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Greetings from Bloomington

Dear Friends:

It's a busy time in Bloomington. Last month, we welcomed a terrific 1L and LL.M. class that is already making great strides in the classroom and in our community. Since then, we've had a tremendous number of events and our campus is buzzing with energy.

A few recent events are worth a mention. Just two weeks ago, we came together for a wonderful evening honoring the achievements of former Assistant Dean for Admissions Frank Motley, who retired in July (he admitted more than 5,000 of you; a stunning achievement!). We celebrated Constitution Day on Sept. 17 with a lecture by prominent journalist Dahlia Lithwick. And, just recently, we hosted a small group of Liberian officials who were here to consult with our Center for Constitutional Democracy on proposed constitutional amendments that are expected to be put before the Liberian legislature in October.

Programmatically, we continue to do great things. At the start of the month, the Center for Intellectual Property Research partnered with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office to launch a
pro bono intellectual property law program aimed to help Indiana solo inventors, Indiana non-profits, and small Indiana businesses. I'm also proud to share the news of an innovative talent development program with Chapman and Cutler, LLP that will help recruit and develop future attorneys and provide students tremendous support while in law school (read more about that below). This coming January, the school will have a new intersession program, where students will have the opportunity to take one-week, one-unit courses, focused on skills and simulation learning, before the start of the spring semester.

Finally, alumni continue to do great things. In August and September, we had alumni receptions in Evansville and Lafayette, in Columbus (OH), and in Minneapolis, and we’re gearing up to soon be in Chicago. Two weeks ago, the LLSA and BLSA alumni boards held their annual meetings followed by an alumni and student reception at Professor Kevin Brown's house. And finally, I am pleased to announce the recipients of this year’s Distinguished Service Awards. Holiday Hart McKiernan and Tony Prather, both ‘83, and Gene Wilkins, ’57, will be honored October 16 for their tremendous service to the legal profession. I look forward to seeing them all, as well as our returning alumni who will be in town for the reunions of our classes of 1965, 1985, 1990, 1995, and 2005.

As always, I encourage you to check our events calendar. I hope you enjoy this month's E-Ergo, and I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Best wishes,

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Indiana Law, Chapman and Cutler announce talent development program

Chapman and Cutler LLP and Indiana Law have announced a program that enables IU undergraduates interested in finance and the law to gain comprehensive hands-on training and work experience, followed by admission to the law school and consideration for a full-time position at the firm following graduation. College graduates selected for Chapman’s two-year Finance Law Development Program will work side-by-side as practice development associates with attorney teams on substantive legal projects throughout the firm. The program will begin with a four-week boot camp led by Chapman attorneys, outside consultants, and IU law faculty and alumni who will introduce practice development associates to topics such as basic business organizations, financing structures, drafting skills, project management, applied legal technology, and negotiations. The program will initially be based in Chapman's Chicago office. Read more about this exciting program.

Bell named editor of Law and Society Review

Nominations Open for Academy of Law Alumni Fellows

Nominations for the 2016 class of Academy of Law Alumni Fellows are now being accepted.

Established in 1985, the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers through personal achievements and dedication to the highest standards of the profession. With professional roles ranging from U.S. senators to federal judges to managing partners of national law firms, Academy Fellows bring honor to the legal profession and enhance our school's reputation. Induction into the Academy is the highest honor the Maurer School of Law bestows upon its graduates.

To nominate an individual for induction into the ALAF, visit the website and download a nomination form.

Sarah Jane Hughes presents business law, cybersecurity updates; co-authors Hill op-ed
Professor Jeannine Bell has been appointed editor of the prestigious *Law and Society Review*, a publication of the Law and Society Association. Bell, the Richard S. Melvin Professor of Law, is a longtime member of the association and has previously served as an associate editor of the journal and as treasurer and a trustee of the Law and Society Association. She has also served as a member of the American Political Science Association’s Presidential Taskforce on Political Violence and Terrorism. Her appointment is effective from 2017 to 2019.

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**Elinor Ostrom Prize awarded to Dan Cole**

Indiana Law Professor Dan Cole and co-authors Mike McGinnis and doctoral student Graham Epstein have been awarded the 2015 Elinor Ostrom Prize for the best full-length article published during the previous year in the *Journal of Institutional Economics*. The prize, awarded this month at the second annual meeting of the World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, honors the memory of the late IU Distinguished Professor Elinor Ostrom, who received the 2009 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences.

The winning article, "Digging Deeper Into Hardin's Pasture: The Complex Institutional Structure of ‘The Tragedy of the Commons,’" re-examines a classic problem in institutional economics and shows the problem to be more complex than previously recognized.

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**Liberian delegation visits Center for Constitutional Democracy, consults on amendment process**

A delegation of Liberian officials visited Indiana Law’s Center for Constitutional Democracy in mid-September, consulting the CCD on several issues surrounding the Liberian constitutional amendment process. Participants included Jallah Barbu, chair of the Law Reform Commission of Liberia; Armah Zolu Jallah, president pro tempore of the Liberian Senate; and Paul Koulboi Kennedy, Jallah’s senior advisor, in addition to Professors David Williams and Susan Williams, who direct the CCD. The Law School was also represented by Gary Anderson, the center's advisory board chair, and several doctoral and J.D. student affiliates who are working on constitutional issues.

"In March of 2014, Liberia's president held a National Constitutional
Review Conference that was charged with reviewing the country's current constitution, which was enacted in 1986,” Susan Williams said. “Out of that conference came several recommendations on possible amendments, which the Liberian legislature plans to vote on in October. Our visitors will be here to consult with the CCD primarily on amendments relating to gender equality, electoral gender quotas and issues raised by customary law.”

The goal of the five-day meeting was to draft specific amendment provisions that can then be presented to the Liberian legislature when it reconvenes.

Cate appointed Vice President for Research

The appointment of Indiana University Distinguished Professor and C. Ben Dutton Professor of Law Fred H. Cate as IU’s new vice president for research was approved on Aug. 14 by the university's board of trustees. An international expert on privacy, security and other information law and policy issues, Cate also serves as director of the IU Center for Law, Ethics and Applied Research in Health Information and the Center for Information Privacy and Security and also holds an adjunct appointment in the School of Informatics and Computing. Cate served as the founding director of IU’s Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research from 2003 to 2014, where he is now a senior fellow. IU President Michael A. McRobbie described Cate as “one of the most distinguished academics in the university” and “immensely versatile.” Cate is on a two-year administrative leave from teaching at the Law School while he serves in this new role.

Faculty news

Prof. Kevin Brown will be presenting a paper, along with Professor Antonio Williams, at the 4th Global Conference on the Sports Project: Probing the Boundaries, entitled "Space, Place, and Sport," held at Oxford University, Mansfield College on September 26. The title of their paper is "Pay for Play from a Different Point of View: Should Elite Black College Athletes Sacrifice Personal Gain for the Collective Interest of the Black Community?"
Over summer break, two short articles written by Prof. Rob Fischman were published in *Conservation Biology*: ("Lessons from Pollution Control: Response to Heller and Hobbs") and *Environmental Forum* ("16 U.S.C. §1, R.I.P.; Reborn"). He also spoke on "Grazing and Climate Change: Lessons for Public Land Management" at the Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute on May 29; and "Deconstructing the Refuge Improvement Act" at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Advanced Refuge Academy on Aug. 12.

Earlier this month, Prof. Pamela Foohey presented her paper, "God Forgives, Banks Don't? Black Churches in Chapter 11," at the Business and Human Rights Junior Scholars Conference, held at the Rutgers School of Law-Newark. Her paper was chosen from a call for papers.

Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition seeking judges for fall

The Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition Advocacy Board has started recruiting judges for the 2015 competition. Please show your loyalty and support by participating in the law school's most prestigious competition. Judges are needed for the following dates: October 13-16 (6-11 pm); October 17 (10 am-6 pm); October 20-23 (6-11 pm); October 24, (10 am-6 pm); and October 27-30 (6-11 pm). If interested, or if you have any questions, please contact judges@indiana.edu.

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