Greetings from Bloomington

Greetings from beautiful Bloomington, where the fall semester is nearly halfway over, the leaves have turned brilliant shades of yellow and orange, and, as I’m learning, the eternal optimism for a winning basketball season remains high.

I’ve just returned from a short, but high-impact trip to Brazil with Provost Lauren Robel, JD’83. We visited several places, including the Fundação Getúlio Vargas School of Law, one of South America’s top law schools; FGV’s Brazilian School of Public and Business Administration (FGV/EBAPE); the Universidade de Brasília, one of the top universities in the country; and with attorneys from Demarest Advogados and The Votorantim Group. It was a tremendous experience to see firsthand how legal education is being taught away from home. Though the visit was brief – I visited three cities in three days – it provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with Brazilian lawyers and top foreign faculty and legal educators, and reinforce my belief that our work in the area of global legal education is crucial in preparing students to play transformative leadership roles.

We will continue that international theme here next week, when we welcome in four highly respected academics and a sitting judge from China as we dedicate the new Academy for the Study of Chinese Law and Comparative Judicial Systems.

Based here in the Law School, the new academy — a partnership between the school and the China University of Political Science and Law — will foster lecture and research exchanges among the faculty at both schools.

As part of the dedication, the Law School will also host the inaugural China Law Forum on Nov. 4, with presentations ranging from the criminal evidence system to procedural law and the protection of human rights in China.
The China Law Forum is another remarkable event in a fall semester that has already included visits from former NAACP president and Southern Poverty Law Center co-founder Julian Bond, Harvard Law's Mark Tushnet, and the Court of Appeals of Indiana. Those events are all available to watch on the Law School's YouTube page.

I enjoyed meeting with many of you at the Indiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting earlier this month; our school's alumni continue to amaze and inspire me. For those in the Washington, DC or New York City areas, I'll be visiting there in mid-November (details at right) for a handful of alumni events. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes,

Austen L. Parrish
Dean and James H. Rudy Professor of Law

Boles, Jordan, Lee, and Seddelmeyer honored with DSA

Four alumni were honored Friday, Oct. 24, as recipients of year's Distinguished Service Award. The four honorees embody the best of alumni achievement and service to their community.

The DSA was established in 1997 to recognize graduates of the Law School who have gone above and beyond in service to their communities and school that far exceeds traditional business, professional, and civic duties. This year's recipients are:

- **Christopher D. Lee**, JD'93, partner, Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP. Evansville, Ind.
- **John E. Seddelmeyer**, JD'74, retired senior counsel, ExxonMobil Corp., Houston, Tex.
- **Gregory J. Jordan**, JD'84, partner, Jordan & Zito LLC, Chicago, Ill.

The DSA recipients were honored at a luncheon coinciding with the fall meeting of the Maurer School of Law Alumni Board. Dean Parrish said their exemplary service—from Dallas to Evansville and London to Afghanistan—was an inspiration to all Maurer students and alumni.

Class of 2017 welcomes four ICLEO participants

Four 1L students completed the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity Summer Institute before beginning fall classes in Bloomington.

Upcoming events

**Washington, DC Alumni Breakfast Reception**
Join Dean Parrish and other area alumni on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Arnold & Porter LLP, 555 12th Street, NW. Breakfast provided from 8-9:30 a.m.

**New York City Alumni Reception**
Dean Parrish will host a New York-area alumni reception on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Morrison Foerster, 21st Floor, 250 W. 55th Street, New York. Complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

To attend, RSVP by Nov. 5 to: lawalum@indiana.edu or 812.855.9700.

**Earl Singleton's 25th anniversary**
Marcus Phelps, Antoni'A Duerson, Amber Hammond, and Jamal Sowell (from left to right) all participated in the ICLEO program, which is designed as an intense preparatory tool to help students become accustomed to what they will experience as law students. As undergraduates, Duerson and Hammond both attended Indiana University, while Phelps graduated from the University of Akron (where he served as this spring's student graduation speaker), and Sowell -- an inaugural Tillman Military Scholar -- graduated from the University of Florida.

Alumni connect at NBA breakfast

In what has become an annual tradition, the Maurer School of Law hosted an alumni breakfast at this year's National Bar Association meeting in Atlanta. Frank Seales Jr., JD'74, treasurer of the National Bar Institute Board of Directors, and Assistant Dean Frank Motley served as Maurer ambassadors during the breakfast, which included Gillian Crowl, JD’10, Tracie Woods, JD’95, Veda Jairrels, JD’78, Michael Dowell, JD’82, and Nora Peoples, JD’82.

Big Ten Junior Law Faculty Conference

Junior scholars from across the Big Ten convened in Bloomington from Aug. 13-15 for the annual Big Ten Junior Law Faculty Conference. The annual event gives faculty members in the early stages of their academic careers the opportunity to present their works in progress, gain new insights on teaching, and establish networks with other faculty at neighboring schools. Thirty-one scholars participated in this year’s event, including Maurer faculty and staff: Brian Broughman, David Delaney, Jason Du Mont, Gina-Gail Fletcher, Tim Lovelace, Mike Mattioli, and Ryan Scott.

Faculty news

Fred H. Cate, Distinguished Professor and C. Ben Dutton Professor of Law, has been named one of the Top 30 Technologists, Transformers, and Trailblazers by the Center for Digital Education. The award honors pioneers in education technology from kindergarten through graduate school and showcase the accomplishments and best practices of award winners. Cate
teaches Information Privacy Law and is the co-director of IU's Center for Law, Ethics, and Applied Research in Health Information.

Professor Christiana Ochoa will host a screening of her documentary film *Otra Cosa No Hay (There is Nothing Else)* on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Indiana University Cinema. The film chronicles the effects experienced by local communities in the highlands of Colombia when foreign mining interests arrived in this ecologically vital region. More information on the film can be found on its [website](#).

David P. Fidler, the James Louis Calamaras Professor of Law, has appeared in the *New York Times* three times in the last week, providing expert commentary on the Ebola crisis. Fidler has also been interviewed by *TIME*. Read those stories, and other faculty media placements, on our [media page](#).