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Dear Alumni and Friends:

In this issue, we celebrate Jerry Bepko—truly a great man. The scope of his contributions to legal education and higher education in Indiana is beyond our power to calculate, and his vision and ethos live on in the law school and on our campus.

The broad strokes of his career in higher education are well-known: Jerry joined the faculty of IU McKinney in 1972, teaching Contract Law, Secured Transactions, and other courses. In 1981, he was appointed dean of the law school, serving in that capacity until 1986. He left the deanship to take up the appointment as chancellor of IUPUI. He served in that role until 2003, making him the longest serving chancellor in campus history. Almost immediately after stepping away from the chancellorship, he accepted the responsibility of serving as interim president of Indiana University from January through August 2003.

But, oh, there is so much more. Jerry had a far-seeing and influential vision for the future of the IUPUI campus and its impact on the city of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana. With skill, energy, and determination, he executed that vision in collaboration with the campus’s many constituencies. The professional schools and the Herron School of Art—previously located in other parts of the city—physically joined the campus. Under his leadership, campus enrollment increased nearly 25 percent. His emphasis on supporting incoming undergraduate students lead to the creation of University College. During his chancellorship, more than 20 buildings were constructed and the research budget grew to more than $200 million.

On the campus, Jerry’s legacy lives on most explicitly in the eponymous Bepko Scholars and Fellows Program. The program provides a four-year scholarship to students who demonstrate integrity, leadership, and a commitment to service, qualities exemplified by Jerry Bepko’s life.

His legacy at our law school is as expansive. Let me share just a few examples: the dean of the law school holds the Gerald L. Bepko Professorship, the dean’s office bears the plaque “Dean’s Office gift of Jean C. and Gerald L. Bepko,” and the law school’s Gerald L. Bepko Chair is awarded to scholars of high renown who join our faculty.

Perhaps more importantly, his legacy lives on in the hearts and conduct of his students and colleagues. I had the privilege of being Jerry’s neighbor on the second floor of the law school. I had invaluable opportunities to interact with and learn from him through the years. I learned of his career as an FBI agent stationed in the U.S. South during the Civil Rights era and of his philosophy of servant leadership. He shared that philosophy in the Law and Leadership class which he co-taught for several years after his “retirement.” The students and colleagues who have learned from and adopted Jerry’s philosophy of servant leadership continue his legacy into the future.

Very truly yours,

Karen E. Bravo
Dean and Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law
IU McKinney School of Law Mourns the Passing of Gerald L. Bepko, IUPUI Chancellor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus

Correction to the winter 2022 issue of The McKinney Lawyer
Chasity Thompson Osborn’s name was misspelled in a story about the 25th anniversary celebration of the Indiana Conference on Legal Education Opportunity. The 2002 IU McKinney graduate is director of learning and development at Taft Stettinius & Hollister.
IU McKinney School of Law Mourns Passing of Gerald L. Bepko, IUPUI Chancellor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus

by Rebecca Trimpe

The Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law community mourns the death, and celebrates the life and legacy, of IUPUI Chancellor Emeritus Gerald “Jerry” Bepko, who died September 5, 2023. He was 83.

“Our beloved colleague, Jerry Bepko, embodied servant leadership, deep goodness, integrity, and a rare humanity,” said Karen E. Bravo, Dean and Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law at IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law. “He gave time and attention to all those with whom he interacted and never failed to offer kind gentleness and perceptive analysis. He will be deeply missed.”

Bepko, who served as dean of the McKinney School of Law from 1981-1986, also became the longest-serving chancellor of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), leading IU’s Indianapolis campus from 1986 to 2003. He also served as interim president of Indiana University from January 1, 2003, to August 31, 2003.

After graduating from Northern Illinois University and Chicago-Kent College of Law, Bepko joined the FBI and investigated civil rights abuses and violence in the 1960s. While working as a federal agent, he was involved in a traffic accident that left him seriously injured, which led him to make a career change.

Bepko’s law enforcement career was something that Lacy Johnson, J.D. ’81, particularly appreciated. Johnson, partner-in-charge of Taft’s Washington D.C., office, worked as an Indiana State Trooper during and after law school before beginning a career in private practice. He was a student in Bepko’s Constitutional Law class. “As a former FBI agent, Bepko understood the rigors of law enforcement and the challenges of someone working full time and as a public servant, which I admired,” Johnson said. The two remained in touch and worked together on a variety of projects both on campus and in the greater Indianapolis community. “He motivated people to come along and work together,” Johnson said. “That was evident through his work to increase the number of women and minorities attending law school, getting people active in the Indianapolis community, and making sure everyone was involved.”

Bepko’s professional path brought him to higher education. In 1972, after a stint as an associate professor at Chicago-Kent and earning a Master of Laws degree at Yale Law School, Bepko accepted an associate professor position at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, now the Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Bepko’s visionary leadership established IUPUI as a leading urban university. During his tenure, enrollment increased nearly 25 percent, the campus added more than 20 buildings, the research budget grew to more than $200 million, and his emphasis on supporting incoming undergraduate students led to the creation of University College.

Indiana Senator Todd Young, J.D. ’06, appreciated Bepko’s dedication to higher education. Senator Young was a student in Bepko’s Law and Leadership class in 2005 and later returned as a guest speaker. “Jerry Bepko was a towering figure with an innovative vision for higher education and a passion for inspiring young leaders,” Senator Young said. “As the longest-serving IUPUI chancellor, Jerry positively impacted the lives of so many students, including mine. His legacy of leadership, service, and humility will live on for decades to come.”

Bepko’s impact extended beyond the IUPUI campus. He was involved in the consolidation of IU hospitals with Methodist Hospitals of Indiana to form Clarian Health Partners Inc., now IU Health. The move proved to be an important anchor for Indiana’s healthcare industry and a solution to some of the challenges of academic medicine. He also served on numerous not-for-profit boards, including Riley Hospital for Children, United Way of Central Indiana, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, and Indiana Sports Corp.

Bepko’s legacy lives on in many ways on the IUPUI campus—including via the many awards, achievements, and programs named in his honor. The Bepko
1—Dean Gerald L. Bepko, center, in his office at 735 W. New York Street with former law school dean Cleon Foust, left, and Professor Bruce Townsend, right.

2—Former IU President Adam Herbert awards Chancellor Bepko (center) with an honorary doctorate degree in 2007 (also pictured Dr. Rebecca Porter).

3—Gerald L. Bepko, right, and his wife, Jean Cougnenc Bepko, at an event marking his retirement from the role of IUPUI chancellor in 2003.
Scholars and Fellows Program provides a four-year scholarship to students who demonstrate integrity, leadership, and service commitment. The Bepko Learning Center encourages students to utilize collaborative learning techniques and facilitates group experiences.

Former Indiana Congresswoman Susan Brooks, J.D. ’85, relied on Bepko’s advice and counsel throughout her legal career. Brooks recalled working with him when she served as a deputy mayor in Indianapolis and sought his advice when she was later being considered for U.S. Attorney.

She worked with him again when Bepko served on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, and she was working as a senior vice president at Ivy Tech. Bepko also helped her when she ran for Congress, and she served as a guest speaker in his Law and Leadership class after she began serving in that office. Brooks later co-taught the class with former IU McKinney Professor Andrew R. Klein.

“The point of the Law and Leadership class was, and I loved that Chancellor Bepko started this, was to plant the seed in students’ minds that when you graduate from law school, by virtue of having a J.D., you’re going to be viewed as a leader in many settings,” Brooks said. “You may be asked to serve on boards, you may be asked to consider running for public office or work for an elected official. He wanted students to start thinking about their own leadership styles. When I was in law school, I didn’t envision I would have the opportunities to have the leadership roles I’ve had. None of these would have been possible if not for law school.”

Chancellor Bepko’s leadership on campus and lessons in the classroom have had a lasting impact on David Hòa Khoa Nguyen, J.D. ’06. Nguyen is an attorney and associate professor of Urban Education.
Leadership and Policy at IUPUI’s School of Education. He was a student in Bepko’s Law and Leadership class. “It was such an honor to have been a student in Professor Bepko’s course given his broad experience in leadership in a variety of professions and sectors. I learned that one’s ethical and moral compass coupled with humility and humanity are key qualities of a leader in any community. I continue to live up to not only what I learned in his class, but also in ways to honor his legacy on campus and in our city.”

Bepko’s many accolades include honorary degrees from Indiana University, Purdue University, and Chicago-Kent College of Law. In 2015, he received the University Medal, Indiana University’s highest award, for his extraordinary contributions and exceptional achievements. He is also a two-time recipient of the distinguished Sagamore of the Wabash, an award bestowed by the governor of Indiana and one of the state’s highest honors.

He credited much of his success to his wife, Jean Coughnc Bepko. They were married for 54 years and had two children, Gerald Jr. and Arminda.
“Some people come into your life and leave an indelible mark on your soul,” said MaryEllen Bishop, J.D. ’82. Bishop served on the IU Board of Trustees and the IU McKinney Board of Visitors. “They are wise, they are calm, they are morally upright, and they show genuine kindness to all. One of those rare individuals just left us, Gerald L. Bepko. Whether you knew him as professor, dean, chancellor, president or simply Jerry, he would always lift you up and empower you to be your best version of you. He valued you as a friend and truly believed in your abilities. He was an incredible human being whom I was very proud to call my friend.”

A memorial service to celebrate the life and legacy of Gerald L. Bepko will take place at IU McKinney on April 13, 2024.
The Honorable Tanya Walton Pratt, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, addressed IU McKinney’s graduating students during the law school’s graduation celebration event on May 13. The program took place in Hall J at the Indiana Convention Center.

Chief Judge Pratt is the first person of color to serve as the Southern District of Indiana’s chief judge and is the 10th chief judge in the court’s history. She was appointed as a district judge on June 15, 2010, becoming the first African-American federal judge in Indiana history.

While not an alumna of IU McKinney, Chief Judge Pratt is surrounded by them on her family tree, Dean Karen E. Bravo said during the judge’s introduction at the event. Her late father, Charles A. Walton Sr., graduated from IU McKinney in 1959; her brother, Charles A. Walton Jr., was a member of the class of 1989; and her daughter, Marion Circuit Magistrate Judge Lena Pratt Sanders, graduated in 2016. By way of advice for the students, Chief Judge Pratt said “My advice, regardless of what you do with your degree, I want to urge you to continue to use the tradition, the McKinney tradition, of being instruments of justice and in doing so I want you to embrace and encourage the developing diversity of our profession and I urge you to always do your best.”

Vice Dean Cynthia Adams, J.D. ’83, (photo—1) presented the Faculty Prize to Natalie Wichern. Wichern’s note for the Indiana Law Review, “Undiscovered Sins of Youth: Indiana’s Jurisdictional Gap When Child Molesting Committed by a Juvenile Is Not Discovered Until Adulthood,” addresses a critical gap in Indiana law and is being considered by the state’s leaders as they fashion a solution to the problem, Vice Dean Adams said.

Students who served as graduation celebration speakers included (photo—2, from left) Angela Lyon for the Master of Jurisprudence program, Helay Khwajazada for the Master of Laws program, Priya Malik for the day division of the Doctor of Jurisprudence program, and Carolyn Rowe for the evening division of the Doctor of Jurisprudence program.

The law school celebrated 230 students who received Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees, 19 Master of Laws graduates, and nine Master of Jurisprudence graduates. Nearly 120 J.D. students received graduate certificates and members of the class of 2023 contributed over 5,800 hours of pro bono service during their time in law school. 
The Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law began offering its part-time J.D. program in a hybrid format, with both in-person instruction and an online component, in fall 2023.

IU McKinney is the first Indiana law school to offer the J.D. degree in a hybrid format. The new program combines significant in-person learning that will allow students to build relationships with peers and faculty with an online component providing the flexibility that many students need.

All IU McKinney students—whether they are enrolled in the hybrid or full-time program—will continue to benefit from an American Bar Association-accredited J.D. program offering:

• Real-world experience from a wide range of clinics, externships and other experiential courses, including personalized opportunities with judges, governmental agencies, and corporate offices around the state of Indiana and throughout the U.S.
• An internationally recognized faculty
• An academic home in Inlow Hall, a world-ranked law school building; the Ruth Lilly Law Library; and a variety of modern and technologically sophisticated classrooms, study rooms, and student lounges
• Access to a robust network of nearly 13,000 living alumni (including 8,400 in Indiana), many of whom provide mentoring and other support to students
• A rich and diverse 90-credit-hour curriculum keyed to bar exam success and practice readiness, boasting an array of electives preparing students for nearly any legal or professional career.

The new hybrid program offers students additional flexibility through:

• Hybrid first- and second-year courses, both in-person and online learning
• The option for students to take up to 30 credit hours toward their degree fully online
• The opportunity to complete a J.D. degree in four years or to accelerate after completing the initial hybrid sequence.

IU McKinney has been called “Indiana’s law school,” owing to the significant number of lawyers and leaders in the state and on the national—and international—stage, said Karen E. Bravo, dean of the law school and Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law.

“For many of our students, a law degree is only possible if they are able to pursue that dream while working and supporting families,” Dean Bravo said. “Many outstanding alumni who completed their law degrees as part-time students in our evening program have expressed their gratitude for the opportunities provided by IU McKinney Law. The new hybrid program builds on that long tradition of meeting students where they are while providing a top-notch legal education, allowing graduates to flourish in new careers and make important contributions to their communities and the state of Indiana.”

Alumni are pleased to see the program come to fruition. “IU McKinney’s new hybrid program is a great extension of the part-time, evening program that I attended over a decade ago, particularly for working professionals!” said Angela B. Freeman, J.D. ’12. Freeman is a partner at Barnes & Thornburg. “It would have made my 3.5 years of night school experience while working and raising a family much easier. Certainly, it will also help many others pursuing a law degree under similar circumstances.”

New Part-time J.D. Program in Hybrid Format
What piqued your interest in spiritual wellness and legal practice?
“Stressors brought me back to myself and what I value. Spiritual well-being is the ability to integrate practices within your life that bring meaning and purpose. It is a way of living if we are willing to observe, listen, and change. I began the IU McKinney part-time evening program at age 35 and brought with me 12 years of ‘real world’ experience. It was a hard journey that refined me. I quickly learned during my 1L year I had to make time to incorporate healthy choices while pursuing a law degree and balancing full-time employment. I restarted well-being practices to mitigate stress: moving often, eating for energy, and trying not to ‘sweat the small stuff.’ I also addressed my own spiritual health. These priorities were woven within my 4L thesis that morphed into conducting original research at IU McKinney on loneliness and law students.

“The publication of my thesis in May 2019 garnered an invitation from leaders in the lawyer well-being movement to create an education video about my research for the inaugural Well-Being Week in Law (WWIL). In 2021, I served on a committee focused on spiritual well-being for the second WWIL event. The output of this committee was an education video I scripted and narrated discussing what it meant to be a legal professional who tends their spiritual wellbeing to mitigate stressors. In May 2022, with refinement and a co-author, my research, ‘Loneliness in COVID-19, Life, and the Law,’ was published in Health Matrix: The Journal of Law-Medicine. I’m finalizing my memoir for publication in January 2024. I believe in the power of stories; they stick with us. By reframing my research and weaving it with my own story, I hope to reach (and encourage) a larger audience. Caring for our emotional health and relationships are essential well-being practices for a quality life.”

What has the response been like from other members of the legal profession?
“In a profession rife with stigmas and stressors, responses to my research on emotional health and advocacy have morphed from skeptical lukewarm to curious encouragement. Awareness is growing for practicing well-being in big law. However, lifestyle wellness in the legal profession is like cutting-edge digital technology in an analog world. Passionate legal professionals have been educating for years, yet adoption and widespread support by the ‘machine of law’ is slow. To thrive, support for well-being must exist within the culture of firms, companies, and regulatory bodies.

“In the four years since conducting my research, however, I’ve witnessed an uptick in interest for incorporating well-being into the profession. Businesses run because of humans; we must practice compassion for our humanity. I believe we are at a tipping point toward positivity, fueled in part by a recent increase in reported levels of loneliness because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Though not a surprise to those in the well-being space, as statistics have been alarming for years, the U.S. Surgeon General’s 2023 call to action to address the epidemic of loneliness and isolation is a wake-up call for society to pay attention to our internal dialogue and need for support.”

What do you hope to accomplish with this work?
“My efforts are toward awareness. As a teacher and speaker, what I can do is present data woven with life stories. Sharing our stories is vulnerable. Vulnerability not only positively affects the speaker, but also the listeners. Vulnerability offers this: ‘You’re not alone in feeling lonely.’ It’s counterintuitive in the practice of law to exhibit vulnerability, but lawyers are humans too. We purport to represent those who require support in their most vulnerable moments, but often fail to apply comparable energy toward our own well-being practices. How someone uses knowledge they’ve been exposed to is a unique, personal decision. By sharing my story and work, I ensure I leave nothing on the table. In other words, I’ve given who I am to what I value: the daily pursuit of well-being. This goal brings meaning and purpose to me, and this is how I practice spiritual well-being in my life.”

Olivia Ash, J.D. ’19
Founder of Liv Balanced, LLC, and serves as Benefits Compliance Counsel for Patriot Growth Insurance Services, LLC.

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Alumna Dedicates Career Path to Legal Aid in Southeastern Kentucky

Whitney Bailey, J.D. ’18
Disaster Response Attorney for AppalReD Legal Aid

Whitney Bailey, J.D. ’18, is serving as a disaster response attorney for AppalReD Legal Aid, which is short for Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. She began her service one week after heavy rains flooded the region in July 2022. Bailey, a native of Lexington, Kentucky, now lives in Knott County in southeastern Kentucky. Her husband’s family is from the region.

What is your day-to-day like at AppalReD Legal Aid?
“I was supposed to be a medical-legal partnership attorney floating between healthcare clinics and being the face of AppalReD and doing legal intakes. Then the flood happened at the end of July. AppalReD’s executive director called me the week before my start date and asked me ‘What are your thoughts on being a short-term disaster law attorney and handling FEMA appeals?’ I immediately said yes because that was the immediate need. I wanted to do what I could to help the disaster survivors. I quickly realized we would be doing our community a disservice by making this a temporary role. We’ve secured grant funding to keep me in this role for the next three years and hire three additional Disaster Response Team members. I handle FEMA and SBA appeals at any stage. Several clients have mortgage issues, and many have flood, homeowners, and auto insurance appeals. A year on and it’s still pretty messy. I took in eight new clients in the last three days with eleven more pending. That’s without AppalReD doing any intentional outreach.

“Every day is a good reminder of my privilege. I grew up in a bigger city and had options. I could leave there if I wanted. A lot of people in southeastern Kentucky are part of vulnerable populations who don’t or can’t get out of their hollers due to accessibility issues or other factors often outside of their control.

“I’m attending long-term recovery group meetings to help disaster survivors with unmet needs from clothing and furniture to building supplies and volunteer labor. I am able to find resources and direct clients to where they can find help. A lot of my clients are overwhelmed with FEMA and frustrated. I spend a lot of time reminding clients there is a process. They’re overwhelmed with keeping up with all the different organizations. We’re all spokes on the wheel of disaster recovery, working together the best we can. But there are still so many flood survivors who don’t realize that if they are initially denied by FEMA, they can keep trying.”

What do you wish people outside the region knew about southeastern Kentucky and its people?
“I wish people knew how resilient southeastern Kentucky is. The region has historically been forgotten about and people have had to be tough because they haven’t had a choice. I wish the misconception that Kentuckians are hillbillies who don’t have teeth and don’t wear shoes would disappear. Because even if someone didn’t have teeth or wear shoes, they would still give you the shirt off their back if you asked them. This job has been the most rewarding and difficult one I’ve ever had. It’s hard to hear the stories. I start every intake with ‘Tell me about your experience with the flood.’ It’s important that the disaster survivors are heard in a safe space. To hear the details behind the rescues. Neighbors risking their lives to help others. There is still a lot of hope here. Being reminded of their courage and determination every day is so encouraging.”

In the photo, Whitney Bailey is at Mine Made Adventure Park in Knott County, Kentucky, in the Appalachian Mountains.

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Do You Remember?
Alumni who attended law school between 1970 and 2001 will recognize these spaces!

1—The former law school student lounge; 2—The former law school stairwell; 3—The former law school library.
Event Celebrates Professor Edwards Retirement

May 19, 2023, was an evening of celebration at Inlow Hall. IU McKinney’s Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL) celebrated its 26th anniversary, the Guantanamo Projects marked their 20th anniversary, and the law school family honored Professor George Edwards who retired at the end of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Founded in 1997 by Professor Edwards, the program embarked on an extraordinary range of global activities, including over 250 intern placements in more than 75 countries on six continents. Students worked with private human rights organizations, governmental bodies, and the United Nations. In addition, dozens of McKinney students, faculty, staff, and alumni have gone to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Ft. Meade, Maryland, to monitor Guantanamo Military Commission hearings.

Professor Edwards said, “Our IU McKinney students, faculty, staff, and graduates have touched so many lives here at the law school, on our campus, at Indiana University, in Indianapolis and in our state of Indiana, across the United Nations, and indeed around the globe.”

Among the many projects PIHRL has undertaken are:

- 21 official Shadow Reports to the United Nations. Many IU McKinney students have presented such reports on the floor of United Nations meetings in New York City.
- Working on teams representing persons charged before international criminal tribunals, such as Slobodan Milosevic at the ICTY; and David Hicks, and Omar Khadr at Guantanamo Bay.
- Missions to monitor trials at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Ft. Meade, Maryland; Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; and the Pentagon.
- Drafting fair trial manuals.
- Providing legal assistance on a Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Professor Edwards received a commendation from Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett in honor of PIHRL’s anniversary and his retirement.

“At its height, the Program in International Human Rights Law had a transformative impact on the lives of IU McKinney students and the communities they served,” said Dean Karen E. Bravo. “The law school community wishes Professor Edwards a fruitful retirement.”

Some of Professor Edwards’ former students reflected on their time as part of the Program in International Human Rights Law.

Sukrat Baber, J.D. ’14, is senior legal counsel at Ferrara Candy Company in Chicago, where he leads litigation, compliance, data privacy, and employment matters. Baber was an intern for BABSEA CLE, an NGO in Thailand whose mission was to create and support free legal clinics in law schools. He took part in a Guantanamo Bay Military Commission Observation Project hearing in April 2023 after several previous attempts to attend a proceeding. His work with PIHRL, Baber said, “cemented my desire to participate in human rights work throughout my life. It also motivated me to be a good citizen and to do meaningful pro bono work. Also, the program instilled in me a desire to finish my career, or ‘soft retirement,’ working exclusively in human rights or related humanitarian fields. One day!”

Mark Shope, J.D. ’12, is assistant professor of law at National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University School of Law in Taiwan. He first met Professor Edwards in Taiwan before enrolling at IU McKinney. “I think it was at that moment,” Shope said, “I wanted to have involvement in the program.” During his time as a law student, Shope went to Geneva, Switzerland, for a human rights internship at the Centre for Civil and Political Rights.

Sheila Willard, J.D. ’19, works for the Department of the Interior. She works remotely for the Rocky Mountain Region, on detail to the Office of the Solicitor General as attorney-advisor in real estate matters for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. During her time in law school, Willard observed hearings as part of the Guantanamo Bay project, and took part in internships in Lisbon; Portugal; Prague, Czechia, where she worked with asylum seekers; in Edinburgh, Scotland, with Amnesty International; and Suva, Fiji, where she worked with UNICEF. “My greatest takeaway from those experiences was an overwhelming sense that there is a lot to do to improve the world for underserved people, but that there are a lot of good people from around the world dedicating their lives to the cause,” Willard said. “I also learned a lot about myself and what I wanted—and ultimately what I did not want—out of a career.”

IU McKinney Celebrates Retired Professor Novella Nedeff

Professor Novella Nedeff, J.D. ’83, retired in December 2022, concluding her 20-year career as director of the Criminal Defense Clinic at IU McKinney.

Professor Nedeff began her legal career as a deputy public defender in the Office of the State Public Defender of Indiana. From there, she moved to the Marion County Public Defender Agency, where she worked as a deputy public defender, a supervisor, and as training director before becoming a faculty member at IU McKinney. She received an IU Trustee Teaching Award in 2008 and was the first recipient of the Marion County Public Defender Agency Mark Emery Award for Outstanding Indigent Defense in 1996.

Professor Nedeff served as a member of the board of directors of the Marion County Public Defender Agency from 2002 to 2010, was the American Association of Law Schools Litigation Section president in 2006, was a member of the Indiana Pro Bono Commission from 2008 to 2011, served on the Seventh Circuit Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee from 2021 to 2022, and has been a Barrister of the Sagamore Inn of Courts since 2014.

Jamar Cobb-Denard, J.D. ’18, says his time as a student in the Criminal Defense Clinic is something he’ll never forget. He said he received valuable in-court mentorship from Professor Nedeff, but “the best lesson was how to have compassion for defendants and work for their betterment,” Cobb-Denard said. “One of our clients was a heroin addict who was convicted of stealing a car. By the end of working with Professor Nedeff on this case, we’d helped him go to rehab, get off heroin, find a job, reconnect with his kids, and get out of jail. The experience was so impactful that I’ll tell that story for the rest of my life.” After working as an attorney for a few years, Cobb-Denard is now a business broker at Indiana Business Advisors. Criminal law is still close to his heart, he says. “I do have an envy of criminal law attorneys,” he said. “If I ever go into litigation practice, it will probably be criminal law.”

Professor Nedeff will be missed by everyone in the IU McKinney family, said Dean Karen E. Bravo. “Professor Nedeff was an award-winning lawyer
before returning to her alma mater to become an award-winning member of our faculty,” Dean Bravo said. “She taught her students by her example how to successfully advocate for clients. Through their work and advocacy, Professor Nedeff’s impact will be felt for generations to come. We are grateful she chose to share her gifts and talents by training future lawyers at IU McKinney.”

**IU McKinney Celebrates Retired Professor Fran Watson**

Professor Fran Watson, J.D. ’80, retired in December 2022, concluding her nearly 30-year career as director of the Wrongful Conviction Clinic at IU McKinney. Professor Watson started her legal career as a deputy public defender in the Marion County Public Defender Agency. She served as assistant corporation counsel for the city of Indianapolis for five years before beginning her career at IU McKinney as a clinic supervisor. She was a visiting assistant professor for two years before serving as the chief public defender of the Marion County Public Defender Agency. During her time leading the public defender’s office, she served as an adjunct professor teaching trial advocacy at the law school.

Professor Watson then returned to the law school to serve as the director of the Wrongful Conviction Clinic, which is a founding member of the Innocence Network.

Professor Watson has received many honors during her three-decade career, including the law school’s Teaching Excellence Award, the Indiana University Trustee Teaching Award twice, the McKinney Faculty Leadership Award, and the Inspiration Award from the law school’s faculty executive committee. She was an honoree at one of the law school’s Equal Justice Works Public Interest Recognition Dinners, named McKinney’s Outstanding Alumna of the Year, and received a campus Women’s History Month Annual Leadership award. Outside the university, Professor Watson has received the Indiana State Bar Women in the Law Award and the Michael McDaniel Indiana Public Defender Commission Spirit of Justice Award. In addition, the Indiana Lawyer named her one of our state’s Distinguished Barristers.

Marcus McGhee, J.D. ‘16, LLM. ‘22, was a student in the Wrongful Conviction Clinic. McGhee also was a student in Professor Watson’s Law and Forensic Science course, and she supervised his Equal Justice Works Professor Florence Wagman Roisman Summer Fellowship which focused on the Clemency Project 2014 during the Obama administration. McGhee said he wanted to be part of the clinic because he believed in its mission. “I gained a real understanding that just because a person was charged with, prosecuted for, or found guilty of a crime, they could nevertheless be innocent of that crime due to prosecutorial misconduct, perjured testimony, or faulty scientific analysis,” he said. “The clinic released me of the naiveté that members of the courthouse workgroup (e.g., prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, judges, clerks) would not make decisions that go against logic and reason.” McGhee serves as an associate legal advisor (ethics) for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He also teaches Advanced Professional Responsibility: Judicial Ethics as an adjunct professor at IU McKinney.

“It is difficult to calculate the positive impact Professor Watson has had—in our school, the legal profession, and the larger community—over her career,” IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo said. “She has always had a passion for public defense work, but her devotion to pursuing justice for the wrongfully convicted has been transformational, both for the people for whom she has been able to secure release from prison and exoneration and for the students who learned from her in the clinic. To say she will be missed is an understatement.”

**Interim IUPUI Chancellor Andrew R Klein to Serve as Dean of Wake Forest Law**

Interim IUPUI Chancellor Andrew R. Klein stepped down from his post at Indiana University to accept the role of dean of Wake Forest University School of Law. His appointment at the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, school began July 1.

Interim Chancellor Klein was the Paul E. Beam Professor of Law at IU McKinney, where he served as the school’s 12th dean from 2013 to 2020. He joined the law school’s faculty in 2000 and served as associate dean for academic affairs from 2004 to 2007. In 2007, Klein was a visiting fellow at Clare Hall and a visiting scholar on the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge. From 2010 to 2013, Klein served as chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor and associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at IUPUI.

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

“The IU McKinney family will miss Andy Klein,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “He has been an exemplary colleague, mentor, and friend for so many members of our community. In addition, the scope of his service to the IUPUI campus, the law school, and his community is as a template of servant leadership. We all wish him well as he embarks on this next adventure in his remarkable career.”

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

Prior to joining IU, Klein was on the faculty of Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law from 1992 to 2000. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin and his Juris Doctor with Distinction from Emory University School of Law where he studied as a Robert W. Woodruff Fellow in Law and was editor-in-chief of the Emory Law Journal. Following law school, Professor Klein served for one year as a law clerk to Judge Joseph W. Hatchett of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Klein has been honored with a tribute read into the U.S. Congressional Record, the designation of an “Andrew R. Klein Day” in the city of Indianapolis, the IUPUI Chancellor’s Medalion by previous IUPUI Chancellor Nassir Paydar, and a Sagamore of the Wabash. He also has received the IU McKinney Honorary Alumnus award.
Panel of Judges from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Visits IU McKinney

A three-judge panel from the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit paid a day-long visit to IU McKinney on March 27. Judge Doris Pryor, Judge Michael Scudder, and Senior Judge David Hamilton heard oral arguments in the Wynne Courtroom that day and later that evening, talked about their work during a continuing legal education program. A reception took place in the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium at the end of the day’s proceedings.
RECENT EVENTS

1—The Hall Center for Law and Health McDonald-Merrill-Ketcham Award Lecture took place at Inlow Hall on February 24. The topic, “Structural Racism in Law and Medicine: The Root Cause of Health Inequities,” was discussed by this year’s MMK award recipient Ruqaiijah Yearby, co-founder and faculty affiliate at the The Institute for Healing Justice & Equity; and the inaugural Kara J. Trott Professor in Health Law at Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. In the photo from left are Shawneequa Callier, associate professor in the Department of Clinical Research and Leadership at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Professor Yearby, and Dr. Tiffany Kyser, associate director of the Great Lakes Equity Center. Professor Callier and Dr. Kyser also presented lectures during the event.

2—The annual Program on Law and State Government Symposium took place on September 22 at the law school. This year’s topic, “State Governments’ Roles: Creating, Defining, and Dismantling Liberty,” was examined by this year’s PLSG Fellows Forrest Manning and Ashley Rosenblatt. In the photo from left are some of this year’s speakers: Lee Little, J.D. ’16, Research and Instructional Librarian and Adjunct Professor at the Ruth Lilly Law Library at IU McKinney; Kate Shelby, J.D. ’08, chief legal counsel and deputy commissioner at the Indiana Department of Transportation; Tyler Burgauer, J.D. ’17, deputy general counsel at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security; Professor Shawn Fields of California Western University School of Law; Professor Cynthia Baker, director of the Program on Law and State Government; PLSG Fellow Forrest Manning; local government consultant Jon Sullivan of the firm, BerryDunn; PLSG Fellow Ashley Rosenblatt; and Jessica Allen, J.D. ’09, chairwoman of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

3—Andrew Morris, professor of history at Union College, delivered the annual Birch Bayh Lecture on October 3 in the Wynne Courtroom. His topic was “Birch Bayh, Hurricane Camille, and the New Politics of Disaster Relief in Nixon’s America.” It is the subject of his forthcoming book: “‘Even a Storm, a Person is Mistreated in a Storm’: Hurricane Camile, Civil Rights and the Southern Strategy.” In the photo, Professor Morris, left, is with Chris Bayh, son of the late Senator Birch Bayh.
Professor Lea Bishop was the IUPUI TRIP Scholar for the Month in June 2023. She was recognized for her work promoting the human right to read. In addition, her scholarship on ChatGPT has been downloaded almost 6,000 times and cited nearly 50 times.

Professor Jennifer Drobac was featured in preLaw Magazine’s winter 2023 issue in the story titled “Dream Team Law Professors: The Media Stars.” The piece spotlighted the top 20 law professors who provide legal analysis to media members. She provided 16 such interviews during the 2022-2023 academic year.

In addition to his various responsibilities at IU McKinney, Professor Frank Emmert continues to teach International Business Transactions at the IU Maurer School of Law during the fall semesters. He also taught International Commercial Arbitration online for American University Central Asia, our partner school in Kyrgyzstan, and gave a number of lectures in the U.S. and abroad, both online and in person. The most notable was a presentation for the Supreme Court of Latvia on Blockchain Technology and Digital Currencies in April 2023.

In spring 2023, Professor Emmert returned to the position of editor-in-chief of the EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM, the leading global journal on the subject, and he chaired an international expert team for the re-accreditation of Mikolas Romeris University in Lithuania.

Professor Sullivan Honored by Uniform Law Commission for Work on the Uniform Commercial Code, Attends ABA Judicial Clerkship Program with IU McKinney Students

Frank Sullivan, Jr., Professor of Practice at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and Indiana University Bicentennial Professor, was honored by the Uniform Law Commission at its annual meeting on July 24, 2023, for his work in support of enacting a new set of amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code, called the 2022 UCC Amendments. The Uniform Law Commission is a national organization comprised of commissioners from each state that works for the uniformity of state laws.

The commission’s citation presented to Professor Sullivan during its annual meeting’s legislative awards ceremony recognized his “hard work and perseverance in the face of opposition to enact the 2022 UCC Amendments.” Professor Sullivan was a member of the ALI and Commission’s Drafting Committee that developed the 2022 UCC Amendments and is a member of their Enactment Committee that assists states in the Amendments’ adoption.

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb signed the 2022 UCC Amendments into law on May 4, 2023, and Indiana became the first state in which the new law took effect on July 1, 2023. The Indiana legislation was authored by Senator Chris Garten and sponsored by Representative Chris Jeter. It adopted the 2022 UCC Amendments in their entirety except for the definition of “money” which was changed in response to concerns raised in Indiana and elsewhere during the enactment process.

The UCC, which has been adopted in every state, is the backbone of United States commerce. It provides commercial law rules for broad categories of transactions, including the sale and lease of goods, bank deposits and collections, and secured transactions in personal property. For more than 70 years, the American Law Institute (ALI) and the commission have jointly developed and updated provisions of the UCC to keep pace with changes in commerce. In 2022, both the ALI and the commission approved the 2022 UCC Amendments to update it to cover transactions involving digital assets that either were not handled efficiently by the existing code or not recognized at all.

In early 2023, five students and Professor Sullivan attended the annual American Bar Association Judicial Clerkship Program in New Orleans. Professor Sullivan has helped lead the program since its inception in 2001. Adjunct professor and Marion Superior Court Judge Heather Welch chaired the program.

Students attending the program were 2Ls Ronnie Kawak, Valeri Simmons, and Yusuf Qureshi; and 1Ls Elizabeth Cornejo and Farrah Goodall.

The program encourages law students from historically underrepresented groups to seek judicial clerkships following graduation. Approximately 100 students and more than 40 judges from throughout the country participated in this year’s program. Over the course of three days, the students and judges work together on a research exercise designed to simulate the judge-clerk working relationship. The students also participate in panel discussions and attend selected events at the ABA Midyear Meeting. The Judicial Clerkship Program is a partnership between the ABA’s Judicial Division and Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline.

In the photo, from left, are ABA Judicial Clerkship Program participants Elizabeth Cornejo; Farrah Goodall; Valeri Simmons; Professor Frank Sullivan; Hon. J. Michelle Childs, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit; Ronnie Kawak, and Yusuf Qureshi.
Professor Nicholas Georgakopoulos published the articles below. He presented the second item in the Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in October 2022 in University of Virginia Law School. He participated in the Founders Roundtable of the Midwestern Law & Economics Association at the University of Chicago in October 2022.

The Distribution of Justices’ Votes and Countering National Disunity, 17 FIU L. Rev. 117 (2022). The estimation of the distribution that matches the voting of the justices of the Supreme Court shows that voting is correlated and reveals three phenomena: an outlier distribution produced by one composition of the Court, the surprising frequency of unanimous decisions, and the intensity with which the Court avoids 4–4 decisions. The intensity with which the Court avoids 4–4 splits and the strength of the drive to produce unanimous decisions seem sensitive to national disunity. At times of greater disunity, 1965 to 1975 and 2001 to 2020, the Court avoids 4–4 splits more intensely and has a greater fraction of its decisions be unanimous.

The Conservative Paradox and The Formation of 5–4 Coalitions, 48:3:2 Dayton L. Rev. 1 (2022). Tightly split decisions (i.e., 5-4 decisions) have a conservative bias. The first-year conservative bias is explained by the relative ideology of the median justice. This shows that justices vote on principle but are selected on their positions in politically salient dimensions.

Professor Stephanie Hoffer worked with students Joshua Brandle and Caitlyn Morrison to found the IU McKinney Professor Lahny Silva received the IUPUI Chancellor’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement and was named a Chancellor’s Professor at the Chancellor’s Academic Honors Convocation on April 25, 2023. The honors are in recognition of Professor Silva’s scholarship and work in the re-entry community in the metropolitan Indianapolis area.

Professor Silva is the director of IU McKinney’s Re-Entry Clinic at IU McKinney. Clinic students, who must be certified legal interns, work as mentors to federal probationers and provide community outreach and legal representation in underserved areas in Indianapolis.

“Congratulations to Professor Silva for this well-deserved recognition,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “She is passionate about dismantling the roadblocks to a successful re-entry into society that can keep the formerly incarcerated from making a better life for themselves and their families and from making a positive contribution to their communities. Her devotion to this work is inspirational to IU McKinney students and the entire law school community, as well as to communities throughout our city and state. I’m happy for her the university recognizes its importance.”

Professor Silva is also the faculty supervisor for the Second Chance Re-Entry Assistance Program, or S.C.R.A.P., a student organization at IU McKinney. Working with people who were formerly incarcerated, students provide driver’s license reinstatement assistance and help finding employment.

The Chancellor’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement honors faculty members on the IUPUI campus who demonstrate high standards of civic engagement, professional service, or service learning. The commitment to this work must be of long duration through effective partnerships and contribute to the faculty member’s growth and development as a teacher, researcher, and scholar. The Chancellor’s Professorship is the most distinguished appointment a faculty member can attain at IUPUI and recognizes senior faculty members who display a record of extensive accomplishment and leadership in teaching, research, and campus service. Recipients retain the title throughout their appointments at IUPUI.

“It is such an honor to receive the Chancellor’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement,” Professor Silva said. “It is truly my privilege to serve the most vulnerable in our community and it is my only hope to instill that sense of service in my law students as they move forward in their careers.”

Professor Silva was honored in 2022 with the Charles R. Bantz Chancellor’s Community Fellowship in recognition of her scholarship and work. The fellowship provided a $40,000 grant to support Professor Silva’s work with the IU School of Social Work to provide resources to members of the reentry community and help them overcome civil legal barriers as they navigate a successful reintegration process. She was the first faculty member from IU McKinney to be honored with this award.

In the photo from left are former IUPUI Interim Chancellor Andrew R. Klein, Professor Joel Schumm, Professor Lahny Silva, and Dean Karen E. Bravo.
Tax Law Society at McKinney, a student group for those who are interested in the practice of tax.

Professor Aila Hoss presented her work at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, the University of Idaho College of Law, the Université de Toulouse Capitole, Northern Arizona University, the University of Miami School of Medicine, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Vice Dean Max Huffman presented on U.S. Antitrust Law and Antitrust and Labor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain) in April 2023, as part of the emerging interinstitutional collaboration. In November 2023 he presented a lecture, “The Shifting Regulation/ Competition Policy Interface,” at the competition law center at Universidade Católica Portuguesa - Porto; and he will headline a CLE session on Antitrust in Labor Markets at the Indiana Statehouse.

Professor Gerard Magliocca delivered a lecture on Tort Law and Driverless Cars at the University of Bologna (Italy) in April 2023.

Since November 2022, Professor Fran Quigley has published a now-monthly newsletter, Housing is a Human Right. He has spoken about our housing crisis at multiple venues, including Manchester University, multiple church and civic groups, and media.

With Professors Stacy Seicshnaydre of Tulane and Rigel Oliveri of Missouri, Professor Florence Wagman Roisman is co-authoring a fair housing casebook that will be the first on that subject. It is under contract to the Aspen publishing company.

Associate Dean of Graduate and International Programs Tom Wilson delivered a lecture to the Comparative Law Association and faculty members at the University of Bergen Faculty of Law in Bergen, Norway, on February 22, 2022. The following day, he taught a class on legal culture to master’s degree students. Associate Dean Wilson participated in a conference on Current Issues in Competition Law in the U.S. and E.U. at the Autonomous University of Barcelona in Spain on April 24, 2023. In addition, he wrote the chapter on American legal culture published in Handbook of Legal Cultures. The handbook, assembled by editors in Norway and published in Switzerland in May 2023, consists of two volumes containing 24 chapters on the legal cultures of 28 countries on six continents.

Vice Dean Adams Honored with Women’s History Month Award

IU McKinney Vice Dean Cynthia Adams, J.D. ’83, received one of the IUUI’s Women’s History Month Annual Leadership Awards. Vice Dean Adams was honored in the veteran faculty category. The awards are presented by the Office for Women, which is led by Kathy Grove, J.D. ’77.

“I’m delighted to see our colleague recognized in this way,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “Vice Dean Adams is a dedicated educator, scholar, innovator, and leader at IU McKinney who continues to inspire students, colleagues, alumni, and community members. We are fortunate she elected to return to her alma mater to commit her considerable talents to educating future generations of lawyers.”

Vice Dean Adams is a passionate and innovative educator, known for her dedication to her students and their career success. She is constantly on the hunt for innovative ways to present her courses to her students. She has taught a first-year legal writing course throughout her three decades at IU McKinney, takes on other teaching assignments to meet the needs of the law school’s curriculum, and creates new courses to expand the reach of the school’s offerings—particularly in international law and transactions. She is an integral part of the law school’s highly rated legal writing program which has ranked in the top 25 in the nation for 11 consecutive years. In addition, Vice Dean Adams is known for connecting with and mentoring international law students from around the world during their time at IU McKinney.

Vice Dean Adams was one of the first faculty members to receive Indiana University’s Trustee’s Teaching Award in recognition of teaching excellence and she is a four-time recipient of the school’s Teaching Excellence Recognition Award. Other honors she has received include the IU McKinney Law Online Innovator Award for the academic year 2015-2016, the Faculty Leadership Award in 2013, and IU McKinney’s Emerging Scholars Mentor Award for the 2011-2012 academic year. She is a two-time recipient of the Teaching Excellence Recognition Award.

Professor Drobac Presents Essay on Forced Pregnancy in Antwerp

IU McKinney Professor Jennifer Drobac discussed her latest writing on the topic of abortion restrictions during the International Society of Family Law’s 18th world conference. The event took place in Antwerp, Belgium, July 12 through 15, 2023.

Professor Drobac presented her essay, “Family Law or Legalized Human Life Support Conscription,” which explores whether abortion restrictions result in forced pregnancy, reduce women to conscripted human life support systems, and make pregnancy a form of involuntary servitude.
Dean Bravo Honored with Sentinel of the Vault Award from Indiana State Treasurer, Publishes Latest Book on Global Interdisciplinary Conference Work

Dean Karen E. Bravo was honored with the Sentinel of the Vault Award by the Indiana State Treasurer. She was recognized in celebration of Women’s History Month at the Women’s Equity Brunch Series on March 5, 2023.

“Dean Karen Bravo is a trailblazer, who has dedicated over 16 years to shaping and growing professionals in the legal field, and now serves as the first Black and second woman to lead as dean of the 128-year-old law school,” said Indiana state Treasurer Daniel Elliott. “Dean Bravo’s career serves as a torch, not only for the legal and academic communities, but the entire Hoosier state. It’s an honor to recognize her contributions to Indiana.”

The Sentinel of the Vault is an award given by the State Treasurer to those who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to investing in Hoosiers’ lives and serve as trusted stewards in their respective fields.

A well-known international law scholar, and expert in the study of human trafficking, Dean Bravo’s research interests include labor liberalization, personhood, slavery, and human trafficking. She is the founder and leader of the Slavery Past, Present and Future project. The interdisciplinary initiative brings together scholars of slavery from a multiplicity of disciplines. The seventh annual event took place in Accra, Ghana, in July 2023.

IU McKinney School of Law is a sponsor of the event, along with Webster University Leiden and Webster University Ghana.

“We hope that holding the conference in Ghana will create more opportunities for participation by scholars and community members from the Global South as well as deeper understanding of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and its legacies,” Dean Bravo said.

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

The latest book to emerge from the Slavery Past, Present, and Future project has been published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo, who founded and serves as one of the leaders of the project, is one of the editors of “Legacies of Slavery and Contemporary Resistance.”

The work explores how slavery and the past are interconnected, noting there is a tension between a former time of human subjugation and the time after when the person’s captivity can still be remembered. The work also argues that the existence of slavery, in modern forms, offers continuing evidence of man’s inhumanity to man and the resulting absence of freedom for millions of people.
Professor Frank Emmert was asked to serve on the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center Task Force. The entity is developing guidelines for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in dispute settlement procedures.

Professor Emmert has been researching and teaching about AI, Blockchain technology, and digital currencies since 2017. He analyzes and evaluates regulatory approaches from many countries to highlight best and worst practices and has published several law review articles and has more pieces in the works. He is the John S. Grimes Professor of Law and director of the Center for International and Comparative Law at IU McKinney.

“If a student—to save time—enters buzzwords into large language models like ChatGPT to swiftly obtain longer essays for submission, and then the professor—to save time—enters those essays into ChatGPT to reduce them to buzzwords for grading, the only one learning anything along the way is ChatGPT,” Professor Emmert said. “Much the same could happen in arbitration and even litigation, but with much more serious consequences. We need rules for both. On the one hand, we want to be open to technological advances and use them to our advantage, including saving time. On the other hand, humans in general, and lawyers in particular, have to ensure that justice and the rule of law are never compromised. Although they can process huge amounts of information in seconds, large language models are ultimately like parrots. They create new content by imitating and restating existing content. Their ethical standards are only as good—or as bad—as anything and everything they can find on the internet. Woe to us humans if we should ever lose the ability to oversee and control what our ever more advanced technology produces and decides!”

Library Director Murphy’s Lego Prowess Highlighted in Indianapolis Star

The IU McKinney community has long known about Miriam Murphy’s love of Legos. Murphy frequently brings her collections, she’s built entire Lego cities and towns, to share with the law school family. Her love of building was the subject of a story in the Indianapolis Star.

The director of the Ruth Lilly Law Library, Murphy told the Star she started building Lego sets as a child in the 1960s but didn’t pick them up again until her fiancé bought her the Lego version of architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s Falling Water house. That sparked her love of building and her desire to go off script and build what she wants instead of the pre-determined sets. Many of her creations are of her own design and not from sets.

“I am a little disappointed in Lego always focusing on sets, because that’s designed creativity,” Murphy said in the story. “Creativity should be more free flowing. When you walk down the street and if architecture interests you, ask how would I build that using Lego?”
Two from IU McKinney Join Latest IUPUI Next Generation 2.0 Cohort

Professor Allison Martin and Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion Patricia Kinney, J.D. ’02, have been named to the tenth cohort of IUPUI’s Next Generation 2.0 leadership development program.

Professor Martin is a clinical professor of law and teaches employment law, legal communication and analysis, litigation drafting, professional responsibility, and online legal research and writing for undergraduate students. She joined the IU McKinney faculty in 2003.

Dean Kinney joined the administration at IU McKinney in 2004, becoming assistant dean in 2011. She provides strategic leadership on diversity, inclusion, and equity initiatives. Dean Kinney also serves as a liaison with internal and external constituencies on and off campus and continues to recruit students from populations underrepresented in the profession and provides support to enrolled students.

The cohort began with an orientation in August and then started a nine-month curriculum in September that focuses on developing leadership skills and understanding contemporary issues in higher education. Participants will also have the opportunity to identify, plan and implement a capstone project, either individually or in a group, that responds to an identified need of their department, the IUPUI campus or the Indianapolis community.

IUPUI Next Generation 2.0 was renewed in 2015 with the help of Dean Karen Bravo. Professor Carrie Hagan, director of experiential learning and director of the law school’s Civil Practice Clinic, was part of the ninth cohort during the 2022-2023 academic year. Lauren Peña, J.D. ’13, was named to the sixth cohort of the program during the 2020-2021 academic year. Professor Yvonne Dutton was in the third cohort of the program during the 2017-2018 academic year. Professor Shawn Boyne, who is currently the director of Academic Quality and Undergraduate Education at Iowa State University, was part of the first cohort during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Cane Award Recipients

Students at IU McKinney School of Law selected the 2023 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 Margaret Tarkington. Professor Tarkington joined the faculty in 2011. She is a nationally recognized scholar and expert regarding the First Amendment rights of lawyers. Her scholarship bridges specialties in constitutional law, lawyer regulation, and procedure—harnessing the First Amendment to protect the integrity of government processes. Professor Tarkington is a Dean’s Fellow and director of the J.D. Program Evaluation and Assessment at IU McKinney.

The Red Cane for best new professor went to Professor Alia Hoss. This is the fourth time she has received the honor. Professor Hoss joined the faculty in 2022 as an associate professor. She previously taught at IU McKinney as a visiting professor with the Hall Center for Law and Health when she also won the Red Cane award in 2018, 2019, and 2020. She teaches and researches at the intersection of health law and federal Indian law.

The White Cane for best administrator went to Associate Director of Academic and Bar Success Courtney Ducker, J.D. ’20. Ducker practiced civil litigation focusing on property and real estate law before joining the staff at IU McKinney in 2021. Ducker now is a bar examination editor with the National Conference of Bar Examiners.
Lee Little, J.D. ’16, was named to the inaugural cohort of Indiana University’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Certification Program. Little is a research and instructional services librarian with the Ruth Lilly Law Library at IU McKinney.

Little is one of the around 60 participants in the program out of the more than 800 who applied from throughout the Indiana University system.

“That’s super important,” Little said. “It’s not just on people of diverse backgrounds to do the work. Not just gesturing, but actually doing the work and taking a leadership role. My main excitement in being a part of this is the opportunity to learn from other people, and from people who are from other campuses and units in the university.”

The new program offers participants a comprehensive, academically grounded training program with expert-led classes that help participants become better leaders, managers, and allies for today’s workplace. The 10-week, 5-unit program combines two in-person and six online sessions, which include keynotes by industry leaders, interactive case studies, and thought-provoking assignments that prepare participants to work, lead, and live in our diverse, multi-faceted world.

“In a legal context, doing DEI work is vital because the legal system is very white, very male, very privileged, but the people who interact with the legal system, particularly in criminal law, are not of the privileged classes,” Little said. “Particularly as a librarian, and someone who is a member of those privileged categories, it’s incumbent on me to lead in ways to benefit people who are not similarly situated.”

Little, the author of Circle City Steeples, has a passion for Indianapolis religious and local history. His approach to DEI work will incorporate those areas of expertise, in addition to his legal scholarship interests. He sees how crucial it is for DEI work to be successful.

“How do we as a legal community, at the school that creates the majority of the attorneys in this state, emphasize the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion as the future,” Little said. “These issues aren’t going anywhere. Indiana continues to grow more diverse and the legal community will need to respond to that.”

In addition, Little was awarded a research support grant from the American Association of Law Libraries, Academic Libraries section. Little’s project “Etiam Indiana inrisperiti Latine loquuntur: An Analysis of Latin in Indiana Supreme Court Opinions” was selected from a nationally competitive pool of submissions. The funds will support his collaboration with Dr. Sunandan Chakraborty, IU Luddy School of Informatics, investigating trends and how usage of Latin words and phrases in Indiana Supreme Court opinions impacts access to justice, the development of law and judicial transparency.

In the photo, Professor Little is at the Middle America Association of Law Libraries conference at Drake University in October. He presented on changing approaches to legal research instruction in light of upcoming implementation of the NextGen bar examination.
IU McKinney Welcomes Julie Gilgoff as Associate Professor of Law

Julie Gilgoff joined the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law faculty as an associate professor of law in the fall 2023. Currently she teaches Property Law, Trusts and Estates, as well as Elder Law.

Prior to teaching at Indiana University, she was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University. She has been an adjunct at UC Berkeley Law and City University School of Law and has published widely including in THE GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY, WAYNE LAW REVIEW, VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW, AND THE JOURNAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAW.

Prior to academia, she served as a public benefits attorney at New York Legal Assistance Group and New Jersey Legal Services. She specialized in alternative housing models at Sustainable Economies Law Center of Oakland, California, and led the Legal Services for Entrepreneurs team of Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, negotiating rent relief and amended lease agreements for small businesses in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I am delighted that Professor Gilgoff has joined the IU McKinney family,” said Dean Karen E. Bravo. “With her record of public service, her practice experience and her scholarship and teaching experience she is a terrific addition to our faculty. She will have a positive impact on our students, our law school community, and the communities we serve.”

Her research interests include Fifth Amendment Takings jurisprudence, permanently affordable housing models, as well as legislative initiatives that promote tenant ownership and control. She completed her J.D. at City University of New York School of Law (CUNY) where she was awarded The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship. After completing her J.D., she was selected as a Borchard Fellow in Law & Aging and spent over a year helping seniors establish housing cooperatives and cohousing communities. She learned Spanish fluently after serving in Peace Corps, Nicaragua, and has continued to utilize her language skills as an attorney with Spanish-speaking clients, and as a bilingual teacher.

Professor Kalen Again Joins Faculty as Visiting Robert H. McKinney Family Chair in Environmental Law

The IU McKinney School of Law is pleased to again welcome Professor Sam Kalen to the faculty as the visiting Robert H. McKinney Family Chair in Environmental Law. Professor Kalen is associate dean and Centennial Distinguished Professor of Law at Wyoming College of Law. An expert in energy, public lands and natural resources as well as environmental and administrative law, Professor Kalen founded and is now the co-director of the Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies.

Prior to joining the Wyoming College of Law, he held various adjunct or visiting teaching positions at the University of Baltimore, Florida State University, Washington & Lee University, and Penn State University. He is the author of many scholarly articles, including publishing in MARYLAND LAW REVIEW, FLORIDA LAW REVIEW, COLORADO LAW REVIEW, MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW, RUTGERS LAW REVIEW, ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY, NYU ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL, and DUKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY; and one of his articles was quoted by a dissenting Justice in a Supreme Court opinion.

Also, he recently published, along with a co-author, a book by Cambridge University Press (2018), entitled ENERGY FOLLIES. Before teaching, Professor Kalen practiced in Washington, D.C. for over 20 years, both in the private and public sectors. His private practice work focused on energy, environment, as well as public lands and natural resources law; and he worked primarily on public lands and natural resources when serving in the Solicitor’s Office at the Department of the Interior during the Clinton Administration. Immediately after law school, Professor Kalen began his career as a law clerk for Justice Warren D. Welliver of the Missouri Supreme Court. Professor Kalen is active in the American Bar Association’s Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, having served as a Chair of two committees and Vice-Chair on several committees.

“We are delighted to have Professor Kalen as part of our IU McKinney community,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “We are grateful to the McKinney family for making this opportunity possible and know that our students, faculty and wider legal community will benefit greatly from his impressive legal scholarship and experience, engagement in and passion for environmental law.”

The Robert H. McKinney Family Chair in Environmental Law was established with funding from the McKinney Family Foundation and was awarded for the first time in 2020. The school’s namesake, Mr. McKinney, and his family consider environmental sustainability as an integral aspect to the future of Indiana and their foundation serves as an advocate in this area.

Erin Engels Joins IU McKinney as Director of Academic and Bar Success

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Engels is no stranger to IUPUI. She served as the prelaw advisor and director of paralegal studies on the IU Indianapolis campus for 15 years before joining the staff at IU McKinney.

Engels’s research areas include effective program design, active learning techniques, critical thinking, and integrating employability qualities into academics. She previously taught courses in Introduction to Law, Legal Research and Writing, Advanced Research and Writing, Judicial Politics, and Estate Law.

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Prior to joining the Wyoming College of Law, he held various adjunct or visiting teaching positions at the University of Baltimore, Florida State University, Washington & Lee University, and Penn State University. He is the author of
**FACULTY PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

**Stephanie Hoffer — Publication**

“Disaster! Tax Law in Crises” in U.C. Davis Law Review. – Disaster! Tax Law in Crises, 57 U.C. Davis L. Rev. __ (2024)

**Aila Hoss — Publications**


**Max Huffman — Publications**


“The Interaction of Competition and Labour Law with a focus on the Gig Economy” in Research Handbook on Competition & Technology (M. Botta ed., 2024) (with Maria José Schmidt-Kessen).

“Antitrust and AI-based Pricing Technologies” in Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence and the Law (HS Antunes et al., eds. 2023) (with Maria José Schmidt-Kessen).


**Fran Quigley — Publications**

“Louisville’s Multiracial Tenant Union is at the Forefront of a Growing National Movement” in Waging Nonviolence. – Louisville’s Multiracial Tenant Union is at the Forefront of a Growing National Movement (Waging Nonviolence, March 10, 2023)

“Why We Need Rent Control” in Jacobin. – Why We Need Rent Control (Jacobin, July 20, 2023)

“It’s Time to Pump the Brakes on the Government Eviction Machine” in The Hill. – It’s Time to Pump the Brakes on the Government Eviction Machine (The Hill, June 17, 2023)

**Yvonne Dutton — Publications**

“States’ Political Will to Amend the International Criminal Court’s Aggression Regime After Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine,” __ MD. J. INT’L L. __ (invited Symposium article) (2023).


**Jennifer Drobac — Presentations**

“The ‘Mann Effect:’ Is the Scientific Evidence Regarding Sexual Harassment/Assault Survivors Consistent with the Law and Legal Remedies?” at the 10th annual Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality Conference in Utrecht, Netherlands on June 29, 2023.


**Giuseppe Magni — Publication**

“Not a Lawyer’s Contract: Reflections on FDR’s Constitution Day Address” in JOURNAL OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY. 1, J. OF AMERICAN CONST. HIST. 43 (2023)

**Frank Emmert — Publications**


“Social Money for the People – Using Financial Innovation and Technology to Promote ESG” in DUKE LAW AND TECHNOLOGY REVIEW. Forthcoming
Professor Emerita Fran Watson Receives the 2023 American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit

Professor Emerita Fran Watson, J.D. ’80, received the prestigious American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit. She was honored at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit annual conference, which this year took place in late August in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo presented the award to Professor Watson during the ceremony.

“Our law school celebrates Professor Emerita Fran Watson’s receipt of this prestigious recognition,” Dean Bravo said. “Her tireless work on behalf of her clients has been an inspiration to all members of our community, and she has provided lifelong lessons for our students to follow.”

The American Inns of Court Professionalism Award honors “a lawyer or judge whose life and practice display sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law.”

Professor Emerita Watson retired in December 2022, concluding her nearly 30-year career as director of the Wrongful Conviction Clinic at IU McKinney. She started her legal career as a deputy public defender in the Marion County Public Defender Agency. She served as assistant corporation counsel for the city of Indianapolis for five years before beginning her career at IU McKinney as a clinic supervisor. She was a visiting assistant professor for two years before serving as the chief public defender of the Marion County Public Defender Agency. During her time leading the public defender’s office, she served as an adjunct professor teaching trial advocacy at the law school. Professor Watson then returned to the law school to serve as the director of the Wrongful Conviction Clinic, which is a founding member of the Innocence Network.

Professor Emerita Watson has received many honors during her teaching career, including the law school’s Teaching Excellence Award, the Indiana University Trustee Teaching Award twice, the McKinney Faculty Leadership Award, and the Inspiration Award from the law school’s faculty executive committee. She was an honoree at one of the law school’s Equal Justice Works Public Interest Recognition Dinners, named McKinney’s Outstanding Alumna of the Year, and received a campus Women’s History Month Annual Leadership award. Outside the university, Professor Watson has received the Indiana State Bar Women in the Law Award and the Michael McDaniel Indiana Public Defender Commission Spirit of Justice Award. In addition, the Indiana Lawyer named her one of our state’s Distinguished Barristers.

IU McKinney Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., received the American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit in 2017.
Senior Judge Robert Miller Receives the 2023 American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit

Senior Judge Robert Miller, J.D. ’75, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, received the prestigious American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit. He was honored at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit annual conference, which this year took place in late August in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

“Our law school community is delighted to see a graduate of IU McKinney who has served with distinction as a jurist throughout his career be honored in this way,” said Dean Karen E. Bravo. “Judge Miller brings pride to IU McKinney.”

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Appointed by President Ronald Reagan, Judge Miller has been on the bench in the Northern District since 1985. He served as chief judge from 2003 through 2010 and took senior status in 2016, the same year he celebrated the 30th anniversary of his swearing-in to that post. Judge Miller was appointed to the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review by Chief Justice John Roberts in July 2020.

Judge Miller has been a member of the Judicial Panel for Multidistrict Litigation, the Seventh Circuit representative on the Judicial Conference of the United States, and a member of the board of directors for the Federal Judges’ Association. He continues his service as a chair of the Seventh Circuit Pattern Civil Jury Instructions Committee. Judge Miller spent his legal career on the bench, apart from the year he spent working as a clerk. He was a St. Joseph Superior Court judge for 11 years prior to taking the federal bench. The South Bend courtroom in which is presides at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana was named The Robert Lowell Miller, Jr. Courtroom in his honor in January 2022. He received an Indiana University Bicentennial Medal in November 2020.
1956
Hank and Nancy Blackwell were able to see their granddaughter, Victoria Blackwell, class of 2023, honored with a Chancellor’s Award on April 20. She is the third generation of the Blackwell family to graduate from IU McKinney.

1963
Robert Wampler has reached his 60th year of active practice. He started his legal career at the firm of Armstrong Gause Hudson and Kightlinger, which became Kightlinger Young Gray and DeTrude, which is now Kightlinger Gray LLP. He was a clerk there beginning in his first year of law school and rose to most-senior partner before his semi-retirement in 2003. Since that time, he has limited his practice to general law including wills, probate, and general business law.

1973
Norman Garvin has been honored by the Florida Bar for achieving 50 years in the practice of law. Michael Kiefer has been honored by the Florida Bar for achieving 50 years in the practice of law.

1974
Craig Sparks retired after 34 years as chief legal counsel of Computer Services, Inc. upon its sale to a private equity firm for $1.6 billion. He previously was a partner and chair of the securities law practice of Brown Todd & Heyburn.

Donald Polden has published, together with Barry Z. Posner, a book, Leading in Law: Leadership Development for Law Students (Carolina Academic Press 2021), on developing leadership skills and attitudes in lawyers and law students. He had been teaching lawyer leadership courses at law schools for more than 20 years and develops leadership programs for law firms.

1976
J. Lamont Harris has retired after practicing law for 47 years with the Crawfordsville firm of Henthorn, Harris & Weliever.

1978
After a 44-year corporate practice, Marc A. Silverstein retired in September 2022. His last position was general counsel of Bridge Investment Group’s SFR Vertical. Marc and his wife, Sandy, live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ralph Ogden is the author of Chapter 40, “Ethnic Cleansing and Other War Crimes in Kosovo” in the book titled Building the Rule of Law: First Hand Accounts from a Thirty-Year Global Campaign. The work was published by American Bar Association Publishing in 2021. He serves as chair of the Rotary District 5450 grant review subcommittee and is a member of the board of directors of the Centennial Rotary Club.

1982
Rick Valentine has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Edward Richards-Orpen Memorial Trust, Monksgrange, Rathnure, County Wexford, Ireland. The trust operates the largest private archive in Ireland. It is named for a former senator of the Republic of Ireland.

Former Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David has joined the law firm Church Church Hittle and Antrim, where he will be of counsel. He will focus on mediation, appellate, and litigation, and work with the family law and business law practice groups.

1983
Steven Pratt was made an owner at Hall Render.

Craig M. McKee has been appointed for a fifth, four-year term as a part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. McKee serves in the Terre Haute Division and handles cases on the criminal docket. He also was recently selected for a three-year term on the Indiana Historical Society Board of Trustees having previously served on the board from 2011 to 2019.

1984
Joseph Harrison has joined Denton’s Evansville office as a partner in the public policy and regulation practice. He previously served as the attorney for Posey County, Indiana, the Vanderburgh County

■ Lacy Johnson Appointed by President Biden to Serve on Export Council

Lacy Johnson, J.D. ’81, was appointed by President Joe Biden to serve on the President’s Export Council. The council serves as the principal national advisory committee on international trade, whose central focus is to advise the president on export trade matters.

“It is a great honor to be selected to serve on the President’s Export Council,” Johnson said. “The council’s work will support the growth of export and trade relationships with global trading partners of the United States. I look forward to working among some of the most prestigious key executives, leaders, and strategists in the country.”

Johnson, a partner at Taft Law, serves as the partner-in-charge of Taft’s Washington, D.C., office, and is a member of the firm’s executive committee. His legal practice focuses on public affairs and government with more than 30 years’ experience. President Biden appointed Johnson as an at-large member of the Democratic National Committee in 2021. He served on the Biden-Harris transition team and is a trusted advisor and supporter of many congressional leaders and members.

Prior to his legal practice, Johnson served as a lieutenant colonel in the Indiana State Police and was a lieutenant commander of the U.S. Naval Intelligence Reserve. He also served as the 7th District chairman of the Indiana State Democratic Party. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including being named to Best Lawyers in America, Gaming Law, 2009 and 2016; Who’s Who in Black Indianapolis; and Indiana Super Lawyer. He also received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Johnson has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from IU McKinney, where he is a member of the Board of Visitors, and the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the IUAA.
Judge Robb, ‘78, Retires from Indiana Court of Appeals

Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Margret Robb, J.D. ‘78, retired from the court in summer 2023. She was appointed to the court in 1998 by Governor Frank O’Bannon and was the first woman elected chief judge of the appellate court is its 110-year history.

Honored for her public service, some of Judge Robb’s awards include the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Distinguished Alumni, Indianapolis Business Journal Woman of Influence, Indiana State Bar Association “100 Years of Women in the Legal Profession,” appointment to the ABA committee responsible for accrediting law schools, and election as president of the national Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal.

Prior to her appointment to the court, Judge Robb practiced law in Lafayette for 20 years and served as a Chapter 11, 12 and a standing Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee for the Northern District of Indiana. She was a registered family and civil mediator and served as a Tippecanoe County deputy public defender.

Judge Robb has served as president of the IU McKinney Alumni Association, the bankruptcy section of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Bar Foundation, appellate practice section of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Appellate Judges Council of the American Bar Association, and the Appellate Judges Education Institute. She has been an officer of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Fellows of the Indiana State Bar Foundation, Tippecanoe County Bar Association, and the National Association of Women Judges. She has also been a board member of the Indianapolis Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Foundation, and the Senior Council Section of the Indianapolis Bar Association. She was the moderator for the 2005-2006 and chair for the 2006-2007 Indianapolis Bar Association’s Bar Leader Series. For 17 years, Judge Robb chaired a continuing legal education program that raised over a million dollars to fund scholarships for law school students. She is also a member of the American Bar Foundation, American Judicature Society, a Master Fellow of the Indiana State Bar Foundation. and is an elected member of the American Law Institute. She is a frequent speaker and author on legal topics for attorneys, other judges, and professional, civic and community organizations.

“Congratulations to Judge Margret Robb on her well-deserved retirement from the Court of Appeals of Indiana,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “Her trailblazing and highly distinguished career, both in private practice and on the bench, has created an inspiring model for our students and members of our legal community.”

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) in legal research is nothing new. All the major legal research platforms such as Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg, and VitalLaw have been utilizing it for years to enhance search results in their systems. What is new is the explosive attention garnered by generative AI and the large language models (LLM) sub-category provided by ChatGPT 4, Claude 2, Google’s Bard and Bing AI. These rapidly evolving technologies have the potential to change how we research legal issues, produce legal documents, and ultimately how we practice law.

However, these changes are not universally imminent. You probably read about the two New York attorneys who were sanctioned this past summer for relying on ChatGPT search results for their brief. Those of us who teach the importance of legal research excellence and of reviewing resources for accuracy considered this situation a perfect teaching opportunity. Here are some of lessons we teach:

Case Law
The library maintains an updated print set of the Northeastern Reporter, which covers appellate and supreme court cases from Indiana and four other states.

Our archive has a full set of briefs filed with the Indiana Court of Appeals and Indiana Supreme Court from 1898 through 2002. Subsequent coverage is spotty but may be available online.

Statutes and Bills
Our active collection includes a current set of both Burns Indiana Code Annotated and West’s Indiana Code Annotated, as well as the United States Code Annotated for federal statutory research.

The archive contains a complete set of historic Indiana Code volumes dating back to the territorial period, as well as Indiana legislative journals, Indiana Acts, and Indiana bills dating back to the 1817 session.

Administrative Documents
The library has an active collection of administrative documents and codes, including the Indiana Administrative Code, of which we also have archived copies.

The archive includes a number of documents from various Indiana state agencies, including Attorney General Opinions, Indiana Supreme Court reports, and others.

Municipal Documents
We also have a collection of documents from several Indiana municipalities, particularly Indianapolis. These include the Indianapolis Municipal Code and other documents from the Indianapolis City-County Council and its predecessors, the Indianapolis Mayor’s Office, and other city agencies. This collection is largely historic.

Secondary Sources
Our Indiana Collection contains an updated set of Indiana Pleading & Practice, the Indiana Law Encyclopedia, the Midwest Transaction Guide, among others. These resources include useful forms and other sample documents that can aid document drafting.

Other secondary sources are available but collection scope and updating depends on specific practice area.

In-Library Digital Resources
In addition to our physical collection, the library has digital resources that are available only when at the library. These include Nexis Uni, an academic version of Lexis, and ProView, Westlaw’s platform for secondary sources including West’s practice-focused Indiana and federal treatises, West’s CFR Index, and West’s Indiana Code Annotated.

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.
Two IU McKinney Graduates Honored with IUPUI Hine Award

Two IU McKinney alumni, MaryEllen K. Bishop, J.D. ’82, and David Hòa Khoa Nguyen, J.D. ’06, received the Maynard K. Hine Award. The award recognizes alumni and volunteer leaders for their contributions in support of the IUPUI campus and its alumni programs.

MaryEllen K. Bishop represents clients in estates and wealth transfer planning including estate and trust planning and administration, probate litigation, and individual and fiduciary taxation. Martindale-Hubbell awarded Bishop an AV Peer Review rating and selected her for the inaugural Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers in 2011.

Bishop has been an Indiana Super Lawyer since 2004, listed in Best Lawyers for Estate Planning and Estate and Trust Litigation since 2006, and was honored by Ball State University with an Indiana Woman of Achievement Award in 2011. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), a Board-Certified Indiana Trust and Estate Lawyer, and a Fellow of the Indiana State Bar Foundation and a Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation.

She earned her bachelor’s degree from the IU Kelley School of Business in 1979 and received her juris doctorate from the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1982. She serves on many boards and committees that support IU, including four terms on the IU Board of Trustees, as past chair of the IUPUI Board of Advisors, on the IU Women’s Colloquium planning committee, as past international chair for the IU Alumni Association, and as co-chair of the IU School of Medicine Planned Giving Committee.

David Hòa Khoa Nguyen is an attorney and associate professor of Urban Education Leadership and Policy at IUPUI’s School of Education. His journey to IUPUI began as a toddler when his mother enrolled in part-time classes after recently resettling as a refugee from Vietnam. Her determination, along with the opportunities IUPUI offered, forever marked his own trajectory in higher education.

After serving as pro bono director of the American Bar Association’s Disaster Legal Services program for six years, Nguyen published a handbook for volunteer attorneys. Upon joining IUPUI, he collaborated with the IU McKinney School of Law to offer the PhD/MJ dual degree in Urban Education Studies. A sought-after expert on education law, Nguyen has published two books, over 20 peer-reviewed articles and law reviews, and 10 book chapters focusing on affirmative action in education, issues impacting undocumented students, and diversity-focused educational leadership.

Nguyen’s alumni involvement began 20 years ago with the Central Indiana Chapter of IUAA, serving in several officer positions. He was on IUAA’s Executive Council, president of the Netherlands chapter, member of the Asian Alumni Association, and most recently as past president of the IUPUI Alumni Council. In 2009, he mentored students in the creation of the IUPUI Regatta. The seed planted by his mother leaves a legacy in his communities.

The Hine Award, given annually since 1974, is named for the first chancellor of the IUPUI campus. Maynard K. Hine maintained that a strong alumni program was essential for the university. Recipients received a bronze medal engraved with Hine’s profile.
returning to the firm as of counsel in 2021. Adam Arceneaux has been named 2023 president of the Litigation Counsel of America. He also has been named Indianapolis office managing partner of Ice Miller LLP.

Joel Cramer, professor of journalism and chair of the Pulliam School of Journalism at Franklin College, has retired. He spent 38 years teaching at Franklin, sharing his expertise in media law, broadcast journalism, videography, and photography.

1996 Norris Cunningham of Katz Korin Cunningham was named treasurer of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

1998 Aimee Eller was named general counsel of Paramount Residential Mortgage Group, Inc.

1999 Libby Valos Moss of Kightlinger & Gray was elected to the board of directors of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

Bradley Schulz, State Farm litigation counsel, was elected to the board of directors of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

Melanie Price retired from Duke Energy after 16 years as a regulatory attorney. Prior to that, Price had worked at Barnes & Thornburg and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Upon her retirement, she said she discarded most of her personal possessions and relocated to Rome Italy, where she is enjoying a more relaxed pace of life.

2000 Jennifer Romaniuk joined Ogletree Deakins’ Indianapolis office as special counsel. Romaniuk advises employers on labor and employment law matters throughout Indiana and nationally. Her experience includes general advice and counsel to human relations managers, discrimination investigations and mediations, and contract negotiations. In law school, she was associate editor of Indiana Law Review.

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Kim Breitmeyer is now serving as a state bureau administrator and legal advisor to the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency, where she will oversee its Fraud and Internal Controls divisions and work closely with the Center for Data Analytics. Kimberly Dana has begun a new position as a state bureau administrator and legal advisor to the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency where she will be overseeing its Fraud and Internal Controls divisions and working closely with the Center for Data Analytics.

Kim Breitmeyer

Alumna Marci Reddick Named President of Capital Improvement Board

Real estate attorney Marci Reddick, J.D. ’84, has been named president of the Capital Improvement Board of Marion County by Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett. The board oversees operations of Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center and owns Gainbridge Fieldhouse and Victory Field.

Reddick, of counsel in the real estate and business and finance practices of Taft Stettinius & Hollister’s Indianapolis office, is a lifelong resident of Indianapolis and has led multiple boards, including serving as past president of the Fort Benjamin Harrison Reuse Authority Board of Directors and chair of the Marion County Board of Zoning Appeals.

She was recognized in 2021 by the Indianapolis Bar Association for her work in real estate, and in 2011 was elected to the Midwest Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame. Reddick is also a 2010 Indiana Lawyer Leadership in Law Distinguished Barrister.

Jonathan Faber Discusses AI and Music in Billboard

A song purported to be a collaboration between two artists was all the rage on streaming services until it was removed because it was a fake that had been engineered with AI tools. An article in Billboard magazine about the incident featured commentary from Jonathan Faber, J.D. ’99.

It’s unclear whether the vocals were created with AI or if the entire song was created by a machine based upon a prompt, the article said. The incident is causing concern in the music industry.

“The ability to create a new work this realistic and specific is disconcerting and could pose a range of threats and challenges to rights owners, musicians, and the businesses that invest in them,” Faber said in the story. He is the founder of Luminary Group and an attorney who specializes in protecting the likeness rights of famous individuals. “I say that without attempting to get into even thornier problems, which likely also exist as this technology demonstrates what it may be capable of.”

Faber teaches Intellectual Property: Right of Publicity at IU McKinney as an adjunct professor.

Two IU McKinney Alumni Named to Marion County Bench

IU McKinney graduates Stephen R. Creason, J.D. ’00, and Charles F. Miller, J.D. ’05, have been appointed to the Marion County Superior Court bench.

Creason most recently worked for the Indiana Supreme Court as a staff attorney with the Office of Judicial Administration. In 2022, he served as a magistrate judge in the Marion County Circuit Court. Prior to this, he worked for the Indiana Attorney General’s office for 22 years where he held several positions.

Miller was appointed to the Parole Board in 2013 and served as vice chair since 2017. From 2018 to 2021, he served as pro bono legal counsel for Fostering the Future Now, a non-profit which assists older youth foster children with obtaining appropriate services once they turn 18. After graduating from law school, Miller worked as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County for more than eight years.
Kiamesha-Sylvia Colom has been elected to the Eskenazi Health Foundation Board. She is a partner at Taft.

Kinsey L. Arnett was named partner at Faegre Drinker.

2008

Allison Murphy has been named to the board of directors of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

Chris Koschnitzky co-edited his first national security law compilation, Prisoners of War in Contemporary Conflict, which was released by Oxford University Press in March 2023.

2009

Amy Lewis Gilbert has been chosen for an 18-month appointment as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow at the National Academy of Medicine in Washington, D.C. She previously served for the last four years as the chief science officer for Indiana’s Family and Social Services Administration.

2010

Elizabeth Trachtman of Quarles & Brady was elected to the board of directors of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

Alexandria Shah has started as a staff attorney in the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

2011

Zachary Jacob has been elevated to partner at the law firm, Benesch. He focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions in the health care space.

Professional Online Presence Critical for Legal Professionals

by Scott Oliver, J.D. ’16

In an era dominated by screens and digital landscapes, attorneys find themselves navigating a legal terrain that extends beyond their office walls. The importance of cultivating a professional online presence has transcended the realm of mere recommendation; it has become an indispensable component of a thriving legal career.

At its core, the digital space serves as a gateway to connect with colleagues, clients, and a broader professional community. Social media platforms provide attorneys with opportunities to forge relationships beyond the confines of traditional in-person networking events.

The virtual handshake has become just as powerful, if not more so, than its physical counterpart.

Don’t get me wrong: Building an unstoppable online network involves more than amassing connections. It’s about fostering meaningful relationships that extend beyond formalities. Attorneys who actively participate in online communities, share valuable content, and contribute to discussions position themselves as approachable and knowledgeable. These connections can evolve into collaborations, referrals, and even mentorship opportunities, creating a vast web of support.

Becoming a thought leader in the legal profession is an aspiration that is increasingly achieved through a strong online presence. Attorneys who consistently share their expertise, insights, and opinions on relevant legal issues distinguish themselves as authorities in their field. Blogging, podcasting, or creating informative videos not only showcases legal acumen, but it also contributes to shaping industry discourse. In a digital landscape saturated with information, emerging as a thought leader ensures that an attorney’s voice resonates and influences the conversation.

The professional online presence of an attorney extends beyond the static confines of a résumé. It serves as a living testament to their expertise, ethics, and engagement with the legal community. As legal proceedings become intertwined with the digital domain, attorneys who embrace and strategically cultivate their online persona are better equipped to navigate the complexities of modern legal practice.

The digital footprint of an attorney is no longer an optional accessory; it is a critical instrument for success. Connecting with others, building an unstoppable network, and becoming a thought leader in the legal arena are all facets of a professional online presence that can shape the trajectory of a legal career in profound ways.

As the legal profession continues to evolve, attorneys who harness the power of the digital realm are poised not only to adapt, but to thrive as we continue to traverse a new age of practicing law and meeting clients where they are.

Scott Oliver is a director at the Indianapolis law firm, Lewis & Kappes. He teaches Legal Communication & Analysis I, Legal Communication & Analysis II as an adjunct professor at IU McKinney.
2014
Tyler M. Doane joined Patton Law in Valparaiso, Indiana.
Adam Steuerwald has been elected partner at Barnes & Thornburg. He is a part of the government services and finance practice group in the Indianapolis office.
James Nussbaum has been appointed partner at Church Church Hittle & Antrim. He joined the Sports Law practice group and chairs the newly launched Higher Education practice group. He previously served as associate general counsel at Indiana University.
Daniel Lewallen has been named partner at Faegre Drinker.
Doneisha Posey is a co-founder of the Indianapolis Women’s Equity Brunch, or WE Brunch. Posey co-founded the event in fall 2021. She 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.

2015
Lauren Box has been elected partner at Barnes & Thornburg. She is a part of the government services and finance practice group in the Indianapolis office.
John Routon has been elected partner at Barnes & Thornburg. He is a part of the intellectual property practice group in the Indianapolis office.
Kyle Forgue has been elected partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP. He is a part of the intellectual property practice group in the Chicago office.
Lindsay Llewellyn has joined Dentons in Indianapolis as a managing associate. She assists clients in a variety of civil litigation in state and federal courts.

2016
Sarah Hurdle Shields is serving as staff attorney to the Hamilton Superior Courts 4, 5, 6, and 7.
Moustafa Alamedin, a Master of Jurisprudence graduate, completed the New York bar exam and was entered to the third department of the New York Court of Appeals.
Alex Van Gorp was named to the Association of Corporate Counsel’s list of Top Ten 30-Somethings for 2023.

2017
Evan Norris received the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana’s Outstanding Young Lawyer award. He is a senior associate in the Carmel office of Drewry Simmons & Vornehm.
John H. Goth was named a partner-shareholder of Fine & Hatfield, P.C., in Evansville, Indiana.

2016
Rachel E. Cerwinske has joined the board of directors for ArtMix, Inc.
Brooke Dunn has returned to Faegre Drinker as counsel in the corporate practice group. Dunn had served as the chief financial officer and treasurer of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County. She serves on the boards of several organizations and institutions, including the Gene B. Glick Family Housing Foundation, Transylvania University, Indiana Humanities, the Indiana Neighborhood Housing Partnership, and Equity 1821.
Karen H. Young, J.D. ’04, received the Member of the Year award for 2022 from the National Association of Women Business Owners Indianapolis Chapter. The awards ceremony took place January 26, 2023. In the photo, Young is in the center.

Young is managing attorney and founder of the law firm Hayes Young, where she focuses her practice on small- to medium-sized businesses and not-for-profit organizations, where her client list is made up mostly of women- and minority-led businesses and not-for-profits. She teaches contract drafting as an adjunct professor at IU McKinney.

What is Your Legacy?

Your support of IU McKinney Law could help generations of future students. There are many ways you can leave your legacy such as providing a gift in your will or naming the school as a beneficiary in your retirement plan or donor-advised fund.

You may choose to endow a scholarship or support the McKinney Law Fund—both of which can change lives and improve the future of legal education.

Please contact Beck Spears, Assistant Dean for Development, at bespears@iu.edu, for more information.

Veronica Lucca joined the Federal Assistance Law Division at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., in July 2023. In this role, she provides legal guidance to the department’s grants officers and program officials to support the establishment and implementation of the department’s financial assistance programs. Additionally, she works alongside the Office of Chief Counsel for Semiconductors Incentives providing counsel and review of the CHIPS pre-application process.

2020

Star Meyer has been named the chief practice officer for the West Central Region of IU Health. Meyer began her healthcare career as a registered nurse and for more than 16 years has has served in progressively advancing clinical leadership positions within the West Central Region of IU Health. At IU McKinney, she served as editor-in-chief of the Indiana Health Law Review.

2022

Brooke M. Behrens joined the Indianapolis office of Reminger Co., LPA.
Rachel L. Galullo joined the Indianapolis office of Reminger Co., LPA.
Joseph A. Zumpano III joined the Indianapolis office of Reminger Co., LPA.

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Wen Liao joined Woodard Emhardt Henry Reeves & Wagner LLP as an associate attorney.
Zechariah Banks has joined Dentons in Indianapolis as an associate in the commercial litigation group.
Madison Hernandez has joined Indiana University as a Single IRB project manager.
Chaka Coleman has been appointed to the Carmel Plan Commission. Coleman also serves on the Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Human Relations in Carmel, Indiana.
IU McKinney Alumni Named to Indiana Lawyer 2023 Leadership in Law Class

A total of 12 alumni of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law were named to the 2023 class of Indiana Lawyer’s Leadership in Law honorees. Five were named to the Distinguished Barrister category while seven were in the Up and Coming Lawyer category. All were honored at a reception which took place May 18 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

In the photo at left, from left, are April Keaton, J.D. ’16; Roya Porter, J.D. ’15; Dean Karen E. Bravo; and Marion County Bar Association President Amber Finley, J.D. ’11.

Up & Coming Lawyers from IU McKinney are:

- Lacey Berkshire, J.D. ’16, of Ice Miller
- Stephanie Gutwein, J.D. ’13, of Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath
- Andrew Hanna, J.D. ’17, Madison County chief deputy prosecutor
- April Keaton, J.D. ’18, Office of the Indiana Attorney General
- Kyle Montrose, J.D. ’17, of Dentons Bingham Greenebaum
- Roya Porter, J.D. ’15, of BCforward
- Amina Thomas, J.D. ’16, of Cohen & Malad

Distinguished Barristers with IU McKinney connections are:

- Professor Cynthia Baker
- Leslie Craig Henderzahs, J.D. ’90, of Church Church Hittle + Antrim
- Marion County Chief Public Defender Robert Hill, J.D. ’82
- Judge Dana Kenworthy, J.D. ’01, of the Indiana Court of Appeals
- Rebecca Seamands, J.D. ’92, of Ice Miller

In the photo at left, from left, are Magistrate Judge Tim Baker, Professor Cynthia Baker, and Elizabeth Baker.

Professor Irene Massimino Receives Ambassador of Truth Award

Master of Laws alumna and current S.J.D. candidate Professor Irene Massimino recently received the Ambassador of Truth award from the Center for Truth and Justice. The center is a U.S.-based NGO founded by Judge Gassia Apkarian and other attorneys. She received the honor at the second annual International Conference on Human Rights and Accountability held in May 2023 in Yerevan, Armenia. Massimino received the award for her work on a Universal Jurisdiction case she initiated with a colleague and member of the Armenian diaspora in Argentina, as well as her work co-founding the Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention.

A human rights lawyer, professor, and activist, Massimino teaches in the Department of International Education of the National University of Tres de Febrero and at the National University of José C. Paz, Argentina. She is also currently teaching as an adjunct professor at IU McKinney School of Law.

Professor Massimino has served as a Rapporteur of the Criminal Cassation Court of the Province of Buenos Aires and works actively in the fields of internal and international conflicts and serious violations of human rights and international criminal law in Colombia, Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, Bangladesh, and Iraq. She focuses mainly on external intervention and the crime of genocide.

In 2017, Professor Massimino received an inaugural Distinguished LL.M. Alumni Award from IU McKinney during the 35th anniversary of its LL.M. Program. Professor Massimino also participates in the creation of justice projects for international crimes and genocide prevention. She has served in international investigative delegations and trial observation missions.
Most people want to learn more about and develop expertise in areas that interest them. Some of those people end up pursuing advanced academic degrees, much like Professor Rodrigo Salgado, J.D. ‘22. He developed an interest in the law that led to him enrolling as a student at IU McKinney School of Law.

Civil engineering ran in the family, so there was little doubt Professor Salgado would pursue engineering as a course of study and as a career path. He is the Charles Pankow Professor in Civil Engineering at Purdue University. That’s not to say Professor Salgado is one-dimensional. Far from it. He’s had an interest in sports and was at one point a very good tennis player. He’s delved into understanding the effects of diet on well-being, physiology, and music, among other subjects. “It’s not that hard for me to want to go a little deeper into it,” Professor Salgado said of subjects that intrigue him. “I do have this tendency if something piques my interest to try and understand it better.”

Suffice to say, Professor Salgado achieved his goal of understanding the law better. His paper, “Risk Runs Through It: The Legal Framework for Dam Breach Failures” was published in the University of Louisville Law Review in Fall 2022. The article deals with a timely topic: the breach failure of traditional water dams and tailings dams. Tailings are the by-products of mining for metals such as iron, copper, or gold. Because the yield is so low (as an example, you need to mine of the order of nine tons of rock to produce a gold ring), mining companies often destroy entire hillsides when mining for these metals. The resulting debris (the tailings) are stored behind dams, which fail with some frequency, he said. The piece examines the history of dam failures and considers how courts would look at the failure of a dam now. Former Interim IUPUI Chancellor Andrew R. Klein supervised Professor Salgado’s research project during the 2021-2022 academic year. “Andy was a great advisor,” Professor Salgado said. “He gave me super good feedback. Andy really knows torts, so it was optimal.”

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**Portia Bailey-Bernard Joins WM**

Portia Bailey-Bernard, J.D. ’17, has joined WM (Waste Management) as area general manager of the Great Lakes area, which includes Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. In this role, she will focus on leading the Indianapolis market.

Previously, Bailey-Bernard was the senior vice president of Indianapolis economic development for the Indy Chamber, where she focused on facilitating long-term investments and providing Marion County and Indianapolis a competitive advantage. She also worked to ensure that more residents can connect to economic opportunities.

Prior to her work at the Indy Chamber, Bailey-Bernard most recently served as an attorney at Kroger Gardis & Regis and worked at Barnes & Thornburg where she advised businesses and local government entities with respect to state and local government incentives for economic development projects. Additionally, she also assisted counties, cities, towns, redevelopment commissions, and other special taxing districts to finance public buildings, infrastructure, and other local public improvements by issuing tax-exempt and taxable bonds.

In addition, she was named to the Development Counsellors International 40 under 40 class for 2023. DCI’s biennial awards ceremony honors and recognizes economic development’s top young professionals who demonstrate strong leadership, commitment, and innovation.

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**Purdue Professor’s Interest in Learning More about Law Led Him to IU McKinney**

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Authors

Rachael Eckles at Work on Third Novel
Rachael Eckles, J.D. ’09, is at work on her third novel in her “Trading Secrets” series. The first was published in 2020, with the follow-up, “Risky Assets,” hitting shelves in summer 2022.

Eckles moved to New York City after law school where she worked in the finance industry and found the inspiration for her Wall Street thrillers that have been described as a cross between Showtime’s “Billions” and Netflix’s “Revenge.” She currently lives in Manhattan, where she is senior director for U.S. policy and government affairs at Bristol Myers Squibb by day and novelist by night.

Eckles donates much of the proceeds of her novels to The Village Experience, an Indiana-based 501(c)(3) that provides programs to benefit women and girls in Kenya, India, and Guatemala. She serves on the board of directors of the organization.

Amela Sijaric Authors Memoir of Life in Bosnia
Amela Sijaric, J.D. ’03, has written a memoir about her life as a teenager growing up in war-torn Bosnia from 1992-1996. Titled, “The Far Away People,” the book describes her childhood before the war and her family’s survival during it.

Never intending to write such a book, Sijaric said she started writing it in 1998 at the suggestion of a psychologist and college professor who wanted to help her deal with her post-war PTSD. Believing that the effort was only making her trauma worse, she stopped.

About 22 years later, Sijaric was reunited with the diary she kept as a teenager during the war in Bosnia, from age 15 to 16 and a half. Reading it as an adult, Sijaric said she was moved to resume her writing project. “Reading it now,” she said of her teenage diary, “I have so much compassion for the girl who wrote it. I thought ‘I have to publish this.’”

So Sijaric gave herself a deadline in 2021 and completed the project. “I didn’t do it to make money,” she said. “It wasn’t for me now. It was for the teenager that I was. I had to do it for the child who lived through that time.”

Sijaric is an attorney at the Marion County Public Defender Agency, where she has served since 2006.

Brandon Yosha Publishes Book
Brandon Yosha, J.D. ’19, has written a book tracing his path from being a Division I football player to successful trial lawyer. Titled, “From Running Back to Giving Back: A Lineage of Civil Advocacy,” the book was released April 30. Yosha played college football at the University of Miami and Lehigh University, where he was the starting tailback as a sophomore. He was unable to continue his football career after an injury, and he completed his undergraduate studies at Indiana University. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father, Buddy Yosha, and become a trial lawyer. He enrolled at IU McKinney and completed his legal education in 2019.

Five weeks after his admission to the bar, Yosha appeared in his first jury trial and won a $20.3 million verdict for his client. He has become one of the youngest lawyers ever recognized by Best Lawyers in America and was the youngest attorney ever recognized by Marquis Who’s Who in American Law.

IU McKinney Alumnus Named to IBJ’s 20 in their Twenties
Zechariah Lee Banks, J.D. ’22, was named to the Indianapolis Business Journal’s 20 in their Twenties class for 2023. Banks is an associate in the commercial litigation department at Dentons Bingham Greenebaum in Indianapolis.

Banks was a four-year varsity swimmer at Wabash College, where he was a two-time NCAA All-American and a three-time Academic All-American. He is a volunteer swim coach for Lawrence Central High School, and a member of the 2024 Swimming Olympic Trials Marketing and Sales Committee. In addition, Banks is a mentor in the Starfish initiative, and a guardian ad litem for Kids’ Voice of Indiana.

Judge Hand Elevated to Allen Circuit Court Bench
Judge Ashley Hand, J.D. ’08, was sworn into her new role on the bench in Allen Circuit Court. Judge Hand previously served as the senior magistrate judge in Allen Circuit Court. She was installed in her new position on July 26, 2023. Prior to joining Allen Circuit Court as a magistrate judge, she served as a partner at the Fort Wayne law firm, Beckman Lawson.
IN MEMORIAM

Richard O. Adams, ’80
July 30, 2023

Paul T. Ashley, ’90
April 28, 2023

Robert C. Beasley, ’80
April 14, 2023

John Jay Boyce, ’89
September 10, 2022

Jay M. Brodey, ’68
May 10, 2023

Robert T. Buehl, ’63
January 4, 2021

Claudia O. Clark, ’80
November 20, 2022

Lawrence F. Clark, Jr., ’74
May 15, 2023

John L. Crooks, ’64
October 23, 2022

G. Terry Cutter, ’68
September 26, 2022

Steven D. Cuvelier, ’92
May 17, 2023

Donald L. Daniel, ’74
March 1, 2023

Michael C. Daniells, ’19
December 21, 2022

Franklin N. DeWester, ’83
November 27, 2022

Michael M. Elliott, ’82
November 30, 2022

Patricia E. Goodspeed, ’76
January 6, 2023

Harvey A. Greene, ’70
July 27, 2023

James O. Hanner, ’77
November 17, 2022

George V. Heins, ’68
March 21, 2023

Reuben B. Hill, ’74
July 12, 2022

Thomas C. Hinesley, ’75
November 26, 2022

Charles E. Husman, ’75
January 4, 2023

John F. Ittenbach, ’73
April 2, 2023

Clark S. Ketterman, Ph.D., ’87
August 11, 2023

William R. King, ’59
June 18, 2021

Robert E. Kirsch, ’78
December 16, 2022

John C. Kite, ’69
March 10, 2023

Glenn P. Koehring, ’74
December 6, 2022

Dale K. Little, ’63
January 30, 2023

Traci R. Little, ’98
June 25, 2023

Paula E. Lopassa, ’73
March 15, 2023

Karen M. Love, ’86
October 25, 2022

John G. Marvel, ’71
December 14, 2022

John C. McLaughlin, ’72
May 29, 2023

Robert D. McMahan, ’87
November 30, 2022

R. Michael Miner, ’75
January 16, 2023

Nathan R. Mowery, ’84
January 25, 2023

John B. Niederhauser, ’75
December 24, 2022

Stewart L. Noel, ’85
May 16, 2023

Carl S. Payntor, ’73
November 28, 2021

Steven J. Radford, ’83
January 27, 2023

Frank W. Rahe, ’72
October 22, 2022

Jay R. Rodia, ’78
September 3, 2022

Daniel W. Rudy, ’61
October 27, 2022

William K. Saint, III, ’11
May 27, 2023

Richard E. Sallee, ’59
May 11, 2023

Paul S. Sams, ’97
October 23, 2022

The Honorable
Karen M. Love, ’86
October 25, 2022

John B. Schooley, ’78
March 25, 2023

Gerald Seifert, ’67
March 28, 2023

Thomas F. Sheehan, ’68
March 27, 2023

Jacob D. Smith, ’72
March 2, 2023

Stacy K. Somers, ’04
August 8, 2023

Michael L. Sterrett, ’70
December 4, 2022

Sam A. Stoehr, ’70
February 19, 2023

Stephen W. Sutherlin, ’64
March 29, 2023

Michael J. Tosick, ’70
January 17, 2023

Pat K. Van Valer, ’72
March 9, 2023

Joseph E. VanDevender, ’78
October 3, 2022

Douglas H. VanMiddlesworth, ’75
August 5, 2023

Laurel A. Wendt, ’78
January 19, 2023

John F. White, ’59
March 13, 2023

R. Kent Witte, ’63
November 24, 2022
Alumni from the IU McKinney Law Classes of 1978 and 1973 returned to Indianapolis on Saturday, October 7, for their 45th and 50th class reunions. In addition to a day of walking down memory lane, alumni toured Inlow and Eskenazi Halls (the current and former sites of the law school), heard updates on the school and campus from school administration, and enjoyed a dinner with their classmates and guests. Emeriti Professors Jim White, Jim Torke, and Bill Marsh event joined with the Class of 1973 for their reunion dinner. Planning for these dinners began in the spring. A special thank you to Marc Silverstein and Bryce Bennett (1978) and Bill Neale and Rick Morgan (1973) for chairing a very engaged committee of their classmates.

For more pictures from the reunion festivities, visit https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/alumni/reunions
1—Bill Neale and Professor Emeritus Bill Marsh spend time catching up.

2—’73 Class photo. In the front row from left are Emeriti Faculty Jim White, Jim Torke, and Bill Marsh. In the second row from left are Steven Cracraft, Bob Hammerle, Bob York, Rick Morgan, Mike Cracraft, Bill Neale, and Dave Margerum. In the third row from left are Tom Sullivan, Ed Bush, Jim Olszewski, Steve Miller, Steve Downs, Steve Jackson, Larry Landis, Larry Dorocke, and Ted Smith.

3—From left, Rick Morgan, Ed Bush, and Torn Sullivan enjoy their evening.

4—From left, Ed Bush, Rick Morgan, and Steve Downs visit in Inlow Hall.

5—’78 Class photo. In the front row from left are Donna Eide, Julia Blackwell Gelinas, Helga Scaringe, Katherine Gregory, Wendy Pallman, Terry White, Robyn Moberly, and Laurie Boyd. In the back row from left are Brian Welch, Steve Lewis, Marc Silverstein, Bryce Bennett, Bob Bever, Bruce Pallman, George Loy, and Mike Lucas.

6—From left, Julia Blackwell Gelinas, Marc Silverstein, and Bryce Bennett enjoy a visit.

7—From left, Helga Scaringe and Robyn Moberly talk over their law school days.

8—From left, Terry White and George Loy reminisce over the composite photo of their class.

9—IU McKinney alumni visit the IU Herron School of Art & Design. The law school was formerly on the site of the law school.
Meet the Office of Development

**Assistant Dean of Development**

**Beck Spears**

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

**Director of Development**

**Will Clansky**

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

**Director of Development, Stewardship**

**Lisa Schrage**

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

**Development Coordinator**

**Reilly Winson**

Reilly joined McKinney Law School in July of 2023 with a background in IU Medicine financial oversight, manufacturing, and government. He is excited to answer donor questions and meet the operational needs of the department.
The Benefits of Philanthropy

by Alicia Dean Carlson

Greek playwright Aeschylus is credited with bringing us the word “philanthropy” when he combined “philos” (loving) and “anthropos” (humankind) more than 2,500 years ago. The impulse to help others is even older. Human societies survive and thrive because of philanthropy, the “voluntary action for the public good,” according to Robert L. Payton and Michael P. Moody, authors of the book, Understanding Philanthropy, It’s Meaning and Mission (Indiana University Press).

With a steady stream of worries—war, climate change, domestic challenges—that flood our inboxes, it’s worth a reminder that philanthropy is alive and well because people continue to be motivated to make the world a better place. Here’s what’s trending:

• The 2023 Bank of America Study of Philanthropy, conducted with the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at IUPUI, found that 85% of affluent U.S. households gave to charity in 2022 with the value of their average gifts rising 19% above pre-pandemic levels.

• The organization Giving USA’s 2023 report reveals total giving to U.S. charities in 2022 reached an estimated $499.33 billion.

Not just for the rich and famous

Fabulously wealthy and famous philanthropists such as Warren Buffett and MacKenzie Scott make headlines for the billions they give away, but that’s not the whole story of modern philanthropy. Amir Pasic, the Eugene Temple Dean of the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, urges using a wider lens. “Embracing the possibilities of philanthropy is not limited to the semi-mythical figures that dominate the media,” he wrote in a January 2023 online newsletter.

Ordinary people drive the vast amount of philanthropy. In conducting the survey for its annual World Giving Index, Charities Aid Foundation asks respondents if they have done any of the following during the past month:

• Helped a stranger or someone you didn’t know who needed help?
• Donated money to a charity?
• Volunteered your time to an organization?

According to the World Giving Index 2022, more people than ever worldwide donated money in 2021. More than 3 billion people worldwide helped someone they didn’t know.

Right here at home, the average gift donated to McKinney Law School was $1,155 in the last year. Why did they do it? There’s lots of scientific evidence that even simple acts of helping someone else makes us feel good. Studies show that people who volunteer and donate money are happier, are less likely to report depression, and have lower levels of stress.

There are other benefits, too. Giving to institutions connect us to community, creating pathways to friendships and advancing our careers. The U.S. tax code, too, creates an incentive to be generous with our earnings. Philanthropy allows us important ways to express our loyalties (your alma mater or local neighborhood association) and our values. Philanthropy is a way to publicly “put your money where your mouth is,” as the saying goes.

The author and poet Maya Angelou wrote, “I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.” That’s the real power of philanthropy.
Giving at IU McKinney
Starts at the Top

by Alicia Dean Carlson

Like its private and Ivy League peers, IU McKinney School of Law is actively engaged in making philanthropy part of the culture in student life and among faculty and staff, and alumni. Raising funds for academics is crucial, but so is creating a community-wide ethos of responsibility for making the world a better place by opening doors for future generations of students.

As part of a tradition that stretches back through generations of leadership, recent IU McKinney Law deans and faculty lead by example.

Four IU McKinney students so far have been recipients of the Andrew R. Klein Scholarship, established by Professor Emeritus Andy Klein and Diane Schussel in 2016. The merit scholarship is awarded to returning students and is renewable if GPA requirements are met.

“It is a fantastic feeling to know that we are actively helping law students pursue their goals,” Klein says.

Klein joined the faculty of IU McKinney Law in 2000 and was the Paul E. Beam Professor of Law, teaching torts and environmental law. He served as dean of the school from 2013 to 2020, as interim chancellor and executive vice president of IUPUI from 2022 – 2023, and is now dean at Wake Forest School of Law in North Carolina.

He and Schussel, who earned her J.D. from Emory University School of Law, are keenly aware of the importance of legal leadership to uphold the giving spirit of those who came before.

Dean Bravo is an immigrant to the United States from Jamaica, where her mother, Sylvia, earned only a high school diploma and her father, Donald, did not formally complete high school. But they made sure that each of their three children—all who went on to earn college degrees—understood the importance of education and hard work. Each Saturday, they were tutored by their mother so that they would succeed in the critical nationwide Common Entrance Examination, the door to excellent high school education.

“In my earliest memories, my parents encouraged a love of learning and excellence,” Dean Bravo says. “My siblings and I can quote [Henry Wadsworth] Longfellow from memory.” Dean Bravo created the Sylvia M. Bravo and Donald Bravo Memorial Scholarship to honor her parents.

“This scholarship is meaningful to me and my family members, and I also hope that it encourages others to joyfully participate in philanthropic action that has an enormous impact on students, our legal profession, and our larger community,” she says. “It is particularly meaningful to know that I am part of a leadership tradition of giving at IU McKinney and Indiana University, and also part of a generation engaged in philanthropy and, hopefully, setting an example for the next.”

by Alicia Dean Carlson

Professor Emeritus Andy Klein

Dean Karen Bravo
Looking back on a legal career spanning nearly four decades, Judge David Shaheed, J.D. ’84, is often reflective about his journey from first-generation college student to serving as a judge in Marion County courts.

He recently worked with the Office of Development at IU McKinney to create an endowed scholarship to assist law students in need. Together with his wife Brenda, he established the Judge David A. and Brenda M. Shaheed Scholarship.

“When I applied to law school, the evening division was particularly appealing to me, as the sole source of income for a family of five. I was able to continue to work,” he says. “I was also the recipient of a small scholarship. When you are living paycheck to paycheck, any amount of money you receive that you did not anticipate is like a godsend. Creating a scholarship is my way of giving back.”

Growing up in Indianapolis, becoming a lawyer seemed a remote possibility to the young Shaheed. He was 17 years old when his father died, and his mother settled his father’s estate with the help of the late Charles B. Feibleman, senior partner with one of Indiana’s oldest law firms.

“Behind every dark cloud there is a silver lining. Mr. Feibleman took an interest in me and was my mentor throughout my undergraduate years. He was adamant that I go to law school,” Judge Shaheed says. “I was a first-generation college student and the idea of being a lawyer was like being an astronaut or something. It wasn’t until ten years later that I decided I would do it.”

After law school, Judge Shaheed proceeded to a distinguished career. He served as a judicial officer in Marion County Superior Court beginning in 1994 before being appointed judge by Governor Frank O’Bannon in 1999. He was elected as a trial judge in 2002 and presided over Criminal Court 14 and the Drug Treatment Diversion Court. In 2005, Judge Shaheed launched Marion County’s Re-entry Court, only the second re-entry court in the State of Indiana at the time. He was named “Judge of the Year” in 2007 by the Indiana Correctional Association for his work with ex-offenders and defendants seeking recovery from substance abuse.

Judge Shaheed served on the American Bar Association’s Commission on Lawyers Assistance Programs, as well as board member of Seeds of Hope, a shelter for women in recovery. He was a former officer for the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force and for the Interfaith Alliance of Indianapolis.

His connections to IU McKinney remain strong. Judge Shaheed serves on IU McKinney’s Black Alumni Council, and his daughter, Kameelah Shaheed-Diallo, J.D. ’04, is also a McKinney grad. In 2021, he advocated for the memory of law school alumnus J.B. Stradford, writing an article for the alumni magazine and speaking at a commemorative event to honor the early graduate’s legacy.

Now semi-retired, Judge Shaheed continues to serve as a senior judge. “This year, I was in court every week,” he says. “Behind the facts in every case there is a story about how it ended up in court. It’s fascinating to observe life, if not always at the best moments.”

Judge David Shaheed: Why I Give

by Alicia Dean Carlson
Mary Findling Shares Her Success

by Alicia Dean Carlson

Mary Findling, J.D. ’86, has forged a successful career in medical malpractice, and that’s exactly why she chose to create a scholarship at IU McKinney Law.

The Mary A. Findling Scholarship, established through an estate gift, will be awarded to J.D. students at McKinney, with a preference for those students from underrepresented populations.

“People who have done well owe it to the law school—or their medical school, or architecture school, whatever—to help people who need it the most,” Findling says. “Getting through college and law school is hard. The least I can do is help students have an opportunity to improve their lives.”

Findling knows from experience how education can change lives. In the late 1960s in her hometown of Daleville, Indiana, high school guidance counselors generally steered young women toward nursing or teaching. Findling opted for the latter at Purdue University where she received a bachelor of arts degree with highest distinction in 1972 followed by a master of arts degree in Germanic languages and literature from the University of Michigan in 1974.

She taught German for nine years at Muncie Central High School and one year in Germany on a Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program to teach English in a German high school. “I loved teaching,” she says.

But the idea of studying law had always intrigued her, so in her mid-thirties, Findling switched careers by enrolling at IU McKinney. She excelled, enjoying the academic challenge and graduating at the top of her class. After graduation, she joined a law firm that happened to have nearly a dozen pending lawsuits against the same doctor, and Findling was assigned some of the work.

She won her first malpractice trial and found an area of practice—lawsuits involving complex situations such as serious injury, permanent disability and wrongful death—that has been both interesting and rewarding. Her work has influenced the way malpractice law is understood in Indiana today, significant in determining or clarifying new points of malpractice law.

At age 73, she joined the medical malpractice team at Golitko & Daly, and while she is still practicing law, she recently took time away to travel to South Africa and Botswana for a safari. Enjoying life is important, but so is giving, she says.

“I’m happy for the education I received at McKinney. I did well in my profession, and now I am giving back,” she says. “It’s really that simple.”
Murieta S. Covington, J.D. ’04, achieved a lifelong dream when she graduated with a law degree from the IU McKinney School of Law. Her son, Brian R. Prince II, J.D. ’15, is honoring her legacy through a scholarship he established at IU McKinney Law in 2022.

“She has always been my inspiration,” says Prince.

Covington was born in San Francisco, California and spent her childhood between San Francisco and Birmingham, Alabama. When she moved to Indianapolis with her husband and children—including Prince—she worked as a paralegal for Baker & Daniels and earned her undergraduate degree at IUPUI before being named one of the state’s first Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity (ICLEO) Fellows.

She managed to raise three sons, continue working, earn an undergraduate degree at IUPUI and graduate from law school. When Covington graduated, she landed a job as counsel for Ingersoll Rand in Carmel, Indiana where she worked until 2014. She was pursuing an LL.M. in intellectual property law through John Marshall Law School when she died in her sleep in 2016 at age 50.

Her death was a shock to Prince. They spoke on the phone every day and had shared difficult times when he was young, and his mother was newly divorced in San Francisco. They had also happy many times, including their 2004 graduations—Prince’s from high school, and Covington’s from law school. They danced at Prince’s wedding and celebrated the birth of his first child.

Prince credits her with his success despite his rocky academic start. Although he had worked hard to get into law school, Prince was ready to quit after his first 1L semester. His mother set him straight. “She told me, ‘If I could go to law school, raise a family and work, you can figure this out. I did not raise a quitter,’” Prince recalls.

Prince did not quit. Like his mother, he was an ICLEO Fellow and took courses taught by some of the same professors, and developed relationships with Professors Florence Roisman, Larry Jegen, and Frank Sullivan. He received the Sidney D. Eskenazi Scholarship and focused his energies on gaining legal experience, first at Thomas Law Group and then as an extern at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation where he gained a vast knowledge of development-related tax credits.

After an internship at Flaherty & Collins, Prince was off and running. Now vice president of development at the commercial real estate firm, Prince is responsible for site selection for mixed-use multifamily opportunities across the country. He has parlayed his understanding of public-private partnership projects into urban infill developments that have helped transform communities in Elkhart, Mishawaka, Michigan City, and Florida.

“I love it—the more complicated, the better,” he says. “It is a joy, to overcome environmental challenges of a place and tell a story about what something used to be and what it can be.”

Soon after his mother’s death, Prince reached out to IU McKinney Law administrators with the idea of creating a scholarship, but it took several more years for Prince—who is still repaying his own law school loans—to raise the funds to endow the Murieta S. Covington Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to J.D. students with special consideration given to students of underrepresented populations or students with diverse cultural experiences, with a preference for Black students who have at least one dependent. Prince hopes to develop a mentoring relationship with recipients to further honor his own mentor—his mother.

“My end game is not just my own personal success, but to help develop a blueprint for others to succeed,” he says. “That’s my mother’s legacy, too.”

Brian Prince II Establishes Scholarship Honoring His Mother, an IU McKinney Alumna

by Alicia Dean Carlson
Indiana University honored two IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law alumni for their philanthropic leadership with membership in the Presidents Circle during special ceremonies on September 8 in Indianapolis.

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

IU McKinney Law alumni honored were:

**David C. and Margaret L. Campbell**

Dave and Peggy Campbell are longtime donors to IU McKinney School of Law. They met while pursuing their undergraduate education at Indiana State University. Dave went on to graduate *summa cum laude* from IU McKinney Law in 1974. He practiced law for many years at Bingham, Summers, Welsh & Spilman (now Dentons Greenebaum Doll) in Indianapolis. Dave is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers (Ret.) and has served in numerous volunteer roles throughout the state, including the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board for Indiana State University, the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, the Julian Center, and the Indianapolis Bar Association Pro Bono Committee.

Peggy was an educator for Indianapolis Public Schools and was a dedicated community volunteer. Their son, Andrew, graduated from IU McKinney Law in 2005. In an interest to help future IU McKinney Law students lessen the financial burden of a legal education, Dave and Peggy created the Campbell Scholarship for Public Interest at the school in 2021. The scholarship helps law students who are interested in pursuing a career in legal aid, public interest, or public service law.

**James L. Kittle, Jr. and Sharon K. Kittle**

Jim and Sharon Kittle’s generous support of Indiana University spans across many areas, including Athletics, IU McKinney School of Law, and the Kelley School of Business.

Jim received a B.S. in Business from the IU Kelley School of Business in Bloomington in 1966. While a student, Jim was president of the senior class and participated in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, student government, and the student foundation. He then went on to receive his J.D. from IU McKinney Law in 1969.

Jim is now chairman of family-owned Kittle’s Furniture which has been in business since 1932. Jim and his brother, John—a 1967 graduate of the IU Kelley School of Business—established the Clara Lee Kittle Endowment Scholarship in memory of their grandmother that supports IU McKinney Law students. Jim and John also established the Hazel Patterson Chattaway Scholarship at the Kelley School of Business. ✦
Professor Pitts Named Cleon H. Foust Professor of Law

Professor Michael J. Pitts has been named the Cleon H. Foust Professor of Law at IU McKinney. Professor Pitts’s three-year appointment to this endowed professorship begins August 1, 2023.

“Mike exemplifies the qualities summarized in the Foust criteria document, including outstanding leadership, public service, and student centeredness, among others,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “I’m delighted that his achievements and his innumerable contributions to our school have been recognized in this way.”

“During my time at IU McKinney, I have been extremely fortunate to teach wonderful students, engage in scholarly dialogue with superbly smart faculty colleagues, work alongside our dedicated staff, and be provided mentorship and leadership opportunities by the administration. To be honored with the Foust Professorship only enhances my gratitude toward the institution that has been my professional home for nearly two decades.”

Professor Pitts’ scholarly work focuses on the law of democracy, particularly voting rights and election administration. He has written over two dozen articles, essays, and book reviews that have appeared in journals such as The Florida State Law Review, The U.C.-Irvine Law Review, The American University Law Review, and The Alabama Law Review. His work has been cited numerous times in law reviews, political science journals, briefs, federal and state judicial opinions, and congressional testimony. He was elected to the American Law Institute (ALI) in 2014.

For his efforts in the classroom, where he teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Election Law, Professor Pitts has received the Red Cane Award for Best New Professor (2008 and 2009), the Black Cane Award for Best Professor (2010 and 2014), and a Trustee’s Teaching Award (2010). He is also a co-author of an election law casebook titled Election Law Litigation (Aspen 2014, 2d Ed. 2021).

Professor Pitts also served as a vice dean from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2022. During his four years in this role, he was involved in managing virtually all law school operations. His accomplishments as vice dean include managing faculty, student, and curricular affairs during the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic; aligning the law school’s curriculum with the Uniform Bar Examination adopted by Indiana in 2021; creating a program to award institutional aid to upper-level students who did not receive institutional aid when admitted but performed well in their 1L year; improving opportunities for clinical faculty to receive summer research grants and sabbatical-like teaching leaves; hiring several outstanding assistant deans; partnering with the assistant dean for enrollment management to improve student metrics while maintaining revenue targets; partnering with the assistant dean for academic and bar success on a strategic plan that helped improve bar passage outcomes; and significantly increasing the diversity of McKinney’s adjunct faculty.

Professor Pitts joined the law school faculty in the fall of 2006 after serving as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Nebraska College of Law. Prior to entering academia, he practiced as a trial attorney in the Voting Section of the United States Department of Justice. He is a graduate of Georgetown Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and served as an associate editor of The Georgetown Law Journal. Following law school, he clerked for The Honorable C. Arlen Beam, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

The Cleon H. Foust Professorship was funded through the generosity of the estate of Cleon H. “Bill” Foust and gifts in his honor. He served on the faculty at IU McKinney for 24 years and was dean from 1967 to 1973. Foust had served as Indiana Attorney General from 1947 to 1949, and as chairman of the Indiana Correctional Code Study Commission after his retirement from the law school in 1978. He often served as a criminal justice advisor and served as vice chair of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.
2022-2023 Law Firm and Corporate Campaign Results

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

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Thank you to the 28 participating law firms and nearly 300 IU McKinney Law alumni who made a gift as part of the 2022-2023 campaign. Recognized below are the top firms based on percentage of alumni giving participation and total dollars received from alumni within the firm.

Giving totals include gifts, pledge payments, and matching gifts received by the IU Foundation in support of IU McKinney Law between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

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Professor Nehf Appointed to IU McKinney’s Thomas F. Sheehan Professorship

IU McKinney Professor James P. Nehf was appointed to the law school’s Thomas F. Sheehan Professorship beginning August 1, 2022. Professor Nehf is currently a Cleon H. Foust Fellow and a John S. Grimes Fellow at the law school.

“A long-standing and well-regarded member of our faculty, Jim’s expertise and reputation in the field of commercial law make him an excellent holder of the Thomas F. Sheehan Professorship,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo.

Professor Nehf has been teaching contracts, consumer law, and commercial law subjects for more than twenty years. He is an internationally recognized expert in consumer privacy and financial services law and serves as an executive board member of the International Consumer Law Association (IACL), a global society of consumer law scholars and policy makers. He hosted IACL’s 17th conference at IU McKinney in summer 2019. The event brought 92 attendees from 27 different countries and marked the first time the event had taken place in the United States.

Established in 1981 by the late Thomas F. Sheehan, J.D. ’68, and his late wife, Joan, the Thomas F. Sheehan Professorship supports a faculty member conducting important teaching and research in areas relating to business and financial matters. The late Professor Larry Jegen previously held the professorship from 1982 until his retirement.

Professor Nehf has won numerous teaching awards and has been a frequent speaker at law conferences, CLE seminars, and law-related lecture series. Professor Nehf was the inaugural director of the law school’s European Law Program and has held several university administrative positions, including a term as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies at the law school and as interim director of the Indiana University Center on Southeast Asia.
2023 Entering Class Profile*

251 STUDENTS
182 full-time
69 hybrid program

56% WOMEN
44% MEN

<1% did not indicate

100 Undergraduate Institutions Represented

155 Median LSAT
3.6 Median GPA

20% 50 STUDENTS from groups underrepresented in the legal profession: American Indian-Alaskan Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic-Latino, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders, Puerto Rican

25 States Represented
2 Foreign Countries

125 students who are first-generation, have prior military service, or identify as LGBTQ+

933 APPLICANTS
61% Acceptance Rate

* Class Profile as of 8/14/23.
Alumni Success

93%

2022 McKinney graduates are employed 10 months after graduation.

93% of our employed graduates are working in bar-required or JD-advantage jobs.

GRADUATES EMPLOYED AROUND INDIANA

- 0–1
- 1–20
- 20–50
- 50–100
- 100–200
- 200–500
- 500–1,000
- 1,000+
Alumni Success

CLASS OF 2022 employment by sector

46% Law Firms
   64% solo/small firms (1-25)
   23% medium firms (26-500)
   13% large firms (500+)

20% Government

19% Business

10% Public Interest

3% Academic

3% Judicial Clerks

ALUMNI EMPLOYED AROUND U.S.

- 0–1
- 1–20
- 20–50
- 50–100
- 100–200
- 200–500
- 500–1,000
- 1,000+
Join Us  We have lots of plans for 2024 and hope you will be able to join us for these upcoming events!

February 8  /  Health Law Alumni Reception  /  Inlow hall @ 5:30 p.m.
February 23  /  Women’s Caucus Silent Auction
February 26-28  /  Dean Karen Bravo visits Florida (events in Tampa/St. Pete; Sarasota; Naples; and Palm Beach)
May 8  /  IU McKinney welcomes our newest alumni at the 2024 Commencement Program
May 21  /  Hamilton County Alumni Reception

Alumni involvement with IU McKinney is important to strengthening our reputation while paving the road for future members of the profession. Join us for one of our upcoming programs. For more events, please visit mckinneylaw.iu.edu/events

PAST EVENTS

- Steve Tuchman, J.D. ’71, attended the Better Together Cultural Affinity Group reception on August 10 at The Tap in downtown Indianapolis.

- Olivia Burpo, 3L and chief justice of the Staton Moot Court; Courtney Ducker, J.D. ’20; George Sorrells, J.D. ’22; and adjunct professor Jon Warner. Ducker and Sorrells received the Friend of the Court award from the Moot Court Society.

- Clay Patton, J.D. ’99, and his daughter, Alex, attended the Chicago Cubs alumni outing on July 21.

- Chad Blackwelder, M.J. ’20, Intake Specialist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, spoke with students at the October 19 Externship Fair about opportunities at the ACLU-I.
Fall 2023 Regatta  Two student teams from IU McKinney placed second and third in the 15th annual IUPUI Regatta. The race on the Indianapolis White River Canal took place on September 30. Team Res Ipsa Rowers placed second and team IC 12-14-1-20 placed third. Congratulations!

More events coming in spring 2024:

- Alan and Linda Cohen Family Foundation Sports and Entertainment Law Lecture
- Jordan H. and Joan R. Leibman Forum on the Legal and Business Environment of Art
- INDiana LAW REVIEW Symposium
- Hall Center Grand Rounds
- Memorial Event for Gerald L. Bepko

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