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## Greetings from Bloomington



Another semester is under way in Bloomington, and another class is becoming acquainted with case-briefing, cold-calling, and other features of the 1L year. This year, we welcomed 204 students from 124 undergraduate institutions in 31 states, along with 62 graduate students. Women make up 48%

of the entering JD class, and 25% are from underrepresented groups. The class includes a cartographer, a graphic artist from Disney, and a stand-up comedian.

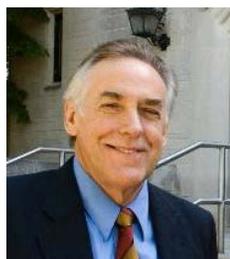
We were saddened by the unexpected passing of Prof. **Craig Bradley** on August 7. Craig was a prolific criminal law scholar, a beloved (if somewhat intimidating!) teacher, and a deeply respected and esteemed member of our community. A memorial service for Craig is scheduled for November 15; details will be published on our website.

The search for a new dean has resumed, with the hope of an appointment by the end of the semester. As alumni, you will have the opportunity to meet finalists when they visit us in person. The search committee will keep you apprised of dates and times for these visits.

Yours,  
[Hannah L. Buxbaum](#)  
Interim Dean and John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics

## Memorial tribute to Len Fromm set for September 27

A memorial tribute to **Len Fromm**, Indiana Law's longtime associate dean for students and alumni, will be held on Friday, September 27, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Presidents' Hall, Franklin Hall, on the IU Bloomington campus.



If you would like to attend this special event, RSVP by Monday, September 16 by calling 812.855.9700, or e-mailing [lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu). If

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### Alumni resources are crucial for recent grads: Will you help?

Would you be willing to serve as a resource for recent graduates?

Even if you are unable to help in the most immediate way -- by offering employment to a recent graduate -- you can still be of great assistance by meeting recent graduates in your area, helping them assess the job market, and introducing them to other professionals.

If you are interested in serving as a resource, please e-mail the Office of Career and Professional Development at [lcareers@indiana.edu](mailto:lcareers@indiana.edu). We will put you in touch with graduates in your area.

## Coming events

### Notable scholars, timely topics

Several distinguished speakers will visit the Law School this fall. Please plan to attend any or all of their lectures (and **earn Indiana CLE credit** at the same time):

**Sept. 13:** George P. Smith, II, Distinguished Visiting Professor: Harold Hongju Koh, Yale Law School

**Sept. 17:** Constitution Day: H.

you have reminiscences of Len that you would like to include in a tribute booklet, please send them to the same address by September 21.

For more information, visit [law.indiana.edu/lenfromm](http://law.indiana.edu/lenfromm).

## Three alumni to receive Distinguished Service Awards

Three alumni will receive Indiana Law's Distinguished Service Award on Friday, September 27.



**James Brotherson**, JD'78, is a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels in South Bend. He has been a tireless friend and advocate for the Law School and is widely known for his contributions to the economic vitality of northern Indiana.

**Susan Carpenter**, JD'76, recently retired as public defender of Indiana after 30 years. She is credited with reinforcing and strengthening the state's longstanding appellate defense standards, creating a top-notch capital defense unit, and ensuring representation for indigent prison inmates and persons challenging convictions and sentences.



**Sandra Leek**, JD'79 (posthumously), was an outstanding legal professional and active civic leader. She devoted her career to public service as the executive director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, commissioner of the Indiana Commission for Woman, and on numerous non-profit boards.



The Distinguished Service Award was established in 1997 to recognize Indiana Law graduates who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities and/or the IU Maurer School of Law in ways that exceed what might reasonably be expected in the course of their business, professional, or civic duties. For more information, contact [lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu).

## New faculty, staff join Law School

Three experienced professionals have joined the Maurer School of Law this fall.

**David Delaney** is a visiting assistant professor and a senior fellow at the Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research. He comes from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where he served from 2004 as an attorney advisor and deputy associate general

Jefferson Powell, Duke Law School

**Sept. 25:** Harris Lecture: Mari Matsuda, U. of Hawaii Richardson School of Law

**Oct. 22:** Amy Howe, Editor, SCOTUS Blog

**Oct. 23:** Jerome Hall Lecture: Malcolm M. Feeley, Berkeley Law, U. of California

For more details, visit [law.indiana.edu/notable](http://law.indiana.edu/notable)

## Coming to a city near you: Maurer Faculty

Plan to attend a reception in your city featuring Maurer faculty, alumni, and friends. RSVP to [lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu) or 812.855.9700.

Chicago: Prof. Jeannine Bell



Prof. **Jeannine Bell** will speak about her new book, *Hate Thy Neighbor: Move-in Violence and the Persistence of Racial Segregation in American Housing*. **Standard Club**, Tues., Oct. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dallas: Prof. Ajay Mehrotra

Associate Dean **Ajay Mehrotra** will discuss his new book,

*Making the Modern American Fiscal State: Law, Politics, and the Rise of Progressive Taxation, 1877-1929*. **La Cima Club**, Wed., Oct. 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Minneapolis: Prof. William Henderson

Prof. **William Henderson** will present "Using Data to Understand and Improve Lawyer Selection and Development: Real World



counsel. He holds a JD from Boston College Law School.

**Kenny Tatum** joined the law school in August as assistant dean in the Office of Career and Professional Development. His experience includes a similar role at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law. He has also served as a director of lateral recruiting for a major Atlanta law firm and practiced for several years in Atlanta and Milwaukee.



**Janet Hein** is the school's new Director of Admissions. With more than 20 years' experience in this field, Hein brings additional expertise to the Law School's Office of Admissions. She previously served as director and assistant dean of admissions and financial aid at the University of Dayton School of Law and as assistant director of admissions at the University of Minnesota Law School.

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## Chicago alums: Will you help our students?

If you're an alum living or working in the Chicago area, our students could use your help. The Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) and the Alumni Relations Office invite you to a special professional development event for students at the [Standard Club](#), 320 S. Plymouth Court, on Tuesday, October 15 from 9:30-5:00.

The purpose of this event: To give our students the opportunity to meet with you and other members of the Chicago legal community. If you are willing to spend an hour or two meeting with groups of students about your firm and your career in the legal profession, please contact OCPD at [lcareers@indiana.edu](mailto:lcareers@indiana.edu) or at 812.855.0258.

This event will occur during the Law School's fall break, so if you'd prefer to meet with students at your office, either individually or in groups, we will be glad to make those arrangements.

Although this event is not intended to provide our students with job interviews, we are hoping for strong alumni participation, so that students learn all they can about practicing in Chicago.

## Ochoa grant focuses on conflicts arising



Examples." [Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi](#)

[LLP](#), Thurs., Oct. 24, noon.

NYC alums: Watch this space

Maurer's New York alumni society will be getting in touch with you soon about opportunities for networking and socializing. And watch this space for special coverage of Maurer alumni activities in the NYC area.

ISBA reception

Join alumni and friends for a reception during the Indiana State Bar Association's annual meeting in French Lick, Thurs., Oct. 17, 5:00-6:00 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 10 to [lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu) or 812.855.9700.

Academy of Law Alumni Fellows Nominations sought

Nominations are open for the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows. The Academy recognizes graduates who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields and who continue to enhance the school's national reputation.

[Nomination forms are available on the school's website](#) and will be accepted through Nov. 15.

American Constitution Society honored

In June, Maurer's American Constitution Society student chapter won the first annual ACS Reproductive Rights and Justice Award, presented in partnership with the Center for Reproductive Rights.

The award is presented to a chapter that has placed a

## from economic development



Professor [Christiana Ochoa](#) is an expert on the intersection of economic development and human rights. "Development can be measured in terms of economic growth, or in terms of well-being," she explained. "There can be tension between these two forms of development, resulting in legal uncertainty and political unrest."

As a recipient of the Mellon Innovating International Research and Teaching award, Ochoa is conducting research in Colombia, Brazil and the Philippines, countries where these two forms of thinking about development are in tension. Ochoa's work aims to understand the common features of such situations in order to develop legal tools that help alleviate, rather than exacerbate these conflicts.

Ochoa is preparing a documentary on this phenomenon in the context of gold mining in Colombia. The film is scheduled for release in the next several months.



For an upcoming documentary, Prof. Christiana Ochoa interviews a resident of a Colombian town affected by intensive gold mining.

## Indiana Court of Appeals conducts oral argument at Law School

On September 10, the Indiana Court of Appeals held oral argument in *Corbin v. State*, an appeal from the Starke Circuit Court. Hon. Melissa S. May, Hon. **John G. Baker**, JD'71, and Hon. **Paul D. Matthias**, JD'79, served on the panel.

The issue presented by the case was whether the trial court properly denied the appellant's motion to dismiss based on the appellant's claim that the charging information did not support the charge of attempted child seduction.

"We are pleased that the Court chose our school for this

significant focus on reproductive rights and justice. Many of ACS's reproductive rights events were produced in conjunction with the Feminist Law Forum and Law Students for Reproductive Justice. [More information about the award may be found here.](#)

The chapter also received an [ACS Programming Award](#), along with a number of other student chapters around the country.

Center for Constitutional Democracy visiting scholar describes government abuse

Saudi human rights lawyer **Abdulaziz Al Hussan**, now a visiting scholar at Indiana Law's



Center for Constitutional Democracy, was nearly imprisoned in his

native Saudi Arabia for tweeting about government abuses. [He describes his ordeal in a recent issue of \*Inside IU\*.](#)

Through the Center, Al Hussan plans to travel to Europe this fall to promote human rights and constitutional reform in Saudi Arabia.

TaxProf Blog cites Lederman

[TaxProf Blog](#) recently noted that [Leandra Lederman](#), William W.

Oliver Professor of Tax Law, was one of the 19 tax professors on the list of the 10



most-cited faculty at the top 71 U.S. law schools. The Maurer faculty overall was 33rd most cited among those schools.

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event," said Dean Buxbaum. "It gave our students a wonderful opportunity to watch the appellate process in action."

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## Correction

The June issue of *ergo* included a Class Note stating that **Elissa J. Preheim**, JD'96, was involved in the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Gabelli v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, holding that the discovery rule does not apply to the general statute of limitations for civil penalties in SEC enforcement actions. Preheim and two of her colleagues at Arnold & Porter issued a client advisory on this decision, but they were not involved in the case itself.

This error was the fault of the editor's misreading of the client advisory, and not from any information submitted by Preheim. *Ergo* apologizes for the error.

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