



news from the IU Maurer School of Law

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Greetings from Bloomington



It's hard to imagine, but the spring semester is drawing to a close. The class of 2015 is beginning to take shape, and we look forward to welcoming them to campus in August.

As part of our recruiting efforts, we send a series of video magazines to all accepted students. A video about what makes Indiana Law different appears nearby; you can view the remaining videos on our [YouTube page](#).

I appreciate the support that alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the school are giving me during this interim period. I welcome your questions and comments and look forward to seeing you in Bloomington or at one of our upcoming alumni events in your city.

Warm regards,

[Hannah L. Buxbaum](#)

Interim Dean and John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics

Academy of Law Alumni Fellows honored

The Academy of Law Alumni Fellows were honored on Friday, March 23 at a dinner and induction ceremony in the Indiana Memorial Union's Alumni Hall. This year's fellows are **Stephen F. Burns, JD'68**; **Dorothy J. Frapwell, JD'73**; **Stephen H. Paul, JD'72**; and **Richard S. Rhodes, LLB'53**.

Induction into the academy is the highest honor the Law School can bestow on its graduates. [Read more about the ALAF and its fellows.](#)

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Career Choices series continues to welcome alums to campus



What makes Indiana Law different?

Interim Dean Hannah Buxbaum introduces the school to prospective students. [Watch the video.](#)



Class notes

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Alumni and friends of Indiana Law continued to benefit students during the spring semester as part of the school's Career Choices series. More than 20 practitioners are visiting the Law School during March and April, bringing to bear their experiences in a number of fields, including labor law, criminal prosecution, consumer protection, broadcasting, and international manufacturing. The lunchtime discussions are part of the school's innovative first-year course on the legal profession, which helps students chart their career paths.

Many thanks to the March and April Career Choices speakers: **Daniel Amin, Robert Aronson, Alan Baron, Juan Basombrio, Jim Beckett, Sara Bosco, Julia Heitz Cassidy, Michele Cooley, Amanda Couture, Jeff Davidson, Paul Donohue, Brian Edge, Betsy Greene, Abby Kuzma, Bill Marshall, Andi Metzler, Roger Pardieck, Monish Patel, Tony Prather, Laurie Robinson, and David Steiger.**

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Conkle op-ed on health care debate featured in *Politico*

On March 27-29, the US Supreme Court conducted a rare three-day series of oral arguments on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. Prof. [Daniel O. Conkle](#) offered his thoughts on this important topic in an op-ed for *Politico*, the widely read online journal of politics and current events.



Titled "[Health Care and Constitutional Armageddon](#)," the piece encourages the Court to defer consideration of the law's individual-mandate provision until after the 2012 elections.

Conkle's op-ed has been cited in many other publications, including *The Washington Post* and *Bloomberg Business News*, and provoked lively discussion on the [Law School's Facebook page](#).

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Save the date for class reunions!

Class of 2002:

Saturday, September 22; Irish Lion; 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Special thanks to **Hongsun Yoon** for serving as reunion leader.

Class of 1987:

Saturday, September 22; Nick's Hump Room, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Special thanks to **Vincent Moccio** for serving as reunion leader.

Class of 1962:

Saturday, September 22
Indiana Memorial Union Federal Room ; 6:00-10:00 p.m.

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Distinguished Service Award nominations open

Help us recognize deserving alumni who go above and beyond the normal practice of law by completing a nomination form and submitting the required materials by Friday, April 27, 2012.

Recipients will receive the award at a special ceremony on Friday, September 21, 2012.

For additional information, please visit our [Distinguished Service Award](#) page.

If you have questions, please contact Andrea Havill, Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations, at (812) 855-3015 or at ahavill@indiana.edu.

Coming events

Class of 2012 recognition ceremony Saturday, May 5, 3:00, IU Auditorium
Speaker: **David L. Carden**, JD'76, U.S. ambassador to USEAN.

Welcome to the city receptions

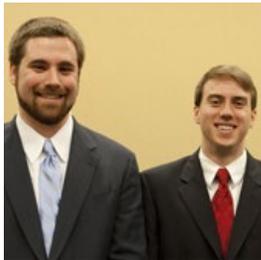
Attendees are also invited to brunch in the Tudor Room on Sunday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m. Special thanks to **Hugo Martz** and **Tom McDonald** for serving as reunion leaders.

Reunion details are being finalized and information will be sent to classes soon. For additional information, please contact Stephanie Coffey at stcoffey@indiana.edu or (812) 856-2793.

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Maurer students prevail in competitions

On Friday, February 24, a standing-room-only crowd of classmates, family, and faculty gathered in the Moot Court room to hear four second-year students argue before a panel of judges in the final round of the Law School's annual **Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition**, sponsored by Bose McKinney & Evans LLP.



Moot Court winners Harter (l.) and Silvestri

After multiple rounds of briefing and oral argument in the fall and spring, the last four students standing were finalists **Eric Silvestri, Michael Mattingly, Kyle Fields, and Nate Harter**. They emerged from 151 initial competitors, and more than 200 alumni contributed their time as judges.

A distinguished panel of judges presided over the finals: **Judges Edward Najam** of the Indiana Court of Appeals and **Valeri Haughton** of Monroe Circuit Court; **Ken Falk**, Litigation Director of the ACLU-Indiana; **Greg Castanias** JD'90, of Jones Day in Washington, DC; and **Professor Joe Hoffmann**. **Harter** and **Silvestri** were named champions of this year's competition.

On March 9, two teams from Indiana Law competed in the **Williams Institute Moot Court Competition** at UCLA Law School, a competition devoted to issues in sexual orientation and gender identity law. One of the teams, consisting of 2Ls **Jorden Colalella** and **Cara Johnson**, won an honor for Best Brief.

Maurer School of Law JD students and Kelley MBA students **Chad Ranney, Josh Stolarz, Abijah Nyong, Kurt Sutton, and Gaurang Gupta** narrowly edged out the competition to win this year's **IU Internal Venture Capital Investment Competition**, which was held at the Law School on Saturday, February 11. This fourth annual competition was sponsored by the Elmore Entrepreneurship Law Clinic and the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

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These receptions are a great way to meet recent graduates and students interning in the area for the summer. Please plan to join us.

Indianapolis. Tuesday, May 22, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 2700

Washington, DC. Thursday, June 14, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Location TBA.

Chicago. Wednesday, June 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Market, 113 West Randolph.

RSVP to lawalum@indiana.edu or call (812) 855-9700.

National Bar Association annual alumni breakfast Wednesday, July 18, 7 - 9 p.m. Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas. Room TBA.

Alumni Reception in conjunction with the American Bar Association annual meeting Chicago, Friday, August 3.

Check our website for updated locations and other details.

Faculty in the media

Maurer School of Law faculty are in the forefront of research -- which puts them at the top of the list for media inquiries on a variety of topics.

Visit our website for a complete listing of faculty in the media, and read or listen

to their take on the legal
aspects of current events.

