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ACADEMY OF LAW ALUMNI FELLOWS PROFILE

Who are those people whose photographs are on the first-floor wall? In this series of profiles, we introduce you to the members of the Academy of the Law Alumni Fellows. The Fellows are the recipients of the highest honor the Law School bestows on its alums. We hope that each profile will help you reflect on the successes of our alumni as well as some possibilities that are ahead for you.

JUANITA KIDD STOUT

Juanita Kidd Stout, who passed away last year, lived a remarkable life of historic "firsts" marked by courage and compassion. A native of Oklahoma, Juanita Stout moved to Pennsylvania in 1954, after receiving two law degrees here, and opened a law practice. After two years with the District Attorney's office, Stout was appointed in 1959 to the Philadelphia Municipal Court, with elections a scant two months away. Her victory in that election made her the first African American woman in the country to win an election to a court of record. She later became the first African American woman to be appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. During her years on the bench, she tried hundreds of cases, including the notorious 1993 murder case involving Ira Einhorn.

An article in The Philadelphia Inquirer August 22, 1998, noted, "Although she entered the law when few African Americans and few women entered the profession, colleagues said she overcame racial and gender barriers by winning widespread respect." The former district attorney for whom she first worked described her as "the hardest working lawyer in town." When a rule requiring Supreme Court justices to retire at 70 forced her from that position, she returned to the Court of Common Pleas. Judge Stout received hundreds of awards and honors. In 1963, she was appointed special ambassador to the Kenyan Independence Celebration, and, in 1965, she was named outstanding woman lawyer of the year by the National Association of Women Lawyers. In 1988, she was appointed Justice of the Year by the National Association of Women Judges.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

Professor David Fidler's article "A Kinder, Gentler System of Capitulations? International Law, Structural Adjustment Policies, and the Standard of Liberal, Globalized Civilization," as been accepted for publication in the April 2000 issue of the *Texas International Law Journal*.

Professor Emily Van Tassel delivered a paper to the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History in Toronto on Oct. 22. Entitled "Contracts in Conflict," the paper examines the tension between the traditional marriage contract and the interests of the emerging entrepreneurial class of the nineteenth-century United States. Using litigation over the installment sales contract invented by the I.M. Singer Mfg. Co. in 1856 to market the new and expensive sewing machine to individual families Professor Van Tassel maps the contours of battles over the legal and economic status of married women as part of (and perhaps integral to) the transition from a subsistence to a consumer economy.

NEWS FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

FEDERAL COURTS CLINIC

Any student interested in participating in the Federal Courts Clinic next semester should submit a resume and writing sample to Dean Fromm. He will be working with Dean Robel via email.

NEWS FROM RECORDER'S OFFICE

SPRING 2000 REGISTRATION

Monday, Nov. 1: 2Ls. CERT, MCL, LLM, SJD.

CLOSED COURSES

B620 - Negotiations (Fromm)

L797 - Sem in Jurisprudence: Pragmatism (Shreve)

If you failed to register for the Spring semester, please make sure you have completed your registration by Monday, Nov. 1.

In case of over-enrollment of courses, students will have a period to adjustment their schedules; 3Ls on Monday, Nov 8 and 2Ls on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

INDIANA STATE BAR

Indiana State Bar applications for the February 2000 exam are available in our office. The filing deadline is Nov. 15, 1999.

NEWS FROM CAREER SERVICES

FINALIZING PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT

Request from the Committee on Career Services and Judicial Clerkships to members of the 3L Class who are finalizing permanent employment plans: Please complete the yellow employment form available in the CSO and in Dean Fromm's office at your earliest convenience. Your information helps us focus energy and attention on those class members who have not yet fixed their post-graduation job plans.

NEWS FROM STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

MOOT COURT COMPETITION

This is the final week of the Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition. The oral arguments will be held Monday through Friday, at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. All students, faculty, family, and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend and support the participants.

FEMINIST LAW FORUM

The next meeting of the Feminist Law Forum will be Wednesday, Nov. 3 at Noon in Room 124. Agenda items include committee reports from the portrait diversity, the gender study, and the sexual harassment committee. All persons interested in feminist legal issues are welcome to attend.

ALUMNI CONNECTION SESSION

Alumni Connection Session featuring Mr. Rapheal Prevot, NFL Management Council and Mr. Hancy Jones, First Assistant U.S. Attorney Western District of Kentucky. Mark your calendars and plan to be there: Friday, Nov. 12, Noon -1:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) will sponsor several Alumni Connection Sessions over the course of the academic year to enhance opportunities to "connect" with prestigious Alums in a comfortable setting. It's informative, valuable and cost-free. Hope to see you there.

Note: For anyone desiring to ask Mr. Jones questions please submit them to: knewhous@indiana.edu no later than Nov. 10. There will be some questions from the floor, but this will assist our efforts to be efficient. Thank you.

GONG SHOW

On Friday, Nov. 12, the Indiana University Black Law Student Association will be having it's annual Gong Show at Mars Nightclub. The Gong Show is an event for the entire Law School. It provides an atmosphere for students to relax, have fun, and see their classmates display their talents.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. They will go on sale the first week in November. If you are interested in being an act in the show, please contact Tavonna Harris at tsharris@indiana.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR TALENT FOR THE NEW LEGAL LAMPOON SHOW

Announcing the First Annual IU Legal Lampon Show to take place on Jan. 27 in the renovated Indiana Theater on Kirkwood.

This event will hopefully become an annual charitable fund-raising event drawing upon the writing and performing talents of the IU Law School community. If you would like to help write comedic/satirical scripts for skits and songs, sing, act - or play piano, bass or guitar in the band (with Deans Aman and Fromm!), please contact on of the following: Robert Meitus at windchimep@aol.com;Carolynn McLaughlin at cmclaugh@indiana.edu; Hamish Cohen at hscohen@indiana.edu.

Many faculty and administration have already committed to participating in This show, and we hope that you will contact us if you would like to as well.

AUDIO - VIDEO SERVICES

Requests for AV services may be sent to Beth at av@exchange.indiana.edu. Please include the name of your group and the e-mail address of the contact person, a description of what you want to do, and the date, location, starting time and duration of the event. Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance and will be confirmed by email.

CALENDAR

Monday - Friday, Moot Court Competition, 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Moot Court Room.

Monday, Nov. 1, Registration for 2Ls, CERT, MCL, LLM, SJD, Room 022.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, Feminist Law Forum, Noon, Room 124.

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