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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.

What makes Indiana Law different?

Interim Dean Hannah Buxbaum introduces the school to prospective students. Watch the video.

Class notes

Visit our class notes page to catch up with classmates, or submit your own news.

Support Indiana Law!

Your contributions to the school’s annual fund are more important than ever. Click below to make
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 Metzel, Roger Pardieck, Monish Patel, Tony Prather, Laurie Robinson, and David Steiger.

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.

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:

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

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.

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  
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.

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.

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media

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