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As the summer comes to a close and we see the excited (and perhaps a bit anxious!) faces of our outstanding first-year students, I'm reminded of what lies at the heart of Seattle University School of Law.

While we are first and foremost an educational institution, we are also a special community that often feels like family. It's the kind of place that parents recommend to their children and that siblings encourage each other to attend. I know you'll enjoy reading our cover story as it captures that essence through conversations with a few of the many families who have deep connections dating back to the early days of the law school.

The successes of our students and alumni are rewarding to all of us at the law school, and we are continually inspired by the work they do. In this issue, you'll read about May graduates Quinn Dennehy, Fatima Dilek, and Marisa Ordonia, who earned prestigious and highly selective fellowships this year. And you'll read about our alumni, who, like big sisters and brothers, are there to help the up-and-coming generations. Catherine Romero '96 mentors Latina/o students and creates opportunities for them in intellectual property law, and Brian Howe '09 helps entrepreneurs better themselves and the world.

Our family tree spreads far and wide across the country and I've enjoyed seeing many of you at alumni events in recent months, including receptions in Washington, D.C., and Anchorage. I was reminded of the interconnectedness of our network as we thanked the many people who hire our students through our summer program in the nation's capital. We were warmly received in Anchorage, and the excitement about our developing satellite campus there was palpable. We are grateful for the encouragement and support from our friends in Alaska and our innovative partnership with Alaska Pacific University.

As I begin the second year of my deanship, I want to thank all of you who have been so supportive of me, our students, and the law school. Our faculty have had a highly productive summer researching and writing books and articles, and we look forward to their informative and stimulating lectures, symposia, and scholarship this year, as well as their equally important teaching and mentorship of our students.

We have an amazing group of 1Ls joining our community from around the country. I look forward to what they and the rest of our remarkable students accomplish as they move through their time with us.

I thank you all for your contributions and thoughtful involvement as we live out our mission of educating great lawyers who are powerful advocates for justice. We simply couldn't do it without you.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Sarah (Ondrak) Smith '07, far left, was the first of her siblings to attend Seattle University School of Law, followed by, from left, Andrew '10, Erin '12, and Kelsey, a 2L. The first three even saved the same locker for each other, #293.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

Professor Won Kidane wins Fulbright Award

Professor Won Kidane, who is fast becoming one of the most well-known and prolific scholars in the areas of immigration law and international arbitration and litigation, earned a prestigious Fulbright Scholar Award.

He will spend this academic year in Ethiopia, his home country, where he will conduct research and teach international investment, commercial arbitration, and clinical education at one of Ethiopia's law schools.

"Clinical legal education is new to that country, so Won will be a trailblazer, helping to set up clinics and sharing his clinical experience with faculty and administrators," Dean Annette E. Clark said.

Kidane has published four books, including "Global Issues in Immigration Law" (co-author) and "Litigating War: Mass Civil Injury and the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission" (co-author). He also published a comprehensive book on dispute settlement

in China-Africa economic relations focusing on investment and commercial arbitration. His new book, "Diverse Cultures in the New World of International Arbitration," is expected to be released by Oxford University Press this year.

Kidane teaches the Immigration Law Clinic, which has proved life-changing for both his students and the clients they represent. In the spring, his students helped five refugees earn the right to stay in the country legally.

Before joining Seattle University School of Law in 2008, he taught at Penn State Dickinson School of Law for three years. He practiced law in Washington, D.C., focusing on international arbitration and litigation, and worked as a legal officer in association with the African regional office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. His duties included refugee status determination and the protection of rights of refugees.

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Anne Enquist honored with prestigious Burton Award



Jay Leno entertained the audience at the Burton Awards and congratulated Anne Enquist, far left, Laurel Oates '78, and Dean Annette E. Clark '89.

Receiving a prestigious national award for legal writing education, Professor Anne Enquist recognized the leadership and faculty at Seattle University School of Law. "There really is something special going on at Seattle U," she said.

Enquist received the Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education in an elegant ceremony at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., on June 9. Seattle University School of Law has had the top-ranked legal writing program in the country for the last six years in a row, and has been in the top two writing programs ever since rankings began. Enquist said Seattle University was on the "ground floor" 30 years ago in establishing legal writing as an important discipline and helped create the Legal Writing Institute, which now has more than 2,800 members.

"Anne is obviously an outstanding teacher and scholar, but what is most remarkable about her work is that she has made the best interests of her students her number one priority for the 34 years that she's been with us," Dean Annette E. Clark said in her introduction.

"She is equally effective with the students who struggle and our most gifted students, and there's no question that she's changed their lives and their careers through her teaching."

Enquist is the co-author of five acclaimed legal writing books and author of a number of widely read, highly influential articles. She served on the Editorial Board for *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* from 1994-2002 and chaired the Program Committee for the national conference of the Legal Writing Institute in 1994. She also served, for more than 20 years, as a director of LWI. She joined the faculty in 1980. Her co-author, Professor Laurel Oates, won the Burton award in 2007.

Yale Law School's Professor Noah Messing said Enquist received the award for "her influence in the field, her exceptional writings, and her rave reviews from students."

Two faculty members receive emeriti honors

Associate Dean Kristin Cheney and Reference Librarian Bob Menanteaux both retired from the law school after exemplary careers and earned faculty emeriti honors at May Commencement.



Cheney is a 1984 graduate of Seattle University School of Law and earned an M.L.S. from the University of Washington Graduate School of Library and Information Science. She was an attorney in the Pierce County and Kitsap County prosecutor's offices, interned with the United States Supreme Court Library, and worked in the law libraries at Boston University and the University of Texas at Austin.

She joined the Seattle University Law Library in 1994 as a faculty member and associate director. She became director in 1999 and associate dean for library and educational technology in 2007.

Cheney's service extended to the national level, where she held leadership positions in the American Association of Law Libraries, the Conference of Law Libraries of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, and as a member of American Bar Association reaccreditation site teams. She received the Dean's Medal in 2009.

Outside of work, she created the Seniors with Pets Assistance Program, an award-winning, Pierce County-based non-profit program to help senior citizens afford the expenses associated with caring for their pets.



Menanteaux had been a reference librarian since 1978, when he joined the law school after obtaining his M.L.S. from Syracuse University. He taught and lectured in a variety of areas and was the faculty's primary research librarian in foreign, comparative, and international law.

Menanteaux was the law school's longest serving reference librarian and worked in all three law school locations (south Tacoma, downtown Tacoma, and Sullivan Hall).



Photos by Marcus Donner

Congratulations Class of 2014

May 2014 graduates couldn't hide their excitement leading up to the ceremony. At left, Abtin Bahador waves to family and friends in the audience.

Rep. Adam Smith visits law school to rally support for clinic client

Congressman Adam Smith joined Professor Tom Antkowiak and other advocates at the law school to call for the release of Nestora Salgado-García, the U.S. citizen from Renton who has been illegally detained by Mexican authorities since Aug. 21, 2013.

Rep. Smith has requested help from Secretary of State John Kerry and said he hopes increased publicity will "shame the Mexican government into doing the right thing."

"Whatever our State Department, whatever the United States can do to pressure the Mexican government to force her release, we're willing to do," he said. "We want to get Ms. Salgado free as soon as humanly possible."

Salgado was arrested while she worked as a community police leader in her indigenous village of Olinalá. Local law and the Mexican Constitution guarantee the rights of indigenous communities to their own

security institutions. A Mexican federal judge dismissed significant criminal charges in her case in March.

"The judge recognized that she was acting legally as an authorized leader of her indigenous community," said Antkowiak, director of the International Human Rights Clinic at Seattle University School of Law, which has led international litigation on her behalf. "Nestora's ongoing detention is a flagrant violation of her most basic rights."

Mexican authorities have ignored the law and due process by detaining Salgado in a maximum-security prison, Antkowiak said. Not only has Salgado been denied access to her attorney, but a Mexican congressional delegation has reported other serious violations of due process, and the refusal of clean water and necessary medical treatment.



Rep. Adam Smith demands release for Nestora Salgado, who is being represented by the International Human Rights Clinic, led by Professor Tom Antkowiak, left.

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The congressional delegation recently visited Salgado and verified alarming detention conditions and other violations. In a public statement, the Mexican leaders denounced that she has been refused clean water and medical treatment, and has been held in virtual isolation, enduring “psychological torture.”

Nestora’s daughter, Grisel Rodriguez of Renton, appreciates the backing of Rep. Smith, the law school’s work, and the dedication of those from the Free Nestora campaign, who have rallied broad support.

“This support must lead to my mother’s release,” Rodriguez said. “She cannot survive much longer in that terrible prison.”

A broad coalition of national and international supporters has demanded Salgado’s release. The Freedom for Nestora Committee has obtained the endorsement of thousands of individuals and organizations (at Freenestora.org). The United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights are closely monitoring the case.

Summer Practice Academy offers certificates and skills

Lawyers had the opportunity to receive in-depth training in trial advocacy, legal writing, Indian law, and health law during the inaugural Summer Practice Academy.

Some of the Puget Sound area’s best trial attorneys and judges helped teach the Advanced Trial Advocacy Institute. Designed by national experts Professors Marilyn Berger and Ron Clark from Seattle University School of Law, the Institute offered a proven approach to trial practice combined with premier trial principles and strategies for every phase of trial from preparation through closing argument. The American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates cosponsored the program.

Other programs included a certificate in Legal Writing, which gave lawyers the benefit of the faculty from the country’s No. 1 program, and the chance to have individual consultations with Program Director Anne Enquist.

Certificates also were granted in health law and Indian Law.

The law school looks forward to developing a new slate of programs for next year that give participants the chance to hone their skills and improve their practice.



Stephanie Nichols '06 and Dean Annette E. Clark '89 appreciate the support of Alaska Chief Justice Dana Fabe, right, in the establishment of the Anchorage satellite campus.

Anchorage satellite campus will be at Alaska Pacific University

In another major step toward bringing legal education to Alaska, the School of Law reached an agreement to house its satellite campus at Alaska Pacific University.

The law school intends to launch its program, which will allow Alaskan students to spend summers and their entire third year in their home state, in fall 2015, pending approval by the American Bar Association. The ABA conducted a site visit at Seattle University in early May.

“We are so proud to partner with APU, and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of Alaskan students and the legal community in the state,” Dean Annette E. Clark said. “Seattle University has been committed to Alaska for over 12 years, and housing a satellite law school campus at APU is a natural extension of this commitment.”

APU President Don Bantz echoed her thoughts.

“This partnership fits perfectly with APU’s founding commitment to help Alaskans achieve higher education that contributes to Alaska’s well-being,” Bantz said. “We look forward to a long relationship with Seattle University School of Law and helping more Alaskans achieve their goal of earning a significant part of their law degree in Alaska.”

Jonathan Rubini, founder and CEO of JL Properties Inc., has made a generous gift to APU earmarked for Seattle University to house the law school’s satellite campus at APU. Mark Kroloff, a principal with First Alaskan Capital Partners, has also provided significant strategic and logistical support to the law school’s endeavor.

The law school has already formed strong ties with the Alaska Court System, the Alaska Bar Association, and individual lawyers in Alaska, the only state without its own law school. The Alaska Court System has entered into an agreement to allow the law school to use its law library as well as its courtrooms for some evening and weekend classes, and for Moot Court and other competitions.

Chief Justice Dana Fabe wrote a letter to the ABA expressing support for the program, which she says will provide training and experience to benefit lawyers who practice in Alaska and help diversify the Alaska bar. Of the approximately 4,000 lawyers in the state, Alaska Native attorneys make up only a tiny percentage.

“We anticipate that the satellite campus will open the door to legal and judicial careers to many more Alaskans and will have a direct impact on increasing diversity in our profession,” Fabe said.

Stephanie Nichols '06, who grew up in Fairbanks, oversees the development of this Alaska J.D. Program.



Grant will help study the true costs of the death penalty

Professor from Practice Bob Boruchowitz, director of the law school's Defender Initiative, and Seattle University Criminal Justice Professor Peter Collins received a \$50,000 research grant from the ACLU to study the true costs of capital punishment.

They will conduct a study to estimate costs if the death penalty were replaced with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have abolished the death penalty.

Boruchowitz leads the law school initiative to improve public defense representation. He was the director of the Defender Association for 28 years. Collins focuses on cost-benefit and evaluation, criminal law, criminal justice management and practice, and juvenile justice and corrections.

Joining the lead researchers in this first collaborative research grant between the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Law are Mark Larranaga, an adjunct professor at the law school and former head of the Death Penalty Assistance Center at The Defender Association, Criminal Justice Professor Matthew Hickman, Washington State University Professor David Brody, and senior legal consultants from private and public practice.

Faculty and staff directors and associate deans start new roles



Erica Wolf

Erica Wolf '05 is the new executive director of the Center for Indian Law and Policy. She had served as the center's managing attorney and supervising attorney of the Indian Estate Planning Project since 2006. She teaches the Indian Trusts and Estates Clinic course and is admitted to practice in Washington, California, and Alaska.

Professor Catherine O'Neill and Distinguished Indian Law Practitioner in Residence Eric Eberhard will be co-faculty directors of the Center. Eberhard is a nationally known Indian Law expert and practitioner. O'Neill's research focuses on issues of justice in environmental law and policy, particularly the effects of contamination and depletion of fish and other resources relied upon by tribes and their members, communities of color, and low-income communities.

Founding Director Doug Nash, who originally brought the Indian Estate Planning Project to the law school in 2005, has retired. The law school's Native Law Scholarship has been named for him.

At the law library, Kara Phillips has assumed the director role. She joined the faculty in 1997 and most recently served as associate director. As the recipient of a Blakemore Fellowship, she studied Mandarin Chinese at the Stanford Center in Taipei, Taiwan and was a visiting scholar at the Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Law in 2007.



Kara Phillips

Associate Dean for Library and Educational Technology Kristin Cheney '84 retired after 20 years with the law school.

Dean Annette E. Clark '89 also appointed two new faculty associate deans. Professor Steve Bender will serve as associate dean for research and faculty development, and Professor Andrew Siegel will take on a new role as associate dean for planning and strategic initiatives.

Bender is a widely published author and a national academic leader on immigration law and policy. He received the 2014 Clyde Ferguson Award from the Minority Groups Section of the Association of American Law Schools. Siegel is a constitutional law scholar who served as a clerk to Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court and practiced as a litigation associate in the New York office of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering.



Steve Bender



Andrew Siegel



FMOP attorney **Angeline Thomas '11** leads efforts to educate distressed homeowners at community meetings staffed by law students.

Foreclosure outreach project receives national recognition

A national clinical legal organization recognized Seattle University School of Law's outstanding work in helping distressed homeowners facing foreclosure.

The Foreclosure Outreach and Mediation Project (FMOP) received an honorable mention for Excellence in a Clinical Project from the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA).

CLEA is a national organization comprised of over 700 law professors and lawyers. CLEA's mission is to advocate for clinical legal education and pursue and promote justice and diversity as core values in the legal profession.

FMOP is a collaborative project between the Access to Justice Institute and the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic's Predatory Lending Clinic, in partnership with Northwest Justice Project, Columbia Legal Services, Tacoma-Pierce County Volunteer Legal Services, and other community partners. The purpose of the project is to expand outreach and foreclosure prevention services to low and moderate income homeowners in Washington State under Washington's new mediation law, the Foreclosure Fairness Act.

FMOP trains law students to work with attorneys helping vulnerable homeowners. More than 60 students have volunteered for the program, assisting attorneys representing more than 350 homeowners facing foreclosure, and contributing over 2,500 pro bono hours.

Those working on the project include FMOP attorney Angeline Thomas '11, ATJI Director Diana Singleton '98, and Professor Bryan Adamson, an FMOP co-founder who also teaches the Predatory Lending Clinic.



Professor Charles O'Kelley and the Berle Center draw international experts on corporate governance, including **Professor Margaret Blair** of Vanderbilt Law School.

Corporate law experts visit for Berle Symposium

Two internationally recognized experts in corporate law headlined a symposium this summer hosted by Seattle University School of Law's Adolf A. Berle, Jr. Center on Corporations, Law & Society.

The Sixth Annual Berle Symposium focused on Margaret Blair's and Lynn Stout's provocative work on transaction cost economics. Leading academics from around the world attended. Professor Charles O'Kelley, director of the Berle Center and a symposium author, organizes the symposia that regularly draw leaders in the field.

Blair, the Milton R. Underwood Chair in Free Enterprise at Vanderbilt Law School, is an economist who focuses on management law and finance. Stout, a distinguished professor of corporate and business law at Cornell Law School, is a highly regarded expert in the fields of corporate governance, securities regulation, financial derivatives, law and economics, and moral behavior. Together, the two published an article, "A Team Production Theory of Corporate Law," asserting that maximizing shareholder wealth should not be the principal goal of corporate law. Instead, directors of public corporations should also consider the welfare of managers, employees, and other groups such as creditors or the local community. This article has become a classic in corporate law theory, and formed the backdrop for Berle VI.

Among the esteemed guests were Professors Diane Lourdes Dick and Russell Powell of Seattle University School of Law.

O'Kelley said the symposium has the potential for long-lasting influence in the field of corporate law. Papers will be published as the Sixth Berle Symposium by the Seattle University Law Review.

Rising from the Ravages

BY CLIFF VILLA

Cliff Villa, an adjunct professor teaching disaster law and environmental law at Seattle University School of Law and an attorney for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, traveled to the Philippines to mark the reopening of the School of the SEA (Sea and Earth Advocates). This article does not necessarily reflect official views of the EPA or the United States.

Here is his account of the remarkable trip.

About midmorning, the fishing boats begin to arrive on the beach, wave after wave pulling up onto the white sands from all directions of the Visayan Sea. The local fisher folks, with their numbers swelling above 175 watercrafts, are coming to share in this jubilant day of celebration on Bantayan Island, the Philippines.

The fisher folks are joined on the beach this glorious morning by a dizzying convergence of community leaders, family, and friends. We are here to celebrate and mark a special occasion and promise delivered: the rising of the School of the SEA (Sea and Earth Advocates) from the ravages of Typhoon Yolanda last November.

When Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan in the U.S.) made landfall in the Philippines on Nov. 8, 2013, it struck with a fury never seen anywhere before, with record wind speeds leveling a direct hit on the Visayas Region of the Philippines, laying waste to the city of Tacloban and to countless other towns. With more than 6,200 lives lost, it was the deadliest Philippine typhoon on record.

As this major disaster unfolded, I was teaching my course in Disaster Law at Seattle University School of Law. My students and I monitored the media for regular updates on the typhoon response, and Yolanda became a recurring subject of discussion in class. By the end of the semester, it became clear that the human impacts of Yolanda deserved more than talk in the classroom: this was a cause that demanded action. What emerged was a benefit concert featuring Filipino-American pop star A.J. Rafael, hosted by the Seattle University Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability. Proceeds went to help rebuild an extraordinary environmental education center on Bantayan Island known as the School of the SEA. While everyone associated with the school survived the typhoon, five of the seven school buildings did not. The news of the school's devastation elicited support from law professors around the globe, both in contributions for reconstruction and in thoughts and prayers for the founder of the school, the renowned lawyer and law professor Tony Oposa, Jr.

"Attorney Oposa," as he is known on the island, ranks as one of the luminaries of international environmental law, known to lawyers, scholars, and jurists around the world. He is perhaps known best as the brilliant architect of *Minors Oposa v. Factoran*, a case in which Oposa represented his own children and 40 other children from all over the Philippines as plaintiffs concerned with the extinction of virgin forests in their country. His victory led to the groundbreaking *Oposa Doctrine*, which says the current generation owes a duty to our kids to protect their future world.

On April 16, 2014, I flew to the Philippines as an invited guest. What followed was not so much assistance from me but my own education on the frontlines of disaster recovery. I observed the hundreds of families still living in tents provided by the UN Refugee Agency, but I also learned of one industrious nonprofit organization, Young Pioneer Disaster Response (www.yppdr.org), helping local carpenters build permanent, climate-resilient houses on the island for \$700 in materials. I



People of all ages and walks of life celebrated the reopening of SEA Camp on Bantayan Island.

learned of visionary leaders such as Governor Alfredo Marañon, who supported efforts 40 years ago to restore the mangrove forests that helped protect shorelines in the Visayas region from greater damage by Yolanda. I learned about successful efforts to convert illegal fishers to fish wardens, to retrain fisher folks as eco-tour guides, and to encourage resort operators to preserve natural areas.

On April 21, 2014, all these people and many more, by sea and by land, converged upon the School of the SEA in celebration of its rising again from the devastation of Typhoon Yolanda. The day featured speeches and hands-on demonstrations of the many activities supported by this wonderful institution, such as the construction of "fish condos" using native materials to be sunk in the sea and serve as artificial reefs to help restore the native coral damaged by illegal dynamite fishing and the destructive Yolanda sea surge. Activities included tours on a glass-bottomed boat constructed with materials costing less than \$1,000. (Funding from the Seattle University benefit concert, in fact, will help capitalize a micro-loan program in which local entrepreneurs can borrow money to build their own glass-bottomed boats and repay the loan with income from future ecotourism ventures.)

Finally, in addition to a great feast featuring local flora and fauna, the day of celebration included the relaunching of a boat stranded on the sands by Yolanda; with ropes, poles,



Adjunct Professor Cliff Villa and Attorney Tony Oposa, Jr.

and a small army of muscle, the 40-foot vessel was wrestled down the beach and back into the water, to begin a new life donated to the cause of fishing patrols.

On the following day, Earth Day 2014, the School of the SEA reopened as "SEA Camp" to reflect the adaptability needed to survive in our changing climate. Reflecting the primary mission of SEA Camp, the Earth Day reopening featured an eco-walk of the school nature preserve guided by six local kids, ages 9 to 12. With shining smiles and beaming confidence, they became our teachers, presenting things they had learned about the local plants and birds, urban gardens, aquaculture, composting, water conservation, solar power, and other elements of a sustainable world. In a time and place where desperate poverty remains and future Yolandas loom, these kids – Julius, Wilman, Angel, Cris, Almero, and Jerold – may be the best hope for the Philippines, and indeed, the world.



MAY GRADUATES EARN PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIPS

Three 2014 graduates received fellowships to do important work in the areas of education, juvenile justice, and public policy.



MARISA ORDONIA

Leadership for Justice Fellowship

Marisa Ordonia was a talented student in high school, but as a queer student of color, she found the environment often felt oppressive and considered dropping out.

Her parents and school administrators saw her tremendous potential and encouraged her to try Running Start, in which she was able to take college classes while still in high school. She ended up becoming the first person in her immediate family to get a bachelor's degree and the first person in her extended family to go to law school. Now, as the Leadership for Justice Fellow, she hopes to give second chances to incarcerated youth, most of whom don't have the opportunities she did.

Ordonia '14 was selected for the two-year fellowship to work with TeamChild on The ReConnect Project, which will help incarcerated youth returning to their communities through direct legal representation and policy work to break down legal and societal barriers to success.

Seattle University School of Law is the only law school in the state to offer a post-graduate fellowship. This fellowship was made possible through a gift from social justice champions Jim Degel '80 and his wife, Jeanne Berwick.

During her time in law school, she served as an extern for the Washington Appellate Project, King County Superior Court Judge Mary Yu, and the Northwest Justice Project and interned with the Unemployment Law Project. Ordonia has also been an active board member of the Incarcerated Mothers Advocacy Project (IMAP) since her first year in law school. Ordonia's work with incarcerated parents was particularly significant in envisioning The ReConnect Project, as IMAP works with people who face a variety of legal barriers and access to justice issues.

"I do not want to minimize the fact that some of the youth I will be working with have committed very serious crimes," Ordonia said. "But as a society we are beginning to embrace the notion that people, especially kids, deserve second chances and should not suffer lifelong consequences of criminal convictions and long periods of incarceration."

Youth released from custody can face restrictions on where they can live, barriers to school enrollment, disruptions in medical care, or termination of public benefits. Even well-laid plans for housing, education, treatment, and other support can easily unravel. Ordonia will provide direct legal representation and work on policy changes - with input from youth.

Ever since teaching special education and literacy to kids in New Orleans, Quinn Dennehy '14 has been dedicated to finding the right balance of education and legal know-how to make life better for children who “fall through the cracks” because they have trouble with the law.

This fall, Dennehy will begin a prestigious Zuckerman Fellowship at Harvard University, working toward a master's in education policy. He was one of only 15 fellows in the country selected for the program.

Combined, his law degree and fellowship will allow him to pursue a meaningful career in educational reform. “Law is all about the nuts and bolts of how things work,” he said. “With a good understanding of administrative law and the criminal justice system, you can implement good educational policies from a more sophisticated and nuanced perspective.”

The program fosters communication and sharing ideas across various professions and academic disciplines.

Dennehy, who said “I never thought I was going to get this,” is most excited about the co-curricular aspect of the program and learning from other professionals who are committed to public service.

“By talking to each other, we can create real solutions to real problems,” he said.

The Zuckerman Fellowship provides recipients with full tuition and health insurance fees plus a stipend of \$16,000 for one year. Fellows are selected for their leadership abilities, intellectual and academic achievement, and commitment to public service.

While at law school, Dennehy served as managing editor of the *Seattle Journal for Social Justice*, a member of the Moot Court Board, and a member of the advisory board for the Seattle University Youth Initiative. He was the student speaker at May Commencement. He completed his undergraduate studies in sociology and theater arts at Loyola University in New Orleans.



QUINN DENNEHY

*Zuckerman Fellowship
Harvard University*



FATIMA DILEK

Presidential Management Fellowship

Fatima Dilek grew up in Germany in a Turkish family but attended high school, college, and law school in the United States. She dreamed of a career in the Foreign Service where she could use her abundant language skills. Now she's one step closer to that goal after winning a two-year Presidential Management Fellowship.

The highly selective fellowship is part of a leadership development program for people with advanced degrees who are interested in federal public service.

Dilek is the only law student in the state of Washington to receive a fellowship this year. After completing the bar exam, she started to focus on which federal agency she will join, and has her eyes on the Department of State. She sees a career in U.S. government as a way to give back to a country that has provided her with so many opportunities.

“I believe that anything is possible. The opportunities are there. You just have to reach for them,” she said. “I'm dedicated to public service because I want to be able to

reach out to people who need help pursuing their dreams. I want to be there. I want to be that person.”

Dilek came to the United States as a 16-year-old high school exchange student and lived with a host family in Oregon. She then moved to Eastern Washington to participate in Running Start, the accelerated college entrance program, at Yakima Valley Community College. She later attended both North Seattle Community College and University of Washington, where she graduated in 2008 with a degree in political science.

After college, Dilek worked as a personal banker at Bank of America, where one of her customers was Eric Steinecker, an SU law student who encouraged her to pursue a J.D. Steinecker became a mentor to her, and himself earned a Presidential Management Fellowship in 2011.

COVER





FAMILY LAW

Alumni keep Seattle U legal education all in the family

BY CLAUDINE BENMAR

On the wall in Joseph Quinn's office hangs a picture from one of the proudest moments of his legal career. He, his wife, and their two young sons stand on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court after Quinn argued a case there in 1986. Quinn's son Eric was just 4 years old.

"He almost got kicked out because he was being too loud," Quinn laughs. "I'm sure he doesn't remember that at all."

It's true – Eric Quinn doesn't recall fidgeting in the hallowed halls of the Supreme Court. But something about his father's love of the law took hold. More than two decades later, he followed in his dad's footsteps to the same profession, by way of the same law school.

Joseph Quinn '76 graduated with the law school's third-ever class. Eric Quinn earned his J.D. in 2013. Today, father and son practice together, specializing in representing fire districts. Known as the "Firehouse Lawyer," Joseph Quinn rents office space in the headquarters of Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One.

Numerous alumni of Seattle University School of Law find fellow graduates not just at alumni events and happy hours, but also across the dinner table. Moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and many spouses share Seattle U as their law alma mater. Some even go into practice together.

In the Quinns' case, law is literally the family business. The two lawyers already have a succession plan in place for when Joseph is ready to retire.

Eric figured out early on how much he could learn from his dad. They had weekly conversations about what Eric was learning in law school, and those talks helped him understand even more than what he learned in the classroom.

Opposite: Joseph Quinn '76 built a career as the "Firehouse Lawyer", representing municipal fire districts from leased office space in various fire stations. His current office is in Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One, where a 1945 Ford fire engine adds a touch of nostalgia. His son, Eric Quinn '13, now practices with him.

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– Andrew Ondrak '10



“I’d call to ask him questions, like ‘What is an options contract?’ and he would start talking about what he does, using examples from his own work,” Eric says. “The more I talked to my dad, the more I came to appreciate the challenges and diversity of issues that he deals with every day.”

Students like Eric choose Seattle University for many of the same reasons other students do – top-ranked legal writing program, outstanding faculty, commitment to social justice, and entry into the Seattle job market. But it certainly helps to have a family member give the thumbs-up.

Or several family members.

Kelsey Ondrak, currently a second-year law student, was preceded at Seattle University by not one, not two, but three older siblings. “I always joke that our family bought the carpet,” says Erin Ondrak ’12, sitting down for an interview with her sisters and brother at Sullivan Hall.

In fact, three of the Ondraks followed in such quick succession that they were able to save the same locker for each other. “I was tempted to etch ‘Ondrak Family Locker’ on the inside,” Erin says, laughing.

The four siblings grew up in the small town of Lexington, Nebraska. Sarah (Ondrak) Smith ’07 was the first to head west for her undergraduate studies at the University of Washington, and one by one, her siblings all moved to Seattle, fell in love with the city, and wanted to stay.

“I considered other Jesuit law schools on the West Coast, but I knew that I wanted to practice in Seattle,” says Andrew Ondrak ’10, who currently handles issues of employment, corporate structure, and tax for a small finance firm. “Jobs here really depend on the connections you make during law school.”

The Ondrak siblings practice very different types of law – Sarah does wills and estates at Mullavey, Prout, Grenley & Foe, LLP while Erin works in athletic compliance at the University of Washington, and Kelsey’s back-

ground is accounting – but they all trace their interest in law back to the family dynamic of their Nebraska childhood.

“Our dinner table is always loud and raucous, and we talk over each other,” Andrew says. “As kids, we always had issue-based discussions. We were encouraged to have opinions and really debate them.”

Their mother worried that they might get overly competitive if all four of them went into the same profession, but the Ondraks say the opposite has been true. They try to support and encourage each other.

“We do compete constantly, over little things, but professionally no,” says Erin. “In the law you’re already dealing with enough competition from your peers. The last thing you want to worry about is a sibling.”

Raul García '99 and his younger brother Carlos '08 are also siblings without rivalry. They practice immigration and criminal law

together – García & García, Attorneys at Law – with offices in three cities in Texas. Carlos's wife, Elizabeth Alvarado, graduated in 2006.

The two men came to Seattle University from their hometown of McAllen, Texas, drawn by the school's mission of social justice.

“I saw my brother making a difference in people's lives and I knew that I wanted to do the same,” Carlos says. “Raul told me about the great professors and mentors that helped him during his time in law school. I found many of those people still at the school.”

Both lawyers credit the law school's Academic Resource Center for their success in school.

The García brothers stay in close communication for their work, and tend to think about cases in the same way, since they grew up together and went to the same law school.

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- Carlos García '08

Opposite: The close-knit Ondrak family (back: Sarah '07 and Andrew '10; front: Erin '12 and Kelsey, class of '16) appreciate the community spirit of the law school.

Right: Carlos '08, left, and Raul '99 Garcia returned for the 25th anniversary of the Academic Resource Center in 2011.





Above: Tacoma attorney P. Craig Beetham '89 (far right) says he happily recommended Seattle U when his sons Brett '08 (left) and Scott '06 (center) expressed an interest in law school. "We're a close family, so staying in the area was important," he says. (Photo by Matt Hagen, 2008)

"The biggest advantage is that we went to a school that preaches social justice and requires excellence," Carlos says.

"We work with very vulnerable communities who entrust us with their lives. SU taught us to always advocate for our clients in a just manner. I feel that part of the reason we want our practice to always push the envelope on behalf of our clients is because of our community at SU. There are so many creative and talented students at that law school that mediocrity is not an option."

Another set of brothers – Adam '08 and Kevin '10 Jussel from Twin Falls, Idaho – leaned on each other during law school. Adam said the arrival of his little brother, Kevin, kept him on track during his final year.

"Having Kevin at school during the same time was a grounding experience," Adam says. "It caused me to remain humble, work harder, and refocus on my academics when, during my third year, all I wanted to do was play basketball at the recreation center."

Adam now serves as director of Student Standards and Accountability at Washington State University. Kevin is an associate with Curran Law Firm in Kent.

While in law school, the brothers swapped complaints and triumphs, compared notes on classes, went for drinks after particularly rough weeks, and played intramural sports on campus. They even shared an apartment.

Brothers Brett '08 and Scott '06 Beetham were inspired by their dad, P. Craig Beetham '89.

Beetham attended evening classes while working as a Puyallup high school teacher and speech and debate coach. He practices personal injury and family law as a member at Eisenhower Carlson in Tacoma.

Two of his three sons followed him to Seattle University School of Law.

"I think it was growing up with a father who was a lawyer that started me toward that profession," says Brett, who practices with his wife, Thanh Tran '08, at Beetham Tran in Renton. Like his dad, Brett focuses on family and personal injury law.

"I kept pursuing the law because there are characteristics of the profession not offered in many fields. The law evolves and offers new intellectual challenges, you get to work with

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– P. Craig Beetham '89

a variety of people, and it's competitive and often rewards hard work."

"The law really has become the family business," says Scott, who focuses on commercial and real estate transactions as well as wills, trusts, and estates at Hanson Baker Ludlow Drumheller in Bellevue.

Their youngest brother, Ben, didn't go to law school but is a courtroom deputy and clerk with the federal courts.

"We talk about law, probably too much," Brett says. "Sorry Mom."

Craig Beetham says he didn't suggest that his sons go into law, but rather led by example.

"I had discussions with them about what I liked about the law, and I probably exhibited a lot of enthusiasm for what I did," he says. "I just wanted what every parent wants for their kids, for them to be happy. And I always told them that you need to love something to be good at it."

Once they decided on law, he says, recommending a law school was easy. "The law school always seemed to me to be a very supportive, human administration, where everybody is approachable and knows you on a first-name basis," says Craig, a founding member of the Law Alumni Board. "I've learned that kind of interpersonal relationship is really the key to success."

In supporting his sons through their studies, Craig Beetham jokes that he felt like he was in law school "for 15 years." The reward? Watching his kids grow and thrive in a profession that he's found so personally rewarding.

"All of us attorneys mentor – or should mentor," he says. "It just happens that two of my mentees are my sons."

Did you and another member of your family attend Seattle U for law school?

We'd love to hear about it! Share your story by commenting on this article at our blog:

lawblogs.seattleu.edu/lawyer

Left: Kevin '10 and Adam '08 Jussel not only attended the same law school, but also both earned degrees in business administration from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif. **Right:** When asked, at the age of 6, what he wanted to be when he grew up, Scott Beetham had a legal career already in mind.





A heart for mentoring

Catherine Romero '96 helped develop a program that bolsters Latina/o students

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND HANSEN

Catherine Romero has flourished in her legal career focusing on intellectual property law, but she realized she was one of only a handful of Latina/o lawyers working in that area of the law.

In fact, the Hispanic National Bar Association estimates that only 4 percent of practicing attorneys are of Hispanic descent, and only a fraction of those practice IP law. Romero, a member of the Latina Commission of the Hispanic National Bar Association and a senior attorney at Microsoft, collaborated with her Microsoft colleagues and the HNBA to do something to increase those numbers.

What developed was the HNBA/Microsoft IP Law Institute in Washington D.C., an extraordinary program that immerses students in IP law, introduces them to incredible mentors and allows them to make valuable contacts. This summer, three students from Seattle University School of Law were among the 25 selected nationwide for the second Institute class: Al Mullins, Leticia Hernandez, and Maria Saldana.

"Everyone involved in running this program is committed to our success," said Mullins '14. "That's really special, especially in an area of law with few Latino attorneys. This experience fueled my passion and opened my eyes to opportunities I never knew existed in the area of intellectual property."

That's just what the organizers had in mind when they conceived the program.

"Innovation is the lifeblood of the U.S. economy and IP law is an increasingly important factor in America's future economic strength. Yet statistics show that Hispanic lawyers are underrepresented in the field of IP law," said Horacio Gutierrez, corporate vice president and deputy general counsel for Microsoft, which contributed \$200,000 to fund the Institute. "The low numbers suggest a lack of understanding about IP law, a lack of role models, and a misconception about the skills and background needed to practice in the IP field."

More often than not, Latino law students have obstacles others students do not, Romero said. Many are the first in their families to attend law school or college.

“Our selected IPLI Scholars have a lot of skills, and they really fought to be where they are, but they don’t have the connections in the legal field,” she said. “I review every application, and we really look at the whole person. They may not have straight As, but they clearly have the drive.”

Nearly all of the 3Ls from last year’s inaugural program found jobs, Romero said, and the 2Ls secured great internships. That’s thanks to the outstanding skills and contacts they make in the program, including law firm mentors that are assigned to each student. Students were exposed to fields such as patents, copyrights, trade secrets, and trademarks.

They met with Congressional staff working on IP law and visited agencies such as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Copyright Office, the Federal Trade Commission, International Trade Commission, and IP practitioners at law firms. They heard oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and met with the Hon. Jimmie V. Reyna. They lived on the campus of George Washington University and attended IP law lectures at the GW Law School. All costs for attending the program were covered.

Twelve national law firms provide support and mentors. Each student was paired with a mentor from one of the firms, who provides guidance and support.

Maria Saldana ’14 said she appreciated the introduction to judges and to some of the leading lawyers in IP law.

“I returned with more confidence in my abilities to practice IP law, new mentors, and a feeling of connectedness to the IP law community,” Saldana said. “I trust that in the future when I confront a difficult question, my mentors will be responsive to my call. Having that type of a connection to the legal network is worth a lot to a law student like me.”

The program participants develop camaraderie and stay in touch with each other. Alex



From left: Leticia Hernandez, Al Mullins, and Maria Saldana visited the U.S. Supreme Court during their time in D.C. Photos by Rodney Choice.

Villegas, a Seattle U 2L who attended the inaugural program last year, reached out to this year’s students. He is a part-time student who works full-time as an IT Audit Manager for Microsoft’s Internal Audit department. He appreciates the relationship he built through the program and reached out to his fellow students who went this year.

“The HNBA/IPLI facilitated a unique opportunity to build lifetime networking relationships with inspirational individuals who share a similar cultural background and have a passion for intellectual property law,” he said.

Romero gets to know each of the students before and during the program and she stays in touch with many of them.

“You have a really good group of students at SU. They’re all kind of my mentees,” said Romero, who has in the past taught a mergers and acquisitions lab at the law school as an adjunct professor and stayed connected to the law school that helped her toward her goals.

A single mom of two daughters, Romero said she found herself encouraging other single moms going through law school. Several have doubts or have been criticized for going to law school when they had children.

“They told me it was great to see that you can be a single mom and a successful attorney,” Romero said. “People told them they couldn’t do it, or they feel guilty. For Latina women, that can be a hurdle.”

A Stanford graduate, Romero was an engineer at Boeing for seven years before going to law school. After graduating, she worked for Perkins Coie before running her own firm that provided legal services to Microsoft. She worked in-house for T-Mobile before joining Microsoft. Though she has an engineering background, she stresses to students they don’t need a technical background to practice IP law – just the interest and the drive.

Romero knows about tenacity – both in her work and in her life. A lifelong runner, Romero suffered a stroke and was diagnosed with a heart condition 11 years ago at age 39. A triathlete, she suddenly had trouble walking. She slowly recovered and re-learned to run with the help of a couple of really good friends. She has resumed running marathons, doing triathlons, and she is a spokesperson for the American Stroke Association and American Heart Association and works with them to educate people and encourage healthy lifestyles.

“Making a difference in people’s lives is so rewarding. I really value the opportunities I’ve been given to help people struggling with health issues and to help Latino/a students to break barriers into the legal field,” Romero said. “What I’m really excited about is five or 10 years from now when there’s this huge network of Hispanic lawyers all over the country who have been through our IPLI program, and they can all help each other out.”

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- Catherine Romero '96

MAKING AN IMPACT

Brian Howe '09 promotes impact entrepreneurship

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND HANSEN

Looking for a spot to sit down for a conversation with a visitor, Impact Hub Seattle founder Brian Howe winds through rooms full of people busily working at long tables, tapping on laptops in front of huge monitors, printing pages, and talking on the phone. Some sip coffee. One woman has a jar of peanut butter in front of her.

Walking upstairs, downstairs, through the vast Pioneer Square office space with exposed brick walls and wooden beams running along high ceilings, Howe '09 goes past conference rooms filled with people holding meetings – sometimes with their dog in attendance.

“I should have made a reservation,” Howe said. Like others who use the innovative coworking and event venue, he shares space with hundreds of Impact Hub members.

But he wouldn't have it any other way. Howe envisioned bringing people together to turn ideas into reality and to encourage entrepreneurship that benefits the community. And it has taken off and generated buzz throughout the city.

In the three years since he opened a one-room office, Impact Hub and its partners have grown to fill 50,000 square feet in the historic Pioneer Square building that once housed Masin's Furniture. Impact Hub Seattle has more than 600 members – and the capacity for 1,000 – and several partners who occupy dedicated office space. An Eastside location is set to open in Kirkland this fall.

“What's incredible is that the community showed up,” Howe said. “It's not what we created, it's what they created. The platform is meaningless by itself.”

Howe's top priorities are creating an engaged community and supporting purpose-driven ventures. He calls it “impact entrepreneurship,” which



Brian Howe '09 credits the community for the rapid growth of Impact Hub Seattle.

means helping for-profit companies consider the social and environmental impact of their business practices, and pushing philanthropists and nonprofits to become self-sustaining through collaboration and more efficient business models.

His steps to getting to those lofty goals are pretty simple. He figured people need three things to do their work: hassle-free Internet, a place to sit, and good coffee.

"If we don't do that right, we wouldn't get anywhere," he said.

There's more to it, of course. People need space for collaboration, for private meetings, and for events. Some need to make connections, other need guidance. Members can choose a variety of options, from coming once a month to having 24-hour access to the desks, Internet, and other services. There are events, educational programs, and networking opportunities to choose from.

Impact Hub has a seven-person team, and a roster of 20 hosts, with two on duty to check people in. Hosts interview every new member to find out their goals and needs, so connections can be made.

"If you avail yourself of the resources, there's an abundance of them," Howe said. "We see a lot of our members hiring each other, launching businesses, partnering up. That's really exciting for us. That's how we measure success."

Howe's passion for impact entrepreneurship was born while he was a student at Seattle University School of Law. With its focus on social justice and its Jesuit roots – "it couldn't have been a better training ground," he said.

He came to law school with a master's degree in global development and plans to pursue international human rights law. The Community Development and Entrepreneurship Clinic he took in his third year changed his mind – and the way people do business in Seattle.

The clinic pairs students with a mentor from the SU MBA program and they work to help entrepreneurs bring their ideas to fruition. He "fell in love" with entrepreneurs and particularly the theme of impact entrepreneurship.

"The people we were supporting had the opportunity to improve their own lives," he said.

With a new career path in mind, Howe founded his own firm, Vox Legal, and became one of a few attorneys in the country focused on working with impact entrepreneurs. He connected with like-minded lawyers doing similar innovative work.

Feeling increasingly pulled toward the business and entrepreneurship side of things, he turned his clients over to fellow SU Law grads Peter Smith '10, Eric Camm '05 and Michele Rasmussen '04, partners at Apex Law

It's a lot of fun. It keeps me incredibly energized."

- Brian Howe '09

Group. Amy Whiting Riedel '13 is an associate, and Howe remains of counsel at the firm.

Howe heard about the Impact Hub network in other cities, and went to work establishing a grassroots work sharing space – a sort of "clubhouse for my friends." He dedicated himself to finding investors and creating partnerships. Also sharing the building, known overall as 220 and Change, are Social Venture Partners, which invests in nonprofits tackling societal problems, and Pinchot, which offers graduate programs focused on sustainability.

Howe specializes in working with profitable companies who measure their worth by more than the profits. In some cases that means environmental stability, in others creating jobs or investing in the community. One example is Unitus Seed Fund, which invests in startups serving large, underserved low-income populations and has offices at Impact Hub.

"Our definition of 'good' is broad but still meaningful," Howe said. "Structurally we're agnostic to what's the best way to have an impact."

Impact Hub Seattle is also involved in programs aimed at accelerating companies with a conscience, like Fledge, which invites seven companies twice a year to take part in a 10-week program to solidify their plans.

Howe says the importance of companies being socially conscious is not purely altruistic – it's good business. Those who consider their impact on the environment, their employees, and the community thrive, said Howe, who has taught as an adjunct at the law school. He teaches at several undergrad universities and serves as Entrepreneur in Residence at the University of Washington Center for Commercialization. He has presented at several CLE and Social Justice Monday programs at the law school about his work and ways to create more impact entrepreneurs.

"It's a lot of fun. It keeps me incredibly energized," he said. "I get the best of both worlds – we're doing good and doing well."

Out & About

We love connecting alumni with each other, faculty, students, and their law school. We've had events at Sullivan Hall and in the community, including Sidebar Happy Hour receptions in Seattle and Tacoma. We hope to see you soon at one of our many upcoming programs. Who knows? You might see your face in the Out & About section of the next issue!



D.C. ALUMNI Yair Inspektor '11 and Archita Taylor '13 are leading the effort to bring law alumni in the D.C. Metro area together, including a happy hour in Dupont Circle in July. Pictured from left are Inspektor, Kyle Schipper '15, Joel Wolf '10, Sarabeth Zemel '04, Matthew Dick '16, K.J. Bagchi '11, Pooja Vaddadi '15, David Goldfarb '09, and Sara Taboada '16.



HAPPY HOUR Jean Homan '97, Superior Court Judge Stephanie Arend '88, Dena Alo-Colbeck '96, and Jennifer Taylor '96 were happy to be part of the crowd at the Tacoma Sidebar Happy Hour.



MAKING CONNECTIONS Christina Scott '17, an ARC 1L student who is also a mother of three and a former Miss Washington, chats with Law Alumni Board member Art Wang '84.



CELEBRATING SERVICE M. Lorena Gonzalez '05 received the Seattle University Community Service Award in April. Joining her at the ceremony were her family and close friends including law grads Fé Lopez '06, C.J. Valdez '05, Emily Gonzalez '10, and Malou Chavez '10.



AWARD WINNERS Malou Chavez '10 and Emily Gonzalez '10, both honorees at the 2014 Latina/o Community Awards, and Supreme Court Justice Steven Gonzalez listen on as Professor Bob Chang accepts his award.

Photos by Jennifer Richard.

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Thanks to the dedication, passion, and action of our generous alumni and friends, investors and volunteers alike, Seattle University School of Law benefited from your partnership and celebrated our 40th graduating class, the Class of 2014.

Our Report of Giving, to be delivered by year's end, will highlight the impact of your support and allow us to recognize the **783 investors who generously contributed to our law school** during the previous fiscal year.

We offer our sincere thanks for your support.

Spring Forward with the Office of Advancement

Are you one of our graduates from 1977, 1987, 1997, or 2007?

Stay tuned for more information about the law school's Spring Reunion Day 2015. We encourage you to come to Sullivan Hall to reconnect with your law school classmates and meet other alums. This event also serves as a special time to connect with 1Ls from the Class of 2017 to offer your support, mentorship, and professional advice.

We are recruiting class members to join the reunion planning committee. If you would like to volunteer and help make this event a success, please contact lawalumni@seattleu.edu.

LAW ALUMNI BOARD

Passing of the Gavel

From Outgoing President Craig Sims '97



It has been my distinct honor to lead the Law Alumni Board of Seattle University School of Law, which has given so much to me and my fellow graduates. As I end my two-year term as president, I want to thank my fellow board members and our committee chairs for their amazing leadership.

I also want to thank our committed alumni, who volunteer their time to support our students, who contribute financially to the law school, and who strengthen the law school and the legal community. It has been rewarding to see so many alumni at law school events and watch them become more involved in our law school.

I now pass the gavel to incoming President Jennifer Shaw '87, and am excited for how the board and the law school will thrive under her leadership. She cares deeply about the law school and has been an active member of the alumni community for years.

I encourage all my fellow alumni to find the best way to become involved. I know first-hand – there are many ways we can make a difference.

From New President Jennifer Shaw '87



I am privileged to follow Craig Sims as president. I have long admired Craig's commitment to our school and our legal community, and I hope to be a similarly strong leader.

LAB members are experienced, dedicated, and enthusiastic supporters of SU Law School. But to succeed as an organization and to carry out our commitment to the student and alumni of our school, we need your help. Our more than 10,000 alumni are thriving in every area of the law, business, government, the judiciary, public interest and other careers, working in every state and around the world, and have much to offer the law school. I am grateful to the many alumni who already volunteer. Over the next two years, I will work with my fellow board members to increase alumni engagement and find even more opportunities for alumni to participate.

As an alumni community, we need to continue to support students as mentors and support our graduates by making SU Law School a hub for networking, continued learning, and career advice. I look forward to working with you all and seeing many more of you in the coming years!



Read more about LAB's work and members at www.law.seattleu.edu/lab

10 WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

1

VOLUNTEER. We are a vibrant alumni community made better by volunteers like you. Work with our students and recent graduates in areas that mean most to you, such as Admission Ambassador, mock interviewer, Moot Court coach or judge, Job Shadow host, or Access to Justice Institute mentor. E-mail lawalumni@seattleu.edu

2

STAY CURRENT. Update your contact information to stay informed about law school communications including important alumni, events, programs and volunteer opportunities. www.law.seattleu.edu/alumniupdate

3

ENGAGE WITH CPD. Our Center for Professional Development always seeks input from alumni and appreciates learning of any job openings to share with students and graduates. CPD is also here to help with your job search strategies and career transitions. E-mail lawcareers@seattleu.edu

4

SOCIALIZE AT A SIDEBAR. Our Sidebar receptions provide an informal and easy setting for alums to catch up with the law school and each other. Find information about Sidebars near you at www.law.seattleu.edu/alumni

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ATTEND A CLE. Our innovative and top-notch CLEs deliver relevant and practical content to alums at a discounted rate, and the on-demand webinar list is extensive. Review the offerings at www.law.seattleu.edu/cle

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SHARE YOUR NEWS. Let us celebrate your accomplishments by submitting a Class Note for publication in the Lawyer. www.law.seattleu.edu/classnotesform

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PARTICIPATE. Check out our thought-provoking and entertaining events open to all alumni at www.law.seattleu.edu/calendar. We look forward to seeing you at the law school or in the community soon.

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CHECK IT OUT. The Law Library is available to the alumni community, and a library card with check out privileges is only \$25. Your dedicated librarians are here for you. Visit www.law.seattleu.edu/library

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CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA. The law school's active Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn channels are a great way to learn what's going on and share your thoughts and ideas with each other and the law school. www.law.seattleu.edu/connect

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MAKE A GIFT. Realize your goal of ensuring the law school's future success. If you can, make a gift to the Annual Fund for Excellence at www.law.seattleu.edu/giving or consider joining the Legacy Society.



Upcoming Events

September 11

Eastside Sidebar Happy Hour
El Gaucho, Bellevue

September 17

3L/4L Mentorship Program
Orientation & Reception
Sullivan Hall

September 25

Washington State & Federal
Swearing-In Ceremony
*Federal Courthouse,
Union Station, Tacoma*

October 14

Red Mass & Reception
*Chapel of St. Ignatius
and Sullivan Hall*

October 23

Washington D.C. SU Law
Alumni CLE & Reception

November 6

Olympia Sidebar Happy Hour
Waterstreet Café

November 20

Seattle Sidebar Happy Hour
Blueacre Seafood

Meet Your Advancement Team

There are some new and some familiar faces on the law school's Advancement team.

Patricia McCowan is the new chief advancement officer for the School of Law. She brings extensive fund-raising and management experience, most recently with the University of Washington School of Public Health. The law school's advancement efforts will flourish with her leadership and vision.

Bahareh Samanian '02 was named director of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund in June. As a proud alumna and former director of employee relations in the Center for Professional Development, Bahareh has great contacts and looks forward to connecting with more alumni to further develop the law school's alumni resources and annual fund.

Satcha Dearborn Graham, Joan Knight and **Katie Carcamo** are the familiar faces who bring their collective talents and skills to complete the picture. We all look forward to helping you realize your passions and visions through meaningful engagement and impactful giving.

Feel free to contact any one of us.



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David and Linda Strout '79 are co-chairing the new Legacy Society Leadership Committee.

 [Learn more about the Legacy Society
www.law.seattleu.edu/giving/major-gifts/planned-gifts](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/giving/major-gifts/planned-gifts)

Legacy Society works to ensure future gifts

The Legacy Society is a group of alumni, faculty, and friends who recognize the impact of philanthropic planning and have included the School of Law in their wills or other gift planning arrangements. Members of the law school's newly formed Legacy Society Leadership Committee gathered at Sullivan Hall recently to discuss ways to inspire alumni, faculty and friends to invest in the school by including SU Law in their estate plans.

Committee co-chairs Linda Strout '79 and David Strout '79 welcomed fellow committee members Nancy Cahill '84, Amy Lewis '92, A. Colby Parks '92, Professor John Strait, and Eva Mitchell, former director of alumni relations.

Please contact us if you have already provided for Seattle University School of Law in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary designation so that we may recognize your generosity. Contact Heather Williams '07, Joan Duffy Watt, or Pat McCowan at Seattle University if you would like to learn more about the impact of philanthropic planning and becoming a member of the Seattle University School of Law Legacy Society.

1974

Michael Cesarano, a partner with the intellectual property law firm of Feldman Gale, received the Dade County Bar Association's Life Membership Certificate, recognizing his 34 years as an active, contributing member.



1980

Catherine L. Walker, senior vice president and general counsel

of REI, was named Outstanding Corporate Counsel for a private company with more than 10,000 employees by the Puget Sound Business Journal.

1983

Garth Schlemlein is a principal along with Michael Scruggs '89 at Schlemlein Goetz Fick & Scruggs, PLLC, which was named by Seattle Business Magazine as one of Washington's 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2014. The SODO-based law firm has many alumni, including Colleen Cody '11, Mark K. Davis '06, Lisa Grimm '08, and Charlie Lyman '00.

1985

Stephen Bulzomi served as president of the Washington State Association for Justice from 2013-2014.

Lisa Sutton was appointed to the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II covering Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties.

1987

Cynthia L. Cartledge was appointed to Alaska's Real Estate Commission by Gov. Sean Parnell '87. The commission regulates licensing, suspensions, and revocations in the real estate industry and manages the recovery fund.

1988

Jeffrey A. James served as lead trial counsel in two successive jury trials in a 10-week period, successfully obtaining defense verdicts in both. The claims included contract, breach of duty of loyalty, misappropriation of trade secrets, unjust enrichment, and a retaliatory discharge claim.

1989

A \$400,000 bequest from the late Anita Mocerri, a public defender who championed diversity in the legal profession, will support the King County Bar Association's minority scholarship fund. Anita died in 2011.



John Worden is a partner at Schiff Hardin LLP. He is a trial lawyer in the firm's San Francisco office

and has tried or arbitrated approximately 40 cases throughout the United States for both plaintiffs and defendants. His trial experience spans numerous areas, including commercial, securities/finance/FINRA, insurance, personal injury/wrongful death, construction/real estate, and employment law. He was elected to the San Francisco chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, an invitation-only organiza-

tion whose elected members are some of the nation's most experienced and respected trial lawyers.

1995

David Gardner was elected to the board of directors of his law firm, Moffatt Thomas in Boise, Idaho.

Eric Gibbs is a founding partner



at Girard Gibbs LLP, a national litigation firm of 30 attorneys representing plaintiffs in class, mass, and

collective actions in state and federal courts and in arbitration matters worldwide. He has dedicated his legal career of nearly 20 years to the protection of consumer and workers' rights, successfully prosecuting over 75 class action cases and serving as court-appointed counsel, lead counsel, class counsel, and liaison counsel in lawsuits throughout the United States. He enjoys spending time with his family, participating in athletic events, such as the Ragnar Relay series, and serves on the board of directors of the Orion Academy in Moraga, California.

1997

Kara Heikkila was awarded the Women's and Children's Alliance's 21st Annual Tribute to Women and Industry award. The award honors women who have made outstanding contributions to their employers, and recognizes them for their work performance and career achievements. She is a member of Hawley Troxell's employment and labor group, based in Boise, Idaho.

1998

Emmelyn M. Hart became a partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP.

Judge Bernard F. Veljacic was appointed by Gov. Jay Inslee to serve as a Clark County Superior Court judge.

2000

Devra Sigle Hermosilla was elected president of the Kittitas County Bar Association for 2014 and was voted by the community as one of the top three attorneys in Kittitas County.



Kara A. Nyquist has expanded her family law practice in Anchorage, and it is now known as Nyquist Law Group.

2002

Eric Stoll, a shareholder, and David Petteys, a new senior attorney at Malone Law Group, P.S. in Ballard, have once again joined forces. Practicing with 40-year veteran Tom Malone, their work covers business and corporate law; real estate; estate planning and probate; federal, state, and local tax; and fiduciary litigation, including trusts and estates and business owner disputes. They began their legal careers together in 2002 in Perkins Coie's tax department in downtown Seattle.



2003

Ari Magedoff welcomed the birth of his second daughter, Alexandra Grace, on June 17, 2014.

2004

Kara Durbin is a senior policy analyst for King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove.

Nick Harper, who has been an attorney at Adams & Duncan Inc., P.S., was named director of Seattle Mayor Ed Murray's Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

Linda Vass was appointed managing attorney of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii at the lead office in Honolulu. The agency is a non-profit legal assistance center that focuses on family law, consumer law, landlord and tenant law, and public benefit assistance.

Chris Wyant was promoted to partner in the Seattle office of K&L Gates LLP.

2005

M. Lorena González was named as counsel to Seattle's Mayor Ed Murray. She will work with the city attorney's office and city departments to advise the mayor on all legal matters affecting the city. She also received the Community Service Award from Seattle University.



Justin L. Moon is a member of Perkins Coie's Technology Transactions & Privacy practice.

He counsels clients on a variety of intellectual property, technology, Internet, and corporate law issues. He also works with large public companies and emerging companies on negotiating and drafting a variety of agreements, including those involving licensing, development, and acquisitions and divestitures.

2006

Mark McMaster joined Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP as an associate in the firm's Intellectual Property Department in the Seattle office. His practice focuses on intellectual property counseling and patent prosecution and covers a wide range of technologies, including medical, mechanical and electrical devices. Prior to entering private practice, he was at Boeing Commercial Airplanes and served as principal structural lead engineer where he provided overall technical guidance for analysis groups and coordinated FAA certification efforts.

Richard Shore joined the Office of the State of New York Attorney General as an assistant attorney general in the Real Estate Finance Bureau.

2007

Twyla Carter was named to King County's Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, becoming the first public defender to join the 21-member committee. The panel advises the county executive in developing and reviewing strategies, systems, policies, and guidelines to implement and enhance the county's EEO/AA programs.



Christopher W. Smith is an environmental associate at Greenberg Glusker.

2008

Anna Dey is an adjunct professor of legal writing and an LL.M. candidate at the University of Arkansas School of Law.

2009

Lana Ellis was promoted to deputy chief of economics and rates at Kansas Corporation Commission.

Baskut Tuncak was appointed UN Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes. He will continue his position as a staff attorney and chemist at the Center for International Environmental Law in Washington D.C., where he represents CIEL at global negotiations on the management of toxic chemicals. He previously worked

out of CIEL's Geneva office, focusing on intellectual property and sustainable development.

2010

Meagen E. Burrows joined Gable Gotwals, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as an associate attorney focusing primarily on health care law, corporate law, and general business transactions.



Connor Costello is an associate attorney at Rehmke & Flynn, PLLC.

Raymond Delos Reyes is a staff attorney at Associated Counsel for the Accused, King County Department of Public Defense.

2011

Daryl Campbell was named president and CEO of Seattle Goodwill Industries after six years as vice president and then interim president of Shoreline Community College. Active in the broader community as well, he serves on the board of Project Education Kenya and is a member of the Puget Sound Coalition for College and Career Readiness. He is a past pro bono legal services volunteer with King County Bar Association's Family Law Mentor Program.



Mary C. Przekop joined LeGros Buchanan & Paul as an associate in July. She previously represented clients in a variety of commercial, employment, and tort disputes.



Collin Roberts joined fellow Class of 2011 alums Gideon Dionne, Kyle Hulten, and Gavin Johnson as a partner at

inVigor Law Group PLLC

Patricia Sully is a staff attorney at the Racial Disparity Project.

2012

Diana Lopez Batista is a staff attorney at the Northwest Justice Project.

Nahal Nabavinejad is a contract attorney at MDK Law in Bellevue, Washington.



Kyle Trethewey is associate general counsel and chief privacy officer at Cobalt Mortgage.

Amanda Banik is Global Month of Service project manager in addition to being a contract administrator at The Boeing Company.

2013

Bree Black Horse was selected for a federal clerkship with the Honorable Brian Morris of the U.S. District Court in Great Falls, Montana. She previously worked as a youth advocate for United Indians of All Tribes Foundation, a social service provider offering educational, cultural, and social services to reconnect indigenous people in the Puget Sound region to their heritage.



Erik Connell joined the labor law firm Vick, Julius, McClure, P.S. in Seattle as an associate attorney.

Bernice Johnson Blessing was hired as an attorney at Cairncross & Hempelmann.



Kiran Uppal joined Samuels Yoelin Kantor LLP in Portland, Oregon as an associate. Her practice

is focused on counseling individuals and families on sophisticated estate, gift, wealth preservation, and succession planning. She is a member of the ABA section on Taxation, Real Property and Probate, and also serves on the Estate and Gift Committee of the Taxation Section of the Washington State Bar Association.

Chris Van Vechten opened the Law Office of Chris Van Vechten in Tacoma in May. Most of his practice is geared toward criminal defense in district/municipal courts across the South Sound, but he's also had the opportunity to assist clients in matters stretching from family law to the formation of non-profit entities. He has also been doing semi-pro stand-up comedy in venues around Tacoma and Seattle.



Debra Akhbari joined Helsell Fetterman in Seattle. She received the firm's 2013 Richard S. White Fellowship and was a summer associate there in 2013. She works with the firm's general civil litigation group.



IN MEMORIAM



1980

Former state Court of Appeals Judge Christine Quinn-Brintnall, who worked as a Pierce County deputy prosecutor for 17 years before ascending to the bench, died May 19, 2014, after battling cancer.

She was active at the law school, serving as an externship supervisor, a Moot Court judge, and on the 35th Anniversary Committee.

Quinn-Brintnall worked at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office before taking a job as a Pierce County deputy prosecutor in 1983. She first worked criminal cases and eventually was promoted to chief criminal deputy under former Prosecutor William Griffies. She later shifted to civil work and argued on behalf of the county before the Court of Appeals and Washington State Supreme Court. She was first elected to the Court of Appeals in 2000.

She also was involved in the community, supporting causes including the Emergency Food Network, the YWCA, and the Tacoma Youth Symphony.

1983

Ann M. Ryan died April 2, 2014, at her home in Lacey. After passing the bar, Ann worked for the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel, was a staff attorney for the Washington State Supreme Court, and served as an assistant attorney general. Ryan had a huge heart and went to great lengths to assist people from all walks of life.



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September 11-12
Sixth Annual DV Symposium

September 16
Influential Voices: John McKay

September 17
Spanish for Lawyers begins

September 19
CLE: Funding Your Passion: Crowdfunding 101

September 19-20
Diversity in Law School Leadership Workshop

September 28 - October 6
Civility Promise CLE/CJE Seminar for
Legal Professionals, Tuscany, Italy

October 3
CLE: The Future of Trust Administration

October 6
Social Justice Monday: Professor Julie Nice

October 9
CLE: Crimmigration: The Critical Issues

October 10
CLE: Annual Supreme Court Watch:
The 2014-2015 Docket

October 14
Red Mass

October 17
CLE: Ready for Trial: Litigation for
Paralegals, Legal Staff and New Attorneys

October 26
Statewide meeting:
Ending Criminalization of Homelessness

October 29
Influential Voices: David Skover

November 7
CLE: Cyber-Risk Management for
General Business Lawyers

November 14
CLE: Marijuana: A Legal Primer
for Washington Attorneys

November 21
The Independent Contractor/
Of Counsel: A Business Guide

December 2
CLE: Nursing and the Law

December 5
CLE: Legal Research 2014: Efficiency,
Effectiveness and Other Good Stuff

December 19
Ethics with Strait & Boerner:
The 2014 Conversation