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Wintersession draws new faculty, courses

The third installment of the law school's annual Wintersession course was a tremendous success, with new courses, new instructors, and strong student participation. We welcomed the Hon. **Jose M. Rodriguez**, '80, of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, to lead a course on courtroom procedure. Dan Currell, managing director of AdvanceLaw, presented a course on presentations and public speaking. And **Stephen Burns**, '68 (with Phil Terry) (The Lawyer as Business Executive), **Greta Cowart**, '85 (along with **John Seddelmeyer**, '74; **Michael Asensio**, '85; and **James Carlino**, '85) (Transactional Drafting), Bill Mooz (Legal Operations), and the Hon. Nancy Vaidik (with the Hon. **Elaine Brown**, '82) (Depositions) continued their traditional teaching roles. Dozens of 2L and 3L students participated in this year's session, which spanned four days in the first week of January. The one-credit courses are offered at no cost to students.



Hon. Nancy Vaidik

Dan Conkle to be fêted at retirement ceremony

Professor **Dan Conkle**, one of the school's legendary Constitutional law teachers and scholars, retired from full-time teaching at the end of the fall semester. Conkle joined the Indiana Law faculty in 1983, and has since earned two Gavel Awards and two Leon H. Wallace Teaching Awards for his work in the classroom. Beloved by students, alumni, and colleagues, Conkle will be honored on Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Indiana Memorial Union. Alumni and friends are invited to attend the event, which begins at 4:30 p.m. in the University Club. Those wishing to attend are strongly encouraged to RSVP to eventlaw@indiana.edu or 812.855.9781.



Prof. Dan Conkle

New scholarship honors life of beloved alum

Holly Yoakum, '06, passed away unexpectedly nearly a year ago, but her memory lives on in the countless lives she touched. To honor Holly's legacy of dedication to public interest law, her family, classmates, and friends gave to the law school for a one-time scholarship to support a student pursuing to solve the public interest issues Holly cared deeply about: domestic violence, abuse, and women's rights. Now, thanks to a recent gift from one of her classmates, future Indiana Law students interested in these issues and public interest law will have the opportunity to follow in Holly's footsteps for years to come. **Christina Finn**, '06, has made a \$50,000 gift to establish the Holly Yoakum Memorial Scholarship endowment. This gift will allow the Law School to award this scholarship in perpetuity, and accept donations on behalf of donors who want to support students pursuing a public interest law career path, and/or want to commemorate Holly's exemplary life. "This is the type of gift that will have a ripple effect through many lives," says **Lisa Hosey**, executive director of development. "First, it will help the student focus on something they care deeply about, and once they leave the school the expertise and passion this focus has generated will transfer to their clients and communities for whom this expertise and passion can mean a world of difference." For questions about the Holly Yoakum Memorial Scholarship contact the development office at lawalum@indiana.edu or (812) 855-9700.

VITA offering tax assistance to local community

Indiana Law tax students are once again getting hands-on training by helping local taxpayers with free tax preparation help. Through March 31, trained law, Kelley School of Business, and SPEA students will assist with the complex task of filing state and federal tax returns for qualified taxpayers. The students are participating in the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. "VITA is a terrific program," said **Leandra Lederman**, the William W. Oliver Professor of Tax Law and the law school's VITA faculty advisor. "Every year, the student volunteers prepare tax returns for many members of the community, including IU students from other countries." Last year VITA volunteers helped prepare hundreds of tax returns, and student leaders expect an even bigger demand this year. More information is available on the [VITA website](#).

Search committee looking for new CSO leader

The law school is seeking a new assistant dean of career services following the departure of **Rachel Dawson**, '99, late last fall. The new CSO director will report directly to Dean **Austen L. Parrish** and serve as an integral member of the school's senior administration. The incumbent oversees all aspects of the CSO and leads a team of three knowledgeable and dedicated directors to help students pursue successful job searches and professional development. The office serves approximately 600 JD students, along with recent graduates and alumni. Interested applicants should see the university's [official job posting](#).

In brief...

- The IU Foundation will honor the **Elmore** family (including David, '58; DG., '84; Lauren, '14; and David, '16) this June with the 2018 Partners in Philanthropy Family Legacy Award.
- Executive Associate Dean **Donna Nagy** was honored with a 2018 Section Award in Legal Education (Section on Business Associations Outstanding Mentor) by the Association of American Law Schools.
- Dean **Austen L. Parrish** was co-author of an [amicus brief](#) in the *U.S. v. Microsoft* case.
- **Alecia DeCoudreaux**, '78, will moderate a discussion with former First Lady Michelle Obama at Banker's Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis Feb. 13. [Tickets are available](#).
- Prof. **Leandra Lederman** and co-author Stephen Mazza (Kansas Law) recently published the fourth edition of their widely used casebook *Tax Controversies: Practice and Procedure*. The book is available from the Carolina Academic Press.
- Prof. **Christiana Ochoa** was part of an Indiana University delegation to visit the university's newest international Gateway in Mexico City. While there, Ochoa and the delegation members were able to meet with the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico.
- Prof. **Kevin Brown**'s contributions to the university and beyond [were chronicled](#) as part of IU's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations.
- **Mickey Maurer**, '67, and Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN) published a basketball-themed crossword puzzle for the [New York Times](#). Donnelly will also serve as the 2018 Commencement speaker.
- [Prism Legal](#) featured part of the law school's recent partnership with Chapman and Cutler LLP.
- Prof. **Steve Sanders** published an op-ed in the [New York Times](#) about the closely watched Supreme Court case involving a baker who refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple. He also [published an article](#) in the inaugural American Constitution Society Supreme Court Review about *Pavan v. Smith*, which held that states may not discriminate in issuing birth certificates for children born into same-sex marriages.
- **Elsayed Eldaydamony**, a Fulbright scholar, wrote about his experience in the [LLM program](#) for Medium.

Upcoming alumni events

- **Phoenix** -- Alumni reception. Thursday, February 1. Neil and Michelle Irwin residence. 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Naples** -- Alumni reception. Thursday, February 8. Naples Grand Beach Resort. 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Cincinnati** -- Alumni reception. Thursday, March 8. 21c Hotel. 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Washington, DC** -- Alumni reception. Monday, March 12. Blackfinn. 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **New York City** -- Alumni reception. Wednesday, March 14. 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Minneapolis** -- Alumni reception. Wednesday, March 28. 5 to 7 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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