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**Distinguished Service Awards presented Sept. 30**

Three exceptional alumni will be presented with Distinguished Service Awards on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Law School. This year's recipients have made a tremendous impact on their communities, and we look forward to honoring them in just a few weeks. Being honored are **Scott Bassett**, '86, principal at Deloitte Consulting in Washington, DC; **Joe Hogsett**, '81, mayor of Indianapolis; and **Randy Lebedoff**, '77, senior vice president and general counsel for the Star Tribune Company in Minneapolis. The awards presentation will take place at 4 p.m. in the Law School. Read more about the DSA and this year's recipients in the print edition of *ergo*, which will be delivered to your mailbox soon.

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**Robel honored by Barnes & Thornburg**

Former Indiana Law Dean **Lauren K. Robel**, '83, was honored Sept. 7 as a trailblazer in the legal profession by Barnes & Thornburg. The Shirley's Legacy award honors the firm's late partner, Shirley Shideler, and trailblazing women lawyers in Indiana. Shideler was the first woman attorney at a major Indiana law firm when she joined Barnes & Thornburg in 1964. Robel, Indiana Law's first woman dean and now provost of the IU Bloomington campus and executive vice president of the university, was honored for her extraordinary work as a scholar, teacher, and administrator. She told the audience she feels a special kinship with Shideler. Both women raised children while attending law school.



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### **U.S. Army, IU Maurer School of Law launch historic new scholarship program**

In a world filled with acronyms, soldiers from the United States Army will have the opportunity to add another to their resume under a historic agreement between the Army and the Law School: a J.D. The two organizations have signed an agreement creating the U.S. Army Law Scholars Program -- believed to be the first partnership between the Army and a major law school -- that will allow qualifying officers and enlisted soldiers to pursue a legal education during their time of service.

Qualifying soldiers, from both active duty and reserve personnel, will receive an approximately \$75,000 nonresident scholarship (amounting to at least 50 percent of tuition) to the law school and be paired with both an alumni and student mentor for the duration of their time in Bloomington.

"This program is designed to advance the U.S. Army's commitment to its officers and enlisted personnel's professional development," said Col. Corey L. Bradley, chief of the Personnel, Plans and Training Office with the Judge Advocate General's Corps. "Our new program with the Maurer School of Law will provide qualified U.S. Army officers and enlisted personnel interested in the study of law the ability to obtain an affordable education at one of the nation's top public law schools." [Read more about the new program.](#)

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### **Krishnan named to Academic Leadership Program**

Professor **Jayanth Krishnan** is one of five Indiana University Bloomington faculty members in history, international studies, law, public health and education who will serve as 2016-17 fellows for the Academic Leadership Program. The program helps develop leadership skills of professors who may pursue careers in academic administration. It is sponsored by the Big Ten Academic Alliance, made up of the 14 universities in the Big Ten conference and the University of Chicago. Participants will attend three seminars hosted by alliance universities and will take part in campus-based meetings and programs with administrative leaders.



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### **Moot Court judges needed next month**

Judging moot court gives you a chance to shape the professional skills of future colleagues, reconnect with friends and mentors, and stay involved with your Law School. And scheduling mini-reunions with classmates has become a tradition -- Bloomington is a great place to visit in the fall. Moot Court rounds will run this year from October 5 through November 5. Each session consists of two 15-minute oral arguments followed by time for judges to speak informally with the competitors. For more information on this year's schedule and how to sign up, visit the [Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition](#) website. We hope to see you next month!

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### **Na na na na na na na na na na na na na na na na na US-LAN**

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's....**Michael Uslan**? The 1976 graduate and executive producer of the Batman films is coming to a small screen near you. As part of IU's initiative to highlight unique alumni, Uslan has been tapped for a television commercial that traces his journey from undergraduate school to the helm of one of the most successful film franchises in history. Uslan joins the ranks of entrepreneur Mark Cuban, opera singer Ailyn Perez, and sports journalist Sage Steele as prominent IU alumni who have been featured in their own commercial. [This 30-second spot](#) is on the airwaves now, and a 60-second spot -- expected to feature footage filmed at Baier Hall -- is expected shortly.

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### **Upcoming alumni events**

BLOOMINGTON -- Saturday, Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m. BLSA and Latino Alumni and Student Reception, Prof. Kevin Brown's home.  
INDIANAPOLIS -- Thursday, September 29, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., ISBA Alumni Reception.  
BLOOMINGTON -- Friday, September 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Alumni Board/Young Alumni Steering Committee meetings. Distinguished Service Awards presentation 4 p.m.

**BLOOMINGTON -- Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, Alumni Weekend and Class Reunions (1966, 1991, 2011). IU vs. Michigan State tailgate.**

**WASHINGTON, DC -- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Dean's Alumni Reception, Dentons**

**DENVER -- Friday, Nov. 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Dean's Alumni Reception, Location TBA**

Visit the [events calendar](#) for details as they become available and to RSVP. Contact [lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu) for further information.

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