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The story of a great school is a story of great legacies. In this issue of ergo, you will read about the legacies that students, alumni, and faculty of the Maurer School of Law have built across the past several decades. We are featuring generations of alumni whose contributions to the profession bring honor to the school and inspire future leaders. We are highlighting three outstanding longtime professors whom many of you will remember — perhaps with a mixture of delight and trepidation — while introducing you to new rising stars who research and teach in the same fields of study. And we’ll show you how you can create your own legacy by joining forces with our alumni leadership throughout the world.

We welcomed the beginnings of a new legacy on August 11, as 178 first-year JD students and 59 graduate and exchange students joined the Indiana Law community. The Class of 2019 comes from 99 undergraduate institutions in 25 states and nine foreign countries, and the graduate class comes from over 25 countries. The JD class is one of the strongest and most diverse in our history, and they have started law school with great enthusiasm. Special thanks go to our dean of admissions, Greg Canada, his staff, and to all of you who helped recruit this outstanding class.

On May 7, we honored the Class of 2016 at our traditional commencement ceremony in the IU Auditorium. Dean Kellye Testy, ’91, of the University of Washington Law School and president of the Association of American Law Schools, was our guest speaker, and the graduating class presented its campaign gift of more than $16,000 to the school, with a record participation rate of 79 percent. We introduced what we hope will become two new traditions during this year’s commencement: In addition to our JD graduation speaker, Jonathan Brown, we invited a graduate student speaker, Saruul Erdem, a native of Mongolia, to address the assembly. We also held auditions for and selected a graduate student to lead the singing of “Hail to Old IU” at the conclusion of the ceremony. That honor went to Raina Wallace. For the second year, we honored alumni families of our graduates, who participated in our hooding ceremony. You’ll read more about that tradition in this issue.

The Law School’s capital campaign — in conjunction with the university’s bicentennial campaign — is in full swing. As of August 31, we have raised $37.7 million, 63 percent of our goal. A recent planned gift from Milt, ’71, and Judi Stewart furthers their longtime support of our Center on the Global Legal Profession, which we are naming in their honor. You’ll also read in this issue about the continuing achievements of our faculty, including Charlie Geyh’s appointment as a Carnegie Fellow; Jay Krishnan’s extraordinary research on the Indian legal system; and Deborah Widiss’s receiving the Feldman Award for her research on same-sex marriage. Our faculty are among the finest in the country, bringing their work to the classroom to enrich our students’ learning experience.

Finally, be sure to consult the list of alumni receptions on page 26, and watch for updates on Facebook and Twitter. I will be visiting several cities around the country during the coming fall and winter, and, as always, I look forward to catching up with you.

Sincerely,

Austen L. Parrish, Dean and James H. Rudy Professor of Law
When members of the Class of 2019 raised their right hands to take the Indiana Law professionalism oath on August 12, the 178 students joined a part of something that will long outlive them. As the Law School prepares to commemorate its 175th anniversary next year, the legacies of its faculty, students, alumni, and staff are worth noting.

Legacies aren’t created in a class, a semester, or even a year. It is the slow and steady build of something special, something important, that drives our faculty to the pursuit of academic excellence, our students toward the goal of becoming competent and passionate attorneys, and our alumni to reach back and help those still on their way.

The Law School is filled with legacies that go mostly unnoticed. Their range is vast. We have students who will go on to be the third and fourth generation of a family to earn an Indiana Law degree. We have alumni who have created a rich and generous history of giving that extends to some of our newest graduates. And we have faculty who are calling on the work of their predecessors to push legal scholarship forward.

They have names like Craig Bradley and Doug Boshkoff. Pat Baude and Bill Hicks. Lauren Robel and Lauren Elmore. Tom and John Keith. Len Fromm.

Their contributions to the Indiana Law community live on and will for generations to come. That, ultimately, is what legacy is about. Indeed, our newly minted Class of 2019 will study the “Fromm Six,” those core competencies our late and beloved dean of students coined back in 2011. Students studying in the Lewis Building will learn and practice the art of innovation and business acumen as part of the Elmore Entrepreneurship Clinic. Professor Pamela Foohey harnesses the curiosity and clarity of the late Doug Boshkoff to delve into issues of bankruptcy and secured transactions.

While we devote this issue of ergo to the legacies that are stewarded today, we also look to the Class of 2019 and beyond, and wonder what theirs will be.
One of Elmore’s teams, the Eugene (Ore.) Emeralds, is a particular source of pride. “It was our only team never to have won a championship while we owned it,” he explained. “Last week they won for the first time in 41 years. I just got back from celebrating with the whole town. They’re a Chicago Cubs affiliate, and the Cubs broadcast the final game on their network.”

Elmore believes that he studied under some of the Law School’s finest faculty, mentioning giants like Clifford, Hall, Oliver, Nolan, and Pratter. “Jerome Hall could be so intimidating!” he said. “I remember that in one class, one person got an A, I got a B, and everyone else got Ds and Fs! And when he called on you, he was unrelenting. Everyone else wanted to crawl under their desks.” But he says the experience and disciplined thinking he learned in law school made it all worthwhile. “When I started practicing in Chicago, the other guys in my firm, with degrees from Harvard, Michigan, and Northwestern, had no better education than I did.” In fact, Elmore later got to know Hall personally. “His daughter’s name is Heather, and I thought so much of him that I named my daughter Heather, too.”

The Elmore entrepreneurial spirit clearly runs in the family. Son DG, JD/MBA’84, observed his father’s experiences from an early age. “Dad always talked about what a great experience law school is, regardless of what you end up doing. He saw the law as more than a profession, and from the time I was quite young, I had set my mind on becoming a lawyer.”

DG started on the path of building and acquiring companies early in his career, beginning with a struggling corporate travel agency in 1984. “I have always drafted and negotiated my own asset purchase agreements,” he said. “My legal and business education helped me keep expenses low while businesses are in the start-up phase.” Elmore Companies, Inc., now owns 15 businesses, spanning industries as diverse as custom manufacturing, information technology for the travel industry, collaborative code editing — and two...
single-A baseball teams. The company’s emphasis is on long-term value creation —
they are rarely sold.

The father of six, DG has persuaded two of his children to attend the Maurer School
of Law. “Number four is at the Kelley School of Business, and number five might
be interested in advertising,” he said. “I’m still working on number six for a JD/MBA.”

Children number one and two are now recent graduates of Indiana Law. Lauren,
JD/MBA’14, and David G. (Gant), JD/MBA’16, own two companies together. “I knew
I wanted to go to law school,” Lauren explained, “but the more I talked to my dad and
grandfather, the more I was attracted to a joint degree.”

Her investment has paid off. Following a stint with the consulting firm Cambridge
Associates, Lauren and Gant purchased Firmatek, LLC. Firmatek provides stockpile
measurement and inventory management to the mining industry, along with mapping
solutions to the mining, construction, and solid waste industries. Lauren and Gant
also own a logging company in South Carolina.

“The practical knowledge I acquired in both business school and law school — in
the intellectual property clinic, for instance — along with learning how to think has been
very important to me,” she said. “Plus I really enjoyed the experience. My classmates
were a great group of people to spend three years with.”

Like his sister and the two generations before him, Gant agrees that law school
 taught him how to think and analyze information and apply it to any number of situa-
tions. “Taking a skill set and applying it to different areas is what I’m doing now —
 it’s really fun. And that’s what law school teaches you to do,” he said. “And because
my sister, my dad, and I have all been through law school, the shared experience
helps us interact better as we think through our own business issues.”

Dave Elmore points with pride to his educational opportunities — and to the achieve-
ments of his children and grandchildren in the family business. “I came from a
humble background, and business and law school gave me the chance to do things
I couldn’t have done otherwise,” he said. “I have 12 grandchildren, and I’d like all of
them to go to law school! I’m not going to live long enough to see what the next
generation does,” he said with a laugh, “but it would be great with me if they went,
too. It’s a great foundation, a great way of thinking.”

On his 12th birthday, John Keith walked in to his grandfather’s law office. Russell
Keith, ’38, was celebrating a birthday that day, too. The eldest Keith was turning 65,
and sat at his typewriter, giving his grandson a gift that would last far longer than any
material present.

“We discussed personal values and responsibilities, and he typed on his typewriter a list
of life lessons for me to consider,” John, ’94, said. “On the surface, it had nothing to do
with practicing law, but it had a profound effect on me and my decision-making process.”

That decision-making process would come into play a decade later when John decided
to go to law school. Though there were several options, he chose to enroll at Indiana
Law, following in the footsteps of his grandfather and father (Tom). Having two genera-
tions of Maurer School of Law alumni in one family isn’t uncommon. But three consecu-
tive generations? That’s rare.

“There was no doubt in my mind where I was going to go,” recalled Thomas Keith, ’68.
Russell Keith chose to join the class of 1938, when IU allowed students to take law
classes while still an undergraduate student. Russell was one of the youngest – if not
the youngest – graduates of the school at age 21. He moved to Peru, Ind. and started
his own law firm. Over time, he instilled in his son and grandson a strong work
ethic and passion for the legal field. That led to Thomas pursuing a legal education
in Bloomington, too.

Keith family claims three consecutive generations of indiana law grads

Thomas said the colleagues and faculty he met during his time at Indiana Law were
life-changing. “The very challenging classwork was both what I wanted and what I
expected,” he said.

Thomas, too, departed Bloomington for Peru after graduation, where he became a
general practice attorney. In 1975, he was appointed by Gov. Otis Bowen as the
first judge of the Miami County (now Miami Superior 1) Court. He ended up serving
a one-year term, opting not to run for re-election.
By that time, he had a son of his own.

“I never felt any pressure to become an attorney,” John said. “But there is no question that the example set by my grandfather and father was an influence on me.” The family lived next door to one another, giving John an intimate look at what life as an attorney was like.

John originally had his sights set on becoming a doctor, but eventually realized he wanted to pursue a career in law. When it came time to visit law schools, he and Tom took an Amtrak across the country to visit some of the potential options. In the end, he viewed Indiana Law as the most natural extension of what he valued most about his undergraduate experience at Wabash College.

Walking the same halls his father and late grandfather walked was special.

“My father and I shared three professors: William Oliver, Doug Boshkoff, and Tom Schornhorst,” John said. “They were three amazing individuals, and being able to share that experience with my father has been special to me.”

After an 18-year career with the Indiana University Foundation, John Keith became a consultant at Greenwood, Ind.-based Johnson, Grossnickle and Associates in the fall of 2015. Which is just a few months after his wife, Susan Yoon ’96, joined the Indiana Law staff as a director of development. Though the two met in their native Peru, they didn’t start dating until Susan was a 3L and John was working with Russell and Tom.

The couple has two children. Will a fourth generation of the Keith family go on to attend Indiana Law?

No pressure.

Harry Gonso, ’73, took the road less traveled to law school, but it turned out to be an excellent choice. Daughter Elizabeth (Ellie), ’16, is eager to carve out her own path as a newly minted lawyer.

Harry Gonso is well-known to the thousands of loyal IU football fans who remember the 1968 Rose Bowl. He was quarterback of that legendary team, and was voted its Most Valuable Player. Gonso was a star in the classroom, too, earning Academic All-American honors on his way to a BS degree in accounting in 1970.

“Originally I wanted to be a doctor,” Gonso recalled, “until I found out I’d have to take another year of Spanish. My academic advisor suggested law school.

I knew I wanted a professional degree, so I decided to give it a try. The second semester of my first year, the lights went on, and I began to realize the benefits of a legal education.”

Following graduation, Gonso chose a career in private practice, joining the Indianapolis firm now known as Ice Miller in 1980. He is widely regarded as an expert in banking and securities law and in the rapidly growing field of life sciences. Active in civic affairs for more than 30 years, he served for 16 years on the board of trustees of Indiana University and as vice president of the board of directors of the Indiana University Foundation. Gonso also served as Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels’s senior counsel and chief of staff in 2005 and 2006.

“My legal education created so many benefits, and I wanted the same for my daughters,” Gonso said. “Ellie went to Miami University and got a degree in journalism, and I thought she needed to tighten up her thinking. That’s exactly what happened when she went to law school.”

Ellie agrees. “When you finish law school and look back, you can’t believe what you didn’t know when you started!” she said. Perhaps surprisingly, this became even clearer to her while she was studying for the Indiana bar exam. “It was like a house with lights going on in each room, but bar review brought everything together, and the whole house lit up,” she explained.
Ellie noted that going to law school had always been in the back of her mind. “Seeing how fulfilled my dad felt as a lawyer, and how much he enjoyed going to work every day, I knew it would be a good option,” she said. “And he always encouraged me to go, even if I didn’t end up using my degree.” She added that it was a great experience for the two of them to have attended the same school. “My dad had Professor Boshkoff, and he was still on the faculty during my first year. Although I didn’t have him for contracts, it helped me feel more connected knowing that Professor Boshkoff was still teaching,” she recalled. “And knowing that my dad had gone through the same challenges and frustrations in law school that I was going through was a tremendous source of support. Through him, I learned that you can’t let minor setbacks affect your confidence.”

In addition to the value of a legal education, Ellie found her three years at Indiana Law rewarding in other ways. “I made friendships that I know will be lifelong ones,” she said, “and I had the chance to surround myself with people who were very diverse, but with whom I still had something in common: We were all highly motivated and willing to work hard.” She also found the hands-on, client-facing experience of the school’s Community Law Clinic to be especially worthwhile.

Recently admitted to the Indiana bar, Ellie is currently networking in New York City, where she hopes to settle to be near her boyfriend, Michael Ruderman, ‘16, a newly hired associate at Kirkland & Ellis whom she met on her first day of school. “The Law School has a very powerful alumni network,” she said. “My dad’s, his friends’, and friends and family of my law school friends have already been an incredible resource.”

In his later years, Douglass Boshkoff would walk down the third floor of Baier Hall, cane in hand, hunched over, but still smiling when he’d greet you. At 85 years old, though his body was fragile from a stroke suffered years earlier, his mind, compassion, and wit were as strong as ever. And when he passed away after a brief illness in November 2015, Boshkoff left behind a legacy that will be nearly impossible to match.

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Boshkoff did it all: served as dean, researched, and wrote prolifically. It was teaching, though, that brought out his true calling. He was considered one of the Law School’s finest professors. Upon hearing of his passing, Monique Brielle Burt, ‘04, remembered calling him in tears. She was at her 2L summer assignment in Dallas and was terrified of a task she’d been given.

Boshkoff walked her through it, step by step, over the phone.

Known for his insightful lectures, Boshkoff would often stand atop a desk to drive home a particular point. And he’d often conclude class with one of his many limericks, which live on to this day in the hearts and memories of those who were fortunate enough to hear them from the author himself.

As an administrator, Boshkoff was a true leader. While he was serving as dean, an alumnus of the school wrote to him to share news that he was retiring. Now that he was leaving his practice, this alumnus wondered if he could come to Bloomington, teach a course or two, and slow down.

Dean Boshkoff’s reply was both sharp in its tone and staunch in its defense of the need for passionate educators:

“The Law School is not interested in hiring people who wish to relax and slow down. There are a number of good reasons for choosing teaching over practice. The one motivation we cannot respect is the desire to ease up. A good teaching performance
When she was an undergrad at New York University’s Stern School of Business studying finance and economics, Pamela Foohey knew numbers and business would play a vital role in her life. Rather than take the path of a financial officer or economist, she went to Harvard Law School, where her interest in monetary issues only increased.

“I became very interested in how people and small businesses deal with their financial issues, and how the law can help with that,” Foohey said. “That led to my interest in bankruptcy, consumer, and commercial law.”

After two clerkships, two years in private practice, and time at the University of Illinois College of Law, Foohey joined the Indiana Law faculty in 2014, leading the revitalization of a bankruptcy program that had been dormant for years. She is using her resources as a faculty member to teach students the way she was taught (“I want to provide students a framework for thinking about law and broader society that will allow them to make connections to the material on their own”) and research an area that has long gone unnoticed: bankruptcies among nonprofits, and in particular, churches.

“I wanted to use bankruptcy filings to shine a light on an area of law and business that had remained relatively unexplored by scholars,” Foohey said. “And so I picked nonprofit organizations. When I started looking at every nonprofit that had filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11, an interesting statistic revealed itself: roughly 65 percent of those nonprofits that filed for bankruptcy were churches or other religious organizations.”

When she looked into it even further, Foohey discovered that at least 60 percent of the congregations filing for bankruptcy are what are termed black churches, churches whose membership are at least 80 percent black, despite the fact that those churches only make up 21 percent of all congregations nationwide.
When Professor Pat Baude passed away in January 2011, the Law School received tributes from around the world. Such was the breadth of impact Professor Baude had — from his wit and grace in the classroom to the clarity and expertise he brought to his scholarship.

No federal issue was too big, no state matter too small for Professor Baude’s infinite wisdom.

In the fall 2011 edition of the Indiana Law Journal, Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard wrote: “Patrick Baude’s scholarship on state constitutional issues (and of course, his legendary insights into the federal side of this topic) and his many gifts to public understanding of the rule of law have made our society a more decent place. Our own assignment will be, somehow, to build on what he has given us. We owe him nothing less.”

His students adored him, describing him as a smart, engaging, and likable instructor who was able to convey dense and complex information in a relatable and digestible style.

In fact, when news of his death spread, then-Dean Lauren K. Robel’s email inbox was flooded with emails sending condolences and tributes. More than one contained the subject line, “The Best Teacher I Ever Had.” One former student even wrote that Baude’s “humanity was as large as his intellect.”

“What was most distinctive about Pat as a teacher, though, was the quality of his mind,” Robel wrote. “It was magnificent. Pat’s mind was beautiful in its brilliance and its nobility. Both words come to English from Old French, like Pat himself. Brilliance describes exactly the way his mind made diamonds of coal, and then pierced them with light, creating a dazzling spectrum of color. He took the visible and ordinary and showed — indeed, created — the invisible and extraordinary. Nobility of mind begins to suggest the capaciousness and loftiness of Pat’s intellect, but I am thinking as well of the noble metals, so-called because of their rarity and incorruptibility. Pat’s mind was a brilliant set in gold, the most noble of the metals.”

Baude’s story, and the impact he had on all he knew, lives on. His scholarship is still cited. His work still mentioned in the hallways of the Law School. His wine wisdom lives on, both online and in print. And now, young faculty members have the difficult task of following true Indiana Law legends. It isn’t easy. But Ryan Scott is up for it.

This leads to an interesting question: are black churches being treated disparately by lenders? In a forthcoming article in the Houston Law Review, Foohey argues that although the bankruptcy data cannot prove disparate treatment, they can provide a basis for legal claims. With that data in hand, the Department of Justice and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau could be moved to open an investigation into potentially discriminatory practices.

While she continues research into nonprofits’ bankruptcies, as well as consumers’ bankruptcies via her new role as a co-investigator on the Consumer Bankruptcy Project (which for the past 35 years has been the leading empirical study of people who file for bankruptcy), Foohey is happy to have found a home at Indiana Law.

“My favorite parts of being a member of the community here at Maurer are my colleagues and our outstanding students,” she said. “My students have shown a great willingness to expand their thinking and engage with bankruptcy issues.”

One of those students is 3L Von Lovan, who was awarded a full scholarship to the American Bankruptcy Institute’s Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar in August. He is believed to be the first Indiana Law student to earn a place at the seminar.

Foohey sees great potential in the students, just as some of her predecessors saw potential in her. Her office used to be right next to Doug Boshkoff’s, and the two would often run into each other in the hallways.

“He was a champion of what I’m doing with my research and teaching,” Foohey said, “and I’m trying every day to carry on the legacy Professor Boshkoff, and so many others, have left for us to continue.”
RYAN SCOTT

It was over catfish at the Port Hole Inn, on the banks of Lake Lemon, that Ryan Scott knew Indiana Law was the place for him. Following a successful clerkship for Judge Michael W. McConnell of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, a Bristow Fellowship in the Office of the Solicitor General of the United States, and two years at O’Melveny & Myers, Scott was ready to teach. So how, then, did he find himself at a table with one of the Maurer School of Law’s most legendary teachers and his wife — a super food critic — at one of Monroe County’s least glamorous dining establishments?

“I’d been angling for that opportunity for awhile,” Scott said. “I’d never even been to Indiana before I interviewed here. I received a lot of advice on where to go to begin a career as a scholar, and most of it involved going to whatever school was ranked highest. But I picked Indiana Law because I was struck by how warm and collegial the faculty were here. I fit in here better than anywhere else.”

In the seven years since, Scott has earned tenure, received praise for his scholarship, and become one of the Law School’s brightest young teaching talents. When he was presented with a Teaching Award in 2014, the students in his criminal law, criminal procedure, and federal jurisdiction classes called him “an incredible, enthusiastic, thorough, and brilliant professor who is energetic and excellent at keeping the class focused on the topic at hand.”

“When students tell me they liked my class, they almost always tell me they liked it because I’m enthusiastic,” Scott said. “And that’s true. I’m genuinely excited about the material we’re covering.”

Examining the details of a heinous crime rather than, say, the minutiae of tax codes, often helps first year students adjust to life as a law student because they’re more engaged with the course.

“I do get the best material to work with,” Scott said, smiling.

Beyond teaching, his scholarship has garnered accolades and attention. An expert on federal sentencing guidelines and policy, Scott is expanding his research to the state level in addition to branching out into comparative work with European criminal justice systems. Scott credits faculty members like Bradley, Pat Baude, and Joe Hoffmann with creating an intellectually stimulating environment where ideas and opinions are challenged and strengthened.

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A $7.7 million planned gift from Milt ’71, and Judi Stewart to Indiana Law’s Center on the Global Legal Profession was announced on September 29 in Bloomington. The Stewarts have generously supported the Center since its founding in 2009, including the Stewart Fellows global externship program, which has funded more than 100 students’ summer externships in eight countries since 2010.

The Stewarts’ gift contains two components: a professorship and endowment of the Center itself. The Milt and Judi Stewart Professor of Law chair will be held by its director, Professor Jayanth Krishnan, and will provide support for his research and teaching.

The endowment gift will be used to support Center activities, including the global externship program, research and outreach activities, partnership programs with law schools around the world, and other student activities. In recognition of their longstanding commitment to the Law School, the Center is being named the Milt and Judi Stewart Center on the Global Legal Profession.

TEAMS FROMM SUPPORTS HOOSIERS OUTRUN CANCER

On September 17, a team of intrepid students and friends of Indiana Law participated in Hoosiers Outrun Cancer — a 5K/one-mile race benefitting the IU Health Otcott Center — the number-one ranked local road race, according to the Herald-Times’s Reader’s Choice Awards. Team Fromm — organized in memory of the school’s beloved associate dean for students and alumni affairs, Leonard D. Fromm — braved the elements and raised more than $3,500. Hoosiers Outrun Cancer has raised a total of $250,105, exceeding its $250,000 goal.
On September 17, more than 160 students, alumni, and friends of the Law School joined the BLSA and LLSA advisory boards at the home of Professor Kevin Brown and his wife, Dianne, for their annual barbecue. Now in its ninth year, the event has become a fall tradition for welcoming new students to the Indiana Law community and for renewing old acquaintances.

BLSA, LLSA BOARDS WELCOME STUDENTS, ALUMNI
YOUNG ALUMNI STEERING COMMITTEE STEERING NEW GRADS IN RIGHT DIRECTION

When Laura Walda graduated in 2009 and moved to Orlando for work, she was lucky. She had her husband, David Meek — who graduated from Indiana Law a year ahead of her — already there. But for many new graduates and young alumni, the prospect of moving to a new city can seem daunting, especially when they don’t know anyone in the area.

Enter the Young Alumni Steering Committee. Aimed primarily at alumni who have graduated within the past five years, the YASC is open to anyone who wants to help recent grads connect to a new city.

“Hoosier Hospitality shouldn’t be a geographic term,” said Walda, who has been involved with the YASC for several years and serves as its chair. “We’re all here to help. Having something like the Young Alumni Steering Committee would have been a wonderful asset when I moved here.”

Whether it’s recommending a particular neighborhood or condo complex, providing information on the local school system, or simply meeting up for a basketball game viewing party, Walda said the goal of the YASC is to provide a connection between the young alum and their new environment. Putting established attorneys in touch with new Indiana Law graduates can also lead to increased job prospects.

With organizations in place across the country — Chicago, Indianapolis, Seattle, New York, Washington, DC, and Portland, to name some of the most popular — and new posts forming every year, Indiana Law grads are sure to find a friendly face wherever they end up.

The YASC actually grew out of an organic process, with small pockets of young alumni finding one another and meeting up for dinner, drinks, or to watch a basketball game.

“From there the Law School asked how it could help support those kinds of initiatives across the country, and out of that came the Young Alumni Steering Committee,” Walda said. “I think the school’s support and the support shown by all of our alumni groups has been amazing. I love that Dean Parrish and Assistant Dean Andrea Havill have gone above and beyond to make this a success. It’s going to go a long way toward making the Maurer School of Law a more nationally recognized institution.”

Just two days before she spoke with ergo, Walda said her husband was on the phone with a 3L who is interested in criminal law. After he got off the phone, he knew someone he could connect the student to.

Whether the student will end up in Orlando next summer is anyone’s guess, but if he does, he’ll have two friends he can call on as soon as he arrives.

LAW SCHOOL OFFERING FREE WILL-PREPARATION SERVICES TO EMPLOYEES

The IU Office of the Vice President and General Counsel and the Maurer School of Law announced a program in August offering will preparation services at no charge to university employees, students, and parents.

The program addresses the fact that more than 50% of American adults do not have a will, and that as many as 70% have not designated a healthcare power of attorney.

“We are delighted to partner with the Maurer School of Law to offer this benefit to IU employees,” said Jacqueline A. Simmons, JD ’79, vice president and general counsel. “People who die without a will have their estates distributed according to Indiana statutory law, which may not reflect their wishes. People who don’t designate a healthcare power of attorney deprive family members of the right to make important end-of-life decisions on their behalf. This program will help IU employees clarify their intentions and ease the burden on their families in times of stress.”

“We are pleased to be a part of this program,” said Dean Parrish. “We ask our students to complete at least 60 hours of pro bono service during their time in law school, and the program gives them another way to do so while providing a valuable service to the university community.” He cited immigration, inmate assistance, tax return preparation, and protective orders as other avenues for pro bono service.

Any university employee with an annual income of $50,000 or less will be entitled to receive a simple will and healthcare power of attorney at no charge. The documents will be drafted by one of six second- or third-year students at the Maurer School of Law and reviewed by one of the 11 staff attorneys in the university’s Office of the Vice President and General Counsel. The law students and staff attorneys have been trained by Kristine J. Bouaichi, chair of the trusts and estates group, and Daniel D. Meiklejohn, an associate at Ice Miller, the Indianapolis-based law firm.

Simmons noted that the free services are available not only to IU employees and students, but also to their parents, as long as the $50,000 annual income cap is met. She added that the program is available to any IU employee at any of the university’s eight campuses. The program is off to a strong start: 87 people have signed up so far, and six wills are in the works or ready for signature.

Employees interested in participating in the program should call the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel to schedule an appointment, which can be taken in person or via Skype, at (812) 855-9739.
Please plan to join your friends and colleagues this fall and winter at these receptions throughout the country. Watch your mail and our website (law.indiana.edu) for details and updates.

**THE LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI NETWORK**

From attending an alumni reception to judging Moot Court or mentoring a student, we offer many avenues for connecting with the Law School. We'll be pleased to help you make the connection that works best for you.

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### ACTIVITY IMPACT

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**November**

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  - Washington, DC — Dean’s Alumni Reception

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  - Denver — Dean’s Alumni Reception

**January**

- **5**
  - San Francisco — Dean’s Alumni Reception

**February**

- **8**
  - Miami — Dean’s Alumni Luncheon

- **9-10**
  - Naples, Fla. — Dean’s Alumni Reception

- **28**
  - Cincinnati — Dean’s Alumni Luncheon

- **28**
  - Louisville — Dean’s Alumni Reception
Dean Parrish and the Office of Alumni and Development have announced plans to establish a Dean’s Global Advisory Board. The purposes of the board will be to provide advice and counsel to the dean in his efforts to maintain and improve the Law School’s overall international standing and to improve the Law School’s presence and reputation in selected countries outside of the United States.

“"We are fortunate to claim among our alumni some of the most accomplished lawyers, judges, and business leaders in more than 50 countries,” said Dean Parrish. “These alumni consist of international students who have come to Bloomington to earn a graduate degree and return to their home countries to practice, and American JD graduates who practice law or run businesses in foreign countries. These alumni are among our greatest ambassadors, and we hope that this new board will help strengthen ties between the school and our friends throughout the world.”

Members of the board are currently being appointed, and the first meeting is planned for the summer of 2017 in Bloomington.
On April 15, 2016, Hon. Hugo "Chad" Songer, ’60, and his wife, Mae, arrived at the annual Academy of Law Alumni Fellows reception with a special gift for the Law School. Songer, himself a member of the Academy, presented Dean Austen Parrish with a 150-year-old booklet containing all the information a prospective student needed to know about the state’s burgeoning institution of higher learning.

The Indiana University Catalogue 1863-1864 came into Songer’s hands through his sister, who found it in her farmhouse in Duff, Ind., a small town near Huntingburg. How it had come to rest in the farmhouse is equal parts heartbreaking story, history lesson, and testimony to the valuable role Indiana University has played in its home state.

Stephen Lemond, a 19-year-old Union soldier, had the catalogue with him as he left for the Civil War in 1862. Lemond had hoped to attend Indiana University, a few hours north of the family farm in Duff. Unfortunately, he never had the opportunity to enroll at the university he so wanted to attend, as he died in the line of duty on the battlefields of Ohio on February 26, 1862.

After receiving the sad news of his son’s death, J.B. Lemond traveled to Ohio to claim his son’s body. He made the long journey by barge to bring his son’s body back to Duff and gave him a proper burial in the family plot at Payne cemetery.

The catalogue lay unused and forgotten on a shelf near one of the four fireplaces in the family’s farmhouse in Duff. The house was torn down in the early 1980s, but thanks to the foresight of Songer’s sister, the catalogue and some other early-nineteenth-century books were saved, and she gave these artifacts to her brother.

The judge immediately recognized the value of an original IU publication that provided a unique look into an institution established only forty years earlier on the very frontier of the young United States.

The catalogue contains considerable detail about what is required for enrollment at Indiana University, the classes taught, notable alumni and current students, professors, and costs. Very few people graduated from IU in its early years: only one or two in the beginning, and no more than seven to ten after that for the next 40 years. Almost all the early alumni were farmers, doctors, lawyers, or preachers.

When the Law School was founded in 1842 (as the Law Department), its tuition was the most expensive on campus: $25 for senior year, and $20 for junior year, listed in that order. And living expenses could add up — $3.50 per week for board and lodging.

The catalogue also included some practical, moral advice on the dangers of a lavish lifestyle: "With regard to apparel and pocket money, it is earnestly recommended to all persons sending their sons to this Institution, not to furnish them with extravagant means. The character and scholarship of students are often grievously injured by a free indulgence in the use of money. Whatever is furnished beyond a moderate supply for ordinary expenses, exposes the student to numerous temptations, and endangers, rather than increases, his happiness and respectability."

Linda Fariss, ’88, the director of the Jerome Hall Law Library, knows the value of the perspective lent by such early texts. "The library previously only had photocopies of the booklet," she said. "Adding an actual copy to the special collections is a remarkable opportunity for the school."

The catalogue will be kept in the special collections room at the library, where it will be preserved in an archival box, along with a description of its provenance.

— Maarten Bout
Visitors to Baier Hall will now be greeted by the building’s namesake. No, Lowell E. Baier, ’64, isn’t going to be shaking hands as soon as you walk in the door. But with the installation of a new bust in his honor, everyone who enters the front doors to the main lobby will see the man whose generosity will improve the school’s facilities for generations to come.

Renowned sculptor unveils Lowell E. Baier bust

Positioned in a small alcove, the Baier bust is a striking piece of bronze. Created by the renowned Maryland-based artist Brendan O’Neill, the sculpture captures Baier with a slight smile. The bust’s eyes seem to follow you across the room.

Baier and O’Neill (pictured above) visited Bloomington in early August to oversee the installation. Known for his keen eye for detail, Baier made sure the bust was perfectly centered and even suggested the appropriate height for the accompanying sign that will be placed on the wall next to it.

In March 2015, Baier announced a $20 million estate gift to enhance the Law Building, which was named in his honor. Baier also requested that the Law Library be named in honor of his mentor, Dr. Jerome Hall. Now visitors to the building have the opportunity to not only see Baier’s likeness, but also that of Jerome Hall, whose bust sits prominently in the newly named Jerome Hall Law Library.

O’Neill, originally from St. Louis, is known for his work with the bronze medium. In 2015 his bust of Harriet Tubman became the first bust of an African American ever to be displayed in the Maryland governor’s residence.

New display honors academy fellows

The next time you’re in Baier Hall, be sure to take a look at the new display honoring the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows. It’s located on the west wall of the first floor between rooms 122 and 124.

“The display replaces more than 100 individually framed photos of the Academy fellows who were inducted since its inception in 1985,” explained Andrea Havill, assistant dean for external affairs and alumni relations. “Over the years, the photos have faded, and the frames have suffered quite a bit of wear and tear as students bumped into them.” Havill added that the new display, with its etched photographic images, will last longer, and that the display has plenty of room for future inductees.

The Academy of Law Alumni Fellows is the highest honor the Law School bestows upon its graduates. It recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers through personal achievements and dedication to the highest standards of the profession. With professional roles ranging from US senators to federal judges to managing partners of national law firms, Academy fellows bring honor to the legal profession and enhance the Law School’s reputation.
Geoffrey G. Slaughter, JD/MBA ’89, has been named to the Indiana Supreme Court by Governor Mike Pence. A highly respected trial lawyer, Slaughter most recently was a partner in the Indianapolis office of Taft Stettinius and Hollister (formerly Sommer Barnard), which he joined in 2001. Previously he served as special counsel to the Attorney General of Indiana, overseeing the state’s antitrust enforcement efforts, and as a litigation associate at Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago. Slaughter earned his undergraduate degree from IU Bloomington, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Pence chose Slaughter from a list of three finalists named by Indiana’s Judicial Nominating Commission. He said that the Gary native has a “first-rate legal mind” and a “fealty to...and unparalleled knowledge of the constitution.” Slaughter joins Chief Justice Loretta Rush, ’83, as the second Indiana Law graduate on the bench of the state’s highest court.

At the time of his appointment, Slaughter was serving as president of the Indiana Bar Foundation and on the Law School’s Board of Visitors. He is a previous president of the school’s Alumni Board.

M. Scott Bassett, ’86, Principal, Deloitte Consulting LLP, Washington, DC
Randy M. Lebedoff, ’75, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Star Tribune, Minneapolis
Joseph M. Hogsett, ’81, Mayor, City of Indianapolis

Three Indiana Law alumni were presented with the school’s Distinguished Service Award at a ceremony at the Law School on Friday, September 30. The honorees are:

Bassett was recognized for his many years of service to the Law School, including a recently concluded term as president of the Alumni Board. He encouraged the board to take an active role in the execution of the school’s strategic plan and in the recruitment of newly graduated students. Bassett is a principal in Deloitte Consulting in Washington, DC.

Lebedoff is an active volunteer in the Twin Cities, where she has served on a number of nonprofit boards, including Milkweed Editions, the YWCA of Minneapolis, Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, and the Fund for the Legal Aid Society. She is a past president of the Minnesota Newspaper Association. At Star Tribune, Lebedoff plays a key role in the company’s strategic direction, partnerships, and successful labor negotiations. Previously she was a partner at Faegre and Benson (now Faegre Baker Daniels) in Minneapolis.

Hogsett has spent nearly 30 years in public service, culminating in his current position as the 49th mayor of Indianapolis, to which he was elected in November 2015. Previously he served as Indiana Secretary of State and Chairman of the Indiana Democratic party. In 2010, he was appointed by President Obama as US Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, a position he held until 2014, when he resigned to run for mayor.
Parents, friends, and families of the class of 2016 gathered in the Indiana University Auditorium on Saturday, May 7 to recognize the 159th graduating class in the Law School’s 174-year history. One hundred ninety-eight JD students and 64 graduate students were saluted for their achievements.

“I hope you will bring to the profession the energy, the creativity, the optimism, and the spirit that you brought to this school,” Dean Parrish told the assembly. “Reading the blogs, the websites, listening to the news, I worry that every day you must be asking yourself, ‘Did I enter the right profession?’ Lawyer jokes abound, and the ‘kill all the lawyers’ refrain is all too common.

“But they are wrong. Whether the world needs more lawyers, who knows and who cares. I have no interest in the Goldilocksian test of whether we have too much, too little or just right. We need smart lawyers. We need ethical professionals. We need people willing to dig in and tackle the world’s most difficult problems. We need people who are hard workers, with a great deal of integrity and creativity. We need more of that, not less. What I’m saying is the world, the nation, need people like you. . . .

“I meet with alumni every day, and they live incredible lives. It’s common for me to hear alumni say, ‘I love what I do.’ Because people who graduate from law school more often than not have jobs where they are challenged each day. They live lives where they can make a real difference for ordinary people. That doesn’t mean every day is a honeymoon. You’ll work hard. But you’re getting paid to write, think, talk, and argue — all things that most of you would do anyway. Being a lawyer is an extraordinary calling and an extraordinary privilege. My recommendation is to never forget that.”

Kellye Testy, ’91, was the keynote speaker for the event. Testy is Toni Rembe Dean at the University of Washington Law School, the first woman to be named permanently to that position. “Don’t wait,” she urged the laureates. “Knowing that so much of what you will take away today — in addition to your diploma — is about the relationships you have built rather than on words you hear, I want to focus my comments on just two words: Don’t wait. I’m going to ask you — anytime you feel uncertainty or boredom or stress or joy or fear or paralysis or love — to just remember those two words: Don’t wait. As Einstein said: ‘Nothing happens until something moves.’”

Jonathan Brown was selected as the student speaker from the JD class. Citing a time during his first year when he felt down and out, he noted that the Law School, “along with our family and other friends, is the best support system on earth — do not be ashamed to use it, be proud that it exists and that you are a part of it!” Saruul Erdem, an MCL student from Mongolia, celebrated the school’s diversity in her address on behalf of the graduate students:

HANDEL EDWARDS, ’16, AND HIS FAMILY CELEBRATE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACCESS TO JUSTICE, THE SCHOOL’S PRO BONO PROJECT.
“I believe in the power of diversity,” she said. “Diversity is the mainstream in the US. Some people have no idea how much you can learn by interacting with people from different cultures, and the opportunities to do that are everywhere at Maurer.”

Jade LaCroix presented the third-year pledge to the school’s annual fund, the Fund for Excellence, which is matched by a generous gift from Scott Flanders, ‘82. This year’s pledge of $16,181 surpassed the previous year’s gift by more than $9,000 and reflects a participation rate of 79%.

Finally, the school ushered in a new tradition this year, inviting students to audition to close the ceremony with the singing of the university’s Alma Mater, “Hail to Old IU.” Raina Wallace was selected to perform.

On Friday, May 6, the Jerome Hall Law Library staff hosted the traditional party for the graduating class and their friends and family.
The Law School honored five faculty for exceptional instruction during a ceremony April 11 at Baier Hall.

Professor Daniel O. Conkle was presented the Leon H. Wallace Teaching Award, the highest honor the school bestows on an instructor, for the second time in an illustrious career at the Law School that dates back to 1983.

Professor Charles Geyh, associate professor Gina-Gail S. Fletcher and clinical professor Amy G. Applegate were all awarded Trustees’ Teaching Awards, and Tim Morrison was presented with the Adjunct Teaching Award.

“We are fortunate to have an exceptionally energized and dedicated faculty who are not only tremendous scholars but also care deeply about their students,” said Dean Parrish. “Providing a well-rounded legal education to the nation’s future leaders is a critical part of the law school’s mission, and I am grateful that our faculty are committed to ensuring that our students have an exceptional experience.

“Whether it’s an innovative approach to teaching a traditional subject or devoting countless hours outside of the classroom, our faculty members set a standard of excellence and dedication we deeply appreciate. We are indebted to faculty like Dan, Charlie, Gina-Gail, Amy, and Tim for their efforts in shaping the next generation of great legal minds.”

Professor Charles Gardner Geyh has been selected for the 2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program. Geyh, the Law School’s John F. Kimberling Professor of Law, was chosen as one of 33 fellows from about 200 nominees in the fields of science, law, technology, business, and public policy.

An expert on judicial conduct, ethics, and the judicial selection process, Geyh will receive a grant from the Carnegie Corp. to research and write a book based on his proposal “Lies, Damn Lies, and Judicial Elections: Transcending the Shrill Public Policy Debate over Judicial Selection in America.” The research builds upon his recent book, Courting Peril: The Political Transformation of the American Judiciary (Oxford University Press, 2015), which explores how the courts have become increasingly politicized, explains why longstanding efforts to depoliticize the courts have failed, and offers a more promising approach to reform.

“The judicial selection process is one of the most important legal and political topics of our time,” said Lauren Robel, ’83, IU Bloomington provost and executive vice president. “IU is fortunate to claim Charlie Geyh as a distinguished scholar and expert on this subject, and I am confident that his Carnegie fellowship will produce another thought-provoking work of legal scholarship.”

“As one of the nation’s foremost experts on the judiciary, Charlie Geyh is most deserving of this fellowship,” said Dean Parrish. “His ability to link current political topics with sophisticated legal analysis will influence the debate on judicial selection for years to come.”

Geyh is on leave this academic year as he works on his book.
Experts in tax law and antitrust have recently joined the Law School faculty.

David Gamage will join the faculty in January as a professor of law. He is a scholar of both tax law and policy, and health law and policy. Gamage has written extensively on both US state- and federal-level tax and budget policy, on tax theory, and on the intersections between taxation and health care. He has testified on these topics before state legislatures and has presented to a number of other government audiences. From 2010 through 2012, Gamage served as special counsel to the US Department of the Treasury, Office of Tax Policy. In that position, he administered the individual income tax portfolio of the Treasury Department’s Tax Legislative Counsel, thus overseeing the drafting of all individual income tax regulations, as well as advising on new legislation and executive branch initiatives related to the individual income tax. Gamage’s position primarily involved the implementation of the tax provisions of the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”). His forthcoming book on health care reform is under contract to be published by Oxford University Press. Gamage will be teaching Introduction to Income Tax, Health Law, and a Seminar in Tax Policy. The Law School’s tax program was ranked 20th in the nation in the latest US News rankings.

Shana Wallace, professor of practice, comes to Indiana Law from the United States Department of Justice, where she practiced both criminal and civil antitrust law for more than a decade. In that role, she investigated mergers and anticompetitive conduct with the Telecommunications and Media Enforcement Section, served as an advisor to the directors of criminal and civil enforcement and political appointees, and represented the government in an appellate capacity in civil cases. She also spent time as deputy associate counsel in the White House, where she led reviews of political appointments, and served as a special assistant United States attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, where she prosecuted drug, immigration, and fraud cases and represented the government in several criminal matters on appeal. Wallace holds a JD from the University of Chicago and a BA from Amherst College. She is teaching Complex Litigation in the fall semester and will teach the school’s innovative course on The Legal Profession in the spring.
CGLP continues breakthrough work on legal profession throughout the world

In June, the Center was invited to participate in a workshop at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany on the state of human rights and the legal profession in Africa. Professor and Center Director Jayanth Krishnan presented recent work on the state of legal aid and the rights of the marginalized in Lagos State, Nigeria. Kunle Ajagbe, prominent lawyer in Lagos, will be co-authoring the full study with Krishnan.

In August, Krishnan traveled to India, where the Center co-hosted a major public event with O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) on the liberalization of India’s legal-services sector to foreign law firms. The Center’s 2016 Texas Law Review piece on this topic served as the impetus for this event. This Center-JGU program drew a huge audience, made international news, and featured the United States Ambassador to India, the Hon. Richard R. Verma, as the keynote speaker. Following Ambassador Verma’s speech, a vibrant panel discussion was held that featured a group of India’s key stakeholders from the bar and government to discuss the potential entry of foreign firms into the country.
Dean Parrish and the alumni and development staff have been on the road over the past several months visiting with friends of the Law School. These visits could not have taken place without our alumni hosts, who help organize the events and encourage their friends and colleagues to attend. Here are some snapshots from recent alumni receptions, along with our heartfelt thanks to the alumni who helped make them possible.

> Chicago: Mike Flannery, ’83, who arranged a private exhibition viewing at the Field Museum of Natural History; also Sarah Kessler and Mario Treto, Jr., ’12, and Jon Levy and Megan Okun, ’13

> Columbus: Jesse James, ’11, and Julie Spain, ’14

> Dallas: Gretta Cowart, ’85

> Denver: Leslie Hayden, ’11

> Evansville: Brian Williams, ’81, and Hon. Richard Young

> Grand Rapids: Tracy Larsen, ’84

> Houston: Lisa Powell, ’84

> Indianapolis: Lauren Sorrell, ’12, and Leah Seigel and John Turpin, ’14


> Louisville: Ozair Sharif, ’12

> Miami: Alexandra Block and Zeke Romero, ’13

> New York: Adam Pence, ’09, and Simon Malinowski, ’12

> Phoenix: R. Neil Irwin, ’71

> Portland: James Parker, ’12

> St. Louis: Frank Seales, Jr., ’74 (National Bar Association Annual Breakfast)

> San Francisco: Andrew Winetroub, ’13, and Jason Feder, ’14

> Salt Lake City: Heidi Goebel, ’97

> Seattle: Mindy Boehr, ’08

A schedule of upcoming events is on page 26 of this issue of ergo. We hope you’ll plan to join us.
Maurer honored with Doctor of Humane Letters degree

Michael S. “Mickey” Maurer, ’67, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the university’s graduate commencement ceremony on May 6. Maurer’s illustrious career has included cable television, film production, radio broadcasting, newspaper publishing, real estate, and banking. He serves as chairman of the board of IBJ Corp., which owns and publishes the Indianapolis Business Journal, Court and Commercial Record, and The Indiana Lawyer. He also serves as chairman of the board of directors of The National Bank of Indianapolis, the largest locally owned financial institution in central Indiana. In 2008, in recognition of Maurer’s longtime service and generosity to his alma mater, the Law School was named in his honor.

John D. Ulmer, ’63, has been selected by the Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation for the 2016 Legendary Lawyer Award. Ulmer is a partner at Yoder Ainley Ulmer & Buckingham in Goshen, Ind.

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP is pleased to announce that James A. Strain, ’69, was selected for inclusion in Indiana Super Lawyers 2016. Strain is a partner in Taft’s business and finance practice group in the Indianapolis office. He focuses his practice in the areas of corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and securities law.

Richard A. Dean, ’73, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America for 2017. Dean focuses his practice on mass tort litigation/class actions — defendants in the firm’s Cleveland office.

C. Daniel Yates, ’73, received the IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy Award from the IUPUI Herron School of Art and Design in April. Yates has also served on the Dean’s Advisory Board for Herron since 2010. He is a partner for Bose McKinney & Evans LLP in Indianapolis. Yates was also elected to the Board of Governors of the Indianapolis Museum of Art.
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Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP is pleased to announce that Paul T. Deignan, '80, was selected for inclusion in Indiana Super Lawyers 2016. Deignan is of counsel in Taft's bankruptcy, business restructuring, and creditor's rights practice group in the Indianapolis office. He focuses his practice on business workouts and bankruptcy matters, as well as commercial law transactions.

Ted R. Brown, '81, has retired as associate general counsel at Anthem Inc. after 26 years with the company. He resides in Indianapolis.

Kenneth H. Inskeep, '82, and his wife, Kristzina, have been honored for their dedication to the Central Indiana Council on Aging (CICOA) with an Impact Award. CICOA recognized them for their passion and support on providing meals and services so the elderly and disabled can live at home. The Impact Award is given annually to an individual or institution whose contributions to CICOA have made a significant and positive impact on program service delivery or encouraged great support of the agency from others.

Holiday (Hart) McKiernan, '83, has been promoted to chief operating officer and executive vice president of The Lumina Foundation. She directs the foundation’s legal affairs and also leads Lumina's exploration of the Bologna Process and the implications of that reform effort on American higher education. She joined the foundation in 2003.

Lauren K. Robel, '83, was recognized at Barnes & Thornburg's Second Annual Shirley's Legacy event honoring Indiana's trailblazing women lawyers. The award is in honor of Shirley Shideler, the first woman associate at Barnes & Thornburg and at any other major law firm in the state. Shideler also became the first woman to be named partner in a large Indiana law firm and the first woman president of the Indiana Bar Foundation. A former dean of the Law School, Robel is provost of IU Bloomington and executive vice president of Indiana University.

Watt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP is pleased to announce that William H. Hollander, '84, has been recognized as a leader in intellectual property in the 2016 edition of Chambers and Partners USA. Chambers USA ranks the leading firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas throughout the United States.

Barnard to lead Indianapolis Bar Association

Thomas A. Barnard, '82, has been elected president of the Indianapolis Bar Association beginning in 2019. He will serve as the association's first vice president on the 2017 Board of Directors and as president-elect in 2018. Barnard was also selected for inclusion in Indiana Super Lawyers 2016. He is a partner in the litigation practice group in the Indianapolis office of Taft Stettinius and Hollister LLP, where he focuses his practice on complex litigation, particularly involving environmental, insurance coverage, takings and securities issues. For more than 26 years, he has represented clients in federal and state courts from Indiana to Washington, DC. He was hired by Indiana's governor to prosecute the state's environmental civil claims arising from the largest fish kill in the state's history.

Scott receives Chicago Bar Association Vanguard Award

The Chicago Bar Association co-hosted the 2016 Vanguard Awards luncheon and announced Zaldwaynaka L. Scott, '83, as the association’s 2016 honoree. The Vanguard Awards honor the individuals and institutions who have made the law and legal profession more accessible to and reflective of the community at large. Scott also recently joined the law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP as partner in Chicago. She will offer clients litigation, internal investigation, and compliance services as a member of the firm’s government enforcement, compliance and white collar practice.

Mike I. Asensio III, '85, and Donald J. Vogel, '85, presented at a Bloomberg BNA presentation on strategic labor considerations in corporate transactions. Asensio is partner at the Columbus, Ohio office of Baker & Hostetler, and Vogel is partner at Scopelitis Garvin Light Hanson & Feary in Chicago.

Cohen & Malad PC, partner Arend J. Abel, '86, was recognized on the 2017 Best Lawyers in America list for his work in appellate law as well as commercial litigation. He has been named to the list every year since 2008.

Torres named health care Woman of the Year

Denice M. Torres, '84, president of McNeil Consumer Healthcare, was named the 2015 Woman of the Year by the Healthcare Businesswomen’s Association. The HBA Woman of the Year award honors one senior woman whose accomplishments have resulted in significant contributions to the health care industry. As president of McNeil, Torres has been a true change agent, leading the company through an unprecedented time in Johnson & Johnson’s history. Under her exceptional leadership, McNeil has seen sales grow at a double-digit rate, reclaiming leadership in several over-the-counter categories as well as number-one health care professional recommendation for many of those products.

Marilyn E. Hanzal, '86, has been named vice president and deputy general counsel of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA), a trade association representing virtually every hospital and health system in Illinois. As deputy general counsel, Hanzal will oversee operation of IHA’s legal department, which provides legal guidance to the staff, management, and boards of IHA and its related entities. The legal department also assists with IHA’s policy and advocacy efforts and offers information on legal developments to IHA’s member institutions. Before joining IHA, Hanzal served as associate general counsel to the University of Chicago Medical Center. She is a director and officer of the Illinois Association of Health Care Attorneys. Hanzal also recently published an article in the International In-House Counsel Journal titled “Collaborative Privacy and Security Programs and the Symbolics They Can Create.”

Cummins Inc. announced that Mary Titsworth Chandler, '86, has been named an officer of Cummins effective June 1. She will serve as vice president — corporate responsibility and chief executive officer of the Cummins Foundation. For almost five years, Chandler has helped lead Cummins’s development of policy and strategic programs in corporate responsibility. With her team, and Cummins global leaders, she designed an innovative and metrics-based approach to TEC: Technical Education for Communities. Chandler has also championed the development of corporate responsibility partnerships.
In May, at the Kentucky Bar Association’s 2016 convention, Douglas C. Ballantine, ’88, was sworn in as the association’s vice president. A KBA member since 1988, Ballantine served on its board of governors from 2008 to 2014. He previously served on the ethics, finance, and professionalism committees, as well as serving as chair of the continuing legal education commission. Ballantine has been an attorney in Stoll Keenon Ogden’s Louisville office since 1990. He is a member of the business litigation practice and serves as chair of the business torts practice. Ballantine is also a member of the class action, intellectual property, securities litigation, tort, trial and insurance services, mineral and environmental law, business services, and construction law practices. He lives in Louisville.

Jackson Lewis P.C. is pleased to announce that office managing principal Kevin D. Holden, ’89, was selected to the 2016 Virginia Super Lawyers list. Holden works in the firm’s Richmond office.

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP is pleased to announce that Geoffrey G. Slaughter, ’90, was selected for inclusion in Indiana Super Lawyers 2016. Until his recent appointment to the Indiana Supreme Court, Slaughter was a partner in Taft’s litigation practice group in the Indianapolis office.

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Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP is pleased to announce that Shannon S. Frank, ’90, was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2017 in closely held companies and family businesses law in Evansville. Frank represents closely held companies in a variety of matters, including buy-and-sell transactions, business organization, contracts, sale and leasing of properties, and employment issues. She also assists many clients, subcontractors, and suppliers in the construction industry, and assists clients with their estate and wealth transfer planning and during the probate and trust administration process.

John D. Bessler, ’91, author of his recent book, The Birth of American Law: An Italian Philosopher and the American Revolution (Carolina Academic Press, 2014), was the recipient of the 2015 Scribes Book Award, an annual award given out since 1961 by The American Society of Legal Writers for “the best work of legal scholarship published during the previous year.” That book also earned a first prize in the American Association for Italian Studies Book Award competition and was a gold winner in the IndieFab Book Award competition. In August 2016, the Brooksings Institution Press published his newly edited book, Justice Stephen Breyer’s Against the Death Penalty, which reprints, contextualizes and annotates Justice Breyer’s recent dissent in Glossip v. Gross, 135 S. Ct. 2726 (2015). Bessler teaches at the University of Baltimore School of Law and at the Georgetown University Law Center. He is also of counsel to the Minneapolis law firm of Berens & Miller, P.A., which handles complex commercial litigation.

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP is pleased to announce that Kent A. Brasseale II, ’93, was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2017 and named the real estate law Lawyer of the Year in Evansville. Brasseale’s chemical engineering degree and decades of legal experience equip him to represent clients in matters involving real estate development, brownfield redevelopment, construction contracts, oil, gas and coal lease transactions, mineral asset sales and acquisitions, mineral project capitalization, trademark and copyright registrations and infringement claim resolution, and confidentiality agreement negotiation and claim prosecution.

Armstrong Teasdale intellectual property partner and practice group leader, Patrick W. Rasche, ’93, was named to the 2016 IP Stars list from Managing Intellectual Property. In the state of Missouri, thirty-seven attorneys were named, and Rasche was recognized for having the most wide-ranging practice, which included six key practice areas (more than any other listed attorney). He was recognized for his work in patent prosecution, trademark prosecution, trademark litigation, copyright, transactions, and strategy counseling.

Lynch selected as GWU School of Law Adjunct of the Year

Susan C. Lynch, ’93, was selected for the Adjunct of the Year Award at the graduation ceremony at The George Washington University School of Law. She has been an adjunct professor there for 16 years and was chosen from a large pool. Lynch is also a trial attorney for the US Department of Justice.

Wexler Walker is pleased to announce the appointment of George R. Rogers, ’94, to chief executive officer. Rogers works with a range of corporate, trade association, and coalition clients to address legislative and regulatory issues.

Quarles & Brady LLP is pleased to announce that Susan M. Zoeller, ’96, has joined the firm as a partner and chair of the Indianapolis office’s labor and employment practice group. Zoeller represents and counsels businesses and entrepreneurs from various industries, including retail, communications, manufacturing, and hospitality, on a broad range of labor and employment matters. She is an experienced litigator who has defended employers nationwide in individual and class actions and wage-and-hour collective actions.

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP is pleased to announce that Robert “Ted” F. Barron, ’96, was included in The Best Lawyers in America 2017 in health care law in Evansville. Barron, who is licensed to practice law in Indiana and Kentucky, counsels health care clients on contractual matters, regulatory and compliance issues, various operational matters, and employment issues. He also assists business entities in a variety of general business and employment matters and represents clients in prosecuting and defending cases involving employment agreements, non-competition agreements, and trade secret provisions.

Church Church Hittle & Antrim is pleased to announce that Kevin S. Smith, ’86, has joined the firm’s Fishers office as partner. Smith will provide the firm’s clients with trial and appellate litigation services and advice on labor and employment matters.

Philip K. Calandrino, ’88, managing attorney at Small Business Counsel, presented “Business Operations and the Law” to the Orange County Bar Association’s fifth leadership law class. Calandrino has hosted this session every year since its inaugural 2012 class and received an award recognizing his commitment to this program. He is the founder of Small Business Counsel, a boutique business law firm located in Winter Park, Fla. that was established in 1998. His practice involves a wide array of business litigation and transactional work, but has evolved to focus on preventive law, a specialty that involves working with owners of closely held organizations to identify and diminish the impact of personal and business litigation risks associated with entrepreneurship. Calandrino was also recently honored by the Supreme Court for his 2015 pro bono work. Only 287 attorneys received this distinction based on their commitment to handling cases and projects through the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association.
In January, national law firm Bowman and Brooke named Carli D. Pearson, ’96, as a partner in the firm’s Minneapolis office. Pearson has significant experience defending manufacturers, businesses, and insurers in product liability and commercial litigation matters. She executes all phases of litigation, including pre-suit negotiation, discovery, fact and expert witness depositions, and trial preparation. Pearson defends medical device, pharmaceutical, and exercise equipment manufacturers and has done national work for a medical spa company in relation to increasing litigation within the field. Before joining Bowman and Brooke, she was a partner at a large international insurance defense firm.

David M. Umpleby, ’98, has been promoted to partner at Krieg DeVault LLP in Indianapolis. Umpleby’s practice focuses on economic development and tax incentives, municipal and governmental law, new markets tax credits, and public and municipal finance.

John H. Kedeshian, ’99, has joined Cast & Crew Entertainment as general counsel. Kedeshian was previously a corporate transactional attorney for Yahoo Inc. Performance Marketing Association is pleased to announce the addition of Tricia L. Meyer, ’99, as executive director. Meyer served on the organization’s board of directors for the past three years, most recently as the board’s secretary. In this role she worked as a liaison between the board and councils and as an active, decision-making member of the executive committee. Meyer has been a full-time affiliate marketer for over ten years and is the owner of Sunshine Rewards, Helping Moms Connect and other niche sites. She speaks and writes about topics such as monetizing blogs, managing affiliate partnerships, and current events in the industry.

Brett E. Nelson, ’99, has been promoted to managing partner at Pesws Shadley Racher & Braun in the firm’s Indianapolis office. He is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer with a particular interest in technical and complex litigation. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in a range of environmental, insurance coverage, intellectual property, pharmaceutical, commercial litigation, and other matters.

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The board of directors of the Indiana Youth Institute has announced the election of new board member Trenten D. “Trent” Klingerman, ’01. Klingerman began his term with IYI in July. He is vice president for human resources at Purdue University and lives in West Lafayette, Ind.

Shiv G. O’Neill, ’01, joined Cummins Inc. as senior counsel — global litigation in Indianapolis. O’Neill was previously partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP.

Alejandro Valle, ’01, has joined Kopka Pinkus Dolin in their Carmel, Ind. office as a senior attorney. He has extensive experience in litigating employment and commercial matters. His experience includes trial, appeal, mediation, and arbitration, in the areas of employment law, premises liability, contract disputes, and non-competition agreement enforcement.

Jonathan F. Yates, ’01, has joined Mattingly Burke Cohen & Biederman LLP as partner in Indianapolis. His practices in the area of intellectual property, with a particular focus on patent and trademark prosecution, strategic portfolio analysis and development, due diligence, and risk mitigation.

Mindy A. Finnigan, ’02, has joined the University of Chicago Law School as the associate director of career services. Finnigan was previously an associate at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP.

Sanchez named president and CEO of Indianapolis Power and Light

Rafael A. Sanchez, ’02, has been named president and CEO of Indianapolis Power and Light, filling a position that had been open for about a year. Just five months earlier, he joined IPL as senior vice president of strategic planning, focusing on strategic IPL business initiatives with responsibility for overall achievement of the company goals. Previously Sanchez served as vice president of business development and legal affairs for Fineline Printing Group.

Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP is pleased to announce that experienced business, real estate, and mineral attorney Tod G. Ziener IV, ’02, has joined the firm as of counsel and is now a member of the corporate transactional practice group. He will continue his practice from the firm’s Evansville office. Ziener’s practice focuses on handling all facets of businesses’ legal needs for all manner of corporate transactions, from structuring the initial creation of an entity to the negotiating and drafting of documents. He also has extensive experience in the real estate and mineral fields, including work on complex mineral ownership and land title issues. He regularly advises clients on a wide range of estate planning and business succession plan strategies.

Terrance Stroud, ’03, is looking forward to giving back by serving on his high school alma mater Brooklyn Tech’s Advisory Board. Stroud is the director, continued occupancy for the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Stroud also gave two speeches this spring that focused on best practices for utilizing a JD. The first event was at New York Law School, in partnership with the Dominican Bar Association. The second event was at Brooklyn College. He was also selected as a 2016 Shining Star by Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke. The award recognizes achievements of recipients in their chosen professions and in their communities.

Taffe Stetinus & Hollister LLP is pleased to announce that Tracy N. Betz, ’04, was selected for inclusion in Indiana Super Lawyers 2016. Betz is a partner in Taft’s litigation practice group in the Indianapolis office and focuses her practice on representing companies and individuals in matters involving a wide variety of commercial litigation. She is also experienced in matters involving product liability and personal injury, fiduciary and probate litigation, and criminal defense. She has extensive first-chair experience and has enjoyed significant courtroom time in both state and federal courts.

Shane D. Deaton, ’04, has joined SolarCity as senior director of global capital markets. Deaton was previously managing director for SunEdison.

Faegre Baker Daniels LLP is pleased to announce the promotion of Amy Steketee Fox, ’04, to counsel. She concentrates her practice in counseling and defending both public and private employers in all areas of labor and employment law. She has defended employers in federal and state courts and before the EEOC and other administrative agencies regarding issues under Title VII and other EEO statutes, the Family and Medical Leave Act, wage and hour claims, wrongful termination, and unemployment matters. Fox works in the firm’s South Bend office.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has announced that Seth R. Frotman, ’04, is the new student loan ombudsman and assistant director for the Office for Students and Young Consumers. Frotman was previously serving in the same position but on an acting basis. He joined this bureau in early 2011 as part of the treasury implementation team as senior advisor to Holly Petraeus, the assistant director for the Office of Servicemember Affairs.
Reminger Co., LPA is pleased to announce that Logan C. Hughes, ’04, has been selected as a Rising Star by Indiana Super Lawyers Magazine. Hughes serves as a shareholder in Reminger’s Indianapolis office, and is also the chair of the firm’s drug and medical device practice group. He has lectured at educational seminars for lawyers on the subjects of the Indiana rules of evidence and medical malpractice. Hughes has been recognized as an Indiana Rising Star from 2013 through 2016.

Hall, Render, Killian, Heath, & Lyman, P.C., the largest health care-focused law firm in the nation, is pleased to announce attorney Christopher T. Jolivette, ’04, has joined the firm’s Indianapolis office. Jolivette focuses his practice on advising clients on their information technology needs. He assists hospitals, health systems, physician groups, and other health care providers in acquiring a wide variety of health care-related IT solutions and services, including software licenses and subscriptions, device leasing arrangements, and a range of other IT consulting and professional services.

Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller, P.C., is pleased to announce the promotion of Thomas W. Werner, ’04, to shareholder. Before joining the firm, Werner concentrated his practice on commercial litigation, insurance coverage, and defense of product liability actions throughout the country. He is a published author and has made several professional presentations, including seminars teaching clients how to properly communicate and draft contracts in order to avoid litigation. Werner works in the firm’s Southfield, Mich. office.

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP continues to expand its intellectual property practice with the addition of Birk K. Billingsley, ’07, to shareholder. Billingsley represents clients in the areas of technology, including life sciences, consumer electronics, and mechanical devices. Hayden has previous experience with FaegreBD, where she practiced as an associate from 2011 to 2015. Hayden focuses her practice on complex litigation and transactional matters.

Ryan D. Burns, ’06, has been elevated from associate to shareholder at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin. A member of the firm’s casualty department, Burns is located in the Fort Lauderdale, Fla. office. He handles legal matters in a wide array of areas, including negligent security, product liability, premises liability, asbestos and toxic tort litigation, maritime litigation, general negligence business operations, and automotive liability matters. He also devotes a portion of his practice to general personal injury protection litigation and insurance coverage matters. Additionally, Burns has handled numerous cases involving catastrophic injuries, as well as wrongful death claims. He has also argued before the Fourth District Court of Appeal (DCA) and has worked on appeals in the Third and Fourth DCAs.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon welcomes partner Laura K. Whitmore, ’04, to its Tampa office. She joined the firm’s global product liability group. Whitmore focuses her practice on product liability actions and complex litigation. Having experience in both state and federal courts, she regularly defends consumer products companies in personal injury and wrongful death litigation. She has experience handling appeals and appellate oral arguments as well as all aspects of litigation, including drafting and arguing case dispositive motions, pre-trial motions, jury instructions, and post-trial motions.

Shulman, ‘08, as an associate to the firm’s Nashville office. Shulman is a litigator and registered patent attorney. She frequently represents clients before the US Patent and Trademark Office on matters involving intellectual property rights. She joins the firm from Patterson Intellectual Property Law.

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Jill M. Felkins, ’07, has been elected a shareholder in the law firm Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney. Felkins devotes her practice to defending clients in the areas of products liability, premises liability, negligence, personal injury, class action, toxic tort, and commercial litigation. She provides a wide range of litigation services to her clients from initial analysis and pre-trial workup through trial and appeal. Felkins practices in state and federal courts in Illinois, Indiana, and beyond. She has obtained summary judgment for national and local clients in multiple areas of law, including premises, toxic tort, transportation, and environmental contamination coverage litigation. She lives in Chicago.

Meghan A. Dwyer, ’08, is an award-winning investigative reporter for WITI-Fox 6 News in Milwaukee. She specializes in crime, legal, and education reporting, data journalism, and open records requests. She lives in Chicago.

Christina M. Clark, ’10, has joined Kopka Pinkus Dolin as an associate in their Carmel, Ind. office. Clark concentrates her practice in civil litigation. Prior to joining Kopka Pinkus Dolin, she worked as a deputy attorney general practicing civil litigation in the areas of employment, civil rights, qui tams, torts, contracts, post-conviction relief, and securities law for the Office of the Indiana Attorney General.

Reminger Co., LPA is pleased to announce that Patricia Román Hass, ’10, has joined the firm’s Northwest Indiana office, located in Crown Point. Román Hass practices civil defense litigation, with a focus on general tort liability, civil rights litigation, commercial disputes, and employment litigation. She represents both public and private sector clients before state and federal courts in Indiana and Illinois. She has first and second chair trial experience as well as extensive experience defending civil rights and government liability matters.

Leslie B. Hayden, ’11, has joined Faegre Baker Daniels as an associate on the intellectual property team. She will practice from the firm’s Denver office. Hayden represents clients in intellectual property litigation and provides counsel on patent matters. Her practice has included cases involving various types of technology, including life sciences, consumer electronics, and mechanical devices. Hayden has previous experience with FaegreBD, where she practiced as an associate from 2011 to 2015. Most recently, Hayden served as a law clerk for Judge Nina Y. Wang at the US District Court for the District of Colorado.

Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, the largest health care-focused law firm in the nation, is pleased to announce attorney Kiersten A. Kamman, ’11, has joined the firm’s Indianapolis office. Kamman’s practice focuses on counseling clients on issues surrounding their use of health information technology. She assists health systems, hospitals, physician groups, and other organizations in acquiring a variety of technology products and services, including software licenses and subscriptions for telecommunication systems and a range of consulting and professional services.
Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP is pleased to announce that Ann O’Connor McCreedy, ’11, has joined Taft’s environmental and litigation practice groups in the firm’s Indianapolis office. McCreedy focuses her practice on insurance coverage litigation, including disputes stemming from commercial general liability claims, professional liability claims, and property claims. Her practice also includes litigation involving toxic tort and products liability claims for personal injury caused by toxic or hazardous materials.

Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP is pleased to announce that Andrew M. Pendexter, ’11, has joined the firm as an associate and is now a member of the litigation practice group. He will continue to build his business law practice from the Indianapolis office in the area of general business litigation.

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP is pleased to announce that Cristina A. Costa, ’13, has joined the firm’s Indianapolis office as an associate in the litigation and intellectual property groups. She has significant litigation experience in product liability and insurance defense litigation.

In April, Joseph R. Fuschetto, ’13, joined the practice of Burger & Robertson in the firm’s Bloomington, Ind. office. A member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Fuschetto will focus his practice on immigration issues and on legal support services to area clients. He will also practice business law, business litigation, and criminal defense work. He is admitted to practice in Illinois and Indiana.

Damir & Valori, LLP is pleased to announce that Ezequiel J. Romero, ’13, has joined the firm as an associate. Romero practices in the areas of complex business litigation, bankruptcy and creditor’s rights, real property litigation, employment law, and receivership and securities litigation.

Patrick W. Thomas, ’13, was selected as the director of the newly created Notre Dame Tax Clinic. This clinic will provide an opportunity for law students to learn tax law by practicing it under the close supervision of full-time expert faculty.

Katsiaryna Colka, ’14, has joined New York Legal Assistance Group as a staff attorney.

In July, Abraham J. “Abe” Shanehsaz, ’14, joined Faegre Baker Daniels as an associate in the firm’s intellectual property group in the firm’s downtown Indianapolis office. Shanehsaz advises on trademark and copyright matters, helping companies obtain protections, maintain and expand existing protections, and enforce rights against unauthorized users in the US and abroad. He also counsels clients on various technology-based agreements. Previously, Shanehsaz practiced with Krieg DeVault in Indianapolis.

Daniel J. Sheroff, ’14, has joined Schiller Law Offices in Indianapolis as an associate. He focuses his practice on personal injury, workers compensation, and wrongful death actions.

Abdurrahman Almasnad, SJJD’16, has been appointed assistant professor of commercial law at Dar Al Uloom University, a private university in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Drew C. Ambrose, ’16, has been hired as a law clerk for Judge Nancy Vaidik, Presiding Judge, Fifth District, for the Court of Appeals of Indiana.

F. Wesley Bowers, ’51, died January 24th in Nashville, Tenn. A prominent Evansville attorney, he was active in Indiana politics and supported charitable, volunteer, arts and civic organizations with zest. As one of the youngest state senators in Indiana history, Bowers spearheaded Indiana’s first seat belt law and championed the establishment of the University of Southern Indiana. Wes, as he was fondly known, could often be heard whistling up Main Street as he walked from his office to court. He delighted in travel and enjoyed fine art, music, and reading. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Bowers Tiller; his son, Judge Scott Bowers; daughter-in-law Nancy Nicholson Bowers, grandchildren Katherine Bowers (Michael) Hussey, Ethan Bowers, and Andrew Tiller, and great-grandchildren Matthew and Julia Hussey.

William W. Coupe, LLB’66, age 79, died March 25. He was a resident of Appomattox, Va. at the time of his death. Coupe attended seminary and undergraduate school at Hiram College in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Renee.

Samuel “Sam” Adair Bradshaw, ’71, age 74, of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., died March 7 at Cumberland Medical Center in Crossville. Born June 27, 1941, in Unicoi, Ind., he was the youngest of 13 children born to Joseph E. and Lucille (Purdon) Bradshaw, both of whom are deceased. Bradshaw was a 1959 Charlestown High School graduate. He entered the United States Navy and was honorably discharged on July 30, 1965. He was a member of the Blazing Star Masonic Lodge in Charlestown and the Wooded View Golf Club in Clarksville. He enjoyed playing horseshoes in earlier years with his brothers, golf, watching sports, and was an IU fanatic. Most of all he adored his boys and grandchildren. On September 4, 1981, in Tennessee, he married Victoria “Viki” (Bueser) Bradshaw, who survives in Fairfield Glade. Other survivors include two sons, Kenneth Scott (Sofia) Bradshaw of Wauconda, Ill., and Jeffrey O’Brien (Brenda) Bradshaw of Prospect, Ky.; stepson, Nathan Jerome Eberle of Jeffersonville, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Logan, Sydney, Cole, and Elsa Bradshaw, all of Wauconda, Ill.; Chloe Chandler, Samantha, Alexandra, and Zachary Bradshaw, all of Prospect, Ky.; and two brothers, Jack (Lynne) Bradshaw of Nashville, Ind., and Harry (Wanda) Bradshaw of Roanoke, Va. His parents, six brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

James A. Shanahan, ’77, a native of Rushville, Ind., passed away peacefully in the comfort of his Florida home on May 1 after a three-and-one-half year battle with ALS. Jim graduated cum laude with a finance degree from the University of Notre Dame before earning his degree magna cum laude from the Law School. He was a member of the Indians and Illinois bars, and a founding partner of Shanahan & Shanahan, LLP, a municipal finance firm focusing on all aspects of municipal finance in Illinois and Indiana. Jim is survived by his mother, Betty; his wife, Rebecca; his two children, Rory and Maureen; daughter-in-law Sarah; a grandchild, and an ever-growing, multi-generational family of Shanahans. To recognize Jim’s lifetime of contributions to his hometown, he was honored as ambassador of the City of Rushville in 2015.
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