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Greetings from Bloomington

It has been a sad time for the Law School community this month, with the loss of two of its finest people: Len Fromm and Jack Kimberling.

As many of you know, Len passed away on February 2 after a courageous battle with cancer. We have received dozens of kind notes and messages about Len and the impact he had on students and alumni throughout his 33 years at the Law School. As one of our alumni wrote, "Dean Fromm made my law school experience amazing, and I will always have a soft spot for him in my heart." So will we.

Contributions may be made in Len's memory to the IU Maurer School of Law Leonard Fromm Memorial Fund, IU Foundation, P.O. Box 6460, Indianapolis, IN 46206. We are planning a celebration of Len's life this fall.

Jack Kimberling, JD'50, died on January 27. He was a lifelong supporter of IU and the Law School and a distinguished attorney in Los Angeles for more than 40 years. He was named to the Academy of Law Fellows in 1990. In tribute to Jack's tireless efforts on behalf of the school, we established the John F. Kimberling Society in 2009, our planned giving club, which now has more than 200 members.

The dean's search is drawing to a close, and finalists have been visiting Bloomington to meet with students and faculty. Provost Lauren Robel will announce the results later this spring.

I have just returned from a brief visit with alumni in Miami, and I continue to be impressed by and grateful for the engagement of Maurer alums with our school and its students. Your advice and support has been so meaningful to me during my tenure as interim dean.

Yours,

Hannah L. Buxbaum
Interim Dean and John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics
Academy of Law Alumni fellows named

Four Maurer alumni have been elected to the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows, the highest honor that the school can bestow.

Stephen F. Burns, JD’68 (2012 inductee); Robert P. Duvin, JD’61; Colleen K. Pauwels, JD’86; and Glenn Scolnik, JD’78, will be honored in a ceremony in Bloomington on Friday, April 19.

For more information, call the Alumni Relations office at (812) 855-9700.

Robel to be honored at April reception

Mark your calendars for a tribute to Lauren Robel on Thursday, April 18, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the new Presidents’ Hall in Franklin Hall at IU Bloomington.

As most of you know, Lauren was appointed interim provost and executive vice president in December and given a permanent appointment the following June. This reception is an opportunity to thank her for more than 25 years of service to the Law School as professor, associate dean, and dean. For more information about the reception, call the Alumni Relations Office at (812) 855-9700.

Burgdoerfer receives GLBTAA Distinguished Alumni Award

Jerry J. Burgdoerfer, JD/MBA'83, received the second annual Distinguished Alumni Award from the IU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alumni Association on February 1. He was honored for his career accomplishments at Jenner & Block in Chicago, where he is a partner, and for his service to the community and to
IU. He is president of the Law School's LGBT Alumni Advisory Board and has been active in several LGBT organizations in Chicago.

**Faculty news**

Several Maurer faculty have recently received recognition for their scholarship and service:

*National Jurist* magazine named Professor William D. Henderson as the second-most influential person in legal education. Henderson is director of Indiana Law's Center on the Global Profession and researches and writes on hiring, economics, and other trends in the profession.

Associate Professor Jody Madeira’s book, *Killing McVeigh: The Death Penalty and the Myth of Closure*, was named by *The Atlantic* as one of 2012's eight best books about justice. Her book uses the Oklahoma City bombings as a case study to explore how family members and other survivors come to terms with mass murder.

Professor Christiana Ochoa was awarded a fellowship from the Mellon Innovating International Research and Teaching program. The grant will support field research and filmed interviews about the impact of infrastructure development on local communities and their ecology. Her research will lead to a scholarly article and a documentary film.

Professor Carole Silver was selected to deliver the 20th annual Francis X. Riley Lecture on Professionalism on April 5 at the Northern Illinois College of Law. Silver specializes on the effects of globalization and technology on ethics. She is also director of the Law School Survey of Student Engagement, which provides national data on students’ law school experiences.

Ambassador Feisal Amin Rasoul al-Istrabadi, JD’88, has been named to the Council on Foreign Relations, the country's most prestigious think tank on foreign affairs. He is one of only four Indiana residents who are full members of the Council. Three of them are at IU Bloomington: Sumit Ganguly, Hon. Lee Hamilton, JD’56, and Istrabadi. The fourth, Michael Desch, teaches at the University of Notre Dame. Istrabadi is Director of the IU Center for Study of the Middle East and University Scholar in International Law and Diplomacy at the Law School.