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Greetings from Bloomington



We are heading into the home stretch of the spring semester, and the Law School is a busy place. In the next few weeks, we will host two Indiana Supreme Court justices, the Indiana Court of Appeals, and a leading ACLU attorney -- not to mention the second annual Law School Musical.

As you may have read, the 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of graduate schools have been released. Our school moved up one place, from 26th to 25th, and we remain among the top ten public law schools. Our intellectual property program made the list of top specialties, ranking 20th in the country, thanks to the leadership of Prof. [Mark Janis](#). (Further details on the IP program below.)

I've enjoyed visiting with the many alumni who have been back in Bloomington recently. We like to think it's to visit the law school and not Assembly Hall -- but whatever the reason, we are always glad to see you.

Yours,
[Hannah L. Buxbaum](#)
Interim Dean and John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics

Record audience attends Moot Court finals

More than 250 people attended the final round of arguments of the Law School's **Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition** on March 1. This year's competition was the largest in the school's history: 165 students competed, and more than 200 alumni and friends of the school participated as judges and advisors. Five distinguished judges presided over the final round: Hon. Diane S. Sykes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Hon. David Stras, Minnesota Supreme Court; Hon. Carr L. Darden (Retired), Indiana Court of Appeals; Hon. Nancy Vaidik, Indiana Court of Appeals; and Professor Ryan Scott.

This year's case problem addressed two issues: Whether the 14th Amendment requires a judge to recuse herself from a case when her personal politics and financial incentives seem to favor one party highly; and whether a city government may exercise its eminent domain power over underwater mortgages to alleviate a foreclosure crisis without violating the Fifth Amendment's

Alumni News from Indiana Law March 2013



Coming events

Feminist Law Forum happy hour

Friday, March 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m., atrium, McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis. Co-sponsored by Maurer and McKinney Feminist Law Forums. RSVP: Amanda Stephens, as48@indiana.edu.

Student Bar Association golf outing

Sunday, March 24, 10:30 a.m., IU Golf Course. For more information: jmlevy2@gmail.com.

Indiana Court of Appeals oral argument

Monday, April 1, 6:00 p.m., moot court room

Indiana Journal of Law & Social Equality Symposium

Friday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.
More information at the [Journal's website](#)

Prof. William Henderson briefing on data-based hiring

Thursday, April 11, Minneapolis;
Friday, April 12, Chicago
More information on the [Alumni Events](#) page of the website.

Ralph F. Fuchs Lecture

Featuring Hon. Randall T. Shepard, former Chief Justice, Indiana Supreme Court
Monday, April 15, noon, moot court room

Tribute to Lauren Robel

protection of private property rights. The case was based on a takeover plan for San Bernardino County, Calif., that was recently the subject of extensive debate and media coverage.

This year's finalists were second-year students **Jacob German, Jonathon Hitz, Leah Seigel, and Julie Spain**. Hitz and Seigel received top honors as competition winners. The competition is named for **Sherman Minton, LLB'15**, who served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1949-1956. Thanks to **Bose McKinney & Evans LLP** for sponsorship of the competition.

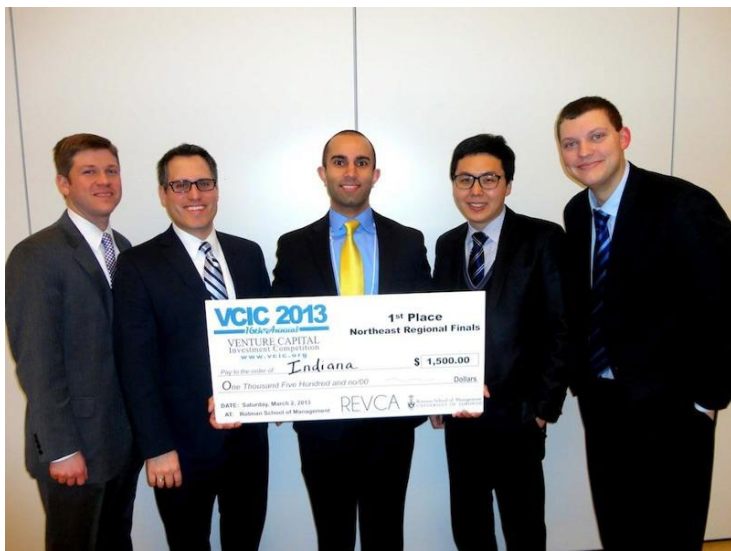


Moot Court judges and finalists (from left): Prof. Ryan Scott, Jonathon Hitz, Hon. Nancy Vaidik, Leah Seigel, Hon. Diane Sykes, Julie Spain, Jacob German, Hon. Carr Darden, Hon. David Stras.

Maurer-Kelley team wins venture capital competition

The 2013 **Maurer/Kelley Venture Capital Investment Team** ran away with the competition at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management on March 2. The team will compete in the international finals at UNC in April.

This year's team consisted of five students from the Law School and the Kelley School of Business (from left below): **Brandon Benjamin** (4th year JD/MBA), **Jorge Alvarez** (3rd year 3-year JD/MBA), **Damon Yousefy** (4th year JD/MBA), **Nathan Chun** (3rd year JD/MBA), and **Eli Stoughton** (3rd year JD).



Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., Franklin Hall. For more information:

lawalum@indiana.edu

Academy of Law Alumni Fellows dinner and induction

Friday, April 19, 6:00 p.m., Tudor Room, Indiana Memorial Union. For more information:

lawalum@indiana.edu.

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Traveling? Send us your photo wearing Maurer garb!

Are you traveling this spring? If so, have your picture taken wearing a Maurer hat, t-shirt, or other identifiable garb and send it to us at



lawalum@indiana.edu. Make sure there's a recognizable landmark in the background! We'll publish the photos in the May edition of ergo.

"This year's victory was particularly notable," said **Mark Need**, JD/MBA'92, clinical professor of law and JD/MBA program director. "IU's team beat teams from Harvard (#1 ranked MBA program), Yale (#10), Michigan (#13), Cornell (#16), and Rochester."

This year's competitors reviewed business plans and pitches ranging from an innovative online tutoring service and a pharmaceutical development startup.

Justice Shepard to deliver Fuchs Lecture

Hon. **Randall T. Shepard**, retired Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, will visit the Law School on April 15 at noon to deliver the Ralph F. Fuchs Lecture. Shepard was appointed to the Court in 1985, was named Chief Justice in 1987, and retired in 2012, at which point he was the longest-serving Chief Justice in Indiana history.



Shepard is currently a Senior Judge in the Indiana Court of Appeals and an Executive in Residence at IU's Public Policy Institute. He also chairs the ABA Task Force on the Future of Legal Education. Justice Shepard's lecture is titled, "Does the Country Have Too Many Lawyers, or Not Enough?" Indiana CLE credit has been applied for.



IP practitioners-in-residence visit Bloomington

IP program ranked 20th in US

Prof. **Mark Janis**, JD'89, Robert A. Lucas Chair of Law and Director, Center for IP Research

Intellectual property practitioners from two major global corporations visited Maurer recently to share their experiences in this growing area of law.

On February 12, Suzanne Flaton-Origenes and Anna-lisa Gallo, in-house lawyers at **BASF Corporation**, spent the day at the Law School attending classes, visiting with students, and describing their work as IP transaction experts.

On March 5, Andrew Sanders and Andrea Sander from **Microsoft Corporation** took part in classes and met with small groups of students while on campus. They also spoke about practicing IP law in a large corporation. The practitioner-in-residence series is sponsored by the Law School's Center for Intellectual Property Research.

Maurer's IP program was nationally ranked in the 2014 *US News & World Report* listing of best graduate schools, the first time one of the school's programs has received a national ranking.

Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality

plans symposium

Indiana Law's newest journal, the online [***Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality***](#), will hold a symposium at the Law School on Thursday, March 28, from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. in room 125.

The symposium is titled "The Changing Dynamics of Immigration Policy in the United States: How Constitutional Analysis, Politics, and Culture Frame the Debate," and will feature three experts in immigration law: Monica McDermott, University of Illinois Sociology Department; Huyen Pham, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law; and Peter Spiro, Temple University Beasley School of Law. Symposium proceedings will be published in the first issue of the *Journal* later this year.

The purpose of the *Journal* is to serve as an interdisciplinary academic forum for scholars, practitioners, policy-makers, and students to contribute to society's understanding of legal and policy issues concerning race, religion, gender, and class.



Prof. **Julia Lamber**,
JD'72, *IJLSE* advisor

Silver named to journal on professions

Professor **Carole Silver**, JD'80, has been appointed to the editorial board of the [***Journal of Professions and Organization***](#) at Oxford University Press. The Journal describes itself as the "premier outlet for research on organizational issues concerning professionals, including their work, management and their broader social and economic role."



Silver's research investigates the influence of globalization on the work and structure of law firms, on legal education and on regulation of the profession. She is the director of the [***Law School Survey of Student Engagement***](#), which tracks and analyzes the educational experiences of law students at law schools in the United States and Canada and offers schools a mechanism for considering how their students' learning experiences compare to those of students at other law schools.



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