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A newsletter for alumni, students, and friends of IU School of Law—Bloomington

December 2003

Greetings from the School of Law!

Dear Friend:

 As the year ends, I look back with gratitude for the opportunities I have had to visit with our graduates in Indiana and around the globe. In November, Professors [David Williams](#) and [Susan Williams](#) and I went to Bangkok, where about 100 of our alumni live and work. With the help of **Poom Moosilpa**, an SJD student here and a faculty member at Assumption University in Bangkok, I was able to meet with law school deans and many government officials. The week was capped by an [alumni reception](#). The Law School is very proud of our Thai alumni, who hold important positions in the judiciary, the government, and the academy, as well as in law firms in Bangkok.

David and Susan Williams then traveled north with IU Law doctoral students **Andrew Lian**, **Tun Myint**, and **Mukhit Yeleuov** to attend a conference with Burmese citizens who are working on drafting a constitution in anticipation of a free Burma. Both David and Susan presented well-received talks, and I am delighted that our school can be a resource in this important work.

My travels this year have only increased my belief that we are a better school when you are involved in our mission of providing the best possible legal education to our students. My goal is to keep you informed about developments at your Law School, so that we can count on your advocacy.

I hope that our paths will cross in 2004. Have a restful and peaceful holiday season.

All my best,
Lauren Robel, JD'83

Gros Louis named interim chancellor of Bloomington campus

On Dec. 5, the IU Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Kenneth R.R. Gros Louis as the university's interim senior vice president for academic affairs and chancellor of the Bloomington campus.

Gros Louis, who had previously held the chancellorship for two decades before his retirement in 2001, will begin his interim position on Jan. 1, replacing Sharon Stephens Brehm. As Bloomington chancellor, Gros Louis will be the university's top academic officer.

Nussbaum gives annual Harris Lecture

[Martha Nussbaum](#), the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago, gave this year's Harris Lecture on Nov. 14. She spoke on the topic "Beyond the Social Contract: Capabilities and Global Justice," arguing for a more humane metrics by which to judge costs and benefits of international action than the

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economic models usually employed. Her paper will be published in an upcoming issue of the [Indiana Law Journal](#).

Zoller argues for U.S. at The Hague

Professor [Elisabeth Zoller](#) is part of a team representing the U.S. government this week before the International Court of Justice at The Hague. On Dec. 16, Zoller delivered two of the arguments — on jurisdiction and admissibility, and on reparation — in the case *Concerning Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. United States of America)*. The court is considering alleged violations of Articles 5 and 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963 with respect to 54 Mexican nationals who were sentenced to death in the United States.

Student wins civic engagement award

Congratulations to 3L **Robin Moll**, who received the Mayor's Award for Civic Engagement earlier this month at City Hall in Bloomington. **Patricia Cummings**, JD'02, legal advocate for the local domestic violence shelter Middle Way House, nominated Moll for her work with Middle Way and the Law School's [Protective Order Project](#).



Alumni gifts kick off "Matching the Promise" scholarship campaign

Law School graduates **George Gossman**, LLB'66, and **Donald Dorfman**, LLB'57, have provided the first gifts for the Law School in the university's Matching the Promise campaign for graduate scholarships. The campaign provides matching incentives for endowed scholarship gifts at \$150,000 and above, and is expected to have a major impact on the Law School's ability to attract and retain talented law students.

Alumni News

Kruzan and Robling moving to City Hall

Last month, Law School graduate and former Indiana House majority leader **Mark Kruzan**, JD'85, was elected mayor of Bloomington. This month, Kruzan announced that fellow graduate [Kevin Robling](#), JD'97, would be part of his new team when he takes office in January. As corporation counsel, Robling will head up the city of Bloomington's legal department. The only hitch, from our point of view, is that Robling will be leaving his post here at the Law School, where he has been serving as dean of admissions with tremendous success, recruiting the most highly credentialed classes in the history of the school. Happily for us, he has promised that his ties to the Law School will remain uncut, and says that "this is 'see you later' rather than 'goodbye.'"

Chalarak named ambassador to Portugal

Pensak Chalarak, LLM'75, has been named ambassador to Portugal for the Kingdom of Thailand. Chalarak has previously served as the Thai ambassador to Oman and Burma, and at the Hague, as well as with the earliest diplomatic mission from Thailand to Hanoi after the war. His new post begins in January.

In memoriam: James M. Foss, JD'96

We learned with sorrow of the death of Jim Foss. Foss died on December 11 after a three-year struggle with cancer. He was 32. Formerly an associate at Winston & Strawn, Chicago, Foss is survived by his wife, Charlene Fisher Foss, JD'97, two sons, and his parents.

Reception photos online

See photos of recent alumni receptions in [Indianapolis](#) and [Fort Wayne](#).

Faculty News

Earlier this month, Professor **Patrick Baude** presented a paper on “The Spirit of Liberty in the Fog of War” as part of a symposium at the University of Notre Dame on “The Changing Laws of War.”

Professor **Fred Cate** has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute.

Professor **Robert Fischman** has been invited to Washington, D.C., to give a lecture at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in conjunction with the museum’s exhibit on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Professor **Sarah Jane Hughes** has been asked by the permanent editorial board for the Uniform Commercial Code to advise it on changes to Articles 3 and 4 of the UCC that the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, signed in November, will require. Hughes expects to give her report in early January.

In mid November, Professor **Ajay Mehrotra** presented an overview of his recently completed doctoral dissertation, “Creating the Modern American Fiscal State: The Political Economy of U.S. Tax Policy, 1880-1930,” at a meeting of the Social Science History Association in Baltimore. Mehrotra also has an article appearing in a new book about FDR and the Catholic Church in America.

The fifth edition of Professor **Alex Tanford**'s book, *Indiana Trial Evidence Manual*, has recently been published. This edition includes a new chapter on electronic and computer evidence, as well as completely revised chapters on expert witnesses and scientific evidence.

Fund for Excellence

The end of the calendar year is rapidly approaching. Please show your support for the Law School — and take advantage of tax benefits — by making a donation to the Fund for Excellence by Dec. 31. You may [make your donation online](#) or mail your check, made payable to the IU School of Law—Bloomington, to: Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington, Indiana University Foundation, P.O. Box 2298, Bloomington, IN 47402.

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