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Professor Deirdre Bowen takes a break for coffee and conversation in the Sidebar café area with student Margaret Quartararo.



Dean's Perspective



As this year's presidential campaign seems to be increasing the heat of elections at every level, we all need a reminder that elected office is first and foremost an act of public service rather than a scramble for power. I can tell you about a few people who haven't forgotten this fundamental precept - our alumni.

In Washington state and beyond, our graduates see elected office as a way to drive change and protect the communities they love. And you'll see in this issue's cover story that they credit their law school with giving them the problem-solving skills they need to be effective public servants. For obvious reasons, I'm partial to the idea of lawyers as leaders in public life, and I'm proud to see my Seattle University School of Law family taking on this important role.

The value of public service is also driving the alumni who are spearheading our efforts to expand the reach of our PILF Summer Grant Program. Led by event consultant Brent Williams-Ruth '01 and Steering Committee chair Pete Talevich '09, a group of passionate students, alumni, staff, and faculty are stepping up to the plate to plan the 24th Annual Public Interest Law Foundation Auction, "Swing for the Fences!" on March 4. Our ambitious goal is to hit one out of the park in a way we have never done before by raising a record \$250,000 to help fund our students' summer public interest internships. [See more about this exciting upcoming event on page 36 of this issue.]

We hope to reinforce these same public service values in our students with the new Semester in Olympia Program. Thanks to the support of our many alumni and friends in the South Sound, students will now be able to fully immerse themselves in the culture of our state's capital while they work in legislative or judicial internships.

Of course, powerful advocacy remains another important way to influence public policy for those of us who don't hold a public office. Our Homeless Rights Advocacy Project, led by Professor Sara Rankin, continues its work on behalf of vulnerable, unsheltered people, and our Civil Rights and Amicus Clinic won a case in the Ninth Circuit arguing for a prisoner's right to court access. And the mind boggles at how far Professor Janet Ainsworth has gone - quite literally - to share her ideas about language and justice and to inspire the next generation of advocates.

Whether our alumni are on the campaign trail or the courthouse steps, we're glad to know that their legal education and the law school community have contributed to their career paths in such significant ways.

Best,

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

Annette E. Clark '89
Dean and Professor of Law

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FEATURE STORY

LAW SCHOOL LAUNCHES

**IMMERSIVE
PROGRAM IN
STATE CAPITAL**

“We’re going to use the state capital as our classroom, both literally and figuratively. For students interested in legislative work and the state’s administrative agencies, there is no better place to learn.”

- Professor Lisa Brodoff
Director, Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic



Law students interested in legislation, administrative law, and public policy will be able to study and work full-time in the state capital of Olympia as part of a new program at Seattle University School of Law.

The Semester in Olympia Program, which launches in January 2017, is designed to help students take full advantage of the curricular, extracurricular, and professional opportunities available in Washington’s capital city.

“We’re going to use the state capital as our classroom, both literally and figuratively,” said Professor Lisa Brodoff, director of the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic. “For students interested in legislative work and the state’s administrative agencies, there is no better place to learn.”

Prior to the launch of the program, students taking externships in Olympia would have to return to Seattle for seminars and other law school courses. Now, with the generous offer of conference room space from Olympia-based law firm Phillips Burgess PLLC, those seminars and courses will be taught just half a mile away from the State Capitol building.

Olympia is roughly 60 miles south of Seattle on a car-clogged interstate, making it important that students be able to relocate to Olympia for the entire semester. But the new program is not just about avoiding traffic jams.

“Students will be able to immerse themselves in the culture and legal scene of this vibrant and influential city,” said Dean Annette Clark ’89. “This program is an important expansion of legal education to serve the South Sound.”

The Semester in Olympia Program offers two options: a full-time externship plus seminar, or a part-time externship combined with government courses.

The full-time option is particularly appropriate for Washington State Supreme Court externships but is available at any other full-time externship site. Students will also take a 1-credit externship seminar, taught in Olympia.

Students with part-time externships will now be able to study in Olympia full-time with the addition of two new courses: Legislation and Public Policy, and Washington State Administrative and Regulatory Law and Policy. Professor Brodoff said the classes will be small seminars, likely no more than six or seven students each.

The program will be offered each spring semester, to coincide with the state legislative session.

Richard “Mick” Phillips, founding partner of Phillips Burgess PLLC, said he’s pleased to host law students at his firm, an idea suggested by attorney Leslie Clark ’04, a member of the school’s Law Alumni Board. After all, his firm is already home to several other Seattle U Law alumni: Nicole Potebnya ’05, Rosemary Boelens ’13, and Erica Doctor ’10.

Prominent law school alumni working in Olympia include Washington Supreme Court Justice Charles Johnson ’76; Patricia Lashway ’84, acting secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services; Barbara Baker ’85, chief clerk of the state House of Representatives; Katie Kolan ’10, director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs at the Washington State Medical Association, and many others.

“Our people are running state agencies and working in the state legislature, and they’re very excited for us to be focused on Olympia and helping to bring our students there,” Professor Brodoff said.



Cheers after three years at Seattle U Law

Congratulations to our 2016 graduates! Top: Kelsey Ondrak '16 was hooded by her three siblings, all of whom are also Seattle U Law alumni: Erin Ondrak '12, Andrew Ondrak '10 (obscured), and Sarah Smith '07. Center left: Joel Odimba '16 blows a kiss to loved ones. Center right: David Keenan '08 snapped a selfie before addressing the crowd at the May 14 Commencement at KeyArena. He brought with him every timesheet he has kept since starting his career as a lawyer. "We're not just spending hours, we're not just billing hours," he said. "We get those hours back in the form of freedom and civil rights, and justice." Bottom: Corddaryl Woodford '16 and other graduates celebrate as the ceremony ends.

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Innovative law school clinic sets bar for better representation of jailed parents

The idea behind helping incarcerated parents is simple but powerful: A prison sentence is punishment enough. Moms and dads shouldn't face the additional heartache of losing access to their children.

With that mission in mind and a \$450,000 grant in hand, the Washington Defender Association launched the Incarcerated Parents Project in 2014. The project included the Incarcerated Parents Advocacy Clinic, a two-year, real-life lawyering class at Seattle University School of Law that ended this year.

Over the course of two years — or four semesters — clinic students directly represented 10 clients, signed on as amicus curiae in four cases in front of the Washington Supreme Court, visited women's prisons monthly to deliver "know your rights" presentations, and provided sample briefs to the Washington Defender Association's clearinghouse of helpful documents that practicing attorneys can use in dependency hearings.

Incarcerated parents are more than twice as likely as other parents to lose their children. Visiting Professor Devon Knowles said that keeping families intact helps prevent recidivism, improves family stability, and is better for children's emotional health.

"The students have written briefs and they've presented oral arguments in court, but what's been especially valuable is they've learned how to work with people in crisis and how to do that empathetically," Knowles said.

For clients like Kateri Henderson, it was the kind of support she needed to become a better mother. "I've been clean and sober for 15 months now," she said. "The law students believed in me even when I had my downfalls. I've never had that type of support before."

Henderson, who lost custody of five other children when she was incarcerated, was able to keep her infant daughter with the help of students in the clinic. And without her daughter, Henderson said, she probably would have lost all hope.

Shortly after it started, Seattle U Law's Incarcerated Parents Advocacy Clinic was named by The National Jurist as one of the most innovative law clinics in the country.

"The clinic opened my eyes to social justice issues more than any other class I took," said student Jackie McCormick '16. "It's easy to sit in our classrooms and talk about racism and social justice, but visiting clients in prison and talking with them about their children is a totally different experience, and one for which I am very grateful."



At her retirement reception in April, Professor Anne Enquist thanked law school administrators and colleagues for many years of support. (Photo by Matt Hagen)

Influential legal writing teacher, scholar Anne Enquist retires

After more than three decades of teaching legal writing and elevating its prominence as a discipline within legal education, Professor Anne Enquist has retired from Seattle University School of Law.

"For 36 years, she used innovative ideas to teach our students and faculty how to become stronger writers," said Professor Mary Bowman, director of the Legal Writing Program. "Her legal writing expertise and her collaborative work style will be greatly missed, both at Seattle University and throughout the greater legal writing community."

The law school's Legal Writing Program is ranked No. 1 by U.S. News & World Report and has consistently been placed among the top programs since rankings began. Professor Enquist directed the program from 2012 to 2015. In 2014, she received the Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education.

She joined the law faculty as the writing adviser in 1980, working one-on-one with students to strengthen their writing abilities. She went on to co-author five acclaimed legal writing books and wrote a number of widely read, highly influential articles. She also served, for more than 20 years, as a director of the national Legal Writing Institute.

"Teaching our law students has been an honor and a delight. I've also loved being part of the SU law faculty, which is such an impressive group of scholars and teachers," Enquist said. "Perhaps most gratifying of all, though, has been the opportunity to be part of our Legal Writing Program. The SU legal writing faculty is nothing short of exceptional in its relentless dedication to excellence, and it has been the highlight of my career to be part of that team."

Immigration Law Clinic students gain asylum for frightened refugees

Every Saturday morning, law student Hyun-Ji Lee left Seattle at 7 a.m. to beat the traffic, arriving at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma by 7:45. There, she and her clinic partner would patiently file through security to meet with their client in one of six small cubicles, noise bouncing off the walls of the prison.

For the first few visits, the frightened young Salvadoran woman barely spoke. Who were these law students? Could she really trust them with her violent, traumatic story? Would they protect her?

She could, and they did. Lee and her partner won a grant of asylum for the young woman as part of their work with the Immigration Law Clinic at Seattle University School of Law. Refugees who are granted asylum are able to become permanent residents of the United States in one year and apply for citizenship in five years.

A grant of asylum requires that a client prove three things: a threat of persecution in their home country, membership in a protected class (race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or social group), and failure by their home country's government to stop the persecution.

In another asylum case, law students represented a man from central Africa who was covered with scars from multiple beatings, a victim of unceasing ethnic violence in his homeland. "His story is hard to imagine, and hard to hear," said Visiting Professor Amy Kratz. Represented by another team of clinic students, he also won asylum while detained, and will now be able to bring his wife and children to join him here in the United States.

The Salvadoran woman's case was especially challenging because it involved gang violence, and it is difficult to establish persecution by gangs as a protected ground. "They had to learn so much case law and so much about the conditions in El Salvador to help this client," Kratz said.

For Lee, every moment was worth it.

"Our client only spoke Spanish, so everything she said was translated by my clinic partner, who's bilingual. I never heard her say anything in English until we were exiting the courtroom, right after the judge had granted her asylum," Lee said. "She took my arm and pulled me aside a little bit and said, 'Thank you.' That was an incredible moment."

FacultyNews

Adamson, Spade win Provost's Awards for Excellence

Professors Bryan Adamson and Dean Spade received Provost's Awards for Excellence at Seattle University's graduation ceremony in June.

Professor Adamson, who received the Provost's Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Endeavors, is a national voice in clinical legal education. He also recently received the prestigious William Pincus Award from the Association of American Law Schools.

He has brought his integrative and creative approach to bear as a faculty member and former director of the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic. His course and program designs tackle contemporary issues such as political protest and policing, mortgage foreclosure, and carceral debt. His courses provide legal representation to members of our communities who might otherwise go without assistance.

Professor Spade, who received the Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching, involves students in his teaching to help them to draw connections between legal doctrines and the reality of the poor. He is a co-developer in The Racial Justice Leadership Institute, which has broad reaching importance in offering education that enhances the historical purpose of Jesuit education.

His teaching has been described by former students as academically rigorous while at the same time offering a platform for personal growth and reflection, which encourages students to pursue justice, not just a job.

The Provost's Awards recognize full-time faculty who have been members of the Seattle U faculty for at least three years.





Legal Writing faculty Mary Bowman, Constance Krontz, Anne Enquist, Mimi Samuel, Laurel Oates, Lorraine Bannai, and Janet Dickson celebrated the Courage Award at the Legal Writing Institute's conference in Portland, Oregon.

Courage Award recognizes teaching in areas of danger, conflict

Professors Laurel Oates and Mimi Samuel won an award for courage in their work teaching legal writing overseas, but the way they see it, their students are the courageous ones.

Over the years, they've met judges who enforce the rule of law despite significant pressure not to do so, lawyers who fight government corruption, academics with hundreds of students but minimal resources, and law students who make significant personal sacrifices for their education.

The Legal Writing Institute Board of Directors presented the Terri LeClercq Courage Award to Professors Oates and Samuel in July at the 2016 LWI Biennial Conference in Portland, Oregon. Professors Oates and

Samuel were selected because of their commitment to working with judges, lawyers, and law schools in a number of countries in Africa as well as in Afghanistan, India, and China.

According to the nomination, the two Seattle University School of Law professors "have brought [their] seminars to places that are not vacation spots but rather places in dire need of the rule of law. While others may have worried about their personal safety in places such as Afghanistan or Uganda, Laurel and Mimi have simply taken reasonable precautions and proceeded as though it was 'no big deal.'"

But if they as teachers are courageous, the students are doubly so, said Professor Oates. She recalled a student in Afghanistan who did

so well that she was offered a scholarship to study for an LLM degree in the United States. Her mother and sisters begged her not to leave home, saying that she'd never have the opportunity to marry or have children.

Her father, however, supported her decision and she became the first Afghan woman to receive an LLM. "She is now back in Afghanistan, teaching law at the University of Herat and working with others to improve the role of women in Afghanistan," Professor Oates said. "Her actions are an example of real courage."

The two professors also received a 2016 Global Legal Skills Award, presented in May at the 11th Global Legal Skills Conference in Verona, Italy.



Fellowship allows new grad to help unemployed workers

Lillian Kaide learned two important things when she represented a struggling mother who had been denied unemployment benefits. One: Legal work

is incredibly rewarding. Two: Legal work is unpredictable.

“My client had a sympathetic story. She really needed benefits to support her family,” Kaide said. “I did my utmost to help her. I really did my research, and dug into every aspect of her case. We won, but it was under a different argument than what I expected. This work’s always going to surprise you.”

Kaide, a 2016 graduate of Seattle University School of Law, was awarded the Frances Perkins Fellowship at the Unemployment Law Project (ULP). It’s a perfect fit for Kaide, who completed an externship at ULP and knows firsthand how meaningful and rewarding the work can be.

The fellowship, now in its second year, is a unique partnership between the law school’s Access to Justice Institute and ULP, a statewide, not-for-profit law firm established to assist and represent unemployed workers.

Named for the former United States Secretary of Labor and the first female cabinet member, who helped establish unemployment insurance and the Social Security and Fair Labor Standards Acts, the fellowship expands the firm’s capacity to help people who lose their jobs, allowing workers to maintain stability while they search for new employment.

Kaide will work with ULP for nine months, starting in September, to provide direct representation, advice, legal education, and community outreach to those who have been denied unemployment benefits or whose award of benefits is being challenged.

A philosophy major who also received her undergraduate degree from Seattle University, Kaide said she was initially drawn to criminal law but found tremendous satisfaction in the one-on-one client work of employment law.

“Jobs are like windows for people to provide for themselves and their families, to find out what success means to them and to pursue it,” she said. “That loss can be devastating, so it’s rewarding to be able to give them the boost they need during a difficult time.”

Many of the ULP’s clients would not be able to afford legal assistance without the firm’s help.

The fellowship will provide a salary, health and professional insurance, paid vacation and sick leave, and professional development opportunities.



Staff attorney Angeline Thomas '11 trains law students before a foreclosure prevention workshop. (Photo by Matt Hagen)

Foreclosure prevention project leaves lasting impact in Washington

The Foreclosure Mediation and Outreach Project launched four years ago with the goal of helping more Washington residents stay in their homes. The project, housed within the law school’s Access to Justice Institute, marshaled the resources of legal aid and community organizations, government agencies, and law students to help people facing foreclosure.

The project came to a close this year, and the final numbers are impressive: 100 law students served more than 700 clients by interviewing them at the Tacoma Home Justice Clinic and by assisting attorneys on mediation cases through FMOP’s practicum or summer internships at the Northwest Justice Project. The project reached more than 7,800 people through community education and outreach efforts such as door-to-door canvassing campaigns in Seattle and Tacoma and a “Plain Talk about Foreclosure” video.

Under the incredible leadership of FMOP Staff Attorney Angeline Thomas '11, the project will have a lasting impact, not only because countless homeowners will remain in their homes but also because many of the students have gone on to become housing and consumer attorneys, such as David Coombs '14 at Snohomish County Legal Services and Amanda Martin '15 at NW Consumer Center.

An award for the Moderate Means Program

The Moderate Means Program celebrated its five-year anniversary this year. To date, under the leadership of staff attorney Clay Wilson, 121 Seattle U Law students have referred almost 1,400 moderate-income clients to attorneys willing to charge reduced fees.

The program is cooperatively run by Washington’s three law schools – Seattle University, University of Washington, and Gonzaga University. The Washington State Bar Foundation awarded all three schools the 2016 Sally P. Savage Leadership in Philanthropy Award for their commitment to the Moderate Means Program and building the next generation of “low bono” lawyers.

FEATURE STORY

Student takes inmate's civil rights case to federal court

Third-year law student Katie Loberstein rehearsed her arguments for more than an hour each day, twice a week, for two months straight to defend the civil rights of a man she's never met.

As a student in the law school's Civil Rights and Amicus Clinic, Loberstein had a rare opportunity to argue a case before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in May. Her diligent preparation paid off. The three-judge panel reversed a ruling against her client, Anthony Merrick, and remanded the case.

Merrick was convicted in Maricopa County, Arizona in 2011 on charges relating to obstruction of a criminal proceeding. When Merrick's court-appointed appellate lawyer withdrew from his case, Merrick represented himself before the Arizona Court of Appeals.

After the court affirmed his conviction, Merrick attempted to file a motion for reconsideration. But as an imprisoned and indigent litigant, he had to rely on a prison department called Inmate Legal Services to mail in his legal paperwork. The office refused to submit it.

Loberstein argued that Merrick was denied his right to court access, in violation of both the First and 14th Amendments. She also argued that the lower court erred when it refused to hear other claims relating to Merrick's religious exercise in prison.

"An individual's right to access the court system and appeal a criminal conviction is one of the most fundamental constitutional rights," Loberstein said. "It's critical that the individual have the opportunity to challenge his conviction. In this case, a prison official took that opportunity away from Mr. Merrick by refusing to file his motion."

Under the supervision of Professor Charlotte Garden, litigation director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, Loberstein represented Mr. Merrick along with classmates Diana Chen and Travis Moeller.

"This is the most challenging opportunity I've had in law school," Loberstein said. "I've learned more about how to be a practicing attorney from this experience than any other class."



Above: Student Katie Loberstein '16 rehearsed for hours before presenting her case in the Ninth Circuit. (Photo by Matt Hagen)

Professor Garden selected the case for her students after it was deemed eligible for the Ninth Circuit's Pro Bono Panel program. The program identifies worthy cases where defendants don't have legal representation, and offers those cases to law clinics or other volunteer attorneys.

"The case deals with important civil rights issues that fit well with the mission of this clinic," Professor Garden said.

"Katie was well-prepared to handle tough questions and that preparation paid off, because the court eventually found for Mr. Merrick on each of his issues," she added. "Preparation doesn't always correlate with success – in some cases, the law or the facts just aren't on your side despite your best efforts – but in this case, the students worked up winning arguments in their briefs, and Katie handled oral argument deftly. Watching the argument, you'd have assumed Katie was an experienced appellate specialist."

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit covers seven western states and operates from courthouses in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Pasadena.

A woman in a dark blue police uniform is seen from the back, holding a smartphone to take a photo. In the background, two women are smiling for the camera. One woman is in a police uniform, and the other is in a purple dress and a light-colored blazer. They are standing on a paved area with trees and tents in the background.

COVER STORY

FROM COUNSEL TO CANDIDATE

*Alumni in elected office answer
a call to public service*

BY CLAUDINE BENMAR



Above: Councilmember M. Lorena González '05 (second from left) poses with teen volunteers and police officers at the Seattle Police Department's West Precinct Community Picnic. (Photo by Matt Hagen)



Let's say you're a lawyer whose client isn't just one person. It's an entire state, or every kid in your school district, or every person in your city. Your clients need you on evenings, weekends, holidays. The hours aren't exactly billable, but the payoff is priceless.

Many Seattle University School of Law alumni have found their calling on the campaign trail. Elected office can be a natural progression of passionate advocacy, a pull to leadership, or a desire to serve others. Often, it's all of the above.

Aside from the judiciary, which may or may not be an elected position depending on the state and the court, a law degree isn't required for most public office. But law school alumni say it's a tremendous benefit – whether in drafting new laws, working on tricky labor relations issues, or responding to concerns from constituents.

“Everything I do, and I mean every single thing, I'm using the skills I learned in law school,” said Seattle City Councilmember M. Lorena González '05. “The notes I take, the questions I ask, knowing there are two sides to every issue and sometimes more than two sides.”

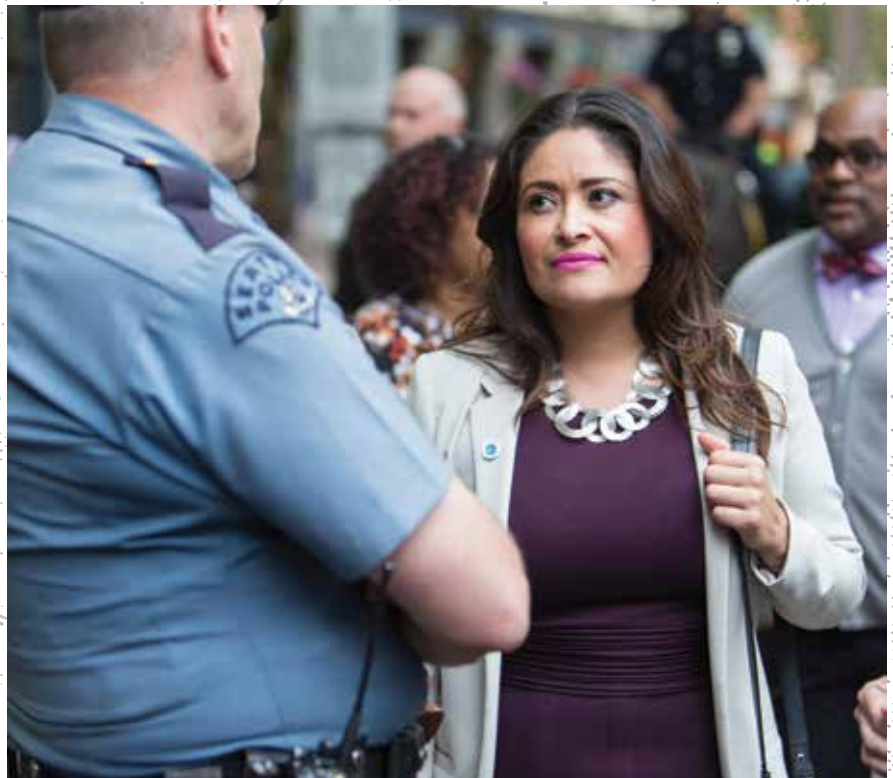
A recent study by the Center on the Legal Profession at Harvard Law School found that the number of lawyers in the U.S. Congress has declined from 80 percent in the mid-19th Century to 60 percent in the 1960s to 40 percent today. Four of the last 10 presidents have been lawyers.

The study's author, Nick Robinson, wrote that this decline “will undoubtedly impact the profession's public and self-identity, which has long been intertwined with elected office and political leadership.” It's an identity that traces as far back as Independence; French diplomat Alexis de Tocqueville famously observed in the early 1800s that in American culture, lawyers “form the highest political class, and the most cultivated circle of society.”

But for law school alumni, election to public office isn't about being a member of the elite. It's an honor they accept with humility and dedication to the people they serve.

"I'm not your typical politician. I come from a lived experience of disempowerment and I've always been an advocate for the disenfranchised. I did that in my law practice and now I do it as an elected official."

*- M. Lorena González '05
Seattle City Council*



As a plaintiff's attorney, González was known as a civil rights champion. She won a police brutality case against the City of Seattle in 2012. (Photo by Matt Hagen)

M. Lorena González '05
Seattle City Council



M. Lorena González grew up in Grandview, Washington, the daughter of immigrant parents from Mexico who worked the fields of the Lower Yakima Valley. She remembers earning her first paycheck at the age of 8, picking cherries before school. In 2015, she became the first person of Latino/a descent elected to the Seattle City Council. In that same election, Debora Juarez '87 became the first Native American on the council.

"The only lawyers I knew were the ones on TV," González said.

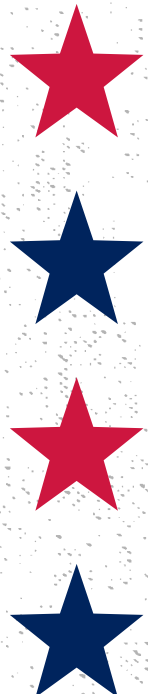
Running for elected office wasn't in her game plan. She was driven to complete her education and saw law school as a way to fight for people like her parents, people who had no voice or power in the system. "I always planned to become a lawyer and practice law my entire career," she said. "Plans change."

As a plaintiff's attorney at Schroeter Goldmark & Bender, she quickly developed a national reputation as a fierce champion of civil rights. In 2012 she brought a federal case against the city of Seattle for police brutality and won. She was offered an opportunity to serve as Mayor Ed Murray's legal counsel in 2014 and was then recruited to run for one of two newly created citywide council positions.

"I'm not your typical politician," she said. "I come from a lived experience of disempowerment and I've always been an advocate for the disenfranchised. I did that in my law practice and now I do it as an elected official. When several people suggested to me that I run for office, it seemed like a natural next step for my activism."

Just four months after her historic election, González was in the national news again. When she and the council's four other female members voted against vacating a street that would have allowed development of a basketball arena, they faced misogynistic, racist threats and online attacks from incensed sports fans. To this day, she still gets backlash from that vote.

Mentors and friends from law school supported her during that frightening time, just as they supported her during the campaign. "I have a core group of friends from law school that I call my law-laws," she said. "They're not just friends; they're family. They've been pivotal in my being able to succeed."





Sean Parnell '87
Governor of Alaska, 2009-2014



Sean Parnell '87 during his time as Alaska's governor: with U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (top) and with his wife, Sandy, at Alaska Day in Sitka (bottom).

Throughout his undergraduate studies at Pacific Lutheran University, as well as law school, Sean Parnell '87 had a singular focus – Alaska. A resident of Anchorage since the age of 10, he couldn't wait to get back. In fact, he specifically chose Seattle University School of Law (then University of Puget Sound) because Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens told him there would be more Alaskans there.

It was this dedication to his northern homeland, and the value of public service instilled in him by his parents, that fueled his interest in politics. After several years of practicing law, Parnell launched his political career and was elected to the state's House of Representatives in 1992. In 2009, three years after his subsequent election as lieutenant governor, he suddenly found himself in the governor's chair when Sarah Palin resigned to join presidential candidate John McCain as his running mate.

Parnell, the first law school alum to govern a state, said his legal education and career as a lawyer were instrumental to his service as an elected official. "It goes back to my legal writing class in the first year of law school," he said. "You learn how to identify the issue, marshal the facts, apply the facts, and make a logical argument based on those facts."

He said you also learn very quickly how to overcome a fear of public speaking. "In 18 years of public service, I've had to walk into hundreds of rooms filled with people and address them, sometimes on the fly," he said. "Having that training in organizing my thoughts has been extremely useful."

In 2014, Parnell was unseated by another law school alumnus, Bill Walker '83. Parnell now operates a private law firm in Palmer, Alaska, concentrating on business law and real estate. Looking back on his years as governor, he's proud to have created economic opportunities for his beloved state and increased awareness of domestic violence through legislation and the annual Choose Respect rallies that he and his wife, Sandy, led.

He's philosophical about advising the next generation of potential politicians.

"I would tell current law students not to serve until you can say with all of your heart that you want to do this for others. It's too easy to act in your own self-interest," he said. "If your motivations are good, then your actions will be for the right reasons."



Vini Samuel '97
Mayor of Montesano



Walking the quiet streets of downtown Montesano, Vini Samuel '97 waves to at least half a dozen people. Others roll down their car windows to chat with her. She worries over the dandelions poking through the grass on city property or a sidewalk in need of repair.

"This town is like Mayberry," she said. "That's what people love about it."

For Samuel, the small-town charm of Montesano – or Monte, as she and other locals call it – isn't just something she enjoys as a resident. She's the town's mayor, so she also feels it's something she has the responsibility to preserve.

Born in Kerala, India, and raised in Juneau, Alaska, Samuel and her husband chose this 4,000-person city on the Olympic Peninsula for its reasonable commute to Olympia, where her husband works, and its similarity to Juneau. Samuel settled in to practice family law, kept active in the Democratic Party, and served as a delegate for President Barack Obama in 2008.

She had served on the city council around a decade ago but recently became increasingly concerned about the future of the city. "The former mayor was taking the city in a direction I couldn't support. I didn't expect to run again for elected office but the situation got worse and worse," she said. "We love this town and sometimes it's either step up or watch what you love get destroyed."

In 2015, she was elected as the town's first female mayor, and the first Indian-American woman to serve as mayor of a U.S. city.

Like González, Samuel still relies on her law school classmates for support. She vacations with Section B friends every summer. And while she agrees that legal education helps politicians think logically, ask the right questions, and analyze problems, she said it also burdens lawyers with an added dose of responsibility.

"Any lawyer who isn't active in their community is not doing their duty to their profession," she said. "It goes beyond pro bono work. Attorneys contribute to the foundational fabric of communities."



Katrina Foley '96 (second from right) ran for Costa Mesa City Council on a family-friendly platform. Here, she campaigns with a group called Moms for Foley.

58%*

**OF LAWYERS HAVE
CONSIDERED RUNNING
FOR OFFICE**

**Jennifer Lawless,
American University, 2008*



Katrina Foley '96
Costa Mesa City Council



When Katrina Foley '96 rejoined the Costa Mesa City Council in 2014, her experience as a lawyer came into play almost immediately.

A pending lawsuit against the city by its employees had already racked up \$1 million in legal fees and showed no signs of ending. "I'm an employment law attorney, so the first thing I did was get the council to agree to mediation," she said. "We successfully resolved the case within a few months, and it had been pending for years."

Foley has long held elected office in this Orange County, California suburb. She first served on the city council from 2004 to 2010, was recruited to run for the school board, and served there for the next four years before returning to the city council.

In her mind there's no doubt that her legal education and her experience as a litigator helped her, not only while in office but also while campaigning. "You're not afraid to put yourself in that vulnerable position of having to ask for things – asking for votes, asking for money," she said. "When you're in court, you're asking for what you want all the time."

Foley always intended to be a lawyer. "It's right there in my high school yearbook," she said. And she still is. She owns a boutique employment law and business litigation law firm, The Foley Group, PLC, in Newport Beach.

But the draw to politics was also strong. While an undergraduate at University of California, Los Angeles, she edited the campus women's magazine at a crucial point in history – 1992, also known as the Year of the Woman. Several women were elected to the nearly all-male U.S. Senate, including Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein from California.

As a law student, she helped lead the Women's Law Caucus. As an elected official, she's worked for family-friendly neighborhoods, parks, increased school performance, and better labor relations.

"Elected officials are usually implementing, changing, or creating laws," she said. "It just seems natural you'd be a lawyer."



FACULTY SHOWCASE

Frequent flyer

Linguistics scholar travels the world to share her thoughts and inspire the next generation

BY PROFESSOR JANET AINSWORTH

Summer is anything but a vacation for me. Instead, it's probably the busiest time of the year—I logged more than 40,000 air miles speaking at conferences this summer alone. I traveled to eight different countries and spoke at 10 different conferences or meetings.

I could scarcely have imagined this at the start of my career. In my early years as a teacher, my dean asked me what area of scholarship I planned to concentrate on. When I told him that I was interested in exploring the intersection of law, language, and culture, he replied, “Hmmm... isn't that kind of narrow? Are you sure there's enough to say to support an academic career?” As it turned out, that hasn't been a problem.

For example, two of my recent talks have been about police interrogation – how domestic violence victims are especially vulnerable to police methods, and how innocent people can be coerced into false confessions. I've also looked at how differences between English and Spanish syntax affect legal culpability, and offered a linguistic critique of the high dismissal rate in sexual harassment lawsuits.

From my time as a public defender in Seattle, I've long been dedicated to preventing and redressing such miscarriages of justice. These problems are not unique to the United States; sadly, they occur worldwide.

I've authored more than 30 articles and book chapters on these topics and others, and recently co-edited two books. As a result, I've been invited to speak at conferences in more than 20 countries on every continent, except Antarctica, often as the keynote or plenary speaker. Keeping up this kind of schedule is hectic but rewarding.

Although presenting my work and getting feedback from other scholars internationally is gratifying, it is the connection I have with the next generation of scholars, particularly women, that makes my work personally fulfilling. Unlike in the United States, many of these new scholars around the globe have never studied under a female professor. They keenly feel the need for female role models in their careers.

At this year's forensic linguistics conference in the Philippines, four women began their presentations by saying that they had attended the forensic linguistic summer school that I taught several years ago in Kuala Lumpur, and that my encouragement and mentoring there inspired them to believe that they could achieve their dreams of becoming scholars themselves. After my plenary address at that conference in the Philippines, there was a long line of mainly female attendees wanting to take their pictures with me or have me autograph their conference programs.



It is during those moments that I realize how as scholars we have a wonderful opportunity to help make an impact globally. I look forward in a few years to seeing many of these same people on the stage, taking their place in the world of language and law scholars making a difference for the justice systems of their home countries.

Combining my understanding of linguistics with my background in legal practice, I'm passionately committed to uncovering injustices and urging legal reforms throughout the world. Presenting my research to international audiences is one way that I live the mission of Seattle University School of Law in educating powerful advocates for justice.

Professor Janet Ainsworth is the John D. Eshelman Professor of Law. She teaches Torts; Criminal Procedure; Child, Family, and State; and Law, Society, and Social Change.



The map above shows the locations of every conference Professor Ainsworth attended this summer: Hong Kong, China; Naples, Italy; New Orleans, Louisiana; Murcia, Spain; Poznan, Poland; Manila, Philippines; Provo, Utah; Mainz, Germany; and Singapore.

FEATURE STORY

LAW STUDENTS DEBUNK POVERTY MYTHS

“Too many local governments are focused on ending the visibility of homelessness rather than on ending homelessness itself.”

- Samir Junejo '16, “No Rest for the Weary”



BY CLAUDINE BENMAR

Even as Samir Junejo '16 wrote his carefully researched policy brief on homeless encampments, a strangely similar scene was unfolding in real life, fewer than five miles from Seattle University's campus.

In January, a shooting at a Seattle encampment known as The Jungle left two people dead and three wounded, prompting city and state officials to announce a plan that would clear the area of its 400 inhabitants and relocate them.

“The reaction by many cities to visible poverty has been to try to make it invisible using methods like homeless encampment sweeps,” said Junejo. “However, it's clear that we cannot sweep the problem of homelessness under a rug and hope it goes away.” In June, officials revised their plan so that no Jungle residents would be forced to leave.

Above: Texas photographer Norah Levine's images of homeless people and their pets were included in one of the HRAP reports, which argued that pets provide important companionship to people living in poverty and isolation. (Photo by Norah Levine)

In a year when homelessness dominated news headlines in Seattle and beyond, the law school's Homeless Rights Advocacy Project (HRAP) continued efforts to protect the civil, constitutional, and human rights of unsheltered people, releasing six new reports that continue the group's influential, groundbreaking research into discrimination against the visibly poor. In 2015, the project published four reports that documented the scope of homelessness criminalization laws in Washington.

The 2016 reports examine the impacts of increasingly popular laws and policies that criminalize homelessness, such as prohibitions on living in vehicles, sweeps of tent encampments, pet ownership standards, and barriers to access at emergency shelters.

“Our research in 2015 started an important conversation, both locally and nationally, about treating people with compassion and fairness under the law,” said Professor Sara Rankin, HRAP's faculty director. “These new reports take that conversation to the next level.”

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HRAP students conducted extensive legal research and analysis to complete the briefs, conducting interviews with a wide range of experts (including people experiencing homelessness); surveying municipal, state, and federal laws; and reviewing legal standards set by previous court decisions.

“We found that common homelessness myths are refuted by statistics, experience, case law, and common sense,” said Justin Olson ’16. “These are the issues that people experiencing homelessness struggle with every day.”

Prejudice and unconstitutional discrimination against the visibly poor continues. HRAP’s research identifies specific common problems and offers effective, legally sound alternatives. The reports have received extensive attention, both in the mainstream media and from other legal scholars.

Real Change, an award-winning weekly newspaper that advocates for homeless and low-income people, will honor HRAP with a 2016 Change Agent award in September for visionary and courageous organizing. Professor Rankin will deliver the keynote speech at the group’s annual celebration.

“The work of the HRAP expands the depth and scope of our own advocacy,” said Ann LoGerfo, directing attorney of the Basic Human Needs Project at Columbia Legal Services. “Rather than spending months researching legal issues and fact gathering, we can leverage the policy briefing, legal surveys, and data collection from HRAP to support our work, both for policy change and litigation development.”

Professor Nantiya Ruan of University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law called HRAP’s work “stellar advocacy” that has launched a movement both inside and outside the legal academy. “The HRAP model of a policy class engaged in public records requests, policy reports, and media exposure is the very best of experiential learning,” she said.

Key findings of the 2016 reports:

- ➔➔➔ Nearly one-third of Washington cities surveyed ban people from living in their vehicles, even temporarily. Seattle has the highest number of ordinances against vehicle residency (20). Ordinances in Tacoma, Aberdeen, and Longview likely violate the U.S. Constitution.
- ➔➔➔ Business improvement districts can regulate public space in ways that can unfairly target the visibly poor. The Metropolitan Improvement District in Seattle, for example, conducted 22,843 trespass and wake-up visits from 2014-15, a rate of roughly 62 interactions per day.
- ➔➔➔ The assumption that people experiencing homelessness can simply go to an emergency shelter is deeply flawed. Barriers to shelter access include lack of capacity, lack of accommodations for families, rules against unaccompanied youth, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, and sobriety requirements.
- ➔➔➔ “Sweeps” of homeless encampments are ineffective, traumatizing to residents, and potentially unconstitutional.
- ➔➔➔ Pets contribute to the emotional well-being of people experiencing homelessness, but pet owners face constant attention, harassment, and scrutiny by both passersby and law enforcement officers. Licensing requirements, anti-tethering laws, and standards of care laws unfairly target the visibly poor.
- ➔➔➔ Immigrants and refugees are particularly vulnerable to homelessness. Factors include economic challenges, language barriers, education barriers, housing instability, and legal status.



Learn more about the HRAP reports:

law.seattleu.edu/hrap



ALUMNI PROFILE

Law school alumna is a friend of the finned

PHOTO BY ALAN PANG – THE LOOP

For Andrea Richey, every week is Shark Week.

“Sharks are cool! Sharks are over 400 million years old – older than dinosaurs by 200 million years. There are more than 500 species of sharks but only eight are protected,” she said. Her favorites are the iconic hammerhead shark and, of course, the great white. “The granddaddy of them all! That one is so majestic.”

Richey, a 1990 graduate of Seattle University School of Law, knows what she’s talking about. For the past year, she has served as chair of the advisory board for the Hong Kong Shark Foundation. The position, which she calls a “full-time volunteer job,” grew from a desire to give back to her community.

A resident of Hong Kong for more than two decades, Richey spent several years working in legal recruitment and business development for prominent U.S. companies with offices in Asia. Then one night she happened to attend a presentation about sharks at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, and her mind was promptly blown.

“There was just so much I had never heard before. Over 100 million sharks are killed every year for their fins and 50 percent of that global business passes through Hong Kong – literally at my back door where I live. I can walk five minutes from my house to the markets where they sell dried shark fin,” she said. “I realized it was time to help the sharks and that I was in a unique position to help.”

In Asia, Richey and the foundation focus their efforts on encouraging people to stop eating shark fin soup. The dish is an essential element of a traditional Chinese wedding, thought to bring good luck to marriage. Ironically, the fins have no taste – all flavor comes from the broth. The foundation estimates that 30 sharks die for every wedding.

And what a gruesome death it is. Hooked sharks are hauled onto boats and their fins are sliced off while the animals are still alive. To save weight and space in the boat, sharks are then tossed back into the ocean, where they sink to the bottom and die, unable to swim without their fins.

Shark finning is illegal in U.S. waters, but only a handful of states – including Washington, California, Hawai’i, Oregon, New York, and most recently, Texas – ban the import and export of shark fins.

Jerry McLean, former chief executive officer of the Hong Kong Shark Foundation, said Richey’s focus and tenacity are great assets to the organization.

“She’s a connector, one who pulls people together,” he said. “If there’s an issue, she likely will know the person who can solve it. Her ability to set out goals, and help pull the team around that goal and get everyone on board, is fantastic and a trait which is key in any organization.”

Richey speaks out on social media, visits with schoolchildren, organizes fundraising events, and coordinates protests with other wildlife conservation groups.

“When you’re in your 30s and 40s, you’re so focused on your career,” she said. “But now I’m really starting to think about what kind of legacy I’m leaving behind. I just had an epiphany that this was an injustice, and I could help.”

As a girl growing up in Bellevue, Washington, Richey never pictured herself living in China and leading street protests against companies like FedEx, which allows customers to ship shark fins (competitors have banned such shipments). She was a political science major at the University of Washington when she decided to fulfill her language requirement by studying Chinese. Turns out she had a real knack for it.

Her aptitude with the language led her to Taiwan, where she taught English and worked as an office manager in a law firm. That experience piqued her interest in the law, so she returned home to the Seattle area to be closer to her family while getting a law degree.

“Hanging out and studying in the library were some of my best memories,” she said. “Sometimes I think I learned more from the after-class discussions and debates in the library that sometimes went late into the night.”

Though she went into the business world instead of practicing law, she said her law degree has helped her in every job she’s had.

“It gave me the basic foundation for writing critically and thinking logically,” she said. “It helps you structure the way you think, which makes you a better business person.”

It may even help her save the sharks.

“Just the other day I was telling an intern about using the IRAC method when blogging for our organization,” she said. “Issue, rule, analysis, conclusion. Who would have thought that would be a useful tool all these years later?”



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- Andrea Richey '90



Out & About

Occasionally we close our casebooks, put the caps back on our highlighters, step away from the computer screens, and spend some quality time with friends. We catch up on each other's lives, we find inspiration, and we renew our commitment to education and justice. Here are a few snapshots from campus (and beyond) from the last few months.

- A** Political strategist and CNN commentator **Angela Rye '05** returned to campus to speak at the 2016 Black Graduation. "There is still so much work to do," she told the graduates, encouraging them to use their Jesuit education to serve as social engineers in the cause of social justice.
- B** Managing Editor **Ruby Aliment '16** and Staff Editor **Darrah Hinton '17** celebrated the 14th anniversary of the Seattle Journal for Social Justice at a dinner reception in April.
- C** U.S. News ranked our **Legal Writing Program** as the best in the country for 2016, and our fantastic students seemed to agree.
- D** The Women's Law Caucus hosted a De-stress With Dogs event during finals, giving **James George '18** a chance to snuggle away test anxiety with a sweet pug named Bessie.
- E** In April, we gathered with friends at a Sidebar Happy Hour in Olympia to announce our new program that lets law students relocate to the state capital for a semester in order to study government and policy. **Professor Lisa Brodoff, Nicole Potebnya '05, Dean Annette E. Clark '89, and Richard "Mick" Phillips** were thrilled to announce that Phillips's law firm, Phillips Burgess PLLC, will host the Semester in Olympia Program.
- F** Esteemed scholar **Erwin Chemerinsky**, dean of the University of California, Irvine School of Law, visited in April to discuss his book, "The Case Against the Supreme Court." Dean Chemerinsky chatted with **Professor Charlotte Garden** before his talk.
- G** We recognized our Dean's Club investors with a special event at the Frye Art Museum in May. **Stan Perkins '85** visited with other guests as they enjoyed the Founding Collection of Charles and Emma Frye.
- H** A new group called The Happiness Collective organized several stress busters during finals. First-year student **Cameron Ford** and **Professor Jeff Minneti** held the "Wonder Woman" pose for two minutes, a proven technique to build confidence.





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HAPPY ARC 30TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 30th anniversary of our Academic Resource Center, the law school's renowned program that supports access to legal education and diversity within the profession.

The law school's alternative admissions program looks beyond test scores and other traditional law school admission criteria, offering opportunity to applicants from underrepresented populations who show great promise.

ARC's primary purpose is to help diverse and non-traditional students adjust, succeed, and excel in law school. Naturally, the legal profession also benefits from this increased diversity when the students graduate. ARC students have access to resources every step of the way to keep them on track.

Many ARC students are the first in their families to attend college. Many were told while growing up that they didn't have what it takes to go to law school. Many faced tremendous obstacles in pursuit of their dreams. Once admitted, ARC students become leaders at the law school and continue to thrive at every level of the legal community after graduation.

"Our alumni are doing amazing things, and they are people who would not have been admitted into law school without this program," said the program's co-founder, Professor Emerita Paula Lustbader. Professor Jeff Minneti now directs ARC and maintains the program's tradition of excellence.

This vital program has thrived for three decades with support from donors. The law school thanks our investors for their dedication to diversity and their support for non-traditional students.



GiveBIG yields big results

We asked our supporters to GiveBIG and they responded ... in a big way!

In May this year, the law school participated in the Seattle Foundation's city-wide GiveBIG campaign, an exciting philanthropic effort that challenged everyone to invest in their favorite causes. Our supporters contributed more than \$16,300 from 51 investments – nearly quadrupling last year's GiveBIG fundraising numbers.

Especially inspiring was a group of generous investors who stepped in when the foundation's payment system had technical difficulties. They contributed \$5,000 in matching funds for gifts given through the law school's website. All of the law school investments collected from both sites during GiveBIG were recognized by the foundation and stretched with extra funding in support of our programs!

BIG thanks for the vote of confidence in our students, faculty, and programming.

InMemoriam

Leo Bernard James Costello, a dedicated supporter of Seattle University and a longtime friend of the law school, passed away in March. Through the Society of the Friends of St. Patrick, Leo and his family and friends created an endowed scholarship for Seattle University School of Law students.



After graduating high school, Leo enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served four years. He then returned to Seattle and enrolled in Seattle University, receiving a degree in business in 1958. After graduation he worked in the restaurant business and later as a King County Superior Court bailiff. A devout Catholic, he was extremely proud of his Italian and Irish heritage. Leo was involved with a number of charitable organizations, including the Society of the Friends of St. Patrick, The Italian Club, and the Serra Club of Seattle. He was an avid football fan, following O'Dea and Notre Dame to the end.



The big test in Tacoma

The Greater Tacoma Convention Center was filled with smiles of relief in July as hundreds of law school graduates completed the bar exam. Thanks to our terrific alumni, including Jim Schacht '87 and the Honorable Gretchen Leanderson '87, who helped celebrate the end of the exam by handing out cookies. Below: 2016 graduates Joshua Treybig and Yessenia Medrano-Vossler embrace in celebration.

A student's thanks



The Tausend Scholarship, created in honor of beloved University of Puget Sound Law School Dean Fredric S. Tausend, supports a rising 2L in the top 10 percent of her or his class. Connor R. Smith is the scholarship's second recipient.

Smith owns and operates a commercial fishing vessel in Alaska, and throughout his undergraduate and law studies he has worked on his boat in the summer months to fund his education and remain debt-free.

"This scholarship is particularly valuable to me, as I know the work that goes into investing in one's future," Smith wrote. "Witnessing a group of individuals who have never met me invest so generously in my education is a very special and humbling thing."

Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala PLLC established the scholarship in 2014 through the efforts of Jason Amala '05, who co-founded the firm.

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We are grateful for our alumni and friends and their generous investments in our law school. Thanks to you, the 2015-2016 fiscal year was one of the strongest in terms of raising support for our students and their education.

This year 430 individuals and organizations contributed more than \$2.5 million in gifts to the law school. This year we saw an increased need for financial aid, and you provided opportunities for us to identify and retain exceptional and diverse students through scholarships and unparalleled program development. Your generosity helped us educate another wonderful group of students to become powerful advocates for justice.

Thank you for your commitment to our law school. Our 2016 Report of Giving will be available later this fall. In it, you will find examples of your investments and how they are making a difference. Until then you can read more at law.seattleu.edu/giving.

Upcoming Events

SEP	28	Red Mass & Reception Chapel of St. Ignatius
OCT	18	Tacoma Sidebar Happy Hour Pacific Grill Conference Center
OCT	27	Washington, D.C. Sidebar Happy Hour Microsoft Innovation & Policy Center
MAR	4	24th Annual PILF Spring Event & Auction Seattle Marriott Waterfront
MAY	17	Dean's Club Event <i>(by invitation only)</i> Wing Luke Museum

For updates: Please see our alumni events calendar at law.seattleu.edu/alumni/calendar

EARNING HIS WINGS

Former Army pilot Mark McLaughlin now flies high in the world of cybersecurity

PHOTO BY IRJA ELISA

He's the CEO of a successful Silicon Valley cybersecurity company, but Mark McLaughlin swears he's not a technical person.

"I'm not a developer and I'm not an engineer. I was a political science and economics major," he said. "I've learned over the years how to relate to very smart technical people. I know what to do with what they do – that's my job."

And it's a job he does well. The 1994 graduate of Seattle University School of Law was recently named one of the 25 most influential executives of 2016 by the information technology magazine CRN. The company he leads, Palo Alto Networks, is an industry frontrunner with its next-generation security platform.

"No CEO in the security business has done a better job of fueling subscription and services sales growth for partners," CRN wrote. "Mark McLaughlin has Palo Alto Networks firing on all cylinders."

But if you had asked McLaughlin 28 years ago about his career plans, he would have predicted life as an Army pilot and officer. And 22 years ago, he would have predicted a traditional legal career with a law firm. Life isn't always predictable.

A Philadelphia native, he graduated from West Point in 1988, went to flight school, and flew Cobra helicopters for the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Lewis near Tacoma. He was living his childhood dream. Then a helicopter accident left him with a badly injured back, a medical


discharge from the Army, and a long and upsetting recovery. He wanted to stay near Fort Lewis, where his wife, Karen, was also stationed as a pilot, but what were his options?

"I spent some time working in the state legislature in Olympia and I met a number of people who were lawyers," he said. "From interacting with them, I could tell they were smart. I liked the way they thought about things." So, on to law school he went.

It was an excellent fit. He studied civil procedure with Professor Annette Clark '89, now dean of the law school, who was "the epitome of what I thought a law professor should be." He earned a prestigious internship with the International Trade Commission his first summer, was a Law Review editor, and won the school's mock trial competition.

"Law school gives you the ability to take large problems and think about them logically, evaluate the alternatives, and draw logical conclusions," he said. "I've been using that skill set ever since I stepped out of school."

When a second summer internship at Preston Gates & Ellis led to a job offer, McLaughlin decided to take a chance on something completely different. It was the early '90s and technology was changing everything from travel to shopping. Drawn to the growing field of intellectual property, he convinced his wife that Silicon Valley was the land of opportunity. They packed up and moved with no job in sight.

A man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a light blue button-down shirt, is speaking at a podium. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the right. He is holding a small black object, possibly a remote or a pen, in his hands. The background is a blue wall with a pattern of light blue circles. A purple curtain is visible on the right side of the frame.

“I just started knocking on doors,” he said. “At that time there was such an imbalance of supply and demand that very young attorneys were given unbelievable amounts of responsibility. That’s exactly what happened to me.”

Work at a law firm led to an opportunity to go in house for a client. Five companies (such is life in the tech sector) and several promotions later, he joined Palo Alto Networks in 2011. Along the way, President Barack Obama appointed him to serve on the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, which he now chairs. He and Karen settled in California and raised three children – their daughter is a junior at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, their oldest son is a senior at Bellarmine College Prep, and their youngest, Andy, is 6.

The tech industry is still bursting with opportunities for lawyers, McLaughlin said. Those with technical expertise can find fulfilling work in patent law, while others who prefer a fast-paced and rapidly changing environment might like intellectual property. The crucial area now is privacy and security, something Palo Alto Networks is working hard to ensure for its customers.

“The best business attorneys are the ones who understand that their job is not to highlight every single risk, but to provide enough input and advice for a business decision to be made,” he said. “It’s very easy to lay out all the risks, but it’s much harder to figure out how to mitigate the risk so the business can move forward in a risk-adjusted way.”

ClassNotes



Emily Albrecht '13 and Joey Albrecht got married on April 18, 2016 at SoHo63 in Chandler, Arizona. Seattle U Law classmates **Rachel Haller '13** and **Kristin Teutscher '13** were bridesmaids. Other Seattle U Law alumni in attendance included **Eric Weiner '13** and **Eric Quinn '13**.



1975

William Beecher was told he was the law school's first applicant. Now, 41 years later, he is partially retired. He has fond memories of the friendships made despite the challenges of the new law school.

Tommy Schmidt lost his wife of nearly 45 years, Joyce Hopson. The couple left Washington in 2006 and made their home in Tucson, Arizona.

1979

Mary Gentry retired in 2007. She has self-published two collections of humorous personal essays, "Quite Contrary" and "Too Far from the Tree." A third book is in the works.



After nearly three weeks of physically demanding climbing and weather that swung from sunshine to subzero temperatures, **Andrew Hughes '09** successfully summited Denali, the highest mountain in North America at 20,310 feet.

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1980

Catherine Walker retired from REI after 10 years as general counsel and eight years on the board of directors. She plans to spend more time with her husband in outdoor adventures, volunteer her time and skills, and visit family and friends.



Rich Milham dissolved his professional service corporation after 30 years of business in Gig Harbor, Washington. He is now of counsel with Campbell and Miller, PLLC.

Stan Perkins announced the merger of his firm with the Law Offices of Karen J. Zimmer, P.S., facilitated by **Justin Farmer** '09, founding partner of Private Practice Transitions. Operating as Dean Standish Perkins & Associates (DSP), the merger continues Zimmer's nearly 30 year legacy of excellence in legal counsel for personal injury, a bittersweet and humbling deal for Stan as colleague, friend, and former classmate of the late **Karen J. Zimmer** '87.

American Bar Association event in Rome, where she addressed European corporate attorneys on the U.S. tax rules applicable to U.S.-European mergers and acquisitions.

Anne Kirkpatrick, former Spokane police chief and once second in command of the King County Sheriff's Office, was chosen to lead police reforms with the Chicago Police Department as head of the Bureau of Professional Standards. She has worked for the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Association on issues of police discipline around the country since 2014.

1990

Bob Lyons recently celebrated 25 years with the U.S. Justice Department's tax division in Washington, D.C. and has been appointed chief of the criminal appeals and tax enforcement policy section.

1983

Jonathan Sherman has been at a small firm in Wisconsin since graduating. His practice is currently concentrated in the areas of personal injury and criminal law. He can still recite verbatim the rule against perpetuities.

1988

Maureen Nelson Schuette was appointed as an associate judge in the Third Judicial Circuit in Edwardsville, Ill. She presides with another judge over the Child Support Accountability Court, one of the first in the United States, and the Domestic Violence Accountability Court, the second in the State. She resides in Edwardsville with her husband and their three children, Thomas, Marissa, and Nicholas.

Rebecca Cohen Pauli was appointed commissioner to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

1981

Louisiana State University named **Thomas C. Galligan Jr.** as the next dean of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Keith Halleland joined the Wisconsin-based DeWitt Ross & Stevens S.C. and its affiliate DeWitt Mackall Crouse & Moore S.C. as the co-chair of its health care practice group. He is the CEO of Community Health Initiatives.

1984

Serena S. Carlsen joined Perkins Coie as a partner in the real estate and land use practice in Seattle. Her practice focuses on commercial property and development matters. She was previously a partner at Stoel Rives LLP.

1985

Steve Bulzomi '85, **John Christensen** '89, and **Jeremy Johnston** '03 of Evergreen Personal Injury Counsel proudly announce their firm's move into the historic Bowes Building as part of the ongoing revitalization of downtown Tacoma.

1989

Pamela A. Fuller practices with Gremminger Law Firm in New York City, where she is a tax attorney specializing in structuring international transactions and resolving tax controversies. This summer she spoke at an



Shirley Ort '86 retired from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and returned to Seattle. She is looking for meaningful volunteer work where she can use her legal education working on social justice issues.

1982

Anne Bremner was named to the Alumni Hall of Fame at Olympia High School in a ceremony at the OHS Performing Arts Center in June 2016.



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1994

Ken Miller joined the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as an associate general counsel for global health after 16 years at Perkins Coie.



Leta Gorman joined Betts, Patterson & Mines, P.S. as a new director in the firm's Portland, Oregon office.

Dan Arildson has joined Auth0, a software company, as director of worldwide channel sales in Bellevue, Washington.



After leaving the military, and after six years in private practice in Seattle, **Charles D. Swift** now serves as director of the Constitutional Law Center for Muslims in America (CLCMA), a newly formed non-profit law center located in Dallas, Texas. His wife, **Catherine McDonald**, joined him at CLCMA as the managing attorney. They have a nationwide practice involving civil rights and criminal defense, taking on litigation of pressing issues that are of importance to the Muslim community.

Michael Aoki-Kramer was promoted to managing principal and senior building science specialist, responsible for the Seattle regional office operations at RDH Building Science. He is a nationally recognized speaker on building science and the relationships between sustainable building, building durability, and building codes.

1995

Eric Gibbs was named to the Daily Journal's list of "Top Plaintiff Lawyers in California for 2016." Eric was recognized for the significant victories he achieved for consumers in class actions involving the correction of serious product defects that presented imminent safety risks, as well as shaping the laws that impact plaintiffs' legal rights and remedies in complex cases.



Josh Rosenstein is proud to announce that his daughter, Wendy, will soon graduate from Willamette University. Late in his 2L year several dozen students threw a surprise baby shower at a coffee shop near the law school and generously pooled their student-sized resources to buy a savings bond for Wendy's education. It was one of the most touching gestures that any group has done for him, and he remembers it and his classmates warmly. Now, 22 years later, as Wendy completes her undergraduate education, he thanks the Class of '95 again very much.

Kevin Noreen is the new director of human resources for the Forest Grove School District in Forest Grove, Oregon.

1997

Anne-Marie Sargent and her husband, Steve Connor, celebrated the 10th year of their law firm, Connor and Sargent PLLC, in Seattle. Anne-Marie has a mediation practice and does career and writing coaching.



1998

Jennifer Keough, along with long-term colleagues Neil Zola and David Isaac, formed JND Legal Administration, a full-service administrator in the class action, bankruptcy, eDiscovery, and mass tort arenas. At the same time, Jen brought home newborn twins, William (Will) and Grayson (Gracie).

1999

Jeffrey S. Tindal, a director at Betts Patterson Mines, was recognized as a Super Lawyer in the area of insurance coverage for 2016.



2000

Susan Walberg's book "Finding Maslow" won two awards from the Feathered Quill book awards program. The book is based on

events in Far Rockaway, New York, a community devastated by Hurricane Sandy. She is currently writing a spin-off novel.

2001

Legrand C. Jones continues to work on the implementation of Washington's new regulated cannabis industry at the State Liquor and Cannabis Board. In his off time, he is an active firefighter and emergency medical technician for the McLane Black Lake Fire Department in Thurston County.



Kristen Curry is president of the financial and retirement planning firm Leading Retirement Solutions in Seattle.

Amy Jo Pearsall joined Sound Transit as senior legal counsel. She previously served the residents of Federal Way as the city attorney.

2002

Kristine Wilson has been named managing partner of Perkins Coie's Bellevue office. Kris is an active community volunteer, currently serving on the boards of YMCA of Seattle-King-Snohomish, Urban Land Institute Northwest, and the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

Gary Nathanson is retired and enjoying life in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Kasia (Benson) Moore '07 is chief counsel for Lennox International's global business operations. She previously served as lead counsel for Lennox's North American commercial operations, and before that, its residential services business. She lives and practices in Dallas, Texas with her husband, Mark, and two-year-old daughter, Zoe.

Donna Beasley Gibson opened a new office in Auburn, Washington, expanding her social security disability practice, as well as personal injury and criminal defense.

Jarrad Morgan graduated from Pacific Northwest University College of Osteopathic Medicine and is now a psychiatry resident at Pine Rest Mental Health Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His second son, Oliver, was born on October 17, 2015.



2004

Leslie Clark has been named to the 2017 Super Lawyers list, marking the 10th consecutive year in which she has received Rising Star or Super Lawyers recognition. She is a lead attorney in the Tacoma office of Phillips Burgess, an active member of the Seattle University Law Alumni Board, and treasurer of the Duke Club of Puget Sound.

Melody Crick Peters is now an assistant attorney general in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

2005

Eliot Harris joined the Seattle office law firm of Williams Kastner as part of the business litigation group. He has served as a member of the Washington State Bar Association's Committee of Law Examiners and currently volunteers at the King County Bar Association's Greenwood Legal Clinic in Seattle. He is also chair-elect of the American Bar Association's Torts Trial and Insurance Practice Section and the Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee.

Jason Poydras was promoted to senior administrative law judge in the Seattle branch of the Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings. He is a member of the Loren Miller Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Committee and the Seattle Human Rights Commission.

Julie H. Seidenstein has joined Lane Powell as counsel to the firm in the real estate practice group, where she will concentrate her practice on transactional real estate, real estate finance, and secured, unsecured, structured and project financing for regional and national clients. She also regularly advises clients in general corporate and business matters. Seidenstein recently received a "Women in Law 2016 Award" from Lawyer Monthly magazine for her work in transactional real estate.



Ford Clary joined the private client reserve of U.S. Bank as managing director for the personal trust team.

2006

Helen Stocklin-Enright was appointed national singles and pairs judge by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors.

Angela Macey-Cushman is attorney of counsel at Chemnick Moen Greenstreet in Seattle, representing plaintiffs in medical negligence claims.



Pamela L. Casey was re-elected in March to serve as district attorney of the 41st Judicial Circuit in Alabama. She will begin her second six-year term in January. She was also awarded the Prosecutor's Award for 2015-2016 by the Alabama Governor's Conference. In 2015, she obtained her national certification in criminal trial law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.



Lindsay Camandona and Garrett Camandona welcomed their second child, Aiden Alexander, on February 4, 2016. He joins big sister Lucy.

ClassNotes

2007

Dr. Bonnie Nannenga-Combs was elected to the directorship of the firm Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox in the biotechnology/chemical group. She focuses on U.S. and foreign patent applications in the areas of biotechnology and cellular and molecular biology. She also handles the preparation of validity, infringement, freedom to operate, and patentability opinions.

Hilary Bramwell Mohr joined the Office of the United States Trustee as a trial attorney in the Seattle office. She was previously a Principal at Riddell Williams P.S. in Seattle, where her practice focused on creditors' rights and bankruptcy.

Kelly Wood returned to the Washington Attorney General's Office after several years in private practice to serve as the lead attorney for the Department of Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program.

Sara Dent received an award at the annual Arizona Public Defender Association conference for Outstanding Attorney in a Rural Area based on her work for the Pascua Yaqui tribal community. She will also be teaching Animal Law again this fall at the University of Arizona School of Law.

Evan Catron celebrated 15 years of marriage with Chandra Catron, a Seattle U staff member. They look forward to many future adventures together.

2008

Joseph Gordon was named to the 2016 Pennsylvania Rising Stars list.

Alexis Oliver launched a new career as a real estate broker with Windermere Real Estate Mount Baker.

2010

James Arsenault gained admittance to the Oregon Bar and accepted an associate attorney position with Bogardus and Hedlund, PC in Lakeview, Oregon.

Keil Larsen recently joined Reed Pruett Walters PLLC as a partner. His practice focuses on business law and property law for business owners.

2011

Mary Butler and her husband, Christopher, welcomed their first son, Benjamin Attilio on March 11. Mary celebrated her two-year anniversary at LeGros Buchanan & Paul where she focuses her practice on maritime litigation.

Michael Cherry was named the King County Bar Association Pro Bono Attorney of the Year for work with the Housing Justice

Project in Kent, the Bellevue Youth Court, and on PaidIt, an application developed through the Seattle Social Justice Hackathon to help people prove they had paid bills or rent with money orders or cash. He would like to thank all the other volunteers who helped him succeed in these pro bono roles.

Wendawn Miller recently passed the D.C. bar after taking a break from legal studies. She had a hard time choosing which degree from Seattle U to put to use – her 2007 BA in criminal justice or her JD.

Leah S. Snyder founded Ember Law PLLC. The firm handles civil litigation matters including personal injury and insurance coverage disputes in state and federal courts throughout Washington.

Sarah Visbeek joined Williams Kastner as an associate.

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Sarah Elerson has joined Hellsell Fetterman as an associate in the

firm's family law practice group. Her primary areas of concentration include divorce and legal separation, matters involving children, pre/post-nuptial agreements, and other actions arising out of dissolution.

Isabel Cole represents injured workers as a workers' compensation attorney with Tacoma Injury Law Group. She argued in front of the Court of Appeals Division II on an appeal of her first jury trial. She's hoping she's learned enough since that first trial to change the outcome.

Bergman Draper Ladenburg's trial team of **Kaitlin Wright '12**, **Craig Sims '97**, and Brian Landenberg won a landmark verdict when an Oregon jury set the record with an \$8.75M award in an asbestos-cancer lawsuit.

2013

Holly Pederson and her husband, **Sean Esworthy '10**, are expecting their first child in October 2016. Sean is an associate attorney at Kottkamp and Yedinak in Wenatchee, Washington. Holly started her own law firm last year.

Sergio Garcidueñas-Sease received the Washington State Association for Justice's Carl Maxey Award. This award was given to Sergio for his commitment to diversity in the legal profession and his dedication to equality and justice for underrepresented and disadvantaged communities, both inside and outside of the courtroom.

Nathan Rouse

recently returned to Seattle after completing a clerkship for the Honorable Dolores K. Sloviter



in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He will spend the next year clerking for the Honorable Richard A. Jones in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

2014

Lizamarie Mohammed has joined the Guttmacher Institute, where she analyzes legislative, regulatory, and judicial actions on reproductive health issues and contributes to Guttmacher's state policy developments. Previously, Lizamarie worked as the domestic program associate at Catholics for Choice.

Jimmy Zack has joined Lane Powell as an attorney in the firm's bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice group.

2015

Kerri Gettmann began working at Smith Freed Eberhard handling first- and third-party insurance claims.

John Butler joined A Place for Mom, Inc. as a staff attorney in its legal department. John focuses on corporate governance, contracts, IP, and regulatory compliance. He and his wife, Kasey Weiss, welcomed their son, Rhys Obery, in March 2016.

In Memoriam

1981

Jerry A. Creim was born in 1956 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He graduated from Emory University in 1977 and then attended the University of Puget Sound School of Law, where he met his wife, Sally Hrobsky '81. He was a law clerk for Justice James Andersen for two years before joining the law firm of Williams Kastner, where he served on the board of directors. Jerry died peacefully at home on June 22, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

1987

For **Karen J. Zimmer**, there was no greater success than helping her clients achieve justice. Karen understood that many people didn't know who to turn to in a crisis. That's why Karen became an attorney—to be there for people in their most dire circumstances. Karen was proud of her prestigious JD degree from Seattle U. She passed away on July 4, 2016.

1992

Michael Henry Scholl passed away on Jan. 20, 2016. He was born in 1953 in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Lewis & Clark College in 1971. For 20 years, Michael had a solo practice in Tacoma, specializing in family law. He generously volunteered as a judge for Seattle U's Moot Court.

2003

Carrie Anderson Ivy passed away on Aug. 30, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer. Carrie graduated from Highline High School in 1996 and University of Oregon in 2000. She started as an attorney at Mullavey, Prout, Grenley, & Foe and moved on to RCO Legal in 2014. Carrie loved camping, music, and spending time with family and friends.

2007

Corey Louis Kessler passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 9, 2015 at his home in Scotts Valley, California. He worked for several years as a paralegal before attending Seattle University School of Law and Boston University School of Law. After graduation, he joined the accounting firm of KPMG as a manager.

2012

Corey Jonathan Włodarczyk passed away on July 5, 2016, while out running in San Diego. Corey received his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and focused his JD studies on criminal advocacy. A man of passionate certainty and strong sense of justice, Corey brought his love for the underdog into his everyday life. Corey worked for a public defender's office in Washington and handled hundreds of cases while still a law student. Corey was a member of the Seattle University Moot Court Board and semi-finalist and finalist in multiple trial competitions. Corey volunteered his time as a coach for University of California San Diego's undergraduate mock trial team.

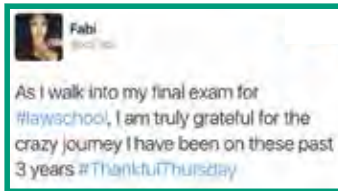
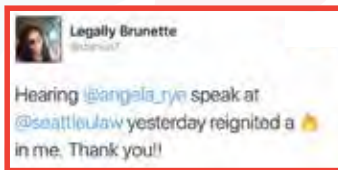
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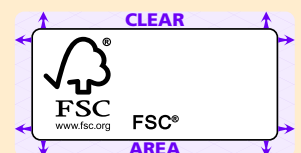
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October 28-29

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