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Greetings from Bloomington

Greetings from Bloomington, where this week we've had our first real snow of the winter. While cold, the snow-clad campus looks simply beautiful, and much has been happening inside and out of our building. I felt it would be helpful to share a few updates with you.

On Tuesday night we gathered to celebrate the retirement of longtime professor Alex Tanford. Former students came from all over the country to raise a glass in his honor. Hearing the difference Alex made in the lives of colleagues and students alike was inspiring. We could not be more proud of the legacy he leaves behind.

As we celebrate Alex's contributions and wish him well in his retirement (he promises you'll still be able to find him in his office, on occasion) we also look forward to the incoming class of 2018. We're working hard to recruit talented young minds, and we've entered into several

Maurer team makes Williams Moot Court Competition semifinals

A trio of Maurer students made the semifinals of the prestigious Williams Institute Moot Court Competition at UCLA earlier this month. Kevin Casimer and Eldin Hasic, both 3Ls, and 2L Katie Cullum briefed and argued their way through the only national moot court dealing with issues of sexual orientation and gender identity law. The Maurer team knocked off several other top schools in the process, including Stanford and NYU, and they gave Maurer its best showing in the six years the school has fielded a team. The school's participation was made possible by the generosity of
partnerships with some of the nation's most respected colleges, universities, and other organizations to expand our reach.

Last fall, we partnered with Princeton, Knox, Georgia Tech, Purdue, and Wabash. Since the first of the year, we’ve partnered with Bryn Mawr, Dartmouth, Grinnell, Mills, Mount Holyoke, Rochester, Smith, and Wellesley; the IU Jacobs School of Music, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs; and most recently, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund to offer scholarships and mentoring programs. Read more about these partnerships on our website.

While we’re working here to bring in the next class, we welcome you to join in our efforts. You can play a big role in attracting gifted entering JD and LLM classes to the school. It can be as simple as meeting a prospective student for coffee or calling an applicant to share what your Maurer degree means to you. It's helpful to hear the stories from your time here and how you went on to use your legal education.

We encourage you to share the stories that we can post on our Facebook page or Twitter feed. We are also devoteing more resources to posting content online, and we invite you to share our posts. From the latest news to old photos from our archives, we're showcasing the Law School in new ways. We want you to be a part of the journey.

Best wishes,

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National Jurist ranks Bill Henderson most influential person in legal education

The National Jurist named Professor William Henderson as the most influential person in legal education, putting him atop a list of professors, deans, and chancellors whose voices and opinions are shaping the way future lawyers are educated and trained. The rankings appeared in the January 2015 edition of the magazine, which reaches more than 100,000 law students and educators. Henderson, a Val Nolan Faculty Fellow, is no stranger to the list; the same publication ranked him second in both 2013 and 2014. He is a staunch believer in the need for change in the way tomorrow's lawyers are shaped in today's classrooms. "Firmly in the intellectual category, (Henderson) is nothing if not consistent, speaking strongly for the need of serious reforms due to a changing legal market landscape," the magazine said. "Few have been as committed to analyzing legal education and offering concepts for reform as (Henderson). He's been writing for years, arguing that significant structural


Upcoming events

Washington, DC Reception
Join fellow alumni and current students on Monday, March 16, for a reception in conjunction with the Career Services Office spring break career exploration and networking trip. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow alumni and meet tomorrow's lawyers. Complimentary drinks and appetizers provided.

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New York City Alumni Reception
After the Washington, DC event, alumni and students will gather in NYC for a reception, also in conjunction with the Career Services Office spring break and
Robert Fischman calls them the "most talented cohort" of 3L students with an environmental law focus he's ever seen. And given all they did last summer, it's hard to argue against him. From the National Resources Defense Council to EarthJustice to the Environmental Protection Agency, Maurer students are taking their passions for the environment and creating a positive, lasting impact for generations to come. Kayleen Glaser, Katie Meehan, Scott Breen, Nicole Noelliste, Matt Castelli, and Lydia Barbash-Riley are all graduating this spring, boasting impressive resumes that combine the academic rigor of the law school with the extraordinary extracurricular activities available to Maurer students. Fischman credits recent gifts from alumni like Glenn Scolnik, JD'78, and his wife Donna, to bolstering the law school's environmental law program. The Glenn and Donna Scolnik Chair is held by Prof. W. William Weeks, JD'79, who directs the Conservation Law Center.

Amy G. Applegate and her research team working with the Marion County Court have been funded by the Indiana Supreme Court to continue studying the effectiveness of online parent education programs for unmarried parents with children. In 2014, the court allocated $25,000, and for 2015-2016, the court has allocated an additional $30,000 for this research. Applegate, clinical professor of law and director of the Viola J. Taliaferro Family and Children Mediation Clinic, conducts research in several areas. This particular area of research is focused on improving the well-being of unmarried parents and their children in the court system. This empirical research will examine the effectiveness of online parent education programs. Judges are interested in offering unmarried parents these programs, as they require fewer resources than in-person programs or court hearings. The hope is that these programs lead to greater rates of settlement of parenting disputes, and help prevent negative outcomes for these families.

Nearly 60 competitors participated in this year's event, with 3L and SBA President Zack Shapiro as the overall winner, with Gretchen Schrader, Taylor Sample, and Joe Stephens making the finals. Semifinalists were Nicolas Taylor, Ashley Eklund, Benjamin Shute, and Lauren Hodge. Thank you to all participants and volunteers for helping make this year's event a success.

To get involved with any of the activities below, email lcareers@indiana.edu or call Kim Bunge in the Career Services Office (CSO) at 812.855.8433.

Meet a 2014 graduate
In May, 223 of the nation's best graduated from our law school. Since then, these new Indiana Law alumni have taken the bar in almost 25 states including Indiana (65), Illinois (36), New York (14), California (12), and Texas (10), among others. If you would like to welcome one of these new graduates or learn more about their experiences, please email lcareers@indiana.edu.
Norman J. Hedges, JD'98, a prominent intellectual property lawyer, has been chosen to serve as the first full-time director of the Law School's intellectual property law clinic. Hedges comes to Bloomington with more than 16 years of experience in patent practice in Indianapolis, including 10 years in the Indianapolis office of Faegre Baker Daniels, where he was named partner in 2007. He has been a member of the law school's adjunct faculty since 2014. "We are delighted that Norm has joined our faculty full-time," said Mark D. Janis, JD'89, Robert A. Lucas Chair of Law and director of the school's Center for Intellectual Property Research. "He brings a wealth of practical experience that is invaluable in building our clinic as it expands to provide pro bono IP services to our state’s most innovative start-up businesses."

Maurer professor co-authors "The People's Brief"

Associate Professor Steve Sanders is serving as co-counsel on an amicus brief -- dubbed "The People's Brief" -- to the United States Supreme Court, arguing that state laws banning same-sex marriage cannot be justified under the U.S. Constitution. Sanders has joined Robbie Kaplan - the attorney who won United States v. Windsor - and Dale Carpenter, a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School, in filing the friend of the court brief, which will be submitted in March by the Human Rights Campaign. While the Supreme Court's decision in Windsor was hailed as a key turning point in the way same-sex marriage is viewed at the federal level, all or parts of 14 states still deny licensing or recognition of same-sex marriages. The amicus brief to be filed by Kaplan, Sanders, and Carpenter argues that state laws excluding same-sex marriage are in violation of the Equal Protection Clause because they reflect unconstitutional "animus" toward gays and lesbians.

Faculty news

The law school, led by Distinguished Professor and C. Ben Dutton Professor of Law Fred H. Cate, has commissioned and released a report focusing on the role of corporate legal departments in addressing cybersecurity challenges. Among the key findings are that there is a shortage of attorneys prepared to address cybersecurity issues and that corporate counsel are intimately involved in cybersecurity.

Professor Kevin D. Brown, the Richard S.
Melvin Professor of Law, spoke with CNBC for a story on how immigration is distorting affirmative action policy. Brown makes the case that changing demographics make the case for affirmative action. Read the full story.

Joe Hoffmann, the Harry Prater Professor of Law and director of special projects, is on sabbatical this spring, but that hasn't stopped him from teaching around the globe. This month he is serving as an honorary visiting professor at the Jindal Global Law School in India. He recently participated in a forum, hosted by the Times of India, on the challenges to higher education there.