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In December 2014, the Board of Trustees approved the Bicentennial Strategic Plan for Indiana University, a bold vision to guide the university as it begins its third century of excellence. The following May, the Maurer School of Law faculty approved its own Strategic Plan, which complements the university’s plan and establishes the following strategies for moving the school toward delivery of our mission:

» Bolster student engagement and success
» Strengthen our academic program
» Embrace global engagement
» Broaden the reach of legal education
» Employ research center driven growth
» Deepen our campus collaborations
» Build our community
» Diversify and strengthen outside funding

During 2018–19, the law school continued on its trajectory of achievement in all of these strategies in an increasingly competitive environment for legal education. We have:

» Continued to bolster student engagement and success by managing cost of education and improving career planning and counseling;
» Strengthened our academic program with new courses, externships, and dual degrees;
» Supported research excellence, with a renewed focus on faculty achievements and the productive work of our four research centers;
» Expanded our impact, both globally and locally, through new partnership programs; and
» Celebrated our illustrious alumni while expanding our talented and diverse advisory boards.

In this report, we describe our key achievements over the past year in the context of these five areas of accomplishment. We present highlights in each of these areas, along with in-depth stories that call attention to significant accomplishments.

This past year has been a successful one, and we look forward to following it with another productive year as the university celebrates its Bicentennial.

Austen L. Parrish
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BOLSTERING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND SUCCESS

IN BRIEF

Over the past year, the Maurer School of Law continued its five-year trajectory of developing and implementing initiatives aimed at ensuring student engagement and success. These included more support for bar-exam preparation, a student wellness program, greater recognition for diversity and inclusion efforts, a Young Alumni Steering Committee to help newly relocated graduates get acclimated, a direct-admit program for highly credentialed IU Bloomington students, and an enhanced judicial clerkship program. Highlights from some of our more innovative programs are discussed below.

A Highly Qualified and Diverse Class

The 2018 incoming class maintained the school’s standards for academic credentials and diversity. The class of 2021 posted a median Law School Admission Test score of 162 (83rd percentile) and a median undergraduate GPA of 3.72. We accepted 39.1% of all applicants. Overall, the school was ranked 34th by U.S. News & World Report in March 2019. We are ranked 14th among public law schools in the United States.

Women comprised 51% of the 2018 entering class, a majority for the second time, and 28% of the class were minorities. Our students came from 29 states, four countries, and 110 undergraduate institutions. Another 54 students joined the school’s graduate programs from 22 countries.

These results reflect positive trends in applications over the past five years. Applications to the class of 2021 exceeded 2,000 for the first time since 2012 and have increased 40% since the 2015–16 academic year.

A Brighter Employment Picture

The Law School’s Career Services Office was completely restaffed in 2018, and students’ employment outcomes have improved accordingly. The Law School has implemented several initiatives aimed at bolstering student success, including expanded externship programs in Washington, DC and New York; renewed focus on judicial clerkships with a full-time director; interview walkarounds in Chicago, Indianapolis, New York, and Washington, DC; and an on-campus Career Expo.

Applications and Entering Class Size, 2014–18

Building enrollment, maintaining quality. Applications and class size have returned to 2014 levels. Smaller class sizes were intentionally enrolled to maintain academic quality.

Entering Class Enrollment by Gender, 2014–18

Women made up 51% of the incoming class in both 2016 and 2018. In 2019, there were more women than men in the graduating class for the first time. (Does not include one student in 2015 and two in 2018 who identify as “other.”)
As of March 30, 2019, **84.5% of the class of 2018 was employed** in jobs that either required a JD or for which a JD was preferred. This result—an improvement of five points over the previous year—placed us in the top 28% of all U.S. law schools.

The improved employment picture also had a positive impact on student satisfaction. This year, according to the nationwide Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE), 67% of 2L students reported being satisfied or very satisfied with career counseling, a 41 percentage-point increase over the previous year. **Students reported high levels of satisfaction** in 2019—89%, 86%, and 81% for 1L, 2L, and 3L students, respectively—according to the annual LSSSE survey.

**Making Legal Education Affordable**

Much has been written about the cost of higher education, and it is true that a law degree calls for a substantial investment of time and money. Fortunately, thanks to the generosity of alumni and the wise counsel of our financial advising office, our students graduate with much less debt than their peers:

- In 2018, **35% of our students graduated with no debt at all.** The percentage of students who took out loans to go to law school fell to 65%, down from 88% in 2012.
- The **debt level of 2018 graduates was the eighth-lowest among the top 35 law schools,** in the lowest third among all U.S. law schools—and the lowest of all Indiana schools.
- Our **median scholarship** grant of $27,000 in 2018 was the **seventh-highest** among the top 35 schools.
- The **average debt** of all Maurer School of Law graduates equaled **$62,000 for the class of 2018,** compared with $99,500 for the class of 2012.
- Our students can plan their expenses with greater certainty thanks to two programs: guaranteed **frozen tuition** throughout all three years and **no conditional scholarships.**
- Our **Back Home Again** program offers in-state tuition to everyone who has ever lived in Indiana, even those who are not current residents.

**Student Satisfaction with Job Search Assistance**

**Dramatic improvement:** A revamped staff and new initiatives resulted in large gains in students saying they are satisfied with the job search assistance they receive from the school’s Career Services Office.
Building a More Diverse Community

The Law School continued to lead the way in building an inclusive community and creating opportunities for diverse students to receive a legal education.

The school’s Black Law Student Association chapter is one of the most successful in the nation, having been named Chapter of the Year in the Midwest Region for three of the past five years. BLSA hosts the school’s two leading fund-raisers each year, both of which attract students, faculty, and staff from across the Law School community. The Latinx, Asian Pacific American, and OUTlaw organizations also play a vital role in the school’s extracurricular life.

On the academic side, the school has put in place several new programs in recent years with the support of partnerships from across campus, including the Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs. Each year, we recruit talented students from the 21st Century, Groups, and Hudson and Holland Scholars Programs, offering them a scholarship of at least 50% of tuition, a first-year peer advisor, and an upper-division mentor.

In 2018 we appointed an assistant director of admissions and diversity initiatives, Kendra Abercrombie, a lawyer with experience in these crucial areas of long-term success for the school. We are also continuing to diversify the composition of our board of visitors, and minorities make up 28% of our faculty.

Kendra Abercrombie
Assistant Director, Admissions and Diversity Initiatives

Average Debt of Students Who Borrowed

Student debt: The law school compares very favorably with peer schools, many of whom are ranked higher overall, including Minnesota, Northwestern, Notre Dame, and Duke.

Student Satisfaction with Financial Counseling

Strong performance: Thanks to the Law School’s outstanding financial aid office, our students’ level of satisfaction with financial counseling far outperforms that of our peer schools.
A Signature Student Program Celebrates 10 Years

Ten years have passed since the inaugural class of Stewart Fellows set forth from Bloomington for a summer of hands-on experiences throughout the world. Since then, nearly 200 students have benefited from the program, which offers externships in law firms, corporations, and nongovernment organizations in a dozen countries. Prof. Jayanth Krishnan, Milton and Judi Stewart Professor of Law and director of the Stewart Center on the Global Legal Profession, directed the program for the past decade.

Endowed by a gift from Milt ’71 and Judi Stewart, the program does much more than provide a worthwhile summer experience. It prepares Indiana Law students for their professional careers by introducing them to the limitless range of options that a legal education provides.

For example, Amanda Stephens, ’14, spent the summer of 2012 at a women’s rights organization in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India (now the Indian State of Telangana). “My Stewart Fellowship experience helped prepare me for the practice of law by teaching me how to interact with diverse personalities and populations and how to anticipate uncertainty,” she said. “Every client (and judge!) has a different perspective and background, and navigating their legal situations requires a degree of patience, flexibility, and allowance for unpredictability. The Stewart Fellowship taught me how to master these skills. And living in a vastly different cultural climate such as India’s taught me to be more patient, more kind, and a better listener.”

Stephens added that the fellowship helped her secure a Fulbright-Nehru Student Research Award, which enabled her to conduct her doctoral research on women’s rights, nongovernment organizations, and volunteers in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India. She is currently working as a full-time associate attorney at Ferguson Law in Bloomington while drafting her dissertation for a PhD in gender studies at IU.

Joel Bonilla Blondet is taking advantage of Indiana Law’s global programs in five countries. He spent the summer of 2014 in Brazil at Votorantim, a diversified multinational corporation based in São Paulo. Then he earned an MBA from the Maurer School of Law—Sungkyunkwan University JD/MBA program in Seoul and spent a semester in Hong Kong on an exchange program with the University of Hong Kong. Upon returning to IU in 2016, he completed his JD course work and continued
in the PhD in Law and Democracy program at the Center for Constitutional Democracy. He is now an assistant professor at India’s Jindal Global Law School, an Indiana Law partner school, where he is writing his dissertation.

**Rowland Atta-Kesson, SJD ’19,** is on leave from his position as a lecturer at a public law school in Ghana. Working under the supervision of Prof. Krishnan, he is studying foreign lawyers’ re-qualification requirements for practice in all 54 African countries and governance issues in Ghana, with a particular focus on corruption and gender concerns.

There are as many Stewart Fellows experiences as there are Stewart Fellows, and each is unique. The three stories shared here are just a sampling of the paths the program has offered to Indiana Law’s students.

**Katie Beck** joined the Law School in 2019 as director of student affairs, responsible for supervision of the school’s 40 student organizations, academic advising, counseling, and bar preparation. She previously spent several years developing a non-profit organization focused on documenting community-identified cultural heritage and land rights history in the southern Caribbean region of Costa Rica. Her most recent position was at the IU Media School, where she was director of experiential education. Beck is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law.

**New Leaders Named in Student Affairs**

A longtime faculty member and an experienced academic administrator were appointed in 2018–19 to lead the Office of Student Affairs.

Prof. **Aviva Orenstein** was named associate dean of students and academic affairs in 2018 after serving as associate dean for academic affairs in 2017 and interim director of the Career Services Office in 2017–18. In 2019 she has devoted all of her administrative duties to the dean of students role.

A popular professor and scholar whose research focuses on the intersection of evidence law and culture, Orenstein joined the faculty in 1992. She founded and supervises Outreach for Legal Literacy, a program through which law students teach constitutional law and civics to local fifth-graders. She is a graduate of Cornell Law School.
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The Law School’s faculty continue to bring distinction to the profession. Clinics were added and expanded; the number of simulation and drafting courses increased; nine faculty members were hired and five were promoted or granted tenure over the past five years. We continued the fourth year of our inter-term Wintersession, the second year of our Intersession during fall break, and the second year of our partnership with the Institute for the Future of Law Practice, which pairs practical skills and business fundamentals in summer internships. In our graduate programs, six new LLM specializations were introduced, and our first students completed their PhDs law and democracy.

Academic Partnerships Expanded

Over the past few years, the Law School has been building partnerships with undergraduate schools, employers, and nonprofit organizations, all with a view toward attracting students and providing them with employment.

Undergraduate Institutions. The Law School has created strategic partnerships with 25 women’s colleges, liberal arts colleges, and engineering schools. Students selected from the following schools receive a 50% tuition discount, an upper-division mentor, and in many cases a research assistantship.

- Albion College
- Brooklyn College
- Bryn Mawr College
- Coe College
- Cottey College
- Dartmouth College
- DePauw University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Grinnell College
- Hope College
- Indiana University—Bloomington:
  - Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies
  - Jacobs School of Music
- O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- Groups Scholars
- Hudson and Holland Scholars
- 21st Century Scholars
- Iowa State University
- Kenyon College
- Knox College
- Marian University
- Mills College
- Mount Holyoke College
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Smith College

A similar program with the U.S. Army — believed to be the only one of its kind — makes it possible for qualifying officers and enlisted soldiers to pursue a legal education during their time of service. Eligible students receive a $75,000 scholarship and are paired with an upper-division mentor.

Law Scholars Partnership Program. Introduced in 2018, this program builds on the principle that early connections can yield great results for all involved. The program guarantees qualified incoming students a paid summer job at the time of their admission, often with scholarship support, alumni mentoring, and research assistantships. It also helps eliminate the stress and distraction of a job search during the first year by guaranteeing summer employment.

The following are serving as pilot partners:

- Procter & Gamble
- Dinsmore & Shohl
- Middleton Reutlinger
- Lumina Foundation
- Hon. Jose M. Rodriguez, Jr., ’80, and Novarro|McKown (includes a judicial externship)
- Southern Poverty Law Center (includes a research assistantship with Prof. Tim Lovelace)
In addition, several international entities are serving as partners under our Stewart Fellows program, including the law firms Marval, O’Farrell & Mairal and Wiener Soto Caparrós; the Centro México de Derecho Ambiental (CEMDA); and the Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración (IMUMI).

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**Maurer School of Law National Rankings**

_U.S. News and World Report, March 2019_

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Michael Flannery, ’83
Family Office Program Advisory Council

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Michael Flannery, ’83, a member of the Law School’s Board of Visitors and CEO of Duchossois Capital Management, a family investment firm in Chicago, will serve as a member of an advisory council for the program.

Professor Brian Broughman, an expert on corporate law, corporate finance, and mergers and acquisitions, will serve as director of the program. He will be supported by professor Mark Need, ’92, who oversees the Elmore Entrepreneurship Clinic and the school’s JD/MBA program.

**JD/MS in Cybersecurity Risk Management Launched**

The Law School’s new dual-degree program in cybersecurity risk management joins a law degree with a master of science in a highly sought-after field. The degree offers an interdisciplinary, practical approach to the varied legal, policy, business, and ethical questions that characterize cybersecurity risk management.

The program—one of only a few in the U.S.—brings together cybersecurity courses from the Law School, the Kelley School of Business, and the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering. Because up to 15 credits of law school courses can count toward both degrees, the joint degree can be earned in as few as three years.

“Cybersecurity risks go far beyond how our computers are wired and whether we have strong passwords,” said Professor Joseph Tomain, one of Indiana Law’s faculty members teaching in the program. “For example, consumer risks are created by the Internet of Things. Safety risks are created by self-driving vehicles. Democratic risks are created by various threats to elections. To address these risks, society requires not only individuals with technological expertise, but also with the law and policy background to help establish the proper frameworks for managing technology and the related human behaviors.”

Students not wishing to pursue the combined degree may opt for an MS in cybersecurity risk management or for a graduate certificate in either cybersecurity law and policy, or in information privacy law and policy. These 12-hour certificate programs may include courses from all three participating schools. Beginning in the spring of 2020, the graduate certificate program will be available either on line or in residence.

The JD/MS in cybersecurity risk management is one of 11 combined degrees offered by the Law School. Other combined degrees are available in business, public and environmental affairs, communications, information and library science, media studies, public health, and Russian and East European studies.

**Undergraduate Collaborations Expanded**

Law School faculty have joined forces with schools and departments across campus to teach undergraduate courses that are gaining in popularity. During 2018–19, Law School faculty taught the following classes:

**O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (part of the school’s new BS in Law and Public Policy):**
- Give Us the Ballot: The Right to Vote across U.S. History (Luis Fuentes-Rohwer)
- International Law and Policy (Timothy William Waters)
- Introduction to Biotechnology Law (Yvonne Cripps)
- Media Law and Policy (Joseph Tomain)

**Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies (part of the school’s new BA in International Law and Institutions):**
- Law and Global Development (Christiana Ochoa)
- Law in Authoritarian States: China (Ethan Michelson)

**Hutton Honors College:**
- Law and Society: Hot Topics (Joseph Hoffmann)
Legal Profession Course Retooled

The Law School’s innovative Legal Profession course was overhauled in 2018, with a renewed emphasis on career exploration.

Introduced in 2007, The Legal Profession is a four-hour, first-year, spring semester course that replaced the traditional upper-level study of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct with a broader focus on the ethics, competencies, and economics of the profession. The course uses legal ethics and the law of lawyering as foundation for a class that immerses students in a variety of practice settings and introduces them to the competencies they must develop as successful professionals.

Recent student feedback about the course showed a desire to start their professional journey as early as possible during their law school years. Accordingly, in 2018, one credit of the Legal Profession course was moved to the fall semester.

“Forcing Your Path actually started on the very first day of orientation,” Nagy said. “In addition to a course overview from Dean Parrish and a talk on professionalism from Prof. Charles Geyh, we welcomed Judge Valeri Houghton of the Monroe County Circuit Court, who administered the school’s professionalism oath.” Nagy added that the orientation-day activities set a positive tone for the coming year and were well-received by the first-year class.

Topics for the weekly class sessions include:

» Networking and informational interviews;
» Inclusion and bias;
» Representing yourself in writing: résumés, emails and cover letters;
» Life-work integration;
» Advice from employers

Students were required to write a reflective memorandum with a plan for reaching their career goals and to complete a series of informational interviews with attorneys. In the spring, students completed the second portion of The Legal Profession, a three-credit course that continues exploration of the legal profession through the introduction of the ABA’s Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

Nagy explained that the course will introduce students to a variety of legal practice areas and settings; a number of the school’s successful alumni; ways to think about short- and long-term career goals; and resources for supporting career exploration.
Faculty Recognized for Achievements

The Law School has embarked on a campaign to receive recognition for the academic achievements of its faculty on both the university and national levels. The efforts have paid off: More than 25% of the tenured or pre-tenure faculty have been recognized.

**Fellowships and Visiting Appointments**
- **Leandra Lederman** and **Deborah Widiss** were named Fulbright Research Scholars and conducted research in Luxembourg and Australia.
- **Brian Broughman** spent the 2018–19 academic year as a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.
- **H. Timothy Lovelace** visited at Duke University Law School in the spring of 2019.

**External Awards and Recognition**
- **Charles Gardner Geyh** was named a Carnegie Fellow, one of 33 chosen from about 200 nominees in the fields of science, law, technology, business and public policy.
- **Hannah Buxbaum** was elected to the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law, the only member from the United States.
- **Jeannine Bell, Mark Janis, Leandra Lederman,** and **Austen Parrish** were elected to the American Law Institute, the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law. Sixteen Law School faculty are now members of this prestigious organization, whose membership is limited to 3,000.
- **Joseph Hoffmann** will receive the American Bar Association’s Raeder-Taslitz Award, which recognizes law professors who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, teaching, or community service and have made a significant contribution to promoting public understanding of criminal justice and justice and fairness in the criminal justice system.
- **Susan Williams** was presented with the 2019 Zines Prize by Federal Law Review, a flagship journal of the Australian National University College of Law. She received the award for her essay “Federalism and Gender Equality,” which explores the intersection of these issues in the design of Burma’s constitution.
- **Norman Hedges** was honored by *The Indiana Lawyer* with its Distinguished Barrister Award in 2019.

**University Awards and Professorships**
- **Jessica Eaglin** received the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, the Law School’s first recipient as the award is currently styled.
- **Leandra Lederman** was selected to deliver the Sonneborn Lecture in January 2020.
- **Victor Quintanilla** was named one of IU’s 25 Bicentennial Professors.
- **Luis Fuentes-Rohwer** and **Christiana Ochoa** were appointed Herman B Wells Class of 1950 Endowed Professors.
Research Centers Continue Productive Work

The Law School’s four research centers continued to produce scholarly work and host engaging events with the Law School community throughout the past year. Here are some highlights.

The Center for Intellectual Property Research held its annual practitioner-in-residence series, welcoming IP lawyers from around the world, where they discussed their work and met with students on career options in this growing field. The Center also sponsors the school’s successful IP Clinic, in which 20 students gain hands-on experience advising startup businesses through pro bono services under the supervision of practicing attorneys. The Clinic is one of the most successful in the country, having served more than 200 clients in just five years.

In addition to its clinical work, the Center is also serving as a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Patent Hub for both Indiana and Kentucky. Through the hub, the Center’s PatentConnect program pairs Indiana inventors in need of pro bono services with volunteering Indiana patent attorneys. Other referral sources, such as the Indiana Small Business Development Center, help the center vet entrepreneurs who may need pro bono IP services.

The center also holds outreach events to introduce PatentConnect to entrepreneurs in the region, often in cooperation with USPTO officials, area patent practitioners, and university- and community-run entrepreneurship organizations. The center has held events in Indianapolis, West Lafayette, Evansville, Fort Wayne, and most recently Louisville. The IP programs are under the direction of Prof. Mark D. Janis, ’89. Prof. Norman J. Hedges, ’98, supervises the clinics.

In addition to the access-to-justice project described on page 15, the Center for Law, Society & Culture is home to the Bradley Fellows in Criminal Law and Procedure. This recently established program, named after the late professor Craig M. Bradley, includes a full range of curricular, extra-curricular, and experiential learning opportunities designed to prepare Indiana Law students for a successful and rewarding career in criminal justice – as a prosecutor, public defender, private criminal defense attorney, policy-maker, or researcher. The Center also sponsored various workshops and colloquia throughout the year.

The Milt and Judi Stewart Center on the Global Legal Profession celebrated 10 years of supporting the school’s global fellowships (see page 4). In addition, the Center’s director, Jayanth Krishnan, continued his pathbreaking work on the history of the Dubai International Financial Centre Courts, which he presented at the Harvard Law School’s Center on the Legal Profession in February. The Center is also working on a new project examining curricular and pedagogical innovation in Russia. Other current activities include providing financial and research opportunities for students from Africa, Asia, and Latin America to pursue degrees at the Law School; facilitating teaching and research collaborations between Center faculty and colleagues from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America; and collaborating with Harvard Law School’s Center on the Legal Profession to study lawyers working in emerging economies.

Long recognized for its work with emerging democracies in Burma and Liberia, the Center for Constitutional Democracy (CCD) has turned its attention to Jordan, focusing on three partner organizations: The Independent Election Commission (IEC), the Constitutional Court, and the Women’s Center at the University of Jordan.

The IEC and the CCD are conducting cooperative research projects on electoral systems, creating the first searchable online database of electoral law in the West Africa–North
Asia (WANA) region, and furnishing the IEC’s library with books on electoral law.

The CCD’s memorandum of understanding with the Constitutional Court of Jordan lays out five years of future cooperation between the CCD and the Court, which will take the form of workshops at the Court, conferences at Indiana University with judges from across the WANA region, and the facilitation of connections between the Jordanian judges and the U.S. judiciary.

The CCD has also signed a statement of purpose with the Center for Women’s Studies at the University of Jordan, wherein the CCD acts as an advisor to the CWS on the creation of the first PhD in women’s studies in the Arabic-speaking countries of the WANA region. The two organizations will also conduct collaborative research projects and plan a joint conference on constitutional issues as they relate to gender equality.

New Academic Leadership Appointed

Dean Parrish named three professors to top leadership positions for the 2019–20 academic year: Prof. Christiana Ochoa, executive associate dean; Prof. Ryan Scott, associate dean for academic affairs; and Prof. Deborah Widiss, associate dean for research. Ochoa takes over from Prof. Donna Nagy, who served as executive associate dean since 2013 and will return to full-time research and teaching after a well-deserved sabbatical.

Ochoa, the Herman B Wells Class of 1950 Endowed Professor, previously served as associate dean for research and faculty affairs at the Law School and as associate vice provost for faculty and academic affairs at IU Bloomington. She is also the academic director of IU’s Mexico Gateway. Ochoa was the first tenure-track and tenured Latina faculty member at the law school, the first Latina in the Law School’s history to hold a decanal position, and the first woman of color to serve as executive associate dean. Her teaching and research focus on the fields of business and human rights and law and development.

Scott joined the Law School in 2009 after serving as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General of the United States and working in the Supreme Court and appellate practice at O’Melveny & Myers LLP in Washington, DC. He teaches and writes on criminal law and procedure, federal courts and jurisdiction, and the separation of powers.

Widiss came to the faculty in 2009 from Brooklyn Law School. She was previously an attorney at Legal Momentum, where she was an expert on the intersection between domestic violence and employment. Her research and teaching focus on employment law, family law, the legislative process, and the significance of gender and gender stereotypes in the development of law and government policy.
Media Sources Rely on Faculty Expertise

Indiana Law faculty are regularly consulted for their expertise in a variety of topics, from intellectual property and international affairs to judicial misconduct and tax procedure. Media appearances grew 63% between 2017–18. Some of the sources in which faculty were quoted are shown above.

Endowed Speakers, Faculty Workshops Flourish

Several endowed speakers visited Indiana Law during 2018–19, sharing their research on a variety of topics:

» Prof. Charlotte Garden, Seattle University School of Law, delivered the Stewart Lecture in Labor and Employment Law: “Speech Inequality after Janus v. ASCME.”

» Prof. Kim Lane Scheppelle, Princeton University, presented “In the Ruins of Constitutional Government” when she delivered the Addison Harris Lecture.

» Another Princeton faculty member, Prof. Hendrik Hartog, presented the Jerome Hall Lecture, “The Trouble with Minna: A Case of Slavery and Emancipation in the Antebellum North.”

» Robert S. Chang, Seattle University School of Law, delivered the Ralph Fuchs Lecture, “Fake News: Korematsu v. United States Overruled.”

Faculty workshops, colloquia, and symposia also played a key role in the academic life of the school during the past academic year. Among them were:

» The Bradley-Wolter Colloquium in Comparative Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, a joint initiative between the Law School and the two top law schools in Poland: Warsaw University and Jagiellonian University in Krakow.

» The China–U.S. Environmental Law Symposium, hosted by the Law School, our Conservation Law Center, and the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

» A workshop on financial regulation featuring experts in commercial and consumer law.

» The annual Tax Policy Colloquium with six nationally known experts speaking on various topics.
Supporting the Small-Town Judiciary

First-year students committed to public service worked in the summer of 2019 with judges in five smaller towns throughout the state. The goal of this new program—the Rural Justice Initiative—is to expose students to different facets of rural and smaller-city practice while they assist trial court judges with research, draft motions and opinions, and learn about courtroom practice and procedure. With support from the Center for Rural Engagement, the Law School provided a $4,000 stipend to each student.

The program is the brainchild of Indiana Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush, ’83, and Judge Edward W. Najam, Jr. of the Indiana Court of Appeals. It is part of Supporting Rural Justice, a Law School initiative that seeks to improve access to the courts, expand legal services, and expose law school students to rural practice and smaller legal communities.

Students selected for this year’s program and the judges they worked with were Kaitlin Willbanks (Hon. Robert B. Mrzlack, and Hon. Jason Thompson, White County), Molly Madden (Hon. Matthew L. Headley, Putnam County), Brian Hudson (Hon. Larry Medlock and Hon. Frank Newkirk, ’81, Washington County), John Pope (Hon. Lakshmi Reddy, Vigo County), and Samantha Feistritzer (Hon. Steven L. Owen, Orange County). Associate Dean of Students Aviva Orenstein provided an introductory boot camp before the students began their internships. Students worked on a variety of projects during their internships, including drafting orders, conducting research, sitting in on trials, and revising local trial rules. Without exception, they found the experience interesting, challenging, and transformative.

“Not only did I learn a lot about the law,” one of the fellows reported, “I also learned about the community values: family, loyalty, and good parenting. These are factors that will help me become a better lawyer, no matter where I end up practicing.”

Judges in 19 counties expressed interest in the program, so it is expected to continue on a much larger scale in 2020.
Helping Hoosiers Get a Fresh Start

The Law School and Indiana Legal Services, Inc., are collaborating on a way to make it easier for Hoosiers in southern Indiana to get a fresh start. Indiana law allows individuals with certain criminal convictions, such as Level 6 felonies and misdemeanors, to petition for expungement in certain circumstances. The process is complex, however, and it works best if an attorney helps navigate it. Many people seeking an expungement in Bloomington do not have access to an attorney. ILS’s Bloomington office, which serves 15 counties, is their only outlet. Unfortunately, ILS is unable to handle the considerable demand for these services.

To help improve access to ILS’s expungement services, four Indiana Law students have designed a solution: the Bloomington Expungement Help Desk. Based on a similar program at the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in Indianapolis, the BEHD will be located at a local re-entry nonprofit, New Leaf New Life, where current law students will help ILS clients with their expungement requests.

The Law School is providing funding for an ILS attorney, who will work as an adjunct faculty member to train and supervise the students. Students working in the program will be named civil justice design fellows of the Law School’s Center for Law, Society & Culture. Prof. Victor Quintanilla directs the program.

Prestigious Fulbright Program Expanded

In October 2018, Lesley Davis, the Law School’s assistant dean for international programs, and Károly Jókay, executive director of the Fulbright Commission in Hungary, signed an agreement to support up to two LLM students at the Law School who are interested in specializing in intellectual property law. The agreement provides for a significant tuition discount for the Fulbright scholars, along with other in-kind support from the university. The Fulbright Commission has agreed to identify additional funding to support the best-qualified candidates to send to the Law School’s LLM program.

“The Law School’s unique intellectual property LLM program and Hungary’s need for innovation management, technology transfer and commercialization, are a perfect match for Hungarian Fulbright students,” said Jókay. Fulbright students will apply to the program next year for admission in the 2020-21 academic year.

The Fulbright Hungary partnership is the fifth one between the Law School and Fulbright. The school was the first in the world to partner with Fulbright UK, and the Law School and Fulbright Ireland have entered into three partnership agreements.

Assistant Dean Lesley Davis and Károly Jókay, executive director of the Fulbright Commission in Hungary, enter into an innovative partnership agreement, the Law School’s fifth with Fulbright.
Expanding Our Local and Global Impact

Historic LLM Program Adds Partnerships

Indiana Law’s LLM program is one of the nation’s oldest, with more than a century of service to international students. In 2018–19, the school strengthened its ties to existing global partners and forged new relationships with several international institutions.

Under a new five-year agreement between IU and Thammasat University, Bangkok, students from Thammasat can pursue degrees from both institutions. The program allows qualifying students pursuing Thammasat’s international LLB in business law to transfer to the Maurer School of Law and earn an LLM. Students who successfully fulfill the degree requirements of both programs may be awarded an international LLB in business law and an LLM from Indiana Law.

Including the Thammasat agreement, the Law School now has partnerships with 27 schools in Australia, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan, and Thailand.

Federal Habeas Project Gains Traction

A new project that gives hands-on experience in habeas corpus cases led to a student’s successful argument before the Indiana Supreme Court. Michael Smyth, ’20, argued in June that his client could proceed in his second pursuit of post-conviction relief. In Shaw v. State of Indiana, the court concluded that because Shaw’s petition addressed only the ground arising from his second appeal, it was not a “second” or “successive” petition as defined by Indiana Post-Conviction Rule 1(12).

The project is co-directed by Prof. Seth Lahn and Adjunct Prof. Michael Ausbrook, ’93, under whose supervision Smyth briefed and argued the case.

Making an impact: Every year Indiana Law’s externships and community programs help prepare our students for a lifetime of service while enhancing access to justice throughout the world.
IN BRIEF

Our alumni serve the school in a variety of ways, from financial support to student mentoring to participation on our seven advisory boards. Alumni have endowed nine named scholarships in the past few years, and generous contributions from the Board of Visitors enabled us to replace 30-year-old floors and carpeting in Baier Hall last summer. Additional alumni gifts have played a key role in helping us approach our Bicentennial capital campaign goal of $60 million (it currently stands at approximately $50 million). Students, too, are acquiring the giving habit early: The 3L pledge campaign has consistently reported participation above 80% for each of the past three years.

New Members Elected to Board of Visitors

Five distinguished alumni have been elected to the Law School’s Board of Visitors.

Kathleen DeLaney, ’95, Managing Partner, DeLaney & DeLaney, Indianapolis. Kathleen DeLaney grew up with prominent Indianapolis lawyer parents, Ann ’77 and Ed DeLaney, with whom she continues to practice. She focuses her practice on employment and labor, employee and business litigation, personal injury, and products defense. She has been a longtime volunteer for the Law School, serving as a class agent since 2005 and a member of the Alumni Board from 2011–17.

Jean Marie R. Pechette, ’80, Shareholder, Polsinelli, Chicago. Jean Pechette has over 20 years of experience in information technology, privacy, and intellectual property law, with a focus on health care and life sciences industries, including serving as a division general counsel for a Fortune 500 company. Pechette has represented public and privately held companies in industries such as information technology and health care, including health systems, health care providers, medical device manufacturers, electronic medical records providers, clinical information system providers, revenue-cycle system providers, and pharmaceutical companies.

Kellye Testy, ’91, President and Chief Executive Officer, Law School Admission Council, Newtown, Pa. Named the nation’s second most influential leader in legal education in 2017, Testy joined LSAC after leading the University of Washington School of Law for eight years as dean, the first woman to hold that post. She also served as a professor and dean of Seattle University’s School of Law where she founded several key programs, including the Access to Justice Institute and the Korematsu Center for Law and Equality. She served as president of the Association of American Law Schools in 2016.

Alonzo Weems, ’95, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis. Weems oversees Lilly’s corporate legal functions—litigation, HR, commercial transactions, regulatory and privacy—and serves as general counsel for the company’s Global Biomedicines Business Unit. Since joining Lilly in 1997, he
Elissa Preheim, ‘96, is chair, and V. William Hunt, ‘69, serves as vice chair. Preheim has held several positions within the company, including general counsel and corporate secretary for Eli Lilly Canada and director of global workforce diversity. Weems served on the Alumni Board from 1996–99, is currently a member of the BLSA Alumni Advisory Board, and has been a longtime mentor to law students.

Heather Wilson, ‘97, Member-in-Charge, Frost Brown Todd, Indianapolis. Wilson is a member of the labor and employment practice group and member-in-charge of the Indianapolis office of Frost Brown Todd. She concentrates her practice in employment litigation and general business counseling. Wilson represents employers in both federal and state court involving claims under Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, covenants not to compete, and wage claims. She also counsels employers on litigation avoidance. Wilson has been the firm solicitor for the Law School for many years and has been involved in helping employ the Law School’s students.

Bicentennial Campaign Nears Goal

The Board of Visitors is appointed to serve as an advisory committee to the dean in his effort to maintain and improve the school’s national standing, and to provide assistance in self-studies and evaluations of the school and its programs. Elissa Preheim, ‘96, is chair, and V. William Hunt, ‘69, serves as vice chair.

Generous gifts from alumni and friends are bringing the school close to its $60 million fundraising goal for the Bicentennial Campaign. Significant gifts have come from:

- Lowell E. Baier, for whom the Law School building was named in 2015.
- Milton and Judi Stewart, resulting in the naming of the school’s Center on the Global Legal Profession in their honor and the establishment of a professorship held by Prof. Jayanth Krishnan.
- The first clinical chair, for the Conservation Law Center, endowed by Glenn and Donna Scolnik.
- A professorship endowed by Stephen F. Burns, and held by William D. Henderson.
- A professorship in honor of Justice Juanita Kidd Stout by members of the law school faculty and an anonymous alumnus (see page 20).
- Steven M. Post, and his wife, Ursula, for the Law School’s expungement desk.

In addition, members of the Law School’s faculty and staff, including retirees, have contributed over $1.4 million to the Bicentennial campaign.
Academy of Law Alumni Fellows Inducts Four

The Law School inducted four new members into its Academy of Law Alumni Fellows on April 12, the highest honor the school can bestow on an alumnus. This year’s inductees are:

**Philip C. Genetos,** ’77, a partner at Ice Miller in Indianapolis, which he joined shortly after graduation. He is one of the country’s leading public-finance lawyers, having served as bond counsel on housing, airports, industrial, municipal utilities, ports, and cultural facilities. An active community leader, Genetos has chaired the boards of the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, the Orchard School, the Park Tudor School, and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, among others. He is a longtime firm solicitor for the Law School and a former member of its alumni board.

**Zaldwaynaka L. “Z” Scott,** ’83, was named president of Chicago State University in July 2018. Previously she spent more than 16 years as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, served as the state’s first inspector general for the agencies of the governor and public universities, and was in private practice with the firm of Foley & Lardner. Scott serves on the board of directors of the Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Just the Beginning, an organization devoted to building a more diverse pipeline in the legal field. She is also the former chair of the board of trustees of the Chicago Housing Authority, the nation’s third largest.

**John L. Walda,** ’75, joined Barrett & McNagny in Fort Wayne in 1975 and left in 2001 as partner. From 2002–04 he served as IU’s executive director of federal relations and corporate partnerships. In 2005 he was named a partner at Bose McKinney & Evans and senior vice president for federal relations for Bose Treacy Associates, LLC. From 2006–18 he was president and CEO of the National Association of College and University Business Officers. Walda was president of the IU board of trustees from 1992–93 and 1994–01. He has also served as national president of the IU Alumni Association and chairman of Clarian Health Partners (now IU Health).

**Jose Cleofas Bocobo** (1886–1965), class of 1907, was born in the Philippines and returned there following law school. He was a faculty member at the College of Law at the University of the Philippines, where he served as university president from 1934–39. He was a justice of the Philippine Supreme Court during the Japanese occupation and was later charged with treason but ultimately cleared. He received an honorary doctorate from IU in 1951.
The Law School established an endowed professorship in honor of an alumna who was the first African American woman in the U.S. to serve on a state supreme court. The Juanita Kidd Stout Professorship has been endowed by $1 million in pledges and gifts from faculty members, friends of the law school and alumni, including a lead gift from IU executive vice president and IU Bloomington Provost Lauren Robel. It is the first professorship in the history of the university to honor an African American woman and the law school’s first named after a woman of color.

Stout earned a JD degree from IU in 1948 and an LLM in 1954. After graduation, she moved to Pennsylvania and opened a law practice. She then worked in the district attorney’s office and was elected to the Philadelphia Municipal Court in 1959, making her the first African American woman in the country to be elected to a court of record. Later, she became the first African American woman to be appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the first African American woman to serve as a state supreme court justice in the United States. She received an honorary degree from Indiana University in 1966 and was inducted in 1986 into the law school’s Academy of Law Alumni Fellows.

The 2018 Distinguished Service Award winners with Dean Parrish: Jane Henegar, Jeanne M. Picht, Stephen E. Reynolds, and Timothy J. Riffle. Not pictured is Thomas Yunlong Man.
CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI

ALUMNI LEGACIES

Banners were installed outside Baier Hall in 2018 honoring six distinguished alumni: Tamar Althouse Scholz, class of 1892, the first woman graduate; Hon. Sherman Minton, class of 1915, the only alumnus to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court; Hon. Juanita Kidd Stout, JD ’48, LLM ’54, LLD ’66, the first African American woman to serve as a state supreme court justice; Samuel Dargan, class of 1909, the school’s first African American alumnus; Hoagy Carmichael, ’26, the famous American-songbook composer; and labor relations pioneer Harriet Bouslog Sawyer, ’36. The banners will be reinstalled after the close of the Bicentennial in June 2020.

Bricks Honor Partners in Excellence

The Law School launched a campaign to attract additional pledges to its Partners in Excellence program in conjunction with the final months of the Bicentennial Campaign.

Partners in Excellence—donors who pledge or renew their pledge of at least $2,500 per year for five years to the Law School’s Dean’s Incentive Fund or Fund for Excellence—will be honored with a commemorative brick on the south patio of Baier Hall. The Partners in Excellence fund is especially important because it gives the dean flexibility to support the school’s key initiatives and unexpected needs that arise throughout the year.

More than 30 pledges have been received since the campaign began in the summer of 2019.