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From the Start St. John's Changed the Face of Legal Education

by Susan Landrum, Ph.D., J.D.

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FROM THE DEAN



In the fall of 1925, when St. John's College School of Law opened its doors, a Brooklyn newspaper described our first class as the most "democratic" in New York City, containing "every nationality, creed, cult, age and section of the city." The founding mission of St. John's Law was to provide opportunity to smart, hard-working, ambitious young men and women—regardless of their background, race, religion, or socio-economic status.

The entering class of 2015 continues this proud tradition. Our new students hail from all over the country and from all over the world. They're from Port Washington and Port-au-Prince; from Bayside and Bogotá; from New Jersey and New Delhi; from San Francisco and Santiago; from St. Petersburg (Florida) and St. Petersburg (Russia); from Nassau (County) and Nassau (Bahamas); from Harlem (Manhattan) and Haarlem (Netherlands). They

form one of the strongest classes in our history. For the second year in a row, we've improved both the median LSAT and the median GPA of our incoming 1Ls. St. John's Law continues to rise as we continue to fulfill our mission.

This issue of *St. John's Law* marks the beginning of the Law School's 90th anniversary celebration. We recount our humble start in downtown Brooklyn (pp. 22-25) and revisit the deans who led us through the decades (pp. 20-21). We also showcase the clinics (pp. 6-7), centers (pp. 10-12), and programs (pp. 16-17) that foster a diverse profession and promote justice for all.

You'll read about the major impact our graduates and students have on the world, including one alumnus who has dedicated his life to Vincentian ideals (p. 18), another who is tackling one of the biggest humanitarian crises of our time (p. 9), and a current 3L who gained hands-on experience as a summer intern at Apple (p. 34). We'll also update you on the accomplishments of our outstanding faculty (pp. 13-15) and recap recent St. John's Law Alumni Association events (pp. 26-29).

One of the reasons that St. John's Law is thriving is the dedication of our alumni family. I'm very pleased to report on our record-breaking fundraising of \$4.6 million during the 2014-2015 fiscal year (pp. 4, 35-48). Your generosity has laid a strong foundation for our upcoming transformational campaign for the future of St. John's Law.

Thank you for making our first 90 years so successful. I look forward to celebrating this milestone with you through a year of exciting events capped by our 90th anniversary gala in June 2016.

All the best,

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FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Trent Anderson Brings His Business Expertise to St. John's Law as Assistant Dean for Marketing and Communications

Marketers love to work in the space where business challenges and opportunities meet. So it's no wonder that Trent Anderson is thrilled to join St. John's Law as Assistant Dean for Marketing and Communications at a time of unprecedented change in legal education.

"Like other industries, legal education has had to adapt to the new marketplace that grew out of the Great Recession," Anderson says. "People are a lot more savvy and discerning about the products and services they consume, and about the businesses that provide them. They want to be sure their needs will come first and get met."

Anderson has cultivated this customer-first perspective over a 20-year career. While earning a J.D./M.B.A. from USC, he worked part-time teaching at Kaplan Inc., the national test prep and education company. After graduation, Kaplan recruited him for a full-time position in New York.

"Over the next 10 years, I handled a crazy diverse set of responsibilities that allowed me to meet a lot of different people in and around education," says Anderson. Education remained central to his work when he moved to Cablevision, where he spent a decade leading the company's education division before moving on to head marketing, communications, and sales for a digital education startup.

Although he attributes it more to "serendipity" than to advanced planning, Anderson thoroughly enjoys his career as a marketer in the education sector. And he's quick to point out that the skills he gained in law school have helped him along the way. "I've found the J.D. invaluable across a broad spectrum of jobs in brand management, retail publishing, technology, public relations, marketing, sales, business development, operations, and more," he says, adding, "Just about the only department I never worked in was legal."

At St. John's Law, Anderson is putting his marketing expertise and legal education to work in this new leadership role created by Dean Michael A. Simons to advance the Law School's strategic plan. "Ranking among the top four New York law schools for full-time employment and bar passage, and backed by record alumni giving, St. John's is in a great position to thrive in this marketplace," Anderson says. "My job is to help the Law School recruit right-fit students; to



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promote and support our departments, centers, and programs; and to keep our alumni connected with, and excited about, *alma mater* through our biannual magazine and other alumni-focused communications."

Anderson—who lives on Long Island with his wife, Kate, and their three sons—is also happy to be part of the larger St. John's community and campus life. "I'm still a big USC football fan (no conflict with St. John's there) and a big UCLA basketball fan," he says. "I'll split my loyalties between the two hoops programs until they meet in the tournament. Then it's St. John's all the way!"

Q&A

with Brian J. Woods



Since December 2013, **Brian J. Woods** has served St. John's Law as Executive Director for Development and Alumni Relations. In that time, he's launched an ambitious fundraising program that has already yielded unprecedented results, with gifts to the Law School totaling \$8.3 million over the last two years.

Here, Woods sits down with Assistant Dean for Marketing and Communications **Trent Anderson** to talk about his work to support and sustain St. John's Law.

TA: You started at St. John's Law at a difficult time for the legal profession and for law schools nationwide. What challenges and opportunities did this business climate present to you as a fundraiser?

BJW: When I interviewed for the job here, I saw that the market challenges would be met with the strong leadership of Dean Michael Simons and bold moves to reposition the school, backed by the faculty and administration. To me, the challenges made this an even more interesting fundraising opportunity, since it would take tremendous intellectual energy, shared goals, and hard work to come out of the downturn stronger—which I was convinced we could do with generous alumni support.

TA: You spend a lot of time meeting with St. John's Law alumni—work that takes you out of the office and around the country. Can you share some of the highlights of this field work?

BJW: Being on the road is the best part of my job, whether it's hopping on the subway into Manhattan for the afternoon or visiting with alumni in South Florida, Las Vegas, or D.C. Nothing can replace a face-to-face, honest dialogue about the challenges and opportunities facing St. John's Law and how alumni support is helping. It's great to hear our alumni share how the Law School has enhanced their lives. But, I'm also there to get feedback on what we can do better, or differently, to connect them with *alma mater* and with one another. It's been particularly rewarding to help secure jobs for students as well, another testament to our dedicated alumni.

TA: We talk a lot about our "alumni family" that supports the Law School in so many important ways. You've spent your entire fundraising career in higher education. Why is this "family" label particularly fitting for St. John's Law?

BJW: The quick answer is that it's simply who and what we are. I get that people outside St. John's might dismiss the "family" label as just hyperbole. But anyone who spends even a little time at St. John's Law and with our alumni knows that it's totally on target. From our students and faculty, to the administration and our alumni community, there's a real commitment to building a thriving institution together. And I've seen time and again how alumni respond with pride when someone asks "where did you go to law school?"

TA: Alumni giving has hit record highs in the last few years. That's a wonderful achievement! What's been the key to this success?

BJW: We have a great recipe for fundraising success, which includes strong leadership, dedicated faculty, hard-working students, and caring alumni. Plus we've been honest about our needs and transparent in sharing our strategic plan with our alumni. The goal is to put St. John's Law in a stronger position than our peer law schools. The alumni are responding very favorably to this message and, with their help, we're well on our way to achieving our strategic goal.

TA: Under your leadership, St. John's Law received gifts to establish 63 new endowed scholarships. Why are endowed (or permanent) scholarships so critical to sustaining the Law School?

BJW: We came late to the fundraising game, so we're under-endowed compared to our peer schools. These scholarships are critical to attracting and retaining the best students, who go on to graduate with little or no debt. Of the 12 private law schools in New York, St. John's Law students graduate with the least amount of law student loan debt, which is something we're very proud of and that's been a big driver of our recent success. Most of these new scholarships came in through our Brennan Family Scholarship Matching Program, a truly transformational initiative that matches gifts to endowed scholarships dollar-for-dollar. Please call me if you're interested in learning more about this giving opportunity (I can't help myself).

TA: The Law School is celebrating its 90th anniversary during the 2015-2016 academic year. How will you mark this milestone moment with our alumni community?

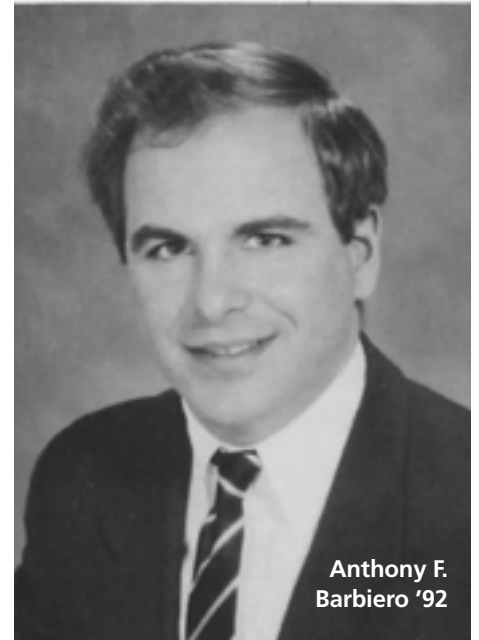
BJW: It's an exciting time as we gear up for this milestone celebration. With input from the Law School Alumni Association, we're planning several special events to commemorate the 90th. We're hosting a live session of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals at the Law School in October, we're welcoming U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito to campus in April, and we're holding a black-tie fundraising gala in June. There will be other events as well, and we'll share the details with our alumni as we go. So, stay tuned.



Anthony
Barbiero '39



Anthony V.
Barbiero '65



Anthony F.
Barbiero '92

The Barbiero Family Three Generations of Proud St. John's Law Grads

When Anthony F. Barbiero '92 crossed the commencement stage to become a St. John's Law graduate, he was joined by his grandfather and namesake, Anthony Barbiero '39, and his father, Anthony V. Barbiero '65. Now a managing partner at Bartlett, McDonough & Monaghan, LLP, the youngest Barbiero recalls the joy of that day vividly. "I grew up in a family of lawyers and judges who always said that if you want to practice law in New York, you go to St. John's for law school. And I'm very proud of the legacy we have as three generations of successful St. John's Law graduates."

His father, a private practitioner and a double alumnus of St. John's—having graduated a six-year accelerated

*In May 2015, **Anthony F. Barbiero '92** established the Bartlett, McDonough & Monaghan Endowed Scholarship fund at the Law School with a \$100K gift to support scholarships for members of the police force, U.S. military, or allied health profession. The gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar via the Brennan Family Scholarship Matching Program.*

says. "He worked tirelessly for his community, and used his St. John's law degree well and selflessly throughout his career."

undergraduate/J.D. program—shares his son's sentiments and remembers his time as a law student fondly. "It was a golden age at St. John's, with giants like McNiece, Siegel, Sparacio, and Fagan on the faculty and in leadership," he recalls. "The beauty of it is having all the knowledge they gave us. I just thank God for the education I got at St. John's."

The eldest Anthony Barbiero, who passed away in 1984, practiced law for years before becoming a state assemblyman and, later, a judge in Nassau County. "He died during his public service and we're very proud of his accomplishments in service to New York," his son



JUSTICE FOR ALL

St. John's Law Provides Critical Legal Services to Low-Income New Yorkers

Justice for all.

These words close a pledge made by millions of Americans each day. And they are a pillar of our legal system. But as Hon. Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the State of New York, shared in his State of the Judiciary address recently, the same words evoke a promise that remains unfulfilled. In reality, a wide “justice gap” leaves many New Yorkers without the legal help they need when facing foreclosure, cuts in public assistance, eviction, and other serious legal challenges.

According to Judge Lippman, equal access to justice “means that everybody—regardless of race, ethnicity or orientation, irrespective of wealth or poverty, whether we are mighty or weak—each and every one of us gets his or her day in court. Equal justice, that defining principle of our country, requires that every human being has access to the courts and to a judicial system where the scales of justice are exquisitely balanced.” And he has devoted much of his time and energy as the head of the state judiciary to devising and promoting initiatives aimed at making the court system more equitable and accessible.

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Judge Lippman's rousing call to action for the legal profession and for law schools across New York echoes the Vincentian mission that has animated the clinical legal education program at St. John's Law for the last 20 years. The program took shape in 1993, when then-Dean Rudolph C. Hasl received a Department of Education grant to establish an elder law clinic at the Law School. Professor Stephen Ross, head of experiential learning at the time, was instrumental in obtaining the startup grant. Dean Hasl then selected C. Michael Bryce to direct the clinic. Bryce joined St. John's after litigating as an assistant attorney general on the high-profile *Love Canal* trial.

The pilot clinic launched in the spring of 1994. Over the next six years, the student clinicians handled cases involving mortgage-related issues, debt problems, social security disability matters, and consumer fraud issues—including obtaining refunds on cynical door-to-door and banking scams. They also conducted weekly presentations at senior and community centers throughout Queens on pertinent legal issues affecting seniors. “The clinic

drew *Newsday's* attention," Bryce recalls. "From then on, calls for assistance came in from the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Manhattan as well as from Queens. There was always excitement in the air as students continued to represent clients successfully and garner the confidence that came from their experience."

When Bryce left St. John's in 1999, Professor Ann L. Goldweber became director of clinical legal education and director of the Elder Law Clinic. Under her leadership, the Law School's original access to justice program has grown to include three in-house clinics and seven partner clinics that are all part of the St. Vincent de Paul Legal Program, Inc.

While the Elder Law Clinic's name has changed to the Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic, the one-semester civil litigation and advocacy clinic continues its good work under the supervision of Professor Goldweber and Professor Gina M. Calabrese. Its student clinicians represent low-income, elderly Queens residents in cases involving deed theft, mortgage loan modifications, foreclosure defense, predatory lending, home improvement contractor fraud, debt collection, and other consumer matters. They also work on policy issues and initiatives affecting their client community.

Students in the Child Advocacy Clinic represent children in Queens County Family Court child abuse and neglect proceedings. In any given semester, the clinic addresses allegations of parental drug use, educational neglect, domestic violence, mental illness, excessive corporal punishment, and abandonment. In the last year, the clinic has also stepped in to represent unaccompanied Central American children facing deportation proceedings in New York's immigration court. "This isn't light and easy work," says the clinic's director, Professor Jennifer Baum. "Our students are exposed to the raw human dimension of the law and witness first-hand the everyday hardships our young clients face. It can be emotionally draining, but it is also incredibly rewarding work that brings home how vital it is for lawyers to take the lead in protecting those who do not have a voice in our society."

The Securities Arbitration Clinic directed by Professors Christine Lazaro and Francis J. Facciolo completes the current trio of in-house offerings. Established with the help of penalty funds collected from Wall Street investment firms, the clinic represents under-served investors in securities arbitration claims involving misrepresentation, unsuitability, unauthorized trading, excessive trading or churning, and failure to supervise, among other claims before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Its student clinicians also respond to requests for public comment on proposed FINRA regulations and actions, gaining hands-on experience in legal and policy analysis and writing.

The Law School has expanded the scope of its work on behalf of low-income New Yorkers by establishing off-site clinics in partnership with outside organizations. In these seven partner clinics, St. John's Law students serve clients at no charge:

- Bankruptcy Advocacy Clinic (Partner: Legal Services NYC)
- Bread and Life Immigration Clinic (Partner: Catholic Migration Services)
- Criminal Defense Clinic (Partners: The Legal Aid Society and Brooklyn Defender Services)
- Domestic Violence Litigation Clinic (Partner: New York Legal Assistance Group)
- Economic Justice Clinic (Partner: New York Legal Assistance Group)
- Prosecution Clinic (Partners: Queens District Attorney's Office and Bronx District Attorney's Office)
- Refugee and Immigrant Rights Litigation Clinic (Partner: Catholic Charities Community Services)

"Our clinics are the last stop for many New Yorkers," Professor Goldweber says. "Without our assistance, most of our clients would go unrepresented, without any meaningful access to the courts. Clinic students begin to realize the importance of their work in representing the rights of those who lack any power in society. We take a holistic approach to client representation, striving to meet client needs beyond the initial legal problem presented, as well as the needs of the larger community. We work to have a wider social impact, to educate community members about their rights under the law, and to listen to them so we can address their concerns and challenges."

During the 2014-2015 academic year, 126 students participated in clinics. They describe the experience as formative. "I love helping people, it's why I went to law school" says Pardis Camarda '15, who was a student clinician and a summer research assistant in the Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic. "Sitting behind books for three years doesn't give you the full perspective. Law students need practical experience and the clinical

program allowed me to continue building my practical skills while helping to bridge the justice gap and make a real difference."

Taking another major step towards addressing the justice divide in New York, in 2013, St. John's Law secured a grant from the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program to operate a full-time *pro bono* program in the Queens County courts. Professor Goldweber guided the grant application process for St. John's in collaboration with colleagues from Touro Law Center, Cardozo Law, and CUNY School of Law.

For its grant initiatives, St. John's expanded two programs it ran under the leadership of program coordinator and supervising attorney Helen Wrobel '94. The Volunteer Lawyer for the Day



ADVANCES

Consumer Debt Program provides limited representation to *pro se* defendants in consumer debt cases in Queens Civil Court. Supervised St. John's Law students and alumni volunteers negotiate settlements with opposing counsel, conference with court attorneys, argue before judges, and advise clients on trial strategies. Students and alumni participating in the Uncontested Divorce Program work under attorney supervision to prepare uncontested divorce papers and to walk clients through the divorce process. The St. John's volunteers earn *pro bono* credits that can help them meet the new 50-hour *pro bono* service requirement for admission to the New York Bar.

The numbers speak to the success of both programs. The Volunteer Lawyer for the Day Program provided representation to 513 *pro se*

litigants in the past year alone. The Uncontested Divorce Program prepared divorce filings for 227 *pro se* litigants and provided legal advice to 188 other litigants.

"The St. John's participants love these programs," Wrobel says. "They get to assist real clients who are struggling with debt or with the end of their marriage, which can be incredibly difficult matters to navigate without representation. It's also a great way for our students and alumni to experience the everyday work of the judicial system and to get to know courthouse personnel. This is a win-win for St. John's and for our Queens community as we come together to provide access to justice for all."



Hector Rojas '15 Named Inaugural Immigration Law Fellow

Thanks to the work of St. John's double alumnus John P. Clarke '55CBA, '57L, the Law School has received a generous \$200,000 gift from the Olive L. Reedy Trust to establish the Immigration Law Post-Graduate Fellowship. This full-time, two-year fellowship supports the Immigration Legal Services Program at the nonprofit Catholic Migration Services, Inc.

"For the past two years, CMS and the Law School have partnered to operate the Bread and Life Immigration Clinic," says Professor Ann L. Goldweber, the Law School's director of clinical legal

education. "Clinic students, supervised by CMS attorneys, perform intake at the Bread and Life Center in Brooklyn and provide representation to clients in affirmative immigration filings as well as in removal proceedings."

The Immigration Law Fellow will work in the clinic and will serve the broader clientele of CMS throughout the diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. The highly competitive fellowship selection process is based on academic merit and a demonstrated commitment to public interest and immigration law practice.

The inaugural fellow, Hector Rojas '15, has stellar qualifications across the board. He immigrated to the United States at age 20 speaking no English and developed his language skills at LaGuardia Community College before transferring to John Jay College of Criminal Justice, graduating in 2011. He then attended St. John's Law as an evening student while working as a case manager for the NYC Department of Homeless Services.

Congratulations to Rojas and to CMS on this new venture.



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR KEVIN MCGOVERN '75 TACKLES THE WORLD'S WATER CRISIS

Turn on your faucet. Grab a pitcher from the fridge. Fill a cup at the office cooler. Many of us don't give water a second thought. But spend just a few minutes with Kevin McGovern '75 and you'll learn why we should be paying very close attention.

And, McGovern emphasizes, the global water crisis is just that—global. Even the most developed nations are plagued by poor water quality and aging and costly water sanitizing and delivery infrastructures. Large treatment plants cost billions to build and maintain. And while 80 percent of their overall cost goes to making water drinkable, just two percent of the treated water ends up being used for drinking and cooking. Even worse, as it travels through decaying pipes to homes and businesses, the water picks up metals and contaminants that make people very sick.

While recovering from hip surgery in 2006, McGovern thought about the massive public health issues caused by unsafe water, and he vowed to take action that would be world-changing. He gathered an international team of top technologists, scientists, and business professionals and launched The Water Initiative with the mission of becoming "the world's trusted source of affordable, convenient, effective, and trustworthy POD [point-of-drinking] water solutions."

It's a major undertaking, but McGovern is no stranger to solving big problems. A seasoned intellectual property lawyer and entrepreneur, he co-founded the industry leading SoBe Beverages (now owned by PepsiCo), and co-owned KX Industries—the world's largest manufacturer of carbon purification filters for such brands as PUR, Brita, and Electrolux Frigidaire. He also brought alpha hydroxy acids—used in about 40 percent of all skin products to combat fine lines and wrinkles—to 88 countries, among other successful ventures.

He also understands hardship and its frequent companion, hard work. Growing up in Queens, he helped run his family's grocery store. After his father died, 12-year-old McGovern worked three jobs to support his disabled mother while his two older brothers were away in college on scholarships. He went on to earn his own undergraduate degree from Cornell University and then enrolled in St. John's Law, where his work ethic was in full force.

"I held multiple jobs for a total of about 50 hours a week to pay for full-time law school and put food on the table," McGovern says. "I sold everything from baby pictures to termite protection." He also worked in the legal departments at Railway Express Agency and Charles Pfizer, where he "always strived for 110 percent, learned a ton, and had wonderful mentors."

THE STATS:

- Over one billion people across the globe lack safe drinking water.
- Waterborne disease is the number one health issue in the world.
- Every minute, a child dies from a water-related disease.
- In developing countries, dirty water is a greater threat to human life than war.

McGovern uses his legal skills every day in business and his self-described "legalistic way of thinking"—breaking problems down to their component parts—is evident in his view of water as a global problem requiring local solutions. "The quality of, and contaminants in, water are different in New York, Nairobi, and Nicaragua," McGovern says. So, at TWI, they diagnose water contaminants at the source and then develop customized solutions for each country or location.

As part of this hyper-local approach, TWI also scales down its solutions to affordable, home filtration units that don't require electricity or batteries, cost less than \$30 annually to operate, filter 40,000 liters—five years' worth of drinking and cooking water for the average household—and can be safely discarded. "Just as the cell phone allowed billions of people to leapfrog telecommunications equipment," says McGovern, "point-of-drinking devices allow people around the world to leapfrog water treatment plants and bottled water."

Following early success with local partners in Mexico, TWI is launching programs in Canada, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and the United States. In the next few months, under the name WaterCura, it will market a portable and refillable bottle with advanced filters. And it will soon be in Panama and Ghana addressing some of the world's most critical water problems. "Mark Twain said, 'The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you figure out why,'" McGovern shares. "I figured out my 'why'. It's The Water Initiative. TWI is the hardest thing I've ever done. But I won't give up until we've provided clean, drinkable water to the world's needy."



Reframing Difference

The Ronald H. Brown Center Fosters
Diversity and Inclusion in the Profession



Since welcoming its very first class 90 years ago, St. John's Law has opened its doors to the underserved of their time—whether immigrants, women, or members of racial, ethnic, or religious minorities.

That founding mission of embracing difference and inclusion endures as a living mission.

"You never know when an experience is going to open up a new world for you," Hon. Dora L. Irizarry, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, told participants in this year's Ronald H. Brown Law School Prep Program for College Students. The 39 college sophomores and juniors had come together at the Law School for a closing ceremony celebrating their success in the flagship pipeline program of the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development.

Now in its 10th summer, the Prep Program encourages students from traditionally underrepresented groups—who are often the first in their families to attend college—to apply to law school and pursue legal careers. Since its start, the program has grown and thrived in partnership with a number of colleges and universities across the country.

Through a rigorous selection process, sophomore candidates are chosen for a nine-week program during which they take law school

courses taught by St. John's faculty, intern with judges and lawyers, and receive guidance on the law school admissions process. Students in the Prep Program for college juniors take a comprehensive LSAT prep course, attend motivational workshops, and work with a legal writing professor on their personal statements.

"The Prep Program is at the heart of the center's commitment to support students who have faced real struggles and setbacks, and to foster diversity and inclusion in our profession," says Professor Elaine M. Chiu, who directs the center and the program with Assistant Director Rosa Castello '06. "This is a success story that unfolded with the vision and dedication of my former faculty colleague, Leonard M. Baynes." Over 100 Prep Program alumni have gone on to 47 different law schools nationwide, including Boston College, Cornell, Duke, Fordham, George Mason, Georgetown, George Washington, Harvard, New York University, St. John's, UC-Berkeley, UC-Davis, UCLA, University of Michigan, Vanderbilt, and Yale. Together they have earned millions of dollars in law school and graduate school scholarships. "We're very proud of the depth and breadth of the program's impact," Professor Chiu adds.

The RHB Center has been a force at St. John's Law since 1999, conducting legal studies, research, and outreach on matters that affect the rights of underrepresented people. Along with the Prep Program, it leads several path-breaking initiatives designed to increase the pool of students of color in law schools, to help lawyers of color

CENTER PIECE

as they enter the legal profession, and to support lawyers of color pursuing careers in academia.

"You're my father's living legacy," Tracey Brown '92 noted in her remarks at the closing ceremony, referring to the center's namesake, Ronald H. Brown '70, '89HON. A national political leader, before his untimely death in 1996, Ron Brown served as secretary of commerce in the Clinton administration and as chair of the Democratic National Committee—the first African American to hold these posts. "My father was the first in many respects," his daughter said. "But one thing he never wanted to be was *the only or the last.*"

Alet A. Brown '12 takes that call to action to heart. Born in Jamaica and raised in Brooklyn, she was a rising junior at John Jay College of Criminal Justice when she was admitted to the Prep Program. "When I started the program, I really didn't understand the lack of diversity in the legal field," she says. But a random encounter with a stranger soon opened her eyes.

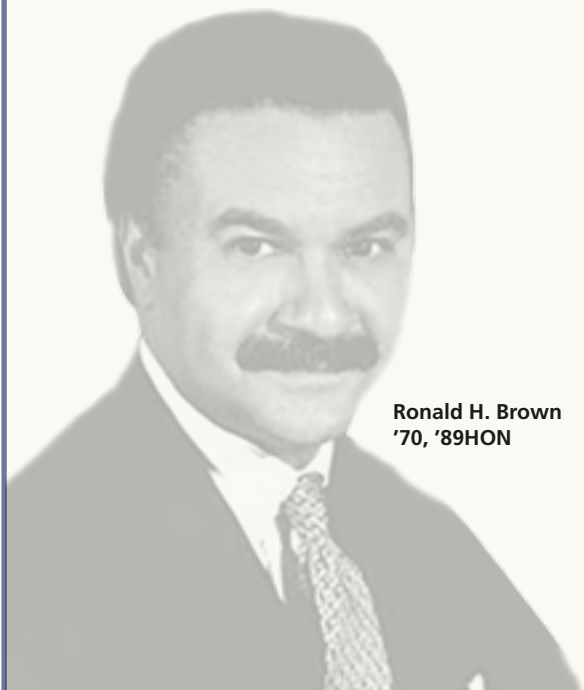
"I was placed as an intern in Queens County Supreme Court," Brown recalls. "One day, I was sitting on a bench with some Prep Program classmates waiting for our judges when a woman walked by and said we were too well dressed to be part of the jury. One of the other students told her we were interns and she looked genuinely shocked. That's when it hit me. She didn't expect us to be lawyers. She was

shocked that we were even interns. To this person, and very likely to others who may think like her, I didn't fit the mold of what a lawyer is supposed to look like. I decided that day that the mold would be broken and I would be the one to do it."

Brown is quick to credit the Prep Program for its "great classes, wonderful professors, and rigorous schedules" that prepared her for the study of law. And when it was time to apply to law school, St. John's was at the top of her list. "I did an incredible amount of research, and St. John's satisfied my criteria," she shares. "I sought out a school that embraced and encouraged diversity, had a variety of clinical opportunities, and that expressed an interest in the development of each student. I was fortunate enough to have experienced St. John's firsthand and that played a huge role in my decision. St. John's already felt like home."

Brown now works as an attorney with the NYC Administration for Children's Services, where she prosecutes child abuse and neglect cases. "Being a lawyer means everything to me," she says. "It's the one vehicle I have through which I can truly be the change I want to see in the world and try to fix the injustices I see every day. I have goals that I don't believe would be realistic had I not become a lawyer. And those goals would just be passing dreams had it not been for the Prep Program and St. John's Law."

Announcing the Ron Brown Scholars Program at St. John's Law



Ronald H. Brown
'70, '89HON

The **Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development** is pleased to announce the launch of the **Ron Brown Scholars Program**. The program's mission is to select highly accomplished students who have overcome economic, social, or educational disadvantage and to support their interest in equality, civil rights, and social justice.

The hope is that a strong collaboration among the student scholars, the center-affiliated faculty, and the Law School's administration and alumni will produce valuable career options for the students and will advance the center's work on justice and equality. The program proudly features:

- Assistance in securing a civil rights internship
- Opportunities to apply for a civil rights practicum
- Assistance in securing a summer placement in civil rights work
- An annual reception for all Ron Brown Scholars
- Opportunities to work on center projects and reports related to civil rights
- Opportunities to network with civil rights practitioners and alumni
- Meetings with faculty and administration during the semester
- Tuition-free summer courses at the Law School
- Publishing opportunities with the center's *Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development*

For more information on the Ron Brown Scholars Program at St. John's Law, **please contact Professor Elaine M. Chiu at chiue1@stjohns.edu or (718) 990-6657.**



When Insider Trading Was Legal

BY PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERINO

In the last 30 years we've grown accustomed to high-profile insider trading prosecutions. Starting with Ivan Boesky in 1986, we've witnessed a steady parade of the rich and powerful accused or convicted of illegal insider trading—Michael Milken, Martha Stewart, Raj Rajaratnam, Rajat Gupta, and the myriad of hedge fund traders affiliated with SAC Capital Management.

Gordon Gekko, the anti-hero of Oliver Stone's *Wall Street*, is a pop icon. "Greed is good," is a catchphrase. In our politically divided country, nearly everyone united in excoriating members of Congress when the press alleged that they had exempted themselves from the insider trading laws. While the SEC regularly brings cases against low-level employees too, it's the headline grabbing ones that have turned insider trading into perhaps our most symbolic white collar crime.

Given that strong cultural resonance, it is hard to imagine a world in which insider trading was legal—a world in which, for most observers, it wasn't even improper or immoral. But that was

the world that, for a time, existed at the turn of the 20th century. In 1900, when the stock market had just begun to assume a prominent role in the economic structure of the country, insider trading was a normal part of Wall Street life, one of the many hazards to which the average investor foolish enough to gamble his or her money in the stock market was subject.

Consider just this one anecdote. In October 1904, shareholders discovered that tens of thousands of dollars were missing from the Lillooet Gold Dredging Company, and Mrs. M. V. Hamilton, the young stenographer who worked at the Iowa Falls firm, was the prime suspect. People around town had noticed her spending with abandon, splurging on diamonds and opera cloaks and hosting elaborate teas.

The circumstances were more than a little suspicious. Hamilton made only \$60 a month, but the stenographer offered an innocent explanation for her new-found riches. She had absolutely not stolen the money. She knew, however, before nearly anyone else did that it was missing because internal corporate documents detailed the shortfall. Rather than telling the police or the company's directors, Hamilton used her inside information to sell the company's stock short, and she made a small fortune when the shares plummeted in value.

The embezzler turned out to be the corporation's general secretary. The company and its defrauded shareholders pressed their claims against him. Mrs. Hamilton kept every penny of her stock market bonanza. No one seemed to question that her actions were anything but perfectly legitimate.

While Mrs. Hamilton's story was not unusual, what is fascinating about this time period was how rapidly attitudes were evolving. Just two years after her trading windfall, the country had its first major insider trading scandal when directors of the Union Pacific Railroad were accused of delaying announcement of a dividend increase so that they could purchase company shares. A growing number of observers thought the board had abused its power.

It would take almost a half a century before the SEC brought its first insider trading case, but it was the period before World War I when Americans first began to think that insider trading was improper, and my next book discusses what led to that cultural shift. One factor in particular stands out.

The changes in attitudes about insider trading—the shift from tolerance to condemnation—tracked the largely successful attempts to encourage broader stock ownership. That encouragement could only work by changing basic ideas about the nature of the stock market. In 1900, most Americans didn't think of Wall Street as a place for safe and prudent investment. They thought of it as a rigged gambling den brimming with manipulation, sharp practices, and, above all, insiders who moved markets and were able to bet on sure things. Most never considered going anywhere near the market because they were sure to come out empty-handed.

Making insider trading culturally unacceptable was all about making the stock market seem safe enough so that average Americans would be willing to buy stocks. And it was those slow changes in what was considered acceptable behavior for corporate officials that eventually paved the way for the seismic shift that would occur half a century later when insider trading was outlawed.

Michael Perino is the Dean George W. Matheson Professor of Law and the author of The Hellhound of Wall Street: How Ferdinand Pecora's Investigation of the Great Crash Forever Changed American Finance. He is currently working on a book about the history of insider trading.

FACULTY FOCUS

Read all about the latest achievements and activities of our outstanding St. John's Law faculty.

{ BARRETT }

In the spring, Professor **John Q. Barrett** delivered a lecture, "Dawning, Developing Comprehension of Nazi Law-Breaking & Atrocities: Justice Robert H. Jackson on the Road to Nuremberg, 1940-1945," at Boston College's international conference, *Legally Blind: Law, Ethics and the Third Reich*. He also lectured on various topics at DLA Piper's Marbury Institute, at the Holocaust Research Center of Buffalo, at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Judges' retreat, at a U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces annual conference, at the American Bar Association's Center for Professional Responsibility national conference, and at a New York State Bar Association Law & Civic Education Summer Institute for teachers. In May, Professor Barrett attended, at the Robert H. Jackson Center, the premiere of a new documentary film for public television, *Liberty Under Law: The Robert H. Jackson Story*, in which he is a prominent "talking head," and in early June he gave a lecture, "The Pending U.S. Supreme Court Marriage Cases," that introduced a moderated conversation with Paul Campion and Randell Johnson, a married couple who were plaintiffs in the Kentucky cases, *Bourke, et al. v. Beshear*. (Later in June, in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and its companion cases, including *Bourke*, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Campion, Johnson, and their fellow plaintiffs.)

{ BORGEN }

Professor **Christopher J. Borgen's** recent work has focused on the relationship of international law to the crisis in Ukraine. His article, "Law, Rhetoric, Strategy: Russia and Self-Determination Before and after Crimea," was published in *International Law Studies*, a journal of the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law at the U.S. Naval War College. In March, Professor Borgen gave presentations on various legal aspects of the Ukraine conflict at a Warsaw conference of EU, Russian, and Ukrainian international lawyers organized by the Polish Academy of Sciences and at a George Washington University Law School conference on State Oppression, Violence Against Minorities, and the Possibilities for Remedial Secession and Independence. He also provided expert commentary on international law and the Ukraine for a BBC *NewsHour* segment that aired across the globe.

{ BOYLE }

In May, Professor **Robin A. Boyle** presented at the Fifth Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference held at Syracuse University College of Law. For her workshop on "Lessons from Academic Support," she applied Academic Success Program concepts to legal writing pedagogy. She is currently chairing the program committee for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research. The section will hold three panel discussions at AALS' 2016 annual meeting in January on topics of interest to both skills and casebook faculty.

{ CALABRESE }

Professor **Gina M. Calabrese** completed a productive first year as chair of the Civil Court Committee of New York City Bar Association. The committee advocated for the NYC Civil Court to change practices that impede access to court files, impairing the ability of *pro se* consumer defendants to vacate old default judgments based on improper service. The court, in which over 40 percent of debt collection cases result in default judgments, instituted new policies to improve access to the information needed to vacate ill-gotten default judgments.

{ DEGIROLAMI }

Professor **Marc O. DeGirolami's** book chapter, "Bloating the Constitution: Equality and the US Establishment Clause," will be published in a volume on *The Social Equality of Religion or Belief* published by Palgrave Macmillan this fall. This summer he has been at work on a second book chapter discussing the history of the insanity defense in criminal law and an article on the First Amendment scholarship of the late political theorist, Walter Berns.

{ FACCIOLO }

Professor **Francis J. Facciolo** co-authored an article in the *New York Law Journal* on "Sub-Adviser Fee Litigation: Will Section 36(b) Acquire Teeth?"—a follow-up to his earlier, co-authored *New York Law Journal* article about this developing litigation involving the duties of investment advisers to mutual funds. On April 30, 2015, Professor Facciolo was a faculty member at a PLI seminar on Basics of Mutual Funds and Other Registered Investment Companies 2015. His panel topic was "The Evolution of an Industry: Approaching 75 Years of Retail Fund Regulation."

{ GREENBERG }

"Fitting the Forum to the Pernicious Fuss: A Dispute System Design to Address Implicit Bias and Other 'Isms' in the Workplace," an article by **Elayne E. Greenberg**, assistant dean for dispute resolution programs, professor of legal practice, and director of the Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution, has been accepted for publication in the *Cardozo Dispute Resolution Journal*. Her column, "When 'Yes' Actually Means 'No': Rethinking Informed Consent to ADR Processes," was published in the Spring 2015 *NYSBA New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer*. Professor Greenberg has also been selected as one of the top 5 percent of America's Most Honored Professionals, an award presented by the American Registry to successful individuals who have been publicly recognized for professional excellence with multiple honors from trade groups, peers, clients, and the press.

{ GREGORY }

Professor **David L. Gregory's** article, "The Past is Prologue: Reflections on the Affirmative Action Jurisprudence of the Supreme Court" (with Sarah Mannix '15), will be featured in the *St. John's Law Review's* forthcoming symposium issue marking the 50th anniversary of Title VII of the Civil Rights of 1964. Professor Gregory co-authored the introduction to the issue with the journal's editor-in-chief, Elizabeth Tippet '16. On Monday, October 5, 2015, at St. John's Manhattan campus, he moderated a discussion of organized labor's strategic initiatives featuring leaders of the United Steelworkers union and members of the National Labor Relations Board. Later in the fall, Professor Gregory will offer welcoming remarks in a program featuring Michele A. Robert, executive director of the National Basketball Players Association.

{ KRISHNAKUMAR }

Professor **Anita Krishnakumar's** article, "The Sherlock Holmes Canon," will be published in the *George Washington Law Review* this fall. The article discusses and evaluates a canon of statutory construction which holds that Congress can be expected to comment in the legislative record if it intends for a new law or amendment to an existing law to work a significant change in the legal landscape, and that a lack of congressional comment regarding a significant change thus can be taken as evidence that Congress did not intend a change in the law. Another article by Professor Krishnakumar, "Dueling Canons," will be published in the *Duke Law Journal* in the spring. The article offers the first targeted study of the U.S. Supreme Court's use of the canons and other tools of statutory interpretation in a "dueling" manner—i.e., to support opposing outcomes in both the majority and dissenting opinions in the same case.

{ MOVSESIAN }

Professor **Mark L. Movsesian** published two essays at the online *Library of Law and Liberty*, "We Remember the Genocide—And We Must Avert Another" (May 2015) and "Losing Faiths" (March 2015).

{ SALOMONE }

Professor **Rosemary C. Salomone's** commentary in response to the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attacks in Paris, "Why English is Not Enough," appeared in the January 30, 2015 issue of *University World News*. She was also quoted in the June 8, 2015 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in the article, "How Teaching in English Divides the Arab World." In May 2015, Professor Salomone presented two papers, the first in New York on "Europe's Multilingualism Agenda in the Face of

English: Rhetoric, Reality, and Linguistic Justice" at the Symposium on Language and Exclusion sponsored by the Working Group on Language and the United Nations, and the second in Teramo, Italy on "The Rise of Global English: The Challenges for Language Rights Across Education," at the First World Congress for Language Rights.

{ SOVERN }

The *UC Irvine Law Review* published Professor **Jeff Sovern's** article, "Can Cost-Benefit Analysis Help Consumer Protection Laws?" And the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau devoted two pages of its recent report on arbitration to "'Whimsy Little Contracts' with Unexpected Consequences: An Empirical Analysis of Consumer Understanding of Arbitration Agreements," an article he co-authored with St. John's Law Professors Elayne E. Greenberg and Paul F. Kirgis, together with Yuxiang Liu of St. John's University. Professor Sovern's op-eds have appeared in the *Boston Globe*, the *New York Times*, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and the *American Banker*. He was a guest on Northeast Public Radio's *The Academic Minute* in April, and he spoke at the annual conference of the American Council on Consumer Interests in May.

{ SUBOTNIK }

Professor **Eva E. Subotnik's** article, "Copyright and the Living Dead?: Succession Law and the Postmortem Term," will be published in the fall issue of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*. In it, she argues that the succession law supplies both under-appreciated justifications for the postmortem portion of the copyright term and a helpful lens for generating solutions to the problems associated with the long term.

{ WADE }

The *Washington University Law Review* published "Toward a Critical Corporate Law Pedagogy and Scholarship," an article co-authored by Professor **Cheryl L. Wade** that has made *SSRN* "top ten" lists for Corporate Law Including Merger & Acquisitions Law; Law, Politics & the Media; Securities Law-U.S.; Risk, Regulation, & Policy; Governance Law & Arrangements; and Economic Inequality of the Law. In May, Professor Wade presented a paper on the future of diversity on corporate boards at a Yale Law School symposium on Diversity in the Corporation.

{ WARNER }

Professor **G. Ray Warner** delivered the keynote address at the INSOL Europe Academic Forum in Nottingham, U.K. The forum, titled Re-Imaging Rescue, focused on the pending insolvency law reforms in the European Union.



ALL RISE

Across the Generations St. John's Law Students Build Trial Skills Hands On

When Nicholas Cooper '15 stepped into the courtroom this fall as a newly-minted Queens ADA, it was a homecoming of sorts. "I can remember sitting in the Belson Moot Court Room jury box with my parents on Admitted Students Day," he says. "Students were putting on a short mock trial and it was riveting. From that moment, I knew exactly what I wanted to do in law school."

It's a path to the profession that generations of St. John's Law students have walked since the days of the Practice Court, which first convened in 1928 as a student organization under the direction of Professors Frederick A. Whitney and Edward J. O'Toole.

"The student gains from it in proportion to the work he puts into it," the 1931 yearbook, *Res Gestae*, said about the enterprise. "If he is earnest, he will gain a great deal; for it is in the Practice Court that he learns to accustom himself to the trial courts in which he later hopes to appear...There is not a third year student who will not attest to its success. Its sessions are presided over by magistrates and eminent judges of the City, Municipal and Supreme Courts—a tribute and an attestation to its worth."

Suspended during the war years, the Practice Court got a second life in the 1940s as the Law School's Moot Court program. As described in the 1948-1949 yearbook, the offering was designed to supplement upper-level courses on Practice and Evidence. "That

students may more distinctly visualize the cases they contemplate in classroom and library, become familiar with courtroom atmosphere and conversant with troublesome questions which confront the lawyer in preparation, trial and appeal of cases; these are cardinal objectives of the Moot Court.”

By the early 1950s, the Moot Court had narrowed its focus to civil and criminal appellate cases, with St. John’s hosting and participating in competitions with other New York law schools. But St. John’s Law students got another stellar opportunity to build their trial skills hands on less than a decade later.

In his memoir, *And I haven’t Had a Bad Day Since*, longtime New York Congressman Charles B. Rangel ’60, ’83HON recounts that it was 1959 when Professor J. Walter McKenna asked him and Frank J. Rogers ’61 to launch St. John’s Criminal Law Institute. “He explained that I’d be the founder and president, able to select the students who’d be assigned to DA’s offices throughout the five counties as interns for course credit,” Rangel writes. “They would work with the DAs on real cases, and even sit with them during the trials...And doggone if I didn’t become the first president of the Criminal Law Institute.”

For the next 40 years—guided by Professor McKenna and his successors, including Professors Bernard E. Gegan and Frank S. Polestino—the organization opened its membership rolls to students who had a special interest in criminal law and procedure. And it thrived. Under its auspices, prominent law enforcement officials and judges gave talks at the Law School and presided at its internal mock trial competitions. Students conducted research and presented their findings in public programs. They also helped district attorneys throughout New York research important issues of the day.

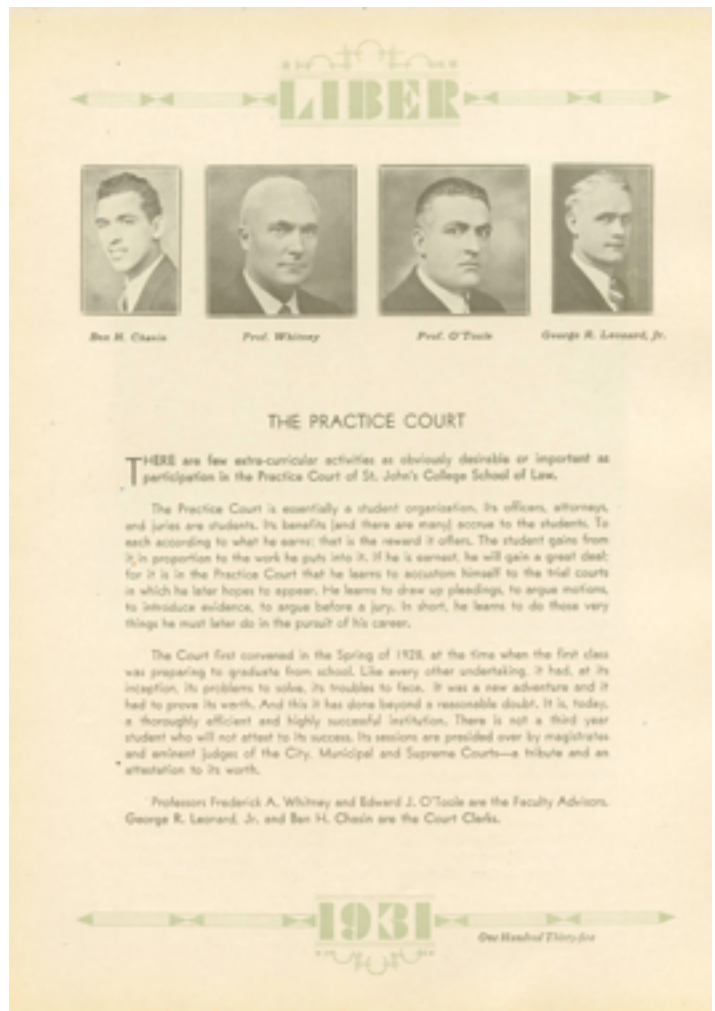
“Memoranda of law were prepared this year for the district attorneys of Tioga, Tompkins, Schoharie, and Fulton counties, and student assistants were assigned for twelve hours a week to the offices of the district attorneys of New York, Kings, Bronx and Queens counties,” wrote Dean Harold F. McNiece ’44C, ’45L in his 1961 report to the president of St. John’s University. “The work of these student assistants ranged from research to developing cases for prosecution. The Institute also conducted speaker programs and demonstrations on such subjects as drug addiction, finger-printing, probation and police careers. A field trip to Sing Sing Prison was undertaken, and a mock criminal trial was conducted with Kings County Judge Hyman Barshay presiding.”

In 1981, seeing a need for a companion organization dedicated to enhancing civil trial skills and techniques, students formed the Civil Trial Committee, later known as the Civil Trial Institute. Over two decades, the organization grew to host internal and external trial advocacy competitions as well as guest lecturers. Then, in 2002, it merged with the Criminal Trial Institute to create the Frank S. Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute, or PTAI, named in memory of Professor Polestino, who passed away in 2001.

Since its start, PTAI has continued the proud tradition of providing St. John’s Law students with diverse opportunities to participate in trial training programs, competitions, and trial-related legal writing forums that advance the Law School’s reputation as a leader in the field of trial advocacy. Among other annual events of note, it sponsors the Charles M. Sparacio Criminal Internal Trial Competition, the Peter James Johnson ’49 Memorial National Civil Rights Trial Competition, and the J. Walter McKenna Forum.

This year, PTAI ended its competition season with an impressive record that included four championships and two visits to nationals. Along the way, five of its student advocates earned individual awards for their outstanding trial skills. A highlight of the competition season was its New York regional championship at the National Trial Competition hosted by the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. It was the fourth win there in the last five years. In addition to advancing to nationals, student advocates Nicholas Cooper, Joseph Muscarella ’15, and Caitlyn O’Neill ’16—along with coaches Mary Kate Quinn ’08 and Burton Ryan ’75—earned the coveted Tiffany Cup, awarded by the New York State Bar Association Trial Lawyers Section to the team that goes furthest in the national competition.

Looking back on his three years with PTAI—capped by a year as externals director—Cooper recalls the thrill of his first 1L competition. “It was like a chess match mixed with legal concepts, creative thinking, and showmanship. I was hooked.” Over the years, as he participated in competitions across the country, his trial skills grew. “I got infinitely more comfortable speaking on my feet,” he says. “I learned to think more creatively, I developed control over my volume and my attitude, I became more adept at working with others, and I learned how to cross examine. Participating in PTAI set me apart from hundreds of other applicants to the Queens DA. It was formative experience, it was the most rewarding thing I did in law school, and I’d do it all over again in a heartbeat.”



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Pierre Georges Bonnefil '88 Earns France's Highest Honor

On May 5, 2015, Pierre Georges Bonnefil '88 was appointed a Chevalier in the French Légion d'honneur by the Republic of France. Established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, the Légion d'honneur is France's highest award and one of the most prized distinctions in the world. It recognizes recipients for their extraordinary accomplishments and outstanding service to the country. As directed by the President of the French Republic, Bonnefil was honored for his selfless service to the French immigrant community in New York.

Bonnefil considers himself one of the lucky ones. When political and economic unrest shook their native Haiti in the mid-1960s, his family was able to immigrate to the United States legally. They settled first in Costa Rica and then in the small university town of Ames, IA, where his biologist father taught while pursuing a Ph.D. in Ecology.

As Bonnefil remembers it, although his family stood out from the rest, their neighbors in this blue-collar community welcomed them with open arms. "I can trace my love for this country and my faith in the American Dream to those early boyhood years in Iowa," he says. "They shaped my commitment to helping as many people as possible enjoy the opportunities America offers."

Bonnefil was also strongly influenced and inspired by his Catholic education. After graduating from college, he volunteered alongside Catholic Charities to resettle dispossessed Cuban refugees in St. Louis, MO. He then continued his volunteer work as a court interpreter for the United States Immigration and National Service in Puerto Rico. When the refugee camp there closed, he transferred to the INS courts in New York City, where he became the official Creole interpreter and, later, the court clerk.

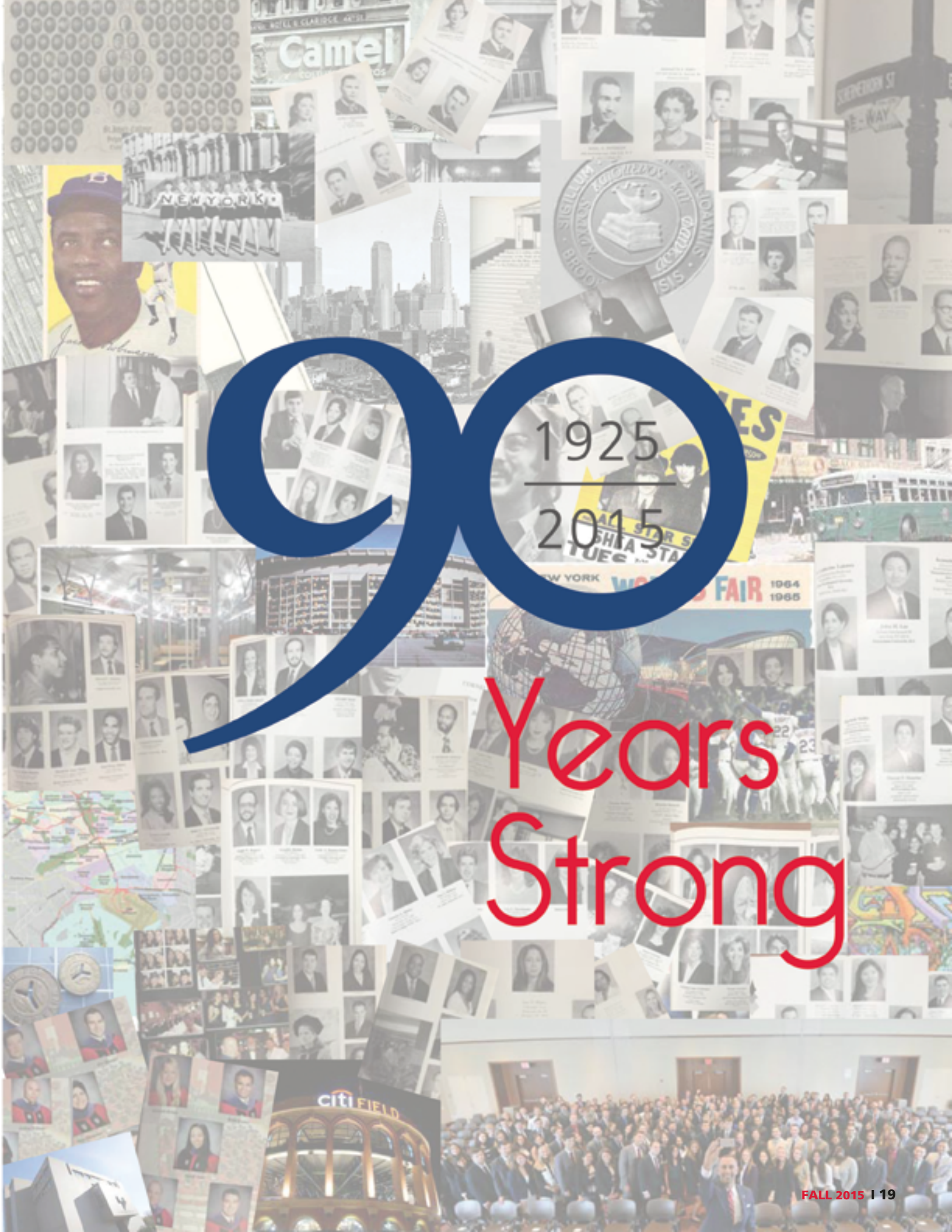
"I was very enthusiastic about interpreting in the courts," says Bonnefil. "I literally put my mind, body, and soul into it, jumping around and gesticulating as I went along. I was so dedicated—and so animated—that more than one judge I worked with said I was a natural for the law." Bonnefil took the encouragement and enrolled in the evening program at St. John's Law.

"I wanted a place where I could feel at home," he recalls, "and St. John's had more of a family feel than any of the other New York schools I visited." At St. John's, he found his professors very approachable and easy to talk to. He also engaged in the life of the school as evening vice president of the Student Bar Association for all four years. With two job offers in hand by graduation, he went to work for the Legacy INS at the Varick Street Detention Center as an Honor's Program General Attorney.

Bonnefil completed the program and moved on to a successful career in private practice that eventually took him to Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., a top employment law firm. He now is a member of the firm in the Immigration Law Group of the Labor and Employment practice. He also serves as vice chair of the firm's Diversity and Professional Development Committee, as chair of the firm's Hispanic Business Group, and as a member of the firm's Technology Team practice group.

Staying true to his roots, throughout his career, Bonnefil has worked *pro bono* to help struggling immigrants settle in the United States. In addition to sharing his expertise through the media, for the last 15 years, he has volunteered as immigration counsel for the French Consulate General in New York. In that role he helps newly-arrived French citizens and others navigate the often murky waters of U.S. immigration law.

This vital work on behalf of the French immigrant community in New York earned Bonnefil the coveted Légion d'honneur this year. He also received high honors from France in 2007, when he was awarded the prestigious Ordre national du Mérite for his distinguished achievements. Bonnefil is very proud of both awards, and of the work that stands behind them. "Giving back in this way is very important to me," Bonnefil shares. "My family's story is the story of millions and millions of American families. We're a nation of immigrants. That's what makes us what we are. And we, as a people, should recognize and celebrate all of the beautiful things that difference and diversity bring to our country."



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LEADING ST. JOHN'S LAW

Nine Deans Over Nine Decades



George W. Matheson
1925-1950

During his 25 years as the inaugural dean, **George W. Matheson** guided the Law School's tremendous growth, recruited a strong, prominent faculty, and relocated operations from tight quarters in the Terminal Building at 50 Court Street in Brooklyn to 96 Schermerhorn Street, just a few blocks away. Throughout, he stayed true to his belief that legal education should balance sound legal theory with practical experience. Most impressively, he accomplished all he did against the backdrop of the Great Depression and World War II. His successor, Rev. Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., said: "When Dean Matheson retired..., he left [us] a fully-accredited, widely-respected and nationally-known law school. To Dean Matheson, more than to any single individual, are St. John's University and the Congregation of the Mission indebted for the establishment and development of the [Law School]."



Rev. Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M. '42
1950-1959

St. John's Law continued to grow under the leadership of **Rev. Joseph T. Tinnelly**. The St. Thomas More Scholarship program launched in 1953, attracting top students from the New York area. The Law School's Graduate Division, put on hiatus during World War II, re-opened in 1954. That same year, the St. Thomas More Institute for Legal Research was established and, the next year, it started publishing *The Catholic Lawyer*. During Dean Tinnelly's tenure, the Law School became one of the largest in the United States, ranking fifth out of 169 law schools for student enrollment in 1954.

Harold F. McNiece '44C, '45L
1960-1970



Dean Harold F. McNiece was part of the Law School community for almost 30 years. As the 1970 yearbook, *Res Gestae*, recounted: "He was student, law review editor, alumnus, instructor, professor, associate dean and, since 1960, dean... It would be superfluous to list the dean's achievements here. ...We can sum up succinctly—a fine mind, a boundless energy, a sensitivity to the needs and aspirations of his students, faculty and alumni and a capacity for personal friendship among all. His active interest and participation in community affairs and humanitarian projects must be added, for they were always and we trust will continue to be a complement of his law school activities."



John J. Murphy '56
1970-1980

Remembering **Dean John J. Murphy**, the Hon. Edward D. Re wrote: "[He] was a model of the highest standards of integrity and professionalism to which all members of the legal profession should aspire. In assuming his duties as Dean in 1970, upon the 100th anniversary of the University, with the characteristic indefatigable style that marked all his endeavors, he rededicated the School of Law to the intellectual excellence and moral growth of all of its students. Under his leadership, in the decade that followed and until the very end of his earthly life, the School of Law rose to new heights in the tradition of his predecessors." Notably, Dean Murphy oversaw the Law School's milestone move from Brooklyn to St. John's Queens campus in 1972.



Patrick J. Rohan '54C, '56L
1981-1991

During **Patrick J. Rohan's** deanship, St. John's Law expanded its faculty recruitment efforts, broadened the curriculum, focused on recruitment and retention of minority students, and undertook major fundraising campaigns to improve its facilities. But, as Dean Michael A. Simons observed: "Pat Rohan's legacy at St. John's will be as a teacher...In fifty-two years, Pat Rohan taught thousands of students... Those students are not words on a page or a portrait on a wall. They are lawyers and judges and teachers themselves. They are a living embodiment of a teacher's lasting power... That is a fitting legacy for a dean, a scholar, and a teacher."



Rudolph C. Hasl
1991-1998

Under **Dean Rudolph C. Hasl's** leadership, the Law School's physical plant more than doubled. With the support of Leon Finley '29, '85HON, the school broke ground on Finley Hall in 1991. And the original building, Belson Hall, was modernized thanks to a generous gift from Jerome Belson '48, '80HON and his wife, Maxine Belson '98HON. With the expansion and renovation came additional classrooms, the large, modern Rittenberg Law Library, and a new cafeteria. Dean Hasl also grew the Law School's skills-based curricular offerings by starting the clinical legal education program and the trial advocacy program.

Joseph W. Bellacosa '59C, '61L, '87HON
2001-2004

With **Dean Joseph W. Bellacosa's** guidance, the Law School saw applications jump and applicant credentials improve. The school's bar passage rate and *U.S. News* ranking rose, and alumni engagement and giving increased. Reflecting on the man behind these achievements, Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. said: "Our University was proud to send him forth with degrees from St. John's College and the School of Law and has always taken special pleasure in the many ways by which we have welcomed him home—as professor, trustee, and most recently, dean. He has shared with our University community his eloquence, his keen sense of justice, and his remarkable intellect. Under his leadership these past four years the School of Law has flourished, enhancing its record of accomplishment and its reputation."



Mary C. Daly
2004-2008

Dean Mary C. Daly's impact during her all-too-short time as dean of St. John's Law has been described as nothing short of transformative. With a focus on the new global legal marketplace, she helped to establish the Law School's first Master of Laws program—the LL.M. in U.S. Legal Studies for Foreign Law School Graduates—as well as its summer study abroad program in Rome. Promoting opportunities for students to gain practical legal experience while serving the poor and needy, she expanded the Law School's in-house and partner clinical offerings. Throughout her tenure, Dean Daly continued to make professional and scholarly contributions to the field of legal ethics and to the legal profession.



Michael A. Simons
2009-Present

Under **Dean Michael A. Simons'** strong leadership, St. John's Law has faced market challenges proactively and strategically to emerge as a school on the rise. Student credentials are up and the latest employment and bar passage rates both place St. John's fourth in the state—behind only Columbia, NYU, and Cornell. With this success, the Law School jumped 25 spots in the 2016 *U.S. News* rankings to 82, the biggest rankings gain of any law school in the nation. Alumni giving is at a record high \$4.6 million, and 63 new endowed scholarships will support deserving St. John's Law students for years to come. Dean Simons' other notable accomplishments to date include establishing several academic centers, expanding the Law School's global curriculum and programs, and launching a suite of intercession courses—all while continuing to teach St. John's Law students in the classroom.





OPENING DOORS

From the Start St. John's Changed the Face of Legal Education

By Susan Landrum, Ph.D., J.D.

More than 90 years ago, educators and community leaders began a discussion about creating a new law school in Brooklyn. That conversation sowed the seeds of what eventually became St. John's University School of Law. The Law School, which held its first classes on September 28, 1925, earned an immediate reputation for its open doors—welcoming men and women of diverse economic, religious, ethnic, and racial backgrounds.

HISTORICAL BACKDROP

St. John's Law took root and grew to prominence during one of the most challenging times in the history of legal education, the legal profession, and the nation. By the 1920s, New York City was the largest city in the United States, and one of the largest metropolises in the world. By the end of that decade, the city's population had grown to almost seven million. There were many positive aspects to this population growth, but there were negative consequences as well.

In the decades preceding the Law School's founding, immigrants had poured into the United States by the millions, many of them settling in New York City and the surrounding area. Although they arrived from around the world, the majority of these newcomers traced their origins back to southern and eastern Europe. They sought new economic opportunities for themselves and their children—and many realized that education would be the key to achieving their goals.

But in the years following World War I, immigrants to the United States faced significant barriers to educational and economic advancement, both nationally and in New York. Xenophobia was on the rise, resulting in severe restrictions on further immigration and caps on enrollment at some colleges and universities. By the 1920s, for example, some law schools had capped Jewish student enrollment at 20 percent. More broadly, the cost of a quality legal education during this era was beyond reach for most immigrants. This situation fueled a demand for more, and more affordable, legal education.

Other minority groups faced similar challenges in the midst of seeking new opportunities. During and after World War I, African

Americans moved to New York City by the tens of thousands as part of the Great Migration, searching for better jobs and fewer social restrictions. Over time, some of these migrants from the South sought to further improve themselves through education, including the study of law.

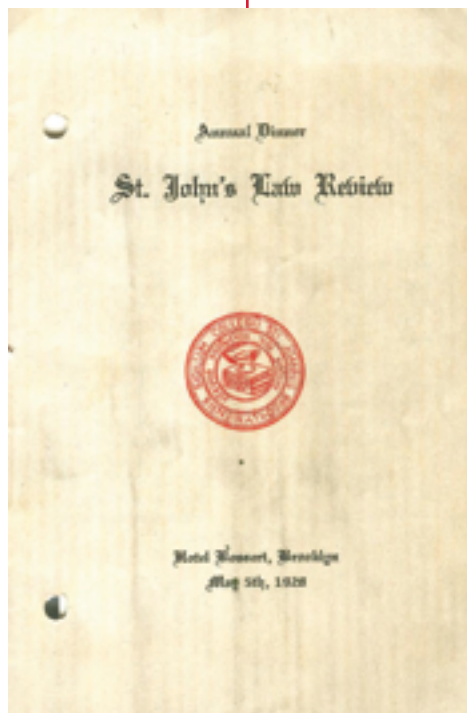
The 1920s was an era of change for women as well. Although American society still placed many restrictions on their opportunities, some women challenged these limits. After the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1920, American women had the right to vote across the nation for the first time. And with suffrage came more involvement in politics and even more desire to participate in the economic and social fabric of the nation. Like other groups historically excluded from higher education and from the legal profession, women now sought admission to law schools and the practice of law in greater numbers.

SERVING THE TRADITIONALLY DISADVANTAGED

St. John's Law also has roots in the reforms of the Progressive Era. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, reformers, believing that experts were the key to economic and social progress, focused on improving professional training and qualifications across many professions, including the legal profession. In the first years of the 20th century, a push came to increase the requirements for lawyers' training. Before the mid-1920s, most law schools admitted students straight out

of high school. By 1925, however, applicants to law schools in New York had to amass two years' of college coursework to be considered for admission.

These increased prerequisites created additional barriers for immigrants and others from traditionally disadvantaged groups because they spurred additional educational costs and made it harder for students to work and attend school at the same time. Understanding this dilemma, St. John's developed an affordable pre-law program to bridge the gap between high school and law school. This early pipeline initiative allowed a diverse student body to train as lawyers and set the cornerstone of inclusion for St. John's Law.



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 inauguration of the school three
 years ago, received diplomas, awarded
 by the Very Rev. Dr. John J. Cloonan,
 president of the college.

OPENING DOORS

Once St. John's made the decision to open a new law school in Brooklyn, plans proceeded quickly. The New York State Board of Regents granted its permission on January 1, 1925 and enrollment began the next month. The response confirmed the pressing need, and St. John's closed registration in mid-summer when enrollment hit 800 students. As the local newspaper, the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, explained, St. John's was "virtually deluged with applications from men and women in all walks of life." Likewise, St. John's student newspaper, *The Torch*, described the Law School's first class as the most "democratic" in New York City, as it contained "every nationality, creed, cult, age and section of the city."

That September, St. John's College School of Law—as it was originally known—opened its doors in the Terminal Building at 50 Court Street in Brooklyn. The Law School occupied portions of two floors—humble facilities measuring less than 5,000 square feet in all and divided into office space for faculty and clerical staff, a library, two classrooms, and a smoking room. The first class was organized in three sections, with the first section meeting from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m., the second section meeting from 6 to 8 p.m., and the third section meeting from 8 to 10 p.m. each day.

SUCCESS AND RAPID GROWTH

As enrollment continued to climb over the next few years, the Law School's physical plant grew as well. Two more floors were allocated in the Terminal Building to start, and then the entire operation moved to a five-story building at 54-46 Court Street. Beginning in Fall 1926, St. John's offered two sections for each of the late afternoon and evening class times, as well as a new morning section. Only a few years later, in September 1929, the Law School relocated to a new building at 96 Schermerhorn Street, just a few blocks from the Terminal Building.

By September 1927, the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* reported that St. John's was already believed to be the largest law school in the country. In subsequent years, that feat was confirmed, and the newspaper declared St. John's not only the largest law school in the United States, but the largest in the world. Filling those founding-era classrooms were many immigrants, first-generation Americans, and first-generation college students. The Law School's inaugural graduating class, which celebrated commencement on June 15, 1928, included nearly 500 graduates, among them 30 women. The following year, 682 students, including 40 women, graduated.

DEDICATED ADMINISTRATORS AND FACULTY

A dedicated team of administrators and faculty made St. John's Law successful from the start. The first dean was George W. Matheson. As a *New York Times* article covering the Law School's 50th anniversary in 1975 explained, he was committed to making St. John's more accessible to New Yorkers who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to go to law school. "Achieving his dream of teaching law to his students, many of them children of New York's working poor, had been a thorny one for Dean Matheson. He had to fight what one alumnus called the exclusionary attitudes of high legal circles in the country that wanted to restrict the study of law to the sons of the wealthy."

Leading the Law School for a quarter of a century, Dean Matheson had a reputation for being tough but fair. He recruited quality faculty who emphasized both the theoretical and the practical sides of legal education. He also stressed the importance of ethics and professionalism. In a letter written to the graduating class of 1932, he wrote: "Ever remember that St. John's expects absolute professional integrity; as you honor yourself, you honor her; as you disgrace yourself, you disgrace her; strive earnestly therefore to be worthy of the trust imposed upon you."

The Law School's distinguished, nationally-respected faculty included Professor Samuel C. Duberstein, who in those first few years showed his commitment by endowing an annual scholarship for the son or daughter of a member of the local Elks lodge, of which he was a member. In addition to his work as a legal educator, Professor Charles Robert Walsh was an accomplished musician who composed an operetta, *Lucille*, that was performed at the Brooklyn Little Theater in 1931. And Dorothy C. Most, dean of women at the Law School, was quick to point out that "if a girl has brains, perseverance and the will to do, she will get ahead." She told her advisees that they could be lawyers, judges, and legal advisors to corporations and other institutions, a progressive message for the time.

DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

As important as faculty and administrators were to the Law School's early success, it was the diverse student body that made up its heart and shaped its identity. These students were scrappy and hard-working, but had little idea of what was in store for them in law school. As a member of the Class of 1931 explained: "Our first assignment came as a rude shock. With little or no preliminary training in the rudimentary principles of law we were flung headlong into offer and acceptance and rights and remedies. We emerged as wiser and sadder students but with a grim determination to go on."



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE PLANS NEW BUILDING

Law School to Have its Own Home, President Tells Students at Communion Breakfast.

NOW IN RENTED QUARTERS

Justice Hagarty and District Attorney Dodd, an Alumnus, Among the Other Speakers.



For the night students—who usually worked all day before coming to class—motivation was the key to their success, as one student recalled: “Every one of these students had to face the diurnal battle for a livelihood. Long, weary hours spent at office desks, salesrooms, mercantile plants—yes, even factory benches, could not stifle the avidity of their evening studies.”

Among the Law School's first graduates were many Jewish students, including rabbis. The Rev. Dr. Louis D. Gross, rabbi of Union Temple, enrolled at St. John's in 1928 for the “cultural and informational value” of a legal education. Just two years later, rabbis Abraham Dubin '30 and Abraham Heller '30 graduated from St. John's Law. With the support of Dean Matheson and Professor Maurice Finkelstein, Jewish law students founded the St. John's Menorah Society to provide support for its members at the Law School. The Jewish student body at the time included Morris Sandler '29, an immigrant from Russia who arrived in the United States in 1914 at the age of seven. As a law student at St. John's, Sandler met his future wife, Evelyn Lehman '29. Lehman, also Jewish, was a first-generation American who had grown up on a farm in Connecticut.

Among the earliest African-American graduates of the Law School were Charles Lionel Keller '29 and William Tucker Garvin '31. Keller, who immigrated to the United States from the West Indies in 1921, became a United States citizen in 1934. He worked full time as a probation officer while in law school, and, after graduation, earned an impressive reputation as a civil rights attorney and as a leader within the NAACP. After a major legal battle, Keller became the first African American sworn in as an attorney in Nevada. Garvin, who worked for the U.S. Post Office while attending law school, was also a man of firsts. In 1943, Garvin became the first African American to serve on Local School Board 50. Nine years later, he became the first African American appointed as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens County, a position that he held until his death in 1966.

Joining Keller in his quest for racial justice was Elias Schwarzbart '29, a member of the defense team for the Scottsboro Boys in Alabama in the 1930s. He later became an assistant attorney general before going into private practice. Throughout his life, Schwarzbart remained committed to the belief that the justice system must be racially equal.

There were numerous women in the early graduating classes at St. John's, who challenged social norms by seeking higher education and a profession. Notably, a number of these women were married and intended to practice law instead of focusing solely on their husband, children, and home as was common for

wives during the 1920s and 1930s. One female member of the first graduating class was Elsa deCaro Napolis '28. Napolis, an Italian-American, was already married when she started law school in 1925, and she and her husband, who was also an attorney, practiced law together for more than 50 years.

Grace M. Byrne '29, who graduated with honors from the Law School, was note and comment editor for the *St. John's Law Review*, even as she worked as an economics teacher at a local high school. A very accomplished student, Byrne had previously earned a B.A. from St. Joseph's College for Women, and an M.A. from Fordham University. Rebecca P. Gold '32 also graduated with honors from the Law School, as her husband and three children witnessed her achievements. Described as a “dauntless spirit,” Gold worked full-time as a stenographer in her husband's law office during the day and attended law school at night. Unlike Elsa deCaro Napolis, who chose to go into practice with her husband, Gold announced the intent to hang up her own shingle, independent from her lawyer husband's practice.

Ella Bernard '30 also worked during the day and attended St. John's Law at night, somehow finishing her legal studies in only two years instead of the typical three. Bernard soon gained a reputation as a criminal defense attorney in New York City, successfully defending two men accused of murder in just her first eight months in practice. As a point of particular achievement, she was the first woman attorney in Brooklyn to ever be assigned to defend someone accused of first degree murder.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUTURE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

From the outset, St. John's response to the turbulent era of the 1920s was to challenge the norms of the day, take a new approach to legal education, and open its doors to a diverse student body that received all the support needed for success in law school and in the profession. By following this path, St. John's Law created singular opportunities for a new generation of lawyers in New York City, exceptional professionals who used their education at St. John's to better their communities, to improve the legal profession, and to serve the U.S. system of justice.

Susan Landrum is the assistant dean for academic achievement at St. John's Law. She has a Ph.D. in history from The Ohio State University and taught college history before attending law school at Ohio State. Dean Landrum practiced law at a boutique litigation firm and worked as a staff attorney at the United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, before returning to law school as an educator.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



Dear Friends,

As this publication goes to print, I proudly take the reins as president of the St. John's Law Alumni Association.

Having served on its board for years, and having participated in more of its events than I can count, I'm keenly aware of the critical role the Alumni Association plays in the Law School community. From career-direction mentoring to career-creation hiring, our members give of themselves to change the lives of our students and graduates, and to sustain *alma mater*.

Alumni Association events and programs offer immeasurable professional benefits and networking opportunities, and I encourage those of you who aren't already members to join and become part of all the organization does for alumni and students and on behalf of St. John's Law.

This term of office is particularly exciting and significant for me because my classmates and I are celebrating 30 years together as alumni. (How that's possible I've yet to figure out!) It's also a milestone year ahead as we all proudly mark the Law School's 90th anniversary.

There is no question that St. John's has had a profound impact on the thousands of graduates it has produced in those 90 years. But this occasion also serves as a reminder of the many ways it has met the challenge of preparing students to succeed in an ever-changing legal profession. With the leadership of Dean Michael Simons, we can celebrate what the past has meant to all of us, while confidently toasting all that the future holds for St. John's Law.

As a double alumnus of St. John's, I'm fortunate to be part of the University's extended family, and to have extended my own family through my relationships with our administration, with the faculty, and with so many of you. I'm privileged to be able to give back to the institution that helped to form who I am, and to support those who came before me, those I studied with, and those who followed. I truly look forward to working with you, and invite you to reach out to me at any time.

All the best,

Alfred C. Cerullo, III '83NDC, '86L



1 | Helen M. Benzie '77 was the featured speaker at the **Joseph A. Calamari Admiralty Law Society Annual Dinner**, which was held at Villa d'Este in Floral Park, NY on April 23, 2015. Benzie is associated with the law office of Vincent D. McNamara in East Norwich and is a longtime practitioner of Admiralty Law.

2 | On May 4, 2015, the Manhattan and Westchester chapters hosted the **Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. Memorial Golf Outing** at Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle. Over 100 alumni and friends participated in the day-long event, which included a dinner honoring Westchester District Attorney Janet M. DiFiore '81 and Darryl W. Gibbs '00, lead director and associate general counsel at AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company. Philip McManus '68C, '72L, a friend and classmate of Judge Jones, again served as the event chair. All of the proceeds from the day go to the Law School's Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. '72 Memorial Scholarship Fund.



3 | The **Class of 1975 40th Reunion** took place on May 8, 2015 at the Metropolitan Club in Manhattan. With yearbooks in hand, over 60 classmates from "the Great Class of 1975" reconnected with one another and rekindled friendships made at St. John's Law.

4 | On May 15, 2015, the Law School hosted a **CLE Program and Networking Reception**. Presenting Advanced Trial Techniques for the Medical Malpractice and Personal Injury Practitioner, panelists Robert G. Sullivan '73, Mary Anne Walling '87, and David Dean offered practical tips and facilitated an engaging discussion about this dynamic practice area.

5 | On May 28, 2015, Dean Michael A. Simons was the guest of honor at the **Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County's Annual Dinner**. Thomas J. Principe '69C, '73L, the organization's treasurer and a past president of the Law School Alumni Association, introduced Dean Simons as a scholar, an attorney, an educator, a family man, and a visionary, stating: "We might ask,

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At the **Alumni Association Annual Meeting** on May 20, 2015, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations Brian J. Woods presented outgoing president Andrea M. Alonso '78C, '81L with an award in recognition of her dedication and outstanding leadership over the past year. Here is the Alumni Association's new slate of officers and directors:

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'83NDC, '86L

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Patrick Smith '00C, '06L

Term Expires in 2017

Troy G. Rosasco '89
Edda Santiago '14

Term Expires in 2018

Kathryn Carney Cole '02



what is [Dean Simons] doing for us as Catholic lawyers, or for other lawyers of any faith? The answer is that he is advancing great missions for the good of humankind through legal education."

6 | The **Class of 1965 50th Anniversary** celebration on May 30, 2015 brought together over 50 alumni—including Vice Dean Emeritus Andrew J. Simons '65—for a private dinner at the Law School. Dean Michael A. Simons welcomed the group and current students were on hand to share their experiences at St. John's Law and to give tours of the building. The celebrants also had an opportunity to reminisce together about their professors and classmates. A lovely time was had by all.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



7 | Alumni came together for the **Brooklyn Chapter Spring Dinner** at Caffe Buon Gusto on June 10, 2015. The evening's honorees were Joseph F. Bruno '68, '88HON, vice president of emergency management and senior strategic advisor for RedLand Strategies, Inc., and Philip Russotti '73, a partner at Wingate, Russotti, Shapiro and Halperin, LLP. Each received the chapter's Alumni Achievement Award in recognition of their impressive careers.

8 | On June 18, 2015, Dean Michael A. Simons, faculty members, and administrators joined in the **Class of 1991 Pre-Reunion Party** at the home of Joseph G. Dell '88CBA, '91L and his wife, Robyn—whose catering company, Jodana Designs, handled all of the event details, down to the clever reunion signs adorning the venue. Christopher Dean '91 and Stephanie Dean '95SVC, '99L also helped to organize the event, which was a great success. In addition to being classmates and friends, Joseph Dell and Christopher Dean are law partners at Dell & Dean, PLLC in Garden City.



9 | The Manhattan and the Young Alumni chapters hosted a **Billiards Night** at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan on June 24, 2015. Chapter presidents Joseph Pash '86 and Joseph Reigadas '14 welcomed the guests, who were treated to lessons from a pro, played against one another, and enjoyed watching Dean Michael A. Simons demonstrate his skill with angle and bank shots.

On July 13, 2015, the **Suffolk Chapter Golf Outing** took place at the Vineyards Country Club in Riverhead. Hon. Gigi Spelman '84 was the chair for this wonderful event that provided alumni participants with a challenging and fun day out on a beautiful course.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

The majestic Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse was the setting for the Manhattan chapter's **Hon. John E. Sprizzo Reception** on June 2, 2015. Dean Michael A. Simons welcomed the guests, which included alumni and friends of the Law School and distinguished members of the state and federal judiciary. After a warm introduction by her friend and colleague, Hon. P. Kevin Castel '72SVC, '75L, '04HON, Hon. Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, graciously accepted the 2015 Hon. John E. Sprizzo Award. Named for its first recipient, the late Hon. John E. Sprizzo '56C, '59L, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, the Sprizzo Award recognizes lawyers for their commitment to the Rule of Law.



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The Cherry Creek Country Club in Garden City was the venue for the **Nassau Chapter Summer Reception** on July 16, 2015. Chapter president Kenneth Bornstein '85SVC, '88L welcomed the guests and noted that the theme for the evening was the St. John's Law tradition of service to the Nassau County Bar Association. On hand to enjoy the festivities were past NCBA presidents

Marian C. Rice '79 and John P. McEntee '85 and current president Steven J. Eisman '79.

Dean Michael A. Simons hosted a **Post-Bar Happy Hour** on July 30, 2015 at Langan's Pub & Restaurant in Manhattan. This event, which has become an annual tradition, gives the test takers a chance to kick back and relax with their deans and professors.

10 | When in Florida, remember that Florida chapter president Brian Behar '84 organizes monthly dinners for St. John's Law alumni. To attend, please contact him at bsb@bgglaw.com.

CLASS NOTES

'59 **Hon. Robert J. Hanophy**, retired Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, received the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County's St. Thomas More Award.

'66 The *New Jersey Law Journal* presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to **George Daggett**.

John M. Delany has been appointed a Garden City village trustee.

'71 In May, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York honored **Hon. Joanna Seybert** at a portrait unveiling ceremony. Her portrait now hangs in the Alfonse M. D'Amato United States Courthouse in Central Islip.

'72 **Thomas J. Killeen**, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., accepted the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Community Champion, Friend and Advocate Award at the organization's Laugh 'till It Stops Hurting fundraising event in April.

'75 In November, **Richard V. Campagna** will host a seminar on "Optimistic Existentialism and the Law" in Iowa City.

'76 *Variety* included **Maura J. Wogan**, a partner at Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC, in its Legal Impact Report on the top 50 attorneys who are making a significant impact in the entertainment industry.

'78 **Erica B. Garay**, a partner at Meyer, Suozzi, English and Klein, P.C. and chair of the firm's alternative dispute resolution practice group, has joined NAM's commercial panel of neutrals.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention presented its prestigious Award of Distinction to **Lauren J. Wachtler**, a partner at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, for her pioneering work as an advocate for victim's rights.

'79 In June, **Steven Eisman**, an executive partner at Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP, was installed as the 113th president of the Nassau County Bar Association.

'80 **Denise M. Tormey** is a shareholder at Vedder Price and a member of the firm's finance and transactions group.

Mary Ann Aiello, principal of the law firm Mary Ann Aiello PC, has been named the 22nd dean of the Nassau Academy of Law, the educational arm of the Nassau County Bar Association.

After more than a 15-year hiatus, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP partner **James L. Garrity, Jr.** has returned to the bench as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Southern District of New York.

Gerard K. (Gerry) Ryan, Jr., an attorney at Kelner & Kelner, has been named to the 2015 *New York Super Lawyers* list in the area of plaintiff's personal injury and medical malpractice.

'82 **Thomas R. Manisero**, a partner at Wilson Elser and chair of the firm's national accountants and commercial services practices, has been named to the BTI Client Service All-Stars 2015, an annual guide to attorneys commanding the attention of General Counsel and legal decision makers at large organizations.

'83 In April, the Nassau County Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee honored **John P. DiMascio** and John P. DiMascio, Jr. '97 of DiMascio & Associates, LLP as a top providers of *pro bono* services for the community.

Gerard Hefner has joined Thompson & Knight LLP as counsel in the firm's real estate and banking practice group.

Thomas P. Rohan has joined Windels Marx as special counsel, practicing in the area of commercial real estate with a focus on commercial leasing.

'84 The *Legal 500* recognized Seyfarth Shaw LLP partner **Robert J. Nobile** as "the first attorney to turn to for employment issues, from the Americans with Disability Act to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs."

James Wrynn has been named vice chairman of U.S. strategic advisory and a managing director at Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC.

'85 **Elisa D. Garcia C.** has been appointed an independent director and member of the nominating and governance committee of Dollarama Inc.

Eric P. Gonchar, a real estate attorney practicing in all areas of real estate law, was named to the 2015 *New York Super Lawyers* list.

New York State Supreme Court Justice **Deborah A. Kaplan** has been appointed the statewide coordinating judge for family violence cases.

'86 In June, **Donna Marie Korth**, a partner at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, was honored at Winthrop University Hospital's Cancer Center for Kids' annual Black and White Ball.

'87 The Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts honored **Elaine Weddington Steward**, vice president/club counsel for the Boston Red Sox, at their annual Leading Women Awards breakfast.

'88 The Consulate General of France presented Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. partner **Pierre Georges Bonnefil** with the Insignia of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. This is one of France's highest honors bestowed on French

nationals in recognition of their outstanding public service.

'89

Alan B. Hodish received the Long Island Metropolitan Lacrosse Foundation's Whitey Herickson Lifetime Achievement Award at the organization's annual hall of fame induction ceremony.

Kevin J. Hynes is a writer for the CBS primetime television show, *Scorpion*.

Ellen McCarthy has been named Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, North America at American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC. She will oversee all compliance functions for the company throughout the United States and Canada.

Joseph P. Salvo is the executive vice president and general counsel of Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization behind *Sesame Street*. He is responsible for Sesame Workshop's legal work, business affairs, and government relations.

Joyce Shulman is the CEO of *Macaroni Kid*, a popular online resource and community for moms, kids, and families.

James M. Wicks, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was elected chair of the New York State Bar Association's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section.

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Spellman Rice Schure Gibbons McDonough Polizzi & Truncale, LLP partner **John Gibbons** has been named the village attorney for Mineola.

'92

Peter T. Maloney has joined Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP as a partner. His practice focuses on transactional and regulatory matters for insurance and reinsurance companies, agents, brokers, broker-dealers, and investors.

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Donald A. Corbett has joined Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., as executive director and senior counsel.

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Edward Braniff has joined Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC as a shareholder and the firm's northeast asbestos litigation manager.

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Brian V. Breheny, a corporate partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, presented the Corporation Finance Seminar for the 2015 ASAFE/NYC Bar Securities, Finance Law and Business seminar series.

Richard Shevak has joined CohnReznick, a leading accounting, tax, and advisory firm, as a director in the firm's tax practice.

'97

Jack Bunker's first novel, *True Grift*, will be released in November.

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman has appointed **Roberto Lebron** the assistant attorney general in charge of the Harlem Regional Office, which serves a large constituency in upper Manhattan and the Bronx, covering issues from consumer fraud to public advocacy litigation.

Eva Lo has joined Jaguar Growth Partners, a privately-held investment management and advisory firm specializing in real estate private equity in growth markets globally.

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John Rondello, Jr. is an associate at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, where he practices in the firm's commercial practice group.

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At its Diversity and Inclusion Celebration Dinner in June, the New York City Bar Association presented its 2015 Diversity & Inclusion Champion Award to **Darryl W. Gibbs**, vice president and counsel at AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company. The award recognizes the critical role individual attorneys have played in initiating and sustaining change

within their organizations and the overall New York legal community.

'01

Lucian C. Chen is a registered patent attorney and a partner at Farney Daniels PC, where he practices a broad range of intellectual property and commercial law spanning multiple technology areas.

Sharon H. Lee is vice president and counsel at Wilshire Analytics and Wilshire Private Markets.

Daniel J. Melman, an intellectual property litigation and counseling attorney, has been named a partner at Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer Baratz.

'02

Robert Norton is now a partner at Fox Rothchild LLP, where he is in the firm's intellectual property practice group.

'03

Kelly D'Auria has been made a partner at Reed Smith LLP. She practices in the firm's life sciences and health industry group.

'04

Matthew F. Didora has joined Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP as a partner and director of the firm's commercial litigation department.

Matthew L. Finkelstein is a partner in the intellectual property practice group at Akerman LLP, where he represents companies and individuals on copyright and transactional matters in the music, entertainment, technology, television, film, media, and publishing industries.

Heather P. Harrison, counsel at Farrell Fritz, P.C., received the Queens Courier's Top Women in Business Award.

Laura C. Monaco is an associate in the labor and employment practice at Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.

CLASS NOTES

Law 360 has named **Keith N. Sambur** one of its bankruptcy Rising Stars for 2015. Sambur is a partner at Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP, where he practices in the firm's corporate department, handling bankruptcy and restructuring matters.

'05 **Jordan A. Costa** has been promoted to managing director and associate general counsel of JPMorgan Chase, where he works in the legal department's bank regulatory group.

Jay B. Mower has been named a partner at Hunton & Williams LLP, where he represents clients in complex commercial real estate finance and capital markets transactions, including multi-property and multistate acquisitions, construction loans, mezzanine financings, securitizations, and refinancing.

The *New York Law Journal* has named Ropes & Gray LLP partner **Daniel L. Stanco** a 2015 Rising Star.

Megan Vesely is general counsel at Sigma Analysis & Management Ltd.

'06 **Todd Gardella** has been made a partner at Lazer, Aptheker, Rosella & Yedid, P.C., where his litigation practice includes commercial, banking, creditors' rights, bankruptcy, foreclosure, debt workout, construction, software and technology, criminal, corporate and real estate matters.

Esterina Giuliani has joined BakerHostetler as counsel. She focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation.

Daniel Gravel is vice president, assistant general counsel, and compliance director at Foundation Group LLC.

Ilyse E. Sisolak is deputy general counsel at the New York City Employees Retirement System.

'07 **Misty D. Marris**, an associate at Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, is on air regularly as an independent legal analyst for FOX, CNN, and HLN.

Marianne Recher has opened her own firm, the Law Office of Marianne Recher, in California.

Timothy C. Stone is a managing consultant at Exiger, a financial crime compliance consulting firm.

'08 **Jeffrey Chery** is a trademark attorney advisor/examining attorney at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Eun Chong (EJ) Thorsen, an associate in the litigation practice at Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP, has been appointed to the New York State Committee on Character and Fitness.

John Curley has been named a partner at Hoguet Newman Regal & Kenney, LLP. His practice includes complex business litigation and white collar enforcement proceedings.

Tanisha N. Mills is an assistant vice president and senior compliance analyst in the corporate fair lending group at Citigroup.

Heidi Roll is an associate at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP, where she specializes in insurance coverage and employment practices liability.

Tara McDevitt is an associate at Goldberg & Connolly.

Seth Meyer is an associate at the Law Offices of Michael A. Haskel.

Constantina S. Papageorgiou, an associate in Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP's trusts and estates department, was elected to the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee's board of directors.

'11 **Leslie M. DiBenedetto** has joined Littler Mendelson P.C., the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management firms.

Brendan Lantry is the district director for Congressman Daniel Donovan's Staten Island and Brooklyn offices.

Timothy G. Poydenis is an associate at Stubbs Alderton & Markiles, LLP, where his practice focuses on corporate matters, including venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, and general corporate and business matters.

Matthew M. Sobotta is the associate director for health system philanthropy at UW Medicine.

'12 **Jennifer Elson** is an associate at London Fischer LLP.

David Griffin is a sales associate and team leader at Thomson Reuters.

Farrell Miller is an associate at Sepe & O'Mahony, PLLC, where his practice focuses primarily on civil and commercial litigation.

Queenie Paniagua is an assistant district attorney at the Kings County District Attorney's office.

Jon Ruiss is an associate in Alston & Bird LLP's finance practice. He works with lenders on a range of secured financings, including the purchase and sale of residential, commercial, and multifamily mortgage loans, mezzanine loans, and mortgage assets.

'13 **Heather Hili** is an associate at Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP, where she focuses her practice on labor and employment law.

'14 **Paul Magel** has joined the Law Offices of Alan J. Schwartz, P.C. as an associate.

In March, Kaye Scholer LLP associate **Edda Santiago** received the Puerto Rican Bar Association's Flor de Maga Award.

MARRIAGES



Christopher Palmese '11 and **Kelly Cheverko '11** were married in April.

BIRTHS



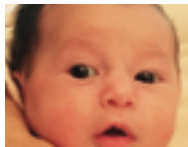
Meghan Cannella Carroll '07 and husband **Robert F. Carroll '05** welcomed John (Jack) in May.



Andriana Georgallas '12 and husband **Lambros** welcomed George in June.



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Brian Jarman '98 and wife **Francesca Sena Jarman '97** welcomed Brianna in May.



Alain V. Massena '97C, '00L, wife Cheryl, and big sister Ava welcomed twins Soleil and Laline in May.



Constantina S. Papageorgiou '10 and husband Joseph Alexander '10 welcomed Stella in April.



Laura Paris Paton '05 and husband **Chris Paton '05** welcomed Rebecca in April.



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Off to Cupertino



Alysha Preston '16 and Doug Vetter '88C, '91L on Apple's Cupertino, CA campus

Alysha Preston '16 Spends Her Summer at the *Real* Big Apple

In a recent *Fast Company* interview, Apple CEO Tim Cook shared a keen observation made by his predecessor, Steve Jobs: “Steve always said that the difference between Apple and other computing companies was that Apple made “the whole widget.” At first, that meant making the hardware and software for a computer, or for a device like the iPod. But now the “widget” is bigger. It’s become the whole “Apple experience,” meaning the universe of iPhones, iPads, and Macs, and now the watch, trying to work seamlessly with cloud services, content from any number of musicians and filmmakers and video producers, and so on. It’s one big mother of a widget.”

Law students know a thing or two about widgets. They feature prominently in their text books and final exams. And for many budding lawyers, working for an incomparable widget-producer and disruptive innovator like Apple would be a dream job.

That dream became a reality for Alysha Preston '16 when she was selected for a paid summer internship with Apple's Products Law Group at the company's headquarters in Cupertino, CA. The singular opportunity—which was offered through Doug Vetter '88C, '91L, Vice President, Associate General Counsel, and Assistant Secretary at Apple—was a great fit for Preston, who is an Intellectual Property Law Center student fellow and a senior articles editor for the *St. John's Law Review*.

The work was challenging and engaging. Among other projects, Preston conducted research and prepared memoranda on issues related to copyright infringement, clickwrap agreements, and copyright notices. She also drafted non-disclosure agreements and other agreements that help secure important technologies, components, and materials for use in Apple products. And she researched and advised company attorneys on contract interpretation issues, HR issues, and international laws and regulations affecting Apple's agreements and the development of its products.

“Apple has a great internship program,” Preston says. “I worked on some highly negotiated agreements and I attended presentations by some of the most senior executives in the company with other interns throughout the company. I also traveled with the Products Law team on a visit to their Beats headquarters in Los Angeles.”

Preston says that the internship helped her define her career path. “I networked with attorneys who have years of experience in this space and got to know not only the legal side, but also the business side of one of the most successful companies in the world,” she shares. “I also learned about the risks that developers of consumer products face, and how to mitigate those risks while still maintaining an effective business model. With this background, I'm now taking additional coursework at St. John's Law so I can continue to prepare myself for a thriving career in the IP, business, and technology space.”



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St. John's Law Alumni Association hosts and participates in many events throughout the year. Below are highlights of upcoming events. Please visit our online event calendar at stjohns.edu/law/events for full event details and updates.

October 20, 2015
Nassau Chapter Luncheon
Honoree:
Joseph E. Oliva '91CBA, '94L

October 24, 2015
Vets and Pets 5K Run/Walk

October 27, 2015
Center for Law and Religion
Discussion with
Hon. Richard J. Sullivan

November 6, 2015
Schermerhorn Alumni
Luncheon

November 7 and 8, 2015
Fall CLE Weekend

November 12, 2015
Class Reunions

November 13, 2015
Armed Forces Society and
Veterans Reception
Honoree:
Thomas J. Principe '69C, '73L

December 3, 2015
Law Loughlin Reception

December 9, 2015
Brooklyn Chapter Holiday Party
and Toy Drive

December 17, 2015
Westchester Chapter
Holiday Luncheon

December 22, 2015
Basketball Game and Alumni
Reception

February 27 and 28, 2016
Spring CLE Weekend

March 2, 2016
Law Review Reception

June 16, 2016
90th Anniversary Gala

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December 3, 2015

Law Loughlin Society Reception and Dinner

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