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Buxbaum appointed vice president for international affairs

Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie has announced the appointment of **Hannah Buxbaum** as the university's next vice president for international affairs. "Hannah's background and extensive international experience make her the ideal candidate to serve," McRobbie said. "I am confident she will build upon the strong foundation that David Zaret and the staff of the [Office of the Vice President for International Affairs](#) built over many years -- a foundation that has helped make IU one of the nation's most internationally engaged universities."



Buxbaum

Buxbaum is the John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics at the law school, where she has been a faculty member since 1997. Her research focuses on private international law and international litigation and jurisdiction. Buxbaum has also held a number of administrative positions in Baier Hall, including associate dean for research and executive associate dean for academic affairs. She was also the school's interim dean from January 2012 to December 2013. She currently serves as director of IU's Europe Gateway in Berlin.

IP center designated Patent Hub for Kentucky

The Law School's [Center for Intellectual Property Research](#) has been designated a Patent Hub for the state of Kentucky, making the law school one of the very few in the United States currently serving as a patent hub for more than one state. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office made the designation official last month, giving the CIPR the ability to serve clients in both Indiana and Kentucky. Patent Hubs serve as resources to inventors in need of pro bono services by matching them with patent attorneys. The Patent Pro Bono Program is a nationwide network of independently operated regional programs that match volunteer patent professionals with financially under-resourced inventors and small businesses for the purpose of securing patent protection. Each regional program provides services for residents of one or more states. The law school, whose Patent Hub is run under the "[PatentConnect](#)" moniker, is now one of only a few law schools in the U.S. to operate a Patent Hub. Professors Norm Hedges and Mark Janis appeared on [Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick](#), which covered the work of the CIPR and the clients its clinic serves.



Profs. Janis and Hedges (from left), appeared on Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick to talk about their PatentConnect program.

Buckley, Ahlbrand named directors of Jerome Hall Law Library

Keith Buckley and **Ashley Ahlbrand** have been named the director and associate director, respectively, of the renowned Jerome Hall Law Library. The faculty also finalized Keith's appointment as a senior lecturer in law in the law school last week, the position former library director Linda Fariss held. "We are fortunate to have a tremendous law library and library staff -- one of the finest in the nation -- and I'm pleased that Keith and Ashley have taken on these new roles," said Dean **Austen L. Parrish**. "I look forward to them continuing the path of excellence for the library charted by **Linda Fariss, Colleen Pauwels**, and other previous directors/assistant directors."

DC program students attend Friedman Lecture



Maurer DC program students **Kathryn English**, **John Tejcek**, **Erika Tribuzi**, and **Alyssa Gonzales Specht** attended the annual Friedman Lecture on Appellate Advocacy at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, DC on Nov. 17. The group attended with **Greg Castanias**, '90, who showed the students and Jennifer Morgan, of the Jerome Hall Law Library, around the court beforehand. Earlier that week in Bloomington, Castanias mooted his argument that was later heard in the U.S. Supreme Court case *SAS Institute, Inc. v. Matal*.

Castanias, at right, shows students the portrait of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

In memoriam: Hon. Florida Ruth Romero

The law school mourns the passing of former Philippine Supreme Court Associate Justice **Florida Ruth P. Romero**, who died Dec. 8 at the age of 88. Romero earned her LLM from the Maurer School of Law in 1955. Her mother and sister also studied here in Bloomington. Romero became an expert in civil and labor law, becoming the director of the University of the Philippines Law Center, and helped establish the university's Asian Labor Education Center, which became the School of Labor and Industrial Relations. Romero was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Corazon Aquino in 1991, becoming the fifth woman to ascend to the High Tribunal. She is revered as a champion of women's rights and for her command of labor and civil law. You will read more about Romero and many of our other distinguished alumnae in our print version of *ergo*, which will arrive in mailboxes around the holidays.



Romero

In brief...

- Prof. **Fred Aman** has co-authored a new book, *Transnational Law: Cases and Materials in an Interconnected World*, with wife and Princeton University anthropology professor Carol Greenhouse. Aman spent the fall semester as a visitor at Princeton's Law and Public Affairs Program.
- Prof. **David Gamage** is one of 13 co-authors of a [major report](#) on tax reform that has been getting lots of attention. Gamage also was quoted in a recent [Wall Street Journal](#) story on Congress's attempts to pass new tax legislation.
- Prof. **Steve Sanders** published an op-ed in the [New York Times](#) on the Masterpiece Cakeshop case: "Even the Bernini of Buttercream Has to Serve Gay Couples."
- Prof. **Jeannine Bell** was interviewed for a story on the [rise of hate crimes](#) in 2016.
- Amb. **Feisal Istrabadi** has been asked to serve as a senior advisor on an Atlantic Council initiative focusing on Iraq. The four-year project will look at the Iraqi economy.

- Prof. **Jay Krishnan** served as a featured guest at a major event for the launch of a significant book on the [Indian Legal Profession](#). The event was sponsored by Harvard Law School's Center on the Legal Profession.
- Prof. **Shana Wallace** spoke with [WIBC](#) about the possible ATT and TimeWarner merger.
- Prof. **Joe Tomain** has been named a lecturer in law.
- Prof. **Deborah Widiss** was quoted in a story about employment law and pregnancy: "[Telling Your Boss You're Pregnant](#)."
- **Kyle Castillo**, '17; **Tyler Piraino**, '18, **Lauren D'Surney**, '19, **Samantha Paul**, '18, and Jamie Andree were all honored with Pro Bono Awards in November.

Upcoming alumni events

- **Miami** -- Alumni reception. Friday, January 19. Lowes Miami. 6 p.m.
- **Indianapolis** -- Alumni reception. Wednesday, January 24. Rock Bottom. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Phoenix** -- Alumni reception. Thursday, February 1. Neil and Michelle Irwin residence. Time TBA.
- **Naples** -- Alumni reception. Thursday, February 8. Naples Grand Beach Resort. 5 to 6:30 p.m.

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

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