Greetings from Bloomington

Spring has finally arrived -- long overdue -- and we are just a few weeks away from the rush of final exams and commencement. The last weeks of the spring semester are a busy time as we prepare our students for the summer. Our weeks are also chock full of lectures, events, trips, and conferences.

One of these events will take place on May 8, when we recognize two figures who have shaped our law school—Lowell E. Baier and Jerome Hall. Lowell has been a friend to the law school for decades, and late last month we were honored to announce a $20 million estate gift on his behalf. Lowell's generous gift will literally help transform the law school. He has asked that the gift go toward facilities—a critical, if underappreciated, need for any top-flight institution.

"This gift will ensure the continuing integrity of the law school building and the Law Library, its very soul, inspiring the best in academic and scholastic achievement," Lowell said. "Remember, a sense of place creates a sense of purpose."

Lowell's generosity will do that and more. In addition to naming our building Baier Hall next month, we will also name the Law Library in honor of one of the professors who had a tremendous impact on him as a student—Jerome Hall. In

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Stay connected

2015 fall recruiting dates

The Career Services Office has finalized dates for the fall recruiting season, and this year we're pleased to announce we will hold two events in two of our most popular markets: Chicago and Washington, DC. By bringing students to you, you can save time and even preselect students in advance for interviews. The Chicago event will take place August 3-4 at the Standard Club; students will visit employer offices in Washington, DC from August 6-7.

Our formal fall on-campus recruiting program will be held August 10-12 (prior to the start of classes) and from September 7 through October 9. We look forward to working with you to place our exceptional students.

Please email Assistant Dean Kenny Tatum at
getting to know Lowell over the past year, I've come to appreciate the deep respect he holds for Professor Hall, who served on our faculty from 1939 to 1970. Lowell said Professor Hall's wisdom and inspiration extended through law school and well into his career as an extraordinarily successful businessman. It's an experience we seek for all our students: having faculty that are role models and caring mentors. I could not be more pleased that on May 8 we will dedicate the Jerome Hall Law Library inside Baier Hall. I hope you can join us in person.

Finally, I am saddened to report the passing of our dear friend and colleague Tom Schornhorst, who died March 30 in Oxford, Mississippi. Tom joined the Maurer faculty in 1966, and though he retired in 1998, he was a near-constant presence in the building long after that. His colleagues have shared many stories over the last two weeks of Tom's passion inside the classroom and out, of the time he so willingly dedicated to those who most needed a voice in the criminal justice system, and of the long lunches spent at Nick's. I must confess I didn't know Tom well, but everything I've heard since his passing has made me wish I did.

Best wishes,

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Baier Hall dedication set for May 8

Following a $20 million gift from Lowell E. Baier, the law building will be renamed in his honor at a dedication ceremony on May 8 in Bloomington. The ceremony, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Moot Court Room, is expected to draw university administrators, faculty, staff, students, and friends from across the country. Scheduled to speak are IU President Michael A. McRobbie, Provost and Executive Vice President Lauren K. Robel, JD'83, Director of the Law Library and Senior Lecturer in Law Linda Fariss, JD'88, and Mr. Baier. The ceremony will also dedicate the Law Library in honor of Jerome Hall.

Three Maurer programs ranked in top 25

The recent release of the annual U.S. News & World Report law school rankings put three Maurer programs in the top 25 nationally. The law school's tax law program came in at 16th overall, while the school's intellectual property (20), and international law (23) programs were also ranked highly by the annual guide. This marks the third consecutive year the IP

Spring break career exploration

The Career Services Office held career exploration and networking events in Washington, D.C. and New York over spring break. Students traveled to participate in these events, which were hosted by several organizations including the Department of Justice, Facebook, Goodwin Procter, the New York City Law Department, and Morrison & Foerster. The law school also hosted an alumni networking event in both cities.

On behalf of the student participants, the CSO would like to thank the more than 50 alumni who participated in these events.

Please email Senior Assistant Director Andrew Bunger at abunger@indiana.edu if you would like your organization to participate in a future career exploration and networking event.

Fred Aman honored for international efforts

Prof. Fred Aman was honored April 10 with the John W. Ryan Award for International Programs. The award, also known as the John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Programs and Studies, was initiated in 1991. The Ryan Award honors Indiana University faculty members who have made exceptional contributions to the university's international programs and engagement. Aman, the Roscoe C. O'Byrne professor of law, is the faculty editor of the Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies, a journal he helped create.

Upcoming events

Dallas reception
Join fellow Dean Parrish and fellow alumni on Monday, April 20. Complimentary drinks and
IP moot court teams advance to semifinals at AIPLA competition; 3L delivers keynote speech at Purdue engineering event

Congratulations to two of our intellectual property moot court teams for their great work last month at the Atlanta regional of the American Intellectual Property Law Association's Giles S. Rich Moot Court Competition. Representing Maurer were 3Ls Gretchen Parrish and Emily Storm-Smith, and 2Ls Ben Holt and Evan Weaks. Both teams advanced to the semi-finals. The Holt/Weaks team won runner-up honors and an award for the best appellee brief. The teams departed Bloomington April 14 to compete in the national competition in Washington, D.C. Special thanks to Josh Larsen, Mike Morris, JD'11, and Leah Seigel, JD'14, who provided outstanding help as coaches.

Before she departed for the national competition, Storm-Smith, a 3L from Avon, Ind., was invited to give the keynote speech at the Purdue Women in Engineering Juniors Exploring Engineering Day on April 13. “This is an event in which I have participated as a panelist for several years now, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to share with young women how Purdue Engineering has been one of the best decisions of my life,” she said.

Law-SPEA team participates in "The Sim"
The IU Maurer Law and School of Public and Environmental Affairs’ National Security Law and Policy Advocacy Team competed in the Georgetown Law National Security Crisis Law Invitational Simulation on March 30. Maurer students Megan Binder, Abbie Gruwell, Amy Patton, and Toby Sedgwick teamed with SPEA MPA students Alyssa LeRoy and Jack Renner to represent IU. "The Sim," as it's known, gave students from ten top law schools and the Army's Judge Advocate General School a chance to play the roles of senior government policy officials and attorneys during a multi-day crisis exercise, which was covered by The National Law Journal. Five members of the Maurer-SPEA team played the role of FEMA; a sixth played the role of an Indiana senator on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Visiting Assistant Professor David G. Delaney, who attended the event, praised the team's efforts. "The students did a superb job," he said. "They came together very quickly as an effective team and impressed the judges." Special thanks to the IU Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research for providing the funding to send the team to compete.

Defeating DOMA: Attorney in landmark marriage equality case visits Maurer

Roberta "Robbie" Kaplan, who served as counsel in a landmark civil rights case that found part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, visited the law school on March 26 to present "Defeating DOMA: United States v. Windsor and the Future of Marriage Equality." Kaplan represented Edith Windsor, a New York resident who had married her partner, Thea Spyer, in Canada. When Spyer died in 2009, Windsor sought to claim a federal tax exemption for surviving spouses. However, she was prevented from doing so under Section Three of the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage for all federal purposes as between a man and woman. Kaplan is co-counsel with a Minnesota law professor and our own Prof. Steve Sanders on an amicus brief for the Human Rights Campaign in the marriage equality cases pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. Kaplan spoke to a packed Moot Court Room and fielded several questions from the audience. Her presentation can be viewed online.
Faculty news

Dean Parrish has announced the appointment of new faculty chairs. Endowed chairs, professorships, and fellowships are critical to the law school's mission to recruit and retain a world-class faculty. We congratulate Jeannine Bell, Richard S. Melvin Professor of Law; Robert Fischman, Richard S. Melvin Professor of Law; and the law school's first clinical chair, the Glenn and Donna Scolnik Clinical Chair, to be held by W. William Weeks, JD'79.

In 1988, Prof. Fred Aman did several days of video interviews with two very influential figures during the Civil Rights revolution of the 1960's and beyond: Judge Elbert Parr Tuttle, for whom Professor Aman had clerked, and Constance Baker Motley, a major litigator for the NAACP and one of the key architects of the litigation strategies that ultimately culminated in Brown v. Board of Education. Prof. Aman screened some of those interviews for the school on March 24 and we've also made them available online.

Prof. Sarah Jane Hughes is presenting three talks in the next two weeks. On April 17, she will talk about cloud computing, data security and legal ethics at the Spring Meeting of the American Bar Association's Spring Meeting in San Francisco. On April 23, she will help lead a stakeholders' meeting for the Uniform Law Commission, which is studying how to regulate virtual-currency market intermediaries such as online wallets and currency exchanges. And on May 1, she will speak on a panel about U.S. economic sanctions law and its extra-territorial effects at the Spring Meeting of the American Bar Association's International Law Section.