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Greetings from San Diego, where I am serving as the co-organizer of the ABA's annual workshop for law school deans. The issues facing legal education right now include a set of sweeping proposed changes to law school accreditation standards, the continuing dislocations in the legal job market, and, of course, finances during the economic downturn, particularly for public schools.

I have just finished a week of visiting with our alumni in a number of states, and am grateful for the support and collective wisdom of our graduates during these challenging times. I am also grateful that our school and students continue to benefit from the cutting-edge knowledge generated about the profession by the talented faculty in the school's Center on the Global Legal Profession.

As most of you know, the Indiana Law community suffered a difficult loss when Prof. Pat Baude passed away unexpectedly on January 26. The school is planning a celebration of Pat's life and extraordinary impact in the fall, and I will keep you informed as plans develop.

I enjoy so much seeing and hearing from each of you, whether in Bloomington or where you live. I hope that this newsletter about the school helps you stay in touch with us.

You might enjoy a short video about a day in the life of two current students.

All my best,

Lauren Robel, JD'83
Dean and Val Nolan Professor of Law
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2011 Academy of Law Alumni Fellows announced

Five Indiana Law alumni have been chosen as Academy of Law Fellows, the highest honor the Law School can bestow. They are: K. Edwin Applegate, LLB'48; Stephen L. Ferguson, JD'66; R. Neil Irwin, JD'71; Rapheal M. Prevot Jr., JD'84 (posthumous); and Martha S. West, JD'74.
These laureates will be inducted into the Academy in a ceremony and dinner on Friday, April 1 in the Indiana Memorial Union Alumni Hall. For more information, call the Law School’s Alumni Relations office at (812) 855-9700.

A tribute to these outstanding alumni will appear in the April-May print edition of ergo.

FTC Chairman speaks at Law School

Jon Leibowitz, the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, delivered a lecture and met with students on March 3. The lecture, "Public Sector Lawyering: A Conversation with FTC Chair Jon Leibowitz," was one of a series sponsored by Indiana Law's Center for Intellectual Property Research.

Leibowitz also gave a presentation to an advanced patent law seminar on pay-for-delay settlements in patent infringement lawsuits.

Lecture, panel on Defense of Marriage Act planned for April 7

Maura Healey, Chief of the Civil Rights Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, visits Indiana Law on Thursday, April 7 to deliver a lecture titled "One State's Challenge to the Defense of Marriage Act."

Following the lecture, a panel of experts consisting of Thomas M. Fisher, JD'94, Solicitor General of the State of Indiana; Dawn Johnsen, Walter W. Foskett Professor of Law; Brian Powell, IU Professor of Sociology; and Prof. Deborah Widiss will lead a discussion of this important topic. Steve Sanders, University of Michigan Law School, will moderate.

The event will take place in the Moot Court Room at 3:00 p.m. with a reception afterwards. It is sponsored by the School's LGBT Alumni Board.

March ABA Journal cover story features research from our Center on the Global Legal Profession

Research findings by the Law School's Center on the Global Legal Profession are featured in a cover story in the March 2011 issue of the ABA Journal.

Titled "What Lawyers Earn," the article identifies and maps the movement of jobs and money in the legal profession during a period of dramatic changes. Using U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data compiled by William Henderson, Professor of Law and the Center's director, the article examines the geography of lawyer salaries in legal markets, county by county, across the country.

The article features an interactive table that lets readers find wage data for every county in the United States. In addition, it defines the top 35 legal markets, along with 10 smaller markets that pay wages as high as their large-city counterparts.

"The only way that lawyers and law firms can make the right decisions about their future is by having valid data," Henderson said. "I hope that the information in this article will help the profession plan for the changes that lie ahead.

Cate named one of top US privacy advisors

Computerworld has named Fred H. Cate one of the top 2010 US privacy advisors. Computerworld's report compiled data from a survey of hundreds of corporate leaders from around the world.

Cate is the Distinguished Professor and C. Ben Dutton Professor at the IU Maurer School of Law and director of the Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research. In September 2010, he was named one of four co-directors of the Center for Law, Ethics, and Applied Research in Health Information (CLEAR Health Information), which will leverage the resources of Indiana University and the State of Indiana in health sciences, information technology, law, ethics and other disciplines.

Krishnan appointed Vice Chair of International Board of Advisors, Jindal Global Law School

Jayanth K. Krishnan, Professor of Law and Val Nolan Faculty Fellow and Director of the Center on the Global Legal Profession's India Program,
has been appointed Vice Chair of the International Board of Advisors at the Jindal Global Law School (JGLS) near New Delhi.

Indiana Law works closely with JGLS on academic programs.

**Noted IP practitioners visit Indiana Law**

A trio of distinguished intellectual property practitioners are visiting Indiana Law during the spring semester as part of the school's practitioner-in-residence program.

Daniel D. Fetterley, JD'59, visited Bloomington on February 2. Fetterley is of counsel to Andrus, Sceales, Starke & Sawall in Milwaukee. He spoke to patent law students about how the patent practice has changed over the past three decades, and how it may change in the future. He also participated in Professor Marshall Leaffer's international intellectual property law class.

Anton J. (AJ) Bokal will be a practitioner-in-residence on March 8. Bokal is lead IP counsel for the Cell Systems Division at Life Technologies, Inc., San Diego. While at Indiana Law, he will speak in several classes and seminars and will meet with IP students to discuss patent issues in biotechnology research.

Clark Lackert visits Bloomington on March 29-30. A partner in the intellectual property practice of the New York firm Dickstein Shapiro, Lackert focuses his practice on trademark, copyright, domain name, licensing, and anti-counterfeiting matters, with particular expertise in the international arena. He will meet with several classes and student groups to discuss issues in these areas.

**Alumnae named to Tax Court, college presidency**

Two Indiana Law alumnae have been named to leadership positions at notable institutions.

Governor Mitch Daniels selected Martha B. Wentworth, JD'90, as the next Indiana Tax Court judge effective January 1. She succeeds the retiring Hon. Thomas G. Fisher, LLB'65. Judge Wentworth clerked for Judge Fisher before entering private practice. Most recently, she was a tax director at Deloitte Tax LLP.
Alecia DeCoudreaux, JD’78, was elected president of Mills College in Oakland, California, the oldest women's college in the West. She is currently vice president and deputy general counsel at Eli Lilly and Company.

DeCoudreaux has been an active volunteer at Indiana Law, having served on the School's Board of Visitors. She has also served on the board of the Indiana University Foundation.

Student competition results announced

Five Indiana Law student teams recently competed in local, regional, and national events.

Distinguished members of the judiciary presided over final arguments in the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition on February 25. Evan Bruno and Ashley Martin edged out Ivo Austin and Paul Vaglica, all JD’12, before a large audience at the Law School. More than 130 students competed in this year’s Moot Court activities.

Eric Spengler, JD/MPA 11, Dave LeBeau, JD’12, and Rachael Steller, JD’12, advanced to the semifinals in the 23rd Annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition hosted by Pace Law School in February. More than 250 competitors from 77 law schools competed in the national event. The team finished in the top nine schools during the semifinals on February 26.

On January 22, the Elmore Entrepreneurship Law Clinic held the third annual internal Venture Capital Competition at the Law School. The teams heard pitches from two competing entrepreneurs: a local medical device company seeking $3 million in funding and a local alternative energy startup seeking just under $5 million.

MBA students Michael Petersen, Steven Anderson, Erika Vanover; Josh Lipton, JD’12, and Michael Haanpaa, JD/MBA’12 (not pictured) narrowly edged out the competition. The finalists represented Indiana law at the national VCIC competition at Carnegie Mellon University.

On February 11, Austin Lumbard, JD’11, Ashley Schneider, JD’11, Lance Lindeen, JD/MPA’11, and Erin McAdams, JD’11, won the Law School’s annual trial competition.

Brielle Bovee, JD’11, John Frank, JD’11, Lance Lindeen, JD/MPA’11, and Aaron Spolarich, JD’11, advanced to the semifinals in the seventh annual Law Student Trial Advocacy Competition, sponsored by the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law.
Brian Lohnes, Greg Buhl, Zach Raibley, and Jessi Meredith, all JD’11, also represented Indiana Law in the trial competition, which took place in Chicago on November 19 and 20, 2010.

Students apply legal skills around the state and around the world

From Seoul to the State House, Indiana Law students have been applying their legal knowledge in varied settings. Nathan Wenk, JD/MBA’12, was the subject of a lengthy feature article in the Korea Times. Wenk is completing his MBA at Sungkyunkwan University’s Graduate School of Business in Seoul, an Indiana Law affiliate. Click here to read the interview.

Closer to home, Liz Baldwin, JD/MPA’11, completed an analysis of Senate Bill 346, which is pending before the Indiana General Assembly. She was the lead witness at hearing before the Senate Environment Committee. According to Prof. James Barnes, "a number of the committee members acknowledged the help that IU had provided to the committee and expressed their appreciation."