



## ~About Today's Faculty ~

**Erik Arneson** is executive director of the Office of Open Records, the agency charged with deciding appeals filed under Pennsylvania's "Right-to-Know" law. He was appointed to that position by Governor Tom Corbett in 2015. Previously, Mr. Arneson worked for Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi and, in that role, helped craft the Right-to-Know law. He also previously worked as a reporter at the *Lebanon Daily News*.

**Dom Costa** represents the 21<sup>st</sup> legislative district in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, to which he was elected in 2008, as well as serving as the Allegheny County delegation chairman. He is a member of several committees, including the House Judiciary Committee. Rep. Costa is also a member of the House Law Enforcement Caucus. His legislative priorities include public safety, animal protection, education and mental health services. Previously, Rep. Costa served as chief of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, having been appointed to that position by the Mayor Bob O'Connor in 2005. Prior to that appointment, he had served as a law enforcement officer for 28 years, beginning as a part-time officer in East McKeesport in 1977 and joining the Pittsburgh Police Department in 1979, where he rose to the rank of commander.

**David J. Mayernik** is a member of Eckert Seamans, where he focuses his practice in the firm's Government Affairs Group. He is also a member of the firm's Regulated Substances Group, a multidisciplinary team of lawyers and government affairs professionals who advise clients establishing and operating businesses involved in the financing, manufacturing, processing, distribution, marketing and retail sale of marijuana for medical use where authorized by state law. Mr. Mayernik helps client navigate licensing and other complex legal and regulatory issues surrounding the fast-growing business of medical cannabis. Previously, he served as a member of the Pennsylvania General Assembly for two decades.

**John T. Rago** is a member of the Duquesne University Law School faculty with an additional teaching assignment in the Bayer School's Master's of Forensic Science and Law program. His work in the area of criminal justice focuses on conviction integrity initiatives within the broad context of collaborative policy-making and the establishment of science-based best practices for law enforcement and prosecutors. The guiding principle of Prof. Rago's efforts is to work toward the establishment of policies and practices that are good for law enforcement, victims and the accused.

**Ed Trapp** has been a police officer since 1983, joining the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police in 1993. He has been a sergeant in uniform patrol and witness protection. As lieutenant, he served as a planner and lead supervisor for various protests, Super Bowl celebrations and parades, and the 2009 Stanley Cup celebration. Cmdr. Trapp also served as the civil disturbance planner and assistant operations commander for the G-20 Summit held in Pittsburgh in 2009. Afterwards, he was charged with creating and overseeing the Litigation Support Unit, which assisted the Law Department with the bureau's defense for G-20-related lawsuits. Cmdr. Trapp has also overseen the Intelligence Unit, including dignitary protection. Currently, he is in charge of the Special Deployment Division and public safety planning, overseeing the Traffic, EOD (bomb squad), River Rescue and Flood Response units and planning for major events, litigation support, oversight of all secondary employment and the Body Worn Camera project.

**Randy Vulakovich**, a lifelong citizen of Allegheny County, was elected to the Pennsylvania Senate in August 2012. Previously, he was elected to three terms in the state House of Representatives. Sen. Vulakovich serves as chairman of the Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee and is a member of six other committees: Aging & Youth, Appropriations, Communications & Technology, Judiciary, Majority Policy, and Transportation. Known to many throughout the community as "Officer V," he dealt with a wide variety of demanding situations during his 27 years of dedicated service with the Shaler Township Police Department, including six years serving as the public school instructor in the D.A.R.E. program.