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To be named an Academy of Law Alumni Fellow is to receive the very highest honor that the Maurer School of Law can bestow. These inductees represent the values that we hold in highest esteem: intellectual rigor, continuous achievement, and a commitment to the highest standards of the legal profession.

Choosing each year’s inductees from among our many deserving alumni is a difficult task for the committee of anonymous alumni who have graciously agreed to assist. We appreciate their hard work and applaud their choices.

This year, we are honored to recognize four alumni whose remarkable contributions to the Law School and the profession will last for generations to come: Amb. David L. Carden, JD’76; Catherine A. Conway, JD’78; Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel, JD’79; and Joseph D. O’Connor, JD’78.

We offer our sincere congratulations to our honorees.

Austen L. Parrish
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welcome
The Academy of Law Alumni Fellows was established in 1985 to recognize alumni whose careers are defined by exceptional personal achievement and dedication to the highest standards of the profession.

Academy Fellows are part of an elite group that includes U.S. senators, federal judges, successful business leaders, and distinguished practitioners. Each brings honor to the legal profession and enhances the Maurer School of Law’s national and global reputation.
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introduction and presentation of academy inductees
Amb. David L. Carden
Catherine A. Conway
Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel
Joseph D. O’Connor
Ambassador (Ret.) David L. Carden returned to Jones Day in 2014 after serving as the first resident U.S. Ambassador to the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). He is partner-in-charge of Asia.

As U.S. ambassador, Carden oversaw the broadening engagement of the United States in Southeast Asia, which included the Obama Administration’s 2011 “pivot” or “rebalance” to the region. Based in the U.S. Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta, he traveled throughout ASEAN’s 10 member states and Asia.

Prior to his ambassadorship, Carden was a partner Jones Day’s New York office, where he co-chaired the securities litigation and SEC enforcement practice. He has represented clients in some of the largest securities fraud class actions ever litigated, including the defense of Lehman Brothers in the Enron litigation and Union Excess in the in Re AIG Securities litigation. He is experienced in the defense of claims involving derivatives, options, auction rate securities, commodities, and exchange-traded and over-the-counter foreign currencies. Carden was special litigation counsel in the Lehman Brothers Holding bankruptcy and was responsible for coordinating the defense of litigation brought in England, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands Antilles, and Barbados.

Carden was a member of the Law School’s Board of Visitors from 1999 to 2011, and served as the Indiana University graduate commencement ceremony speaker and the Law School’s commencement speaker in 2012. In 2014 Carden was awarded the university’s Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medallion in recognition of his outstanding service and support to the university and sharing its values and goals.
Catherine A. Conway has sealed her reputation as a leading labor and employment litigator, with more than 25 years of trial experience representing major companies in high-stakes employment cases. Her practice focuses on complex employment litigation, including class actions, with an emphasis on wage-and-hour litigation trials.

She has trial experience in state and federal litigation, including wage-and-hour claims, employment discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful discharge, unfair competition, protection of employer trade secrets, and unfair business practice litigation. Conway has advised boards of directors in many confidential investigations and represents a large variety of employers, including national retail companies, insurance companies, internet companies, manufacturers, banks, investment banking and financial services firms, national restaurant chains, oil companies, and law firms. Her client list includes such high-profile names as Starbucks, ConocoPhillips, Wal-Mart, and Ernst & Young.

Conway joined Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, one of California’s oldest and most well regarded firms in 2012. Prior to that, she was a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP from 2000 to 2012, and previously practiced at Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP. She received her bachelor of arts from Purdue University in 1975.

Conway has been recognized as a leading employment lawyer by Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business in 2009-2015. She is also recognized by her peers as one of The Best Lawyers in America in the area of employment law. The Daily Journal named her as one of the Top Labor and Employment Lawyers in California in 2009-2013 and one of the Top Women Lawyers in 2012 and 2014. She also received the California Lawyer of the Year award from California Lawyer magazine in the employment law category in 2010.

She has been a member of the Maurer School of Law Board of Visitors since 2004 and served as board chair in 2011.
Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel is a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. He was appointed as a district judge by President Barack Obama on October 1, 2012. He previously served as a San Diego Superior Court Judge from 2006 through 2012 and was assigned to its family, civil, and criminal law departments.

From 1979 to 1986, Judge Curiel worked in private practice at James, James & Manning in Dyer, Indiana and handled civil and criminal cases in state and federal courts. From 1989 to 2002, he worked as an assistant United States attorney in the San Diego and Los Angeles offices. In the San Diego office, he served as the chief and deputy chief of the narcotics enforcement section.

As an assistant United States attorney, he received a number of performance awards, including the director’s award for superior performance for his work in leading efforts against Mexican drug cartels, international maritime drug traffickers, and corrupt U.S. border inspectors. As an attorney, Curiel has successfully argued several cases before the United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Ninth Circuits. He is admitted to the state bars of Illinois, Indiana, and California.

Judge Curiel is a master in the Enright Chapter of the American Inns of Court and a member of the Judicial Advisory Board for the San Diego chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. He has also volunteered in a number of programs directed at young students, including Open Doors to the Federal Courts, Voices for Children, and the Legal Education and Decision making program. He has served as a moot court judge for the University of San Diego National Moot Court Competition and the Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition. In 2014 he served as the Law School’s commencement ceremony speaker.
Joseph D. O’Connor has been with Bunger & Robertson, in Bloomington, Ind., since law school and has been a partner since 1983. He has represented individual, insurance company, and business clients throughout the state and in federal courts. He also devotes a considerable amount of time to mediations, helping other attorneys and their clients resolve disputes without resorting to trial. He is in his sixth year as an adjunct faculty member of the Maurer School of Law, where he teaches mediation, and was named adjunct faculty member of the year in 2013.

O’Connor has been elected by his peers to top positions of leadership in the Indiana State and American Bar Associations. He served as an officer in various positions in the Indiana State Bar Association, including president. He was recently re-elected ABA state delegate and is a member of the Council for the Fund for Justice and Education. His additional ABA involvements include service as chair of the Commission on Law and Aging, and he has been a member of many other committees. He has served on the board of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum as its vice president and president. He is a life fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation and of the American Bar Foundation.

O’Connor has served in numerous capacities, including eight years as chair of the Monroe County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He also has been involved in United Way, Leadership Bloomington, the Indiana Equal Justice Fund, the Monroe County Community Corrections Task Force, Bloomington Hospital Advisory Board, the board of Bloomington Country Club, and other community organizations. He is also a director of the Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation.

O’Connor has been rated “AV” by Martindale-Hubbell for 20 years, its highest rating, and has been elected by his peers as a Super Lawyer every year since such designation was established. In 2015 he was one of two Indiana attorneys inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. O’Connor served on the Maurer School of Law Alumni Board from 2002 to 2013 and as the board’s president in 2012.
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