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INDIANA LAW UPDATE

A [newsletter](#) for friends of the Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington • December 2005 (Vol. 4, No. 1)

Dear Friend,

This has been a phenomenal year for the Indiana Law community.

We have created several new centers and clinics, including the Center for Constitutional Democracy in Plural Societies (CCDPS). Founded and directed by Professor [David Williams](#), this exciting and vitally important center will focus its initial work in Burma, Liberia, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan. The center will train the reform leaders of these emerging democracies in constitutionalism, parliamentary process, and legal ordering.



In addition, the Law School has been fortunate to host a variety of innovative conferences and symposia, including "[Globalization and the New Politics of Labor](#)," "[The Rehnquist Legacy](#)," "[The Next Generation of Law School Rankings](#)," "[Constitutional Reform: Burma, Liberia, and Azerbaijan](#)," and "[War, Terrorism, and Torture: Limits on Presidential Power in the 21st Century](#)." All were great successes and have resulted in meaningful follow-up discussions in the academy, the media, and scholarly papers.

 We enjoyed visits from some of our distinguished alumni who took time out from their busy schedules to speak to our Law School and Bloomington communities. Our visitors this year included **Feisal Istrabadi**, JD'88, Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations and a principal drafter of the new Iraqi draft constitution; **Lee Hamilton**, JD'56, former U.S. representative and vice-chair of the 9-11 Commission; and *Batman* film producer **Michael Uslan**, JD'76. **Lowell Baier**, a 1964 graduate, generously dedicated a bust of one of our beloved faculty members, Professor Jerome Hall.

And, again this year, our faculty has enjoyed incredible success. Professor [Joseph Hoffmann](#) testified on behalf of a new proposal in the Illinois Legislature to establish a "no doubt" burden of proof at capital sentencing. Professor [Alex Tanford](#) served as counsel of record in *Granholm v. Heald*, one of two direct wine shipment cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels appointed Professor [Fred H. Cate](#) to a two-year term as a full-time faculty representative to the Indiana Commission on Higher Education. And Professor [Amy Applegate](#) was named a co-recipient of the Randall T. Shepard Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Publico Service. These are just a few of our faculty's extraordinary [accomplishments](#).

This fall, the Law School welcomed 228 members of the JD Class of 2008. These students have studied and lived on every one of the inhabited continents, and have a median LSAT of 163 and a median GPA of 3.46. They are joined by our new class

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of international graduate students who hail from Egypt, South Africa, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Guinea-Bissau, Burma, China, Taiwan, India, Indonesia, Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Germany, Spain, Ukraine, and New Zealand. Very soon after their arrival, this united community opened its arms to students from the Tulane University School of Law and the Loyola University School of Law—New Orleans after the tragic results of Hurricane Katrina. It was truly heartwarming to see our entire Indiana Law community band together to ensure these 20 JD and LLM students experienced the easiest transition possible after their terrible ordeal. I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful community.

So, with that, I would like to wish the entire Law School family a happy and safe holiday season and a very happy new year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your news.

All my best.

Lauren Robel, JD'83
Dean and Val Nolan Professor of Law

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New Three-Year JD/MBA Program to Start

A new variation on the Law School's existing joint JD/MBA degree program with the Kelley School of Business will permit highly qualified and motivated applicants to complete the JD/MBA joint degree in three years instead of the usual four academic years.

While the program does not replace the four-year JD/MBA and requires the same number of credits for completion, it will further several aspects of the Law School's Strategic Plan. It represents academic collaboration with an area of strength on the Bloomington campus; it allows the Law School to leverage the national reputation of the Kelley School in attracting excellent students, and vice versa, thus supporting the

Law School's admissions goals of a diverse, academically excellent class; and by removing a significant barrier to entry, the three-year program will also enhance the school's ability to attract students with work experience.

Students will start the program during the summer prior to the traditional 1L fall start, and they will continue to take classes during the first summer break. Between their second and third years, students will have traditional summer employment in business or law. The capstone experience in the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic (ELC) utilizes both the students' business and law knowledge and training.

The ELC enables students to work in teams to provide business entrepreneurs legal assistance with financial planning, organization, licenses, agreements, regulatory and zoning compliance, and intellectual property issues.  "The clinic is certain to benefit from this innovative program," said ELC Director [Tim Boeglin](#), JD'84. "The type of students the program is intended to attract—highly motivated, highly qualified students with significant work experience—is exactly the type of students best able to serve the needs of the high-growth potential companies served by the ELC. However, the real beneficiaries will be the classmates of these students, whose learning will be significantly enriched by the work and life experiences these students bring to the classroom."

The fundamental rationale for the three-year JD/MBA program is the reduced opportunity costs of the time required for law and advanced business degrees. "The time required to complete an advanced degree is a serious barrier to recruiting students who are already in the workforce, which is the market for MBA students," explained Professor [William Henderson](#), member of the ELC advisory board and the three-year JD/MBA program task force. "While this is a lesser issue for very recent college graduates, the primary market for JD students, it may become one, especially if two-year JD programs begin to proliferate."

"The adoption by IU's Law School and Kelley School of Business of this very innovative three-year JD/MBA program, combined with the schools' joint sponsorship of the equally ground-breaking ELC, and the schools' unparalleled collaboration on JD/MBA curricula, programs and other issues, sends a powerful message that IU is committed to making its JD/MBA program one of the premiere programs in the country," Boeglin said.

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New Clinic Offers Students Opportunities in Conservation Law

The [Conservation Law Clinic](#) is a collaborative effort between the IU School of Law and the Conservation Law Center, Inc., a new nonprofit organization established as a Midwest-based advocate for natural resource conservation. According to clinic Director **Bill Weeks**, JD'79, the clinic, which will become active in spring of 2006, is designed to enhance the Environmental Law Program through positive contributions

to the solution of conservation problems, contributions to the development of a more effective body of conservation law and policy, and the education of second- and third-year law students through a closely collaborative process involving clinic staff attorneys and clinic clients.

"We're truly enthusiastic about the prospects for the Conservation Law Clinic. We think the clinic can help solve real conservation problems for clients in Indiana and across the country," Weeks said. "The students who will represent those clients will not only gain expertise in the particular conservation issues they work on, but will have the experience of working in a professional law office with colleagues and outside experts." Weeks has represented clients and worked on natural resource conservation problems and matters for 25 years, in private practice, and as a non-profit executive for the Nature Conservancy, a leading international, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the diversity of life on earth.

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Cook Group Partners with Law School to Create IP Internship

The IU School of Law and Cook Group Incorporated recently established the Cook Group Incorporated Intellectual Property Internship, which will provide an exceptional opportunity each year for a student in the School of Law to acquire real-world skills and experience in the practice of intellectual property law.

Cook Group, based in Bloomington, is a global leader in developing health care devices. With manufacturing facilities and offices worldwide, it is at the forefront of medical research and product development in minimally invasive medical device technology for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. As both an innovator and a manufacturer, the company is intensely involved in the management and protection of its intellectual property.

The internship participant will be employed in the legal department of Cook Group or one of its subsidiaries for a 10-week period during the summer following the first year of law school. During the internship, the participant will be exposed to a wide variety of intellectual property projects and will work directly with the attorneys of several nationally recognized intellectual property law firms.

The internship participant will be selected by the general counsel of Cook Group during January of each year, beginning in 2006, from among those first-year students who have submitted applications. The program's organizers expect that the participant will be a highly competitive candidate for the summer associate programs of the intellectual property law firms representing Cook Group. Cook will ensure that the participant is able to work directly with all or most of these firms during the internship period and will encourage the participant to apply for those firms' programs in the summer after the second year of law school.

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Hamilton Receives Freedom Award

Former U.S. Representative **Lee Hamilton**, JD'56, recently received the U.S. Capitol Historical Society's Freedom Award. The society created its Freedom Award to recognize and honor individuals and organizations that have advanced greater public understanding and appreciation for freedom as represented by the U.S. Capitol and Congress. Hamilton served as chair and ranking member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and was chair of the Subcommittee on Europe and Middle Eastern Affairs. He serves as a member of the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council and also served as vice-chair of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States (the 9-11 Commission).

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Alumnus Honored at 2005 ISBA Awards Luncheon

Bret D. Raper, JD'95, was awarded the Viola Taliaferro Award at the 2005 Indiana State Bar Association Awards Luncheon held on Oct. 20 in Indianapolis. Raper, the Monroe Circuit Court Commissioner, was recognized for his work protecting the civil rights of children in Indiana.

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Patton Invited as Fellow of American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

George Patton, JD'87, has been unanimously approved for membership as a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Patton is a partner at Bose McKinney & Evans LLP in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1990 to advance the highest standards and practices of appellate advocacy and to recognize outstanding appellate lawyers, the academy is a non-profit organization consisting of the 272 elected Fellows.

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First Legal Biography of Rehnquist Published

 Professor [Craig Bradley](#)'s book, *The Rehnquist Legacy*, has been published by Cambridge University Press. It is the first "legal biography" of a Supreme Court justice. It presents a collection of 17 original essays from leading authorities in constitutional law and criminal procedure assessing Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist's place in the history of diverse areas of constitutional law. Bradley, editor and co-author, and 16 contributing co-

authors of the book, gathered at the Law School in early April to offer an assessment of Rehnquist's legal legacy. "Since no one person has the expertise to adequately analyze this legacy across the broad range of constitutional law, including freedom of speech and religion, criminal procedure, governmental structure, and liberty interests, it was necessary to assemble a group with expertise in each of the areas of constitutional law considered," Bradley explained. "Thus the book contains eighteen chapters, each focusing on a different area of constitutional law."

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Alumni Happenings

Associate Dean for Research and Willard and Margaret Carr Professor of Labor and Employment Law [Ken Dau-Schmidt](#) met with a group of women on Dec. 5 and men on Dec. 6 at the Chicago Athletic Association to present and solicit feedback on his latest research, "Gender and the Legal Profession." Dau-Schmidt will be holding another session in Indianapolis in January. Details to come.

The Alumni Board meeting will be from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis.

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Join Dean [Lauren Robel](#), alumni, and friends on Thursday, Jan. 26, for a New York City alumni reception featuring special guest **Feisal Istrabadi**, JD'88, Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations and principal drafter of the new Iraqi draft constitution. Details to come.

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Please take advantage of applicable federal and State of Indiana tax benefits by giving to the Fund for Excellence. As state funding declines, your gift ensures that the Law School has the resources it needs to recruit and retain top-quality students and faculty, enhance co-curricular student programs and services, and enrich the educational atmosphere of the school through conferences, speakers, and technology. Please check our Web site for ways to give, including making a secure [online](#) donation. Happy holidays!

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Faculty News

Professor [Fred H. Cate](#) was quoted in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. He

was also interviewed on WGST radio in Atlanta.

Professor [Daniel Conkle](#) was quoted in the *Bloomington Herald-Times*, the *Kokomo Tribune*, and the *Indianapolis Star*. He was also interviewed on WIBC radio.

Professor [Joshua Fairfield](#) spoke on "Virtual Worlds as Academic Testbeds" at the Educause Center for Applied Research (ECAR) symposium, "IT's Still on the Edge – Technology, Society, Innovation, and Business Practice," in Carefree, Ariz. He was also recently quoted in the *Financial Times*.

Professor [William Hicks](#) was quoted in the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*.

Professor [Joseph Hoffmann](#) was quoted in the *ABA Journal*.

Professor [Dawn Johnsen](#) was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Indianapolis Star*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Detroit Free Press*, and *The New Yorker*.

Professor [Seth Lahn](#) was quoted in the *Bloomington Herald-Times*.

Professor [Alex Tanford](#) was quoted in *The Legal Intelligencer*.

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