slowing down over the next few years," he said, "but I can't imagine life as a retiree!"

1979

Richard L. Mehl was re-elected to a second four-year term as Goshen City Court judge in the November 2023 election. Judge Mehl also maintains a private practice at Mehl & Mehl in Goshen.

1977

Kathleen Grove contributed to the report titled "Modernizing Scholarship for the Public Good: An Action Framework for Public Research Universities." The report includes actions public research universities can take in eight key areas to support publicly engaged, equity-oriented, and publicly impactful scholars and scholarship. It was published by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities. Grove is director of the Office for Women on the IUPUI campus.

1980

Kevin McGoff is the author of "Find Your Landing Zone - Life Beyond the Bar." His work was published by the American Bar Association in August 2022. McGoff retired from the practice of law and lives part of the year in France with his wife, Patty.

1981

Marshall Grate was promoted to member at Clark Hill, an AmLaw200 firm. Grate, who is in the education practice group, works out of the firm's Grand Rapids, Michigan office.

1985

Melissa Proffitt was featured on the Indiana 250 Off the Record podcast on September 20, 2023.

She was quoted in the *Indianapolis Business Journal* in the article titled "Indy Chamber hired marketing exec Matt Mindrum as CEO" on September 18, 2023.

Proffitt was chosen by the American Cancer Society's board as one of 2023's Leadership honorees. She was recognized at the Indy Discovery Ball on November 11, 2023.

1994

David Temple is now conducting full-time ADR services at Van Winkle Baten Dispute Resolution in Carmel, Indiana, after nearly 29 years of private civil litigation practice.

Robert Frye has been named chief legal officer of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, also known as IndyGo.

1996

Tom Hutchinson has joined the healthcare department and corporate department as a partner at Barnes & Thornburg's Indianapolis office. His practice focuses on for-profit and nonprofit healthcare providers across the country including ambulatory surgery centers, physician practices, hospitals and health systems, and post-acute providers and senior living facilities.

Judge John D. Potter of the Jasper Circuit Court has been selected as an American Bar Foundation Fellow. Fellows are a national honorary society of lawyers, judges, legal faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession.



■ IU McKinney Alumnus Who Fought for Change Featured in Newspaper Story

A story in the *Indianapolis Star* featured Donald Silas, J.D. '96. Silas is one of the "IU Ten," the Black football players who boycotted and were ultimately dismissed from Indiana University's football team in 1969. The team members were protesting their treatment based on their race. Silas grew up in Haughville, the neighborhood to the west of the IUPUI campus, and was thinking of quitting high school when his football coach convinced him that he could play at the college level. Silas got his grades in shape and signed to play for Indiana University. In 1969, Black teammates boycotted practice in protest of the way they were being treated. Four players returned to the team while

the ones who would become known as the IU Ten were dismissed.

After playing professional football in Canada and the Midwest, Silas returned to IU, earning a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1981 on the IUPUI campus. He then went to work for the Indiana Department of Corrections where he saw a need for greater advocacy for the inmates. That led Silas to earn a law degree at IU McKinney. He practiced law for several years before becoming a teacher, a job that ultimately allowed him to give back by following in the footsteps of educators he admired growing up.

Five members of the IU Ten met with university officials in April 2015. One of those officials was Fred Glass, J.D. '84, who then was the athletics director. During these meetings, the team members shared what led to the boycott and the impact it had on their lives. Silas described the experience as a "sincere effort" on the part of the university to ease the pain of the boycott and its aftermath.

Silas said he is proud of the changes brought about by the sacrifices he and his nine other teammates made over 50 years ago.

The article reports that Silas was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer and while his end-of-life plans are in place, there is a GoFundMe page to help cover funeral arrangements.

Readers may view video clips from the interview with Silas on the newspaper's website.

Membership is by invitation only and limited to 1% of licensed attorneys.

1997

Mitchell M. Pote closed his solo law office in December 2023 and retired from the practice of law.

Douglas Mawhorr was appointed to be judge of Delaware Circuit Court 3 in September 2023.

1998

Angela Stephens has been appointed chair of the real estate group at Bose McKinney & Evans in Indianapolis.

2003

Andrew Bloch has been named to the Hamilton County Circuit Court bench. He has served as a

magistrate judge in the circuit and superior courts there since 2019.

2007

Leslie Wagers has been named underwriting counsel for Lexington National Land Services.

Heather Shumaker was elected to membership of the firm McDonald Hopkins LLC. She is a member in the firm's national data privacy and cybersecurity practice group. Shumaker is accredited by the International Association of Privacy Professionals as a certified information privacy professional for the United States private sector, the gold standard certification for information privacy professionals. Her practice focuses on advising companies in a wide variety of industries on addressing data privacy and

cybersecurity incidents. Shumaker represents clients across the country working remotely for the Detroit office of McDonald Hopkins.

Stephanie Eckerle has been named chair of the health care practice at Krieg DeVault. Eckerle serves on the board of directors for the National Association of Worksite Health Centers and Children's TherAplay Foundation, Inc.

Shelley Jackson has joined Duke University's Center on Law and Technology new RAILS initiative. RAILS, an acronym for Responsible AI in Legal Services, launched in January 2024 in response to growing ethical questions surrounding the use of AI within the legal community. Jackson is a partner at Krieg DeVault.

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2008

Robert Ramsey joined Oxford Financial Group as chief investment officer in 2021 and was recently named co-managing partner.

2010

Alexandria Assareh Shah was awarded the Missouri Bar's 2023 David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award for her outstanding work in appellate cases.

2011

Amber Comer has taken on the role of director of ethics policy and secretary of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs at the American Medical Association. She also was named one of Indiana's Best and Brightest by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana. Winners are judged on their professional accomplishments and leadership abilities.

2012

Thomas Ludwiski has been elected partner at the Fort Wayne law firm of Barrett McNagny. Ludwiski concentrates his practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions and complex investment structuring as part of the firm's transaction team. He assists clients with tax structuring, recapitalization transactions, and complex financing arrangements.

2013

Nabeela Virgee has joined Plews Shadley Racher & Braun as of counsel. She brings a decade of experience as a litigator representing clients in both state and federal court.

2015

Reid Dodge has been promoted to partner at Faegre Drinker in the firm's Indianapolis office. Dodge is a member of the firm's intellectual property group where he focuses on patent disputes.

Alyson Ackerman is now a shareholder at Somach Simmons & Dunn in the firm's California office.

2017

Tyler Moorhead was elected partner at Bose McKinney & Evans.

Christopher Creighton has been appointed vice president of innovation and growth of Marian University. He most recently served as chief of



■ Indiana Law Survey Hoosier CLE Nets Student Scholarships

More than 220 attorneys in Indiana earned continuing legal education credits at the 2023 Indiana Law Survey/Hoosier CLE program, which benefits student scholarships and programs at IU McKinney School of Law.

The annual program is co-sponsored by the IU McKinney Alumni Association, the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, and the Indiana State Bar Association. The event on September 28 and 29 netted the law school alumni association \$35,000.

Alumni Association Law Survey co-chairs Indiana Supreme Court Justice Mark Massa, J.D. '89; and Indiana Appellate Court Judge Leanna Weissmann, J.D. '94, accepted a ceremonial check from ITLA Executive Director Jason Bell at the Indiana Statehouse.

Receiving the check are (from left) Indiana Association of Trial Lawyers Executive Director Jason Bell, ITLA president Emily Guenin-Hodson, Judge Weissmann, Justice Massa, Alumni Association President Emily Shrock, J.D. '12, and IU McKinney Alumni Fund Scholarship recipients and current 1L students Maisam Mansour, Julia Slazyk, Julia Johnson, and Edward Null.

The 2024 Indiana Law Survey/Hoosier CLE program is scheduled for September 12 and 13. For more information, visit <https://www.hoosiercle.org/>.



■ Mehwish Naveed, LL.M., '23, Civil Rights Specialist at the Indiana Civil Rights Commission

What have you been up to since earning your LL.M. degree from McKinney?

"Since I graduated have been working with Indiana Civil Rights Commission as a civil rights specialist in the employment division. My job involves researching, conducting interviews, collecting evidence, analyzing, issuance of findings, and advocating civil rights issues pertaining to employment law. I thoroughly enjoy my work because it serves humanity."

staff for the Indiana Department of Transportation and previously as legislative director for Governor Eric Holcomb.

2018

Eliot Blackburn joined Concentrix + WebHelp as an in-house staff counsel supporting North American commercial contracting. This move comes after 2 years of working at Wolters Kluwer focusing on data licensing, SaaS agreements, and various professional services agreements.

2020

Joseph Deloney is a first-year associate at Faegre Drinker.

Tyler Rosser has been named a partner and managing director at Oxford Financial Group, Ltd. In this role, Rosser directs the creation and implementation of sophisticated and comprehensive financial, estate, trust and tax strategies for ultra-high net worth clients.

2021

Addison Zielinski is a first-year associate at Faegre Drinker.

2022

Talitha Krenk, who also is a 2018 Master of Laws graduate, has opened Krenk Law, an immigration law firm.

2023

Samantha Barnfather is a first-year associate at Faegre Drinker.

Sergio Gonzalez is a first-year associate at Faegre Drinker.

Victoria Blackwell is a first-year associate at Faegre Drinker. ♦

■ IU McKinney Alumna Lucy Dollens Named to Women of Influence Class for 2023

Lucy Dollens, J.D. '02, a commercial litigation partner at Quarles & Brady, was named to the *Indianapolis Business Journal's* Women of Influence class for 2023. Dollens is a member of the firm's executive committee and helped negotiate two key mergers. She co-founded the Indiana Women's Empowerment Network, a grassroots organization whose mission is to inspire, support, and promote women attorneys toward professional advancement and success.



■ Angie Lyon, M.J. '23, Director of Fund Development and Marketing for Indiana Legal Services

Angie Lyon began her career as a certified therapeutic horseback riding instructor. That experience led to her love of nonprofit organizations and her desire to pursue working in that area. Lyon earned a Bachelor of Science in public affairs from IU Indianapolis, and two master's degrees: an M.J. from IU McKinney and an M.A. from the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

Lyon is the daughter of a now-retired criminal defense attorney. "This is where I realized the profound implications that the law can have on the lives of individuals and families," she said. She appreciates being able to utilize the knowledge she gained in the M.J. program in her work at ILS. "Joining ILS has given me an opportunity to be a part of a team who works tirelessly to dismantle complex legal barriers in the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our community. And, I have the opportunity to bring a unique but relevant set of skills, coupled with an educational perfectly aligned to this organization."

■ Judge Davidsen to Retire after 20 Years with Office of Environmental Adjudication

Chief Environmental Law Judge Mary Davidsen, J.D. '92, retired from the state's Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA) after 20 years of service at the end of 2023. Judge Davidsen came to the law after working in television production. During her undergraduate studies, she accompanied a friend to take the LSAT and decided to take the test herself. Davidsen was admitted to IU McKinney and began classes only to leave and return to television production. She ultimately returned to law school and began working with the Department of Natural Resources' Water Division when she completed her legal education in 1992. She left the DNR, worked in private practice for a few years, then took a job with OEA, having missed the environmental component of the law.

■ **Andrew Bloch Named to Hamilton County Bench**

Andrew Bloch, J.D. '03, has been named to the Hamilton County Circuit Court bench. He has served as a magistrate judge in the circuit and superior courts there since 2019.

Prior to his work as a magistrate, Judge Bloch was an attorney at Cross Pennamped Woolsey & Glazier, where he practiced family law and appellate law. In addition, he serves as vice president of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, where he has also held the roles of secretary and district representative.

■ **Adriana Figueroa Named Assistant US Attorney for Civil Rights**

Adriana Figueroa, J.D. '15, has been named an assistant U.S. Attorney with an emphasis on civil rights. Figueroa began serving in her new role in November 2023.

Previously, Figueroa served as a senior staff attorney at IU Health, before that, she was an associate attorney at Faegre Drinker and prior to that, was a judicial law clerk in the U.S. District Court. Outside legal practice, she serves as president of the board of directors of Christamore House.

■ **Cindy Carrasco Wins Indiana Senate Seat in Caucus Vote**

IU McKinney alumna Cindy Carrasco, J.D. '06, won the caucus vote to fill the Indiana Senate seat left vacant by the late Jack Sandlin's death. A story about the vote appeared on Indiana Citizen. Earlier in her career, Carrasco served as deputy general counsel in the Office of the Governor. In addition, she served as Indiana's inspector general and as executive director of the Office of the Inspector General and the Indiana State Ethics Commission.

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I am honored to be a law librarian at this stage of my career. For 20 years, I practiced law or worked within the legal field. During five of those years, I served as a judicial officer in Marion County's Paternity Division. I adjudicated cases related to family law issues for children born out of wedlock, including custody, child support, parenting time, etc.

I reflected on my first six months as a research and instructional services librarian and concluded that my judicial officer and law librarian roles have several similarities relating to serving public patrons at the law library and self-represented litigants in court. A self-represented litigant is a person who advocates alone without attorney representation in a court proceeding. A law library public patron is not a legal professional; the public patron is often seeking access to the law library's resources. Below are four ways serving public patrons and self-represented litigants are analogous:

From the Bench to the Books

By Tamara L. Rogers, Research and Instructional Services Librarian



1. Legal resources: The academic law library is a specialized type of library that serves as a valuable resource for its users: law students, law professors, attorneys, and public patrons. The paternity court was a specialized type of court. Public patrons and self-represented litigants both seek research guidance on statutes, regulations, case law, etc. As a law librarian, I assist public patrons conducting their independent research through print or online legal databases.

The court system had resources for self-represented litigants that addressed various legal issues and procedures. The court resources included some procedural forms and guidance regarding filing a case, motions, and orders.

2. Legal issues: Public patrons and self-represented litigants both deal with related types of cases. The legal issues often range from family law, employment law, immigration, and criminal law to other civil matters.

3. Referrals: Law librarians and judicial officers may refer public patrons and self-represented litigants to other community resources and services. At the court, there was contact information for local legal aid societies, pro bono attorneys, and the like. The law library public patron may need additional information from other jurisdictions, libraries, or entities to further legal research goals.

4. Legal assistance: Public patrons and self-represented litigants often seek legal guidance and direction on pending matters. However, law librarians and judicial officers are not providing representation and are unable to provide legal advice or review legal documents which violates the unauthorized practice of law guidelines.

Being a judicial officer and a law librarian are both professions that assist the public. At the law school, we aim to provide quality reference services to public patron users.



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

■ Child Advocates Will Continue to Be Led by an IU McKinney Alumna

Cindy Booth, J.D. '91, the longtime CEO of Child Advocates, retired at the end of 2023 and Phyllis Armstrong, J.D. '90, took on the role January 1, 2024.

Booth joined Child Advocates as its first full-time staff attorney in 1994 and was named CEO two years later. Armstrong joined the organization in 1998 and has held the roles of staff attorney, director of the Family Crisis Advocacy Program, and director of mediation. She became vice president of program operations in summer 2020.

■ Richard Blaiklock, J.D. '97, and Marie Kern, J.D. '98, Named to Marion Superior Court

Richard Blaiklock, J.D. '97, managing partner at Lewis Wagner LLP, and Marie Kern, J.D. '98, magistrate judge in Family Division of the Marion Superior Court, have both been named by the Indiana governor to sit on the Marion Superior Court.

Blaiklock replaced the late Judge Shatrese Flowers, J.D. '98, and Kern replaced retired Judge Heather Welch.

Blaiklock emigrated to the U.S. from England in 1978 and became a U.S. citizen in 1991. Before attending law school, Blaiklock attended Hanover College and then served as a juvenile probation officer in Marion County. After law school, he was an associate at Ice Miller before joining Lewis Wagner in 2001.

Kern received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University. After law school, she worked as a Marion County Public Defender for three years. Even after leaving the agency for private practice, she still took public defender felony cases on a part-time basis. For the past 10 years, she has organized a biannual Mediation Day aimed at providing parents in paternity cases with no-to-low-cost assistance.

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Mentorship Matters: Paying It Forward

by Henry Robinson, J.D. '19

Hi! I'm Henry: a first-generation law student turned tax lawyer and mentor.

As a first-generation law student, I desperately wished I had a mentor to help me with building a good resume, exploring different legal careers, and navigating the nuts and bolts of practicing law. Law school taught me great foundational legal skills, but I struggled to find someone who could guide me through the whole process. Now that I've got some years under my belt, I'm trying to be the mentor I wished I had back then.



If you've been thinking about taking on a mentorship role, but you're not sure where to start, here are a couple of suggestions:

1. Whether you're a seasoned lawyer or a newly admitted attorney, you have something to bring to the table: your experiences. Several months ago, I received a LinkedIn message from a law student wanting to learn more about careers in tax law. We set

up a time to grab coffee, and we spent an hour talking about their goals. While I didn't have an answer to all of their questions, I was able to chat about my personal experiences with joining student groups, taking the bar exam, and navigating the job interview process.

2. If you don't have a lot of free time, quick informational interviews are another great way to mentor others. I recently held a 30-minute informational interview with an accounting and finance student at Indiana University. He hoped to get his CPA license after he graduates from college, but he wanted to learn about different careers in tax and accounting. Something as simple as an informational interview can make a big difference in another person's career journey!

3. Finally, take on volunteer roles. Mentorship opportunities might include hosting mock interviews, judging a moot court competition, or sponsoring a student event. Not only is volunteering incredibly rewarding, but it's a terrific opportunity to meet new people and expand your network.

An attorney once told me, "Training the next generation of lawyers is our collective responsibility." If you're a lawyer looking to take on a mentorship role, I hope this helps you take that first step! ♦

If you would like to chat more on this topic, you can find me on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/henry-robison-4a20141a1/>

Henry Robison is a senior criminal tax attorney with the IRS, Office of Chief Counsel in Indianapolis.

■ Five IU McKinney Alumni Selected Forty under 40 Class of 2024

Five alumni of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law were selected for the Indianapolis Business Journal's Forty under 40 class for 2024. They are Lauren Box, J.D. '15; Chaka Coleman, J.D. '22; Stephanie Flittner, J.D. '11; Roya Porter, J.D. '15; and Brian R. Prince, II, J.D. '15.

Lauren Box, J.D. '15, is a partner at Barnes & Thornburg in Indianapolis. Box serves as co-chair of the firm's hiring committee and oversees the summer associates program. She is a board member for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana, pro bono counsel for the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Indianapolis Chapter, and a volunteer for the 2024 U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials Host Committee.

Chaka Coleman, J.D. '22, is director of legislative affairs at Paganelli Law Group. Coleman lobbies state and local government officials for clients in the energy, healthcare, alcohol, agriculture, and gambling sectors. She is a mayoral appointee to the Carmel Planning Commission, the board treasurer for the Bishop Joseph D. Farris Community Living Center, and a volunteer with the Hamilton County Leadership Academy.

Stephanie Flittner, J.D. '11, is assistant general counsel at Shiel Sexton, where she led the company's response for construction crews who were considered essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Flittner is chair of the Hamilton County Young Republicans, serves on the board of Indiana Wish, is a volunteer for St. Margaret's Hospital Guild, Cherry Tree Elementary PTO, and is past president of the Junior League of Indianapolis.

Roya Porter, J.D. '15, is senior corporate counsel at Strada Education Foundation, where she is the primary legal advisor for the foundation's HBCU initiative, human resources, real estate and insurance. Porter serves as the annual giving chair for Hendricks Regional Health YMCA of Hendricks County, and she has served as treasurer and vice president for the Marion County Bar Association.

Brian R. Prince, II, J.D. '15, is president and CEO of Prince Property Group. Prince began his career at Flaherty & Collins Properties, where he spearheaded and is an equity owner in nearly \$400 million in real estate development projects in Indiana. He left there in early 2024 to form his own real estate development firm. In spite of his career success, Prince says his biggest accomplishment came in 2022 when he created a scholarship at IU McKinney Law to honor his late mother, Murieta S. Covington, J.D. '04.

■ IndyBar Honors Eight IU McKinney Alumni for 50 Years in the Legal Profession

The Indianapolis Bar Association honored members who celebrated 50 years in the legal profession during 2023. Eight of those honored are graduates of IU McKinney School of Law. They are:

Richard A. Clem of the firm Alden & Clem. Clem is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and is known for his mentorship of young lawyers.

Lawrence Dorocke of the firm Simpson Colin, where he practices real estate, corporate, municipal, credit rights, and transactional law.

Lante Earnest, who practices business law, employment and commercial law, housing, government and administrative law, estate planning and administration, and real estate law.

Robert Hammerle of the firm Hackman Hulett. He has dedicated his entire legal career to criminal law defense and is one of the top lawyers in the state in this area of law.

The Honorable William T. Lawrence, former judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

Jerald Miller of the firm Wheeler Gluys & Miller. He is known for his mentorship of young lawyers and is active in the Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite.

M. Kent Newton is a co-founder of COIN, Caring for Our Immigrant Neighbors and is involved in many not-for-profit boards aimed at helping the underserved population.

Robert York practices at York Law where he is active in litigation throughout Indiana. He is a former deputy prosecuting attorney and former administrative law judge.



■ Prosecutor Mears Visits Race and the Law Class

Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears, J.D. '06, was a guest during a recent Race and the Law class. The course is taught by Doneisha Posey, J.D. '14, who teaches at IU McKinney as an adjunct professor.

Prosecutor Mears talked about the critical topic of how race intersects with the criminal justice system, drawing from history, current realities, and his vision for a future where justice is administered equitably, irrespective of race. The lecture took place February 16. The course, Race and the Law, is dedicated to exploring the complex ways race impacts legal systems and influences legal practices.

Posey is vice president and general counsel at Black Onyx Management, a Black-owned applied research and management consultancy that focuses on leveraging an organization's mission and goals to ensure equity for all communities, especially for Black and other historically marginalized communities.

Prosecutor Mears served as a deputy prosecutor from 2006 to 2014 and returned to the office in 2015 after a year in private practice. He has led the office since 2019.



Alumni in the St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida, areas enjoyed chatting with one another before dinner at Sea Salt on February 27.



Professor Aila Hass and Alyssa James, J.D. '13, talk with IU McKinney health law students during the Health Law Alumni Reception on February 8 at Inlow Hall.

Jake Butz, J.D. '22, chair of the Hall Center's Mentor Committee, addressed the assembled alumni and students prior to Dean Bravo's remarks at the Health Law Alumni reception February 8 at Inlow Hall.



Dean Karen E. Bravo talked with alumni during the Washington, D.C., reception on April 2 at the Willard Office Building.



Alumni enjoyed catching up with one another before lunch on February 26 at Bice in downtown Naples, Florida.



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Submit a nomination for one of the IU McKinney Alumni Association's annual awards! Nominations are accepted at any time, but those submitted by June 15 will receive priority for the 2024 awards banquet on October 26.



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- Distinguished Alumni Award
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FUTURE EVENTS

Join Us

We have lots of events planned for summer and fall 2024 and we hope you'll make plans to join us. Watch mckinneylaw.iu.edu/events for all the latest details.

- September 12 & 13 / Annual Indiana Law Survey (Hoosier CLE)
- September 17 / Annual Birch Bayh Lecture (CLE)
- September 28 / 16th Annual Homecoming Regatta on the Canal (CLE)
- October 18 / Moot Court Barrister's Tournament Finals (CLE)
- October 25 / Indiana Health Law Review Symposium
- November 8 / Indiana Law Review Symposium (CLE)
- November 15 / Indiana International and Comparative Law Review Symposium (CLE)



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Celebrate with the Class of 2024

IU McKinney's graduation recognition celebration took place on May 8 at the Murat Theater at Old National Centre in Indianapolis. Jimmie L. McMillian, J.D. '02, senior corporate counsel and chief diversity officer of Penske Entertainment delivered a rousing speech during the law school's graduation celebration. Isra Haider was awarded the Faculty Prize. Haider graduated first in her class, is a Kennedy Law Scholar, and won the 2022-23 Papke Prize for the best law review note.

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