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the year in review
initiatives +
achievements
2015–2016
1. **Jeannine Bell** was named co-editor of the *Law and Society Review*. She continued to be consulted as a national expert on hate crime and hate crime legislation.

2. **Hannah Buxbaum** was named scholar-in-residence at WilmerHale’s London office in their litigation and arbitration group. She continued her work as academic director of IU’s Global Gateway in Europe, based in Berlin.

3. **Fred H. Cate** was named to the Council on Foreign Relations. He begins his second year as IU’s vice president for research.

4. **Jessica Eaglin** joined the faculty, teaching in the areas of criminal law and procedure. She was appointed this year to the US safety advisory board of Uber.

5. **Charles Geyh** was named a 2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellow. Selected as one of only 33 in the nation from some 200 applicants, he will be writing a sequel to his new book, *Courting Peril: The Political Transformation of the American Judiciary*, which was published in February 2016.

6. For the second consecutive year, **Bill Henderson** was ranked the most influential person in legal education by *National Jurist*.

7. **Feisal al-Istrabadi** was appointed to the Atlantic Council Task Force on the Future of Iraq.

8. **Leandra Lederman** was a visiting professor at the University of Chicago Law School in the fall and was listed as the sixth most cited tax scholar in the US by Brian Leiter’s Law School Reports.

9. **Tim Lovelace** served as a fellow in the Program in Law and Public Affairs at Princeton University and will return to campus in the fall.

10. **Jennifer Prusak** and **Inge Van der Cruysse** joined the faculty, teaching the Non-Profit Legal Clinic and Lawyering in the Public Interest, respectively.

11. **Victor Quintanilla** served as a fellow in residence in the 2015–2016 academic year at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, only the second IU professor to be named. He returns to the Law School in the fall.

12. **David** and **Susan Williams** visited Thailand and Burma to discuss the national cease-fire with insurgent groups.

13. Teaching awards were presented to **Dan Conkle** (Wallace); **Amy Applegate**, **Gina-Gail Fletcher**, and **Charles Geyh** (Trustees); and **Tim Morrison** (Adjunct). **Carwina Weng** received the PILF/Len Fromm Public Service Award.

14. **Charles Geyh** received the Gavel Award, and **Aviva Orenstein** delivered the annual last lecture.

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1. **Lisa Bailey** was recognized by the university for 30 years of service.

2. **Amy Cheek, David Main, Karen McAbee,** and **Sarah Snyder** were recognized for their years of service to the Law School.

3. Staff Merit Awards were presented to **Sandy Ault, Katy Bull, Rita Eads,** and **Carl James**.

4. New staff members joined the school: **Rachel Dawson**, Career Services; **Kendra Abercrombie**, Admissions; **Chelsey Browning**, Events; **Sarah Armstrong**, Faculty Secretary; **Liz Ferrufino**, Student Affairs; **Casey Nemecek**, Center for IP Research.

5. Under **Jane Decker**’s leadership, the school adopted a section of Cottage Grove Avenue and is helping keep it free of litter and debris.

6. Students, faculty, and friends formed Team Fromm and participated in the **Hoosiers Outrun Cancer 5K** race.

7. The Barrister’s Ball Award went to **Rachel Dawson**, Assistant Dean for Career Services.
Fifty-three conferences, lectures, and workshops were held during 2015-2016.

**Series and Endowed Lectures**
3. Ralph F. Fuchs Lecture: Letitia Volpp (Berkeley), “Refugees Welcome?”

**Symposia and Colloquia**
4. Author-Meets-Reader Symposium with Charles Geyh: Panelists: Hon. David Hamilton (Seventh Circuit), Keith Bybee (Syracuse), Eileen Braman (IU Political Science).
5. CGLP and CLSC Symposium: “Public Interest Lawyering in the US and Beyond: Limits and Possibilities,” featuring Scott Cummings (UCLA), Ben Liebman (Columbia), Rebecca Sandefur (Illinois), Anne Southworth (California – Irvine).
6. Panel Discussion on “Indiana’s 2016 Abortion Restrictions: What Do They Mean and What Can We Do?” with Dawn Johnsen, Kate Michelman (Senior Advisor to Women’s Health Project), and Wanda Savala (Planned Parenthood).
7. Applied Legal Storytelling Workshops with Ruth Anne Robbins and Susan Bennett (sponsored by Access to Justice, Legal Writing and Research Faculty)
8. Big Ten Junior Scholars Conference
9. IP Colloquium and Practitioner-in-Residence Series
10. Law and Society Colloquium
11. Tax Policy Colloquium
12. Center for Constitutional Democracy Speaker Series
13. Colloquium on Scholarship in Employment and Labor Law

**Visiting Lecturers and Distinguished Guests**
1. C. Raj Kumar, (Jindal Global University) visited to plan student and faculty exchanges and expansion of partnership
2. Disnadda Diskul (Mae Fah Luang Foundation, Thailand) visited the Center for Constitutional Democracy
4. James Obergefell on “Making Supreme Court History as an Accidental Activist.”
5. Roundtable Discussion with Jill Lepore (Harvard History).
6. Kate Michelman, “Current and Continued Assaults on Women’s Reproductive Health and Dignity, in Indiana, in the Supreme Court, and around the Nation.”
7. Two “Hot Topics” discussions sponsored by IU Bloomington Office of the Provost: one on Black Lives Matter; the other on immigration, identity, and inclusion.
1. Overall US News ranking improved to 25th from 34th.
2. International, tax, and IP programs were ranked by US News as 18th, 20th, and 23rd.
3. Inaugural Wintersession was launched, offering seven intensive one-unit courses at no additional cost to students; 1Ls will be invited to participate in January 2017.
4. Open Classrooms Week invited professors to sit in on their colleagues’ classes offer feedback.
5. A record 22 Stewart Fellows were appointed; Vietnam was added to the list of participating countries.
6. The International Programs Office and Career Services Office introduced a professional development series to provide graduate students with job development skills. Fourteen students earned a certificate under the program.
7. Graduate Legal Studies introduced specialty tracks in five areas of study.
8. New initiatives, including a faculty position, were created to expand the range of domestic externships and to develop an accompanying curriculum pursuant to new ABA standards.
9. Student Affairs offered enhanced support for bar exam preparation.
10. The Jerome Hall Law Library held Welcome Week and offered a summer research assistant program.
11. Baier Hall Presents series invited students from Jacobs School of Music to perform classical selections in the lobby during the Friday noon hour.
12. Budget tracking and staff performance management were implemented.

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1. Partnership schools program was expanded to 26 schools from 18.
2. Finance Law Development program was launched with Chapman and Cutler.
3. Median LSAT of 161 was maintained; median UGPA rose to 3.77, 10th in US.
4. IUB faculty outreach initiative continued: presentations and programs with Wells Scholars, Hudson & Holland, History Department and others, 3+3 Programs proposed to College, partnership programs launched with SPEA and Jacobs School. Dean Parrish taught a Wells Scholars course.
5. New website launched, aimed at prospective students, with complementary targeted marketing messages to (a) academic specialties (b) diversity groups (c) student affiliations. New videos were produced.
6. Marketing collateral was overhauled: New viewbook, new brochure highlighting global opportunities, new transition guide was mailed earlier to reduce committed student melt.
7. Two Admitted Student Days were held, with an all-new format. Attendance increased 50%.
8. Revamped recruiting materials and approach for international students is under way.

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1. Alumni mentoring and mock interviewing programs were activated; more than 250 alumni signed up as mentors.
2. Career Choices program was revived under direction of Carwina Weng; 16 programs took place during the year, along with small-group sessions.
3. Key employment number for 2014 graduates increased to 82.4%.
4. Faculty members met each semester to review resumes and employment strategies for unemployed graduating students and recent graduates.
5. Rachel Dawson is launching several new strategies for employer outreach to strengthen hiring pipeline. Eleven Chicago firms have committed to on-location recruiting; more than 30 are coming to campus to recruit.
1. **Indiana Law Journal** was ranked 27th nationally in a new study based on Google Scholar.
2. Marie Forney and Chris Roberts won the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition; Eric Leist and Sarah Thompson were finalists.
3. Annie Xie, Megan Binder, and Whitney Lynch were the quarterfinalists at Pace’s National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.
4. Alex Lee won the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic Student Award.
5. The American Constitution Society was named Chapter of the Week.
7. Allie Gardner and Madeleine Schnittker advanced to the quarterfinals at the National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition in Chicago, and they won best brief.
8. The Federalist Society won the Alexander Hamilton Award for most improved chapter.
10. The Black Law Student Association was honored with the Bruce A. Jacobs Student Organization Award.
11. During her first year of law school, Alyssa Specht was elected the Central Regional Director of the National Latino Law Student Association.
12. Maurer students completed 22,268 hours of pro bono service.
13. Students donated 208 pounds of food to help the Hoosier Hills Food Bank make their goal of collecting 20,000 pounds of food in November 2015.
14. Sam von Ende and Katie Cullum participated in the Williams Institute Moot Court Competition at UCLA School of Law, where they advanced to the quarterfinals. Steven Corman and Kristin Riebsomer also participated.
15. The Latino Law Student Association got the rights to screen Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice for Hispanic Heritage Month.
16. Andrea Herschberger, Helen Wang, Becky Spangler, and Alysa Feld advanced to the quarterfinals at the Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition. This is the first time the school has sent teams to this competition.
17. Protective Order Project helped more than 100 clients, a record.
18. VITA completed more than 950 tax returns for Bloomington-area residents.
19. New traditions at commencement: Saruul Erdem spoke for the graduate students, and Raina Wallace sang the Alma Mater.
20. Jamal Sowell was appointed to the Indiana State Board of Health Facility Administrators.
21. Shannon Phillips was named outstanding clinical student.
22. Molly Crow won the PILF/Len Fromm Public Service Award.
23. Alex Bayrak and Rian Dawson received the Julia Lamber Award for exceptional performance and engagement in clinical programs.
24. Johnna Carey and Morgyn Graber received the Terry and Judy Albright Pro Bono and Public Interest Award.
25. Hannah Dill was recognized for her outstanding contribution to student life.
Alumni Relations

1. **Alumni receptions were held in 23 cities**, including Atlanta, Beijing, Chicago, Columbus, Ohio, Cincinnati, Denver, Dublin, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Grand Rapids, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Louisville, Miami, Minneapolis, Naples, New York, Phoenix, Portland, Ore., Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, San Juan, Seattle, Washington, DC

2. David Carden, Catherine Conway, Hon. Gonzalo Curiel, and Joe O’Connor were inducted into the **Academy of Law Alumni Fellows**.

3. Holiday Hart McKiernan, Tony Prather and Gene Wilkins were honored with the **Distinguished Service Award**.

4. The **Young Alumni Steering Committee** grew to 25 steering committee members organized in 18 cities.

5. The school sponsored **Indiana Lawyer’s Leadership in Law** recognition; nine alumni were recognized.

6. Alumni were invited to **assist with hooding** of their family members at commencement again this year.

8. **A sample of alumni achievements:**
   - Carol Adinamis was elected ISBA President
   - Sara Bosco was promoted to Senior Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel for Emerson
   - Scott Flanders was named CEO of eHealth
   - Philippa Guthrie was appointed Corporate Counsel for City of Bloomington
   - John Hamilton was elected mayor of Bloomington
   - Joe Hogsett was elected mayor of Indianapolis
   - Mickey Maurer received an honorary degree from Indiana University
   - Rafael Sanchez was named President and CEO, Indianapolis Power and Light
   - Geoff Slaughter was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court

Development

1. The **Fund for Excellence** raised **$1.18 million**, exceeding our $1.1 million goal.

2. A record **79% of the class participated** in the 3L pledge campaign, raising $16,181 for the Fund for Excellence.

3. **Rick and Mary Davis made a significant planned gift** (25% of their estate) to the Bicentennial Campaign for the benefit of the Law School.

4. The **family of Prof. Doug Boshkoff established a scholarship** in his name and is matching gifts to the fund up to $50,000.

5. Provost **Lauren Robel established the Justice Juanita Kidd Stout Professorship**. More than 10 faculty members have also contributed thus far.

6. The **Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation** made a significant gift to the Lofton Scholarship Fund in memory of Tom Lofton.

7. **Lowell Baier made a gift to install an IU Gateway** at the southwest corner of campus in front of Baier Hall.

8. The development staff conducted **11 firm visits** and, prompted by the Alumni Office, **sent more than 360 congratulatory notes** to alumni from the dean upon achievement of significant milestones (new firm affiliation, promotion, professional recognition).
Looking backward helps inform and build on the future. With that in mind, here is a partial listing of the Law School’s achievements over the past several years. Since December 2007, the school has:

1. Hired 14 new and diverse faculty — including five in the past two years — with expertise in specialties that today’s new lawyers need the most, including intellectual property, cybersecurity, business, and criminal law.
2. Formed scholarship and mentoring partnerships with 21 liberal arts schools and five engineering schools in the US, and exchange programs with more than a dozen foreign law schools on four continents.
3. Established a new clinic in intellectual property law; relaunched the non-profit law clinic; created two new research centers, in IP and the global legal profession; developed certificates in cybersecurity with the School of Informatics and the Kelley School of Business.
4. Inaugurated the Stewart Fellows global externship program, which provides summer externships in firms, corporations, and non-government organizations in eight countries around the world, a unique experience enjoyed by nearly 100 students since the program’s inception.
5. Expanded the range of domestic externships available, from county prosecutors’ offices, public defenders’ offices, and state government to non-profit organizations and the judiciary.
6. Offered hands-on projects that enable students to provide legal assistance to inmates, immigrants, tenants, victims of domestic violence, and members of the LGBT community.
7. Created new initiatives to help students find their first jobs in the profession: an innovative bridge-to-practice series; an alumni mentoring program; on-site interviewing in Chicago and Washington, DC; a steering committee of young alumni to help graduates get settled; and networking events in major cities around the country.
8. Launched an innovative first-year course on the legal profession, which helps students understand ethics in the context of their own professional strengths and career interests, and an upper-division leadership course.
9. Launched Wintersession, which exceeded initial expectations and is being offered to 1Ls in 2017.
10. Benefited from the volunteer support of more than 1,000 alumni and friends every year.
11. Raised more than $100 million in support of the school’s people and programming, including three eight-figure gifts: $25 million from Lilly Endowment Inc. for faculty support; $35 million from Mickey and Janie Maurer for student scholarships; and, in May 2015, $20 million from Lowell Baier for facilities expansion.