22 students make up largest Stewart Fellows class yet
Twenty-two students are working outside the United States this summer as part of the 2016 Stewart Fellows Overseas Externship Program. The fellows are spending the summer working around the globe, from Argentina to Vietnam, as part of a unique program offered through the school’s Center on the Global Legal Profession. The fellows have the opportunity to work in a variety of international settings, including corporations, nongovernmental organizations and respected law firms. This year’s class is the largest in the program’s history. The program is named in honor of Milton Stewart, who graduated from the Law School in 1971. He and his wife, Judi, visited Bloomington this spring to congratulate the students on their appointments. Discover where this year's Stewart Fellows are working and what they’re doing.

Bill Hunt, Stewarts featured in new IU Foundation videos
Bill Hunt, who earned his bachelor’s degree from IU in 1966 and his law degree in 1969, is a firm believer in the power of education. "IU was so meaningful to me... It was my life," he recently told the IU Foundation. In a new video, Hunt reminisces on IU’s guiding presence and how he hopes to make it a beacon for others. The video is one of a series launched by the Foundation to showcase the power of
giving. Milt, '71, and Judi Stewart are also featured, telling the story of one of the smallest gifts they've ever given, yet one that they consider to be the most important. Find out what it is here.

Environmental law program in the spotlight
Showcasing the school's impressive environmental law program is the focus of a new recruiting video aimed at bringing in Indiana Law's next generation of environmental attorneys. The video features Lydia Barbash-Riley, JD/MPA '16; Scott Breen, JD/MPA '15; and Peter Murrey, '14, all of whom are pursuing careers in different areas of environmental law. Find out what they're doing to make a difference in the world.

Mandela Leaders visit Maurer faculty
The Law School played host to 25 of Sub-Saharan Africa's brightest young people in late June, as the Mandela Washington Leadership for Young African Leaders program spent a day with members of the Indiana Law faculty. Prof. Kevin Brown, assistant deans Lesley Davis and Catherine Matthews, and Aaron Bonar, a J.D./Ph.D. candidate and a graduate fellow at the Center for Constitutional Democracy, led discussions about how the American legal system offers protections for people with disabilities and domestic violence victims as well as those who face discrimination due to race and gender. The U.S. State Department and the International Research & Exchanges Board selected IU as a host for the flagship program of President Barack Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative. The students said they enjoyed discussing accessibility and domestic violence issues with the Maurer faculty. Read more about the Mandela Leaders' visit to Baier Hall.

Barbu, LLM'08/SJD'09, running for Liberian presidency
Dr. Jallah A. Barbu, a senior fellow with the Center for Constitutional Democracy and an alumnus of Indiana Law's LLM and SJD programs, has announced his intention to join the
Barbu made the announcement June 3. He will be the presidential candidate of LINU, being the party’s only eminent partisan. Barbu is an instructor at the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law, and is also the founder and first Director of Abbidoe Law Office in Liberia as well as the Barbu and Howard Law Firms. Dr. Barbu is a co-author of Liberia's first constitutional commentary and the author of Liberia's first constitutional law course book. He is the former secretary general of the Liberia National Bar Association.

In brief...

Longtime friend of the Law School Mike Shumate was honored last month with the IU Foundation's Keystone Award, which recognizes an individual who has shown exemplary volunteerism and generosity through multiple IU fundraising campaigns. Watch a brief tribute to the hard work Shumate has done on behalf of the university and our Law School.

Rafael Sanchez, '02, has been named president and CEO of Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL). The utility serves 480,000 residential and commercial customers. Sanchez joined IPL in February as senior vice president of strategic planning.

3L Jamal Sowell was appointed last month to the Indiana State Board of Health Facility Administrators. The announcement was made by Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. Sowell will serve a four-year term, concluding in June 2020.


Prof. Deborah Widiss will receive the Feldman Award on Aug. 6 in Denver. The award is presented by the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family. Widiss is being honored for her March 2016 article, "Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships,” published in the Journal of Family Theory and Review.

Prof. David C. Williams, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Democracy, was the featured guest on the June 26th edition of the "Through the Gates: IU This Week" podcast with James Shanahan, dean of IU’s Media School.

Upcoming alumni events
United States District Court Library, 3rd Floor
BLOOMINGTON -- Saturday, Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m. BLSA and Latino Alumni and Student Reception, Prof. Kevin Brown's home.
INDIANAPOLIS -- Thursday, September 29, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., ISBA Alumni Reception.

Visit the events calendar for details as they become available and to RSVP. Contact lawalum@indiana.edu for further information.