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## Dean's Message

Dear fellow alumni,

This, my final message as dean of our Law School, is together “welcome,” “congratulations,” “thank you” and “farewell.”

A most enthusiastic “welcome” to our new dean, April Barton! Dean Barton assumes the position as dean of our Law School on July 1. She hails from Villanova University School of Law, where she served as associate dean of academic affairs. (Please see the feature on p. 2). We are thrilled that Dean Barton has joined our Duquesne Law family as our 13th dean!

We will also welcome three new faculty members this fall. Joining our faculty are Aman Gebru, Emile Loza de Siles and Robert Kravetz, L'03. (You will read more about them in our fall issue.) Each professor brings unique talents and accomplishments, and we are most pleased to welcome them!

“Congratulations” to our newest alumni! Duquesne Law celebrated its 106th Law School commencement May 24, with the Class of 2019 and their families, friends and colleagues. These J.D. and LL.M. graduates join approximately 7,800 Duquesne Law alumni residing throughout the world.

A special part of graduation was the presence of alumnus Justice Max Baer, L'75, who delivered a heartfelt and inspirational address. We are all so proud of the accomplishments of our graduates and the great possibilities of their futures!

A most sincere “thank you” to you, our alumni. You have made possible the many achievements and opportunities of our graduating students. Your gifts are wide-ranging and tremendously valued. They range from hiring and mentoring students, hosting networking events, presenting at career programs here on campus, supporting our bar studies and academic excellence initiatives, arranging clerkship or externship placements to adjunct teaching, supervising clinical programs, coaching moot court teams, or donating funds for scholarships, fellowships, grants, student needs and the like. The commitment of Duquesne Law alumni is both unique and inspirational. On behalf of the entire Law School community, thank you for your wonderful and continued involvement!

A “farewell” to two extraordinary professors who are retiring. We bid adieu to Professor Nancy Perkins and Associate Dean Martha Jordan. Both have served here in wonderful ways for over 25 years as “simply” excellent teachers and as members and, often, chairs of many faculty and university committees and



Dean Lally-Green receives a print of the Lackawanna County Courthouse in Scranton from, L-R, Jane Carlonas, L'91, Joe Murphy, L'68, and Brian Cali, L'77.

in Law School administrative capacities. Nancy served as dean of academic affairs for many years and as interim dean for part of 2016. Martha served as dean of academic affairs for these past three years. Thank you, Nancy and Martha, for your exceptional contributions to our Law School and best wishes for a wonderful retirement.

Finally, my personal and most sincere “thank you” and “farewell”—to my colleagues here at our Law School and University. These past three wonderful years were made possible because of your continued support and commitment. While I am also retiring, I say “farewell” to the official position but not “goodbye,” as I hope to continue to serve, as you do, as an alum of our Law School in the years to come!

Thank you most sincerely for everything!

Maureen E. Lally-Green, L'74  
Dean

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President Joe Williams' graduation  
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## STAY INFORMED



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## April Barton named 13th dean of School of Law



Duquesne University has named April Barton as the new dean of the School of Law. She will assume this role July 1.

Barton currently serves as associate dean for academic affairs at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. In that role, she oversees the academic program and has successfully launched numerous initiatives on leadership development, including a student Lawyers as Leaders program and a new course, Leadership and Management Skills for Lawyers. At Villanova, Barton teaches a course on administrative agency rulemaking and also has taught classes on computer law, the First Amendment, and regulation in cyberspace and digital law. She previously served as director of the university's JD/MBA and JD/MPA joint degree programs as well as director of academic

compliance and distance learning. Barton also served as assistant dean for academic computing and was the faculty director of the Global Democracy Project.

In addition to authoring *Best Practices for Building a High-Tech Law School: The Process of Designing Educational Spaces* published by the ABA's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Barton has had her work published in the Washington University Law Review and the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science and Technology. She has presented and moderated discussions on innovations in law school teaching, law school distance learning, technology and classrooms of the future at Harvard Law School, New York Law School, the Gruter Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, and the National Association of Attorneys General and Appellate Chiefs, among others. Barton also has testified before the U.S. Congressional Commission on Online Child Protection and the European Commission for Democracy through Law, Venice Commission, in Brussels.

Barton served as an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Division of Marketing Practices, where she worked on policy and law enforcement issues related to internet fraud and deception.

"We're thrilled to have this talented academician taking over the leadership of our Law School," said President Ken Gormley. "April Barton brings a vast amount of experience from a highly ranked national Catholic institution to her new position as the 13th dean of Duquesne Law School. Her commitment to training highly successful, highly ethical lawyers for a new era of legal practice, along with her energy and commitment to the mission of Duquesne, make her the ideal selection for this important position as the Law School continues to rise to higher levels of excellence."

Dean Maureen Lally-Green said, "I am thrilled to welcome April Barton as our next dean. I have every confidence that she will be an amazing leader of this great Law School."

"I feel deeply privileged to have been chosen for this honor and see in Duquesne a Law School with a great deal of upward momentum," Barton said. "In addition to an excellent academic program that prepares graduates to succeed in the practice of law, Duquesne's Spiritan mission emphasizes values, ethics, sustainability, globalism, education as a path to empowerment, service to the poor, justice and a commitment to embracing individuals of all faiths and backgrounds. This mission speaks directly to this generation of law students and places Duquesne Law School in an extraordinarily favorable position for the future."

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# High bar pass rate and strong admission standards part of rankings news

For the seventh year in a row, Duquesne University School of Law made a solid showing in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. The 2020 Best Graduate Programs—Best Law Schools, released March 12, 2019, ranked Duquesne University School of Law at No. 122.

The rankings for both the Part-time (Evening) program and the Legal Writing program improved. *U.S. News & World Report's* 2020 publication ranks Duquesne's legal writing program among the top 15 (at No. 14) in the country, up eight slots from last year's report. Similarly, the publication ranks the School of Law's Part-time (Evening) J.D. program among the top 50 in the nation, up four places from last year at No. 40.

*U.S. News & World Report* bases its annual rankings on a number of factors, including reputation among law schools, bar pass rate, admissions statistics and job placement. Duquesne Law's outstanding bar passage rate clearly contributed to its performance. For the July 2018 Pennsylvania bar exam, the first-time pass rate for the School of Law was 86.73 percent, the third



highest in the state. Another strength reflected in the publication's statistics is the School of Law's robust admission standards. Duquesne Law's entering LSAT and GPA scores have held steady for the last six years.

"Duquesne Law's commitment to excellence is evident in our academic programs, bar passage rates and admission statistics," said Dean Maureen Lally-Green. "We pursue the highest standards and rigorous instruction to provide not only the best law school education for our students, but one that leads to employment and lifelong learning.

"Our network of 7,900 law alumni is integral to the success of all that we do here," she added. "We are committed to educating the whole person with a special sensitivity to ethics. Future lawyers choose Duquesne because they know they will receive an uncompromising, values-based education that will prepare them for a career in law. Whether our graduates choose to practice in a firm, in-house, at a nonprofit or in public service or choose to use their degree in another capacity, our outstanding faculty give them the tools to make a positive influence on the lives of others."

## Special Counsel Investigations and Legal Ethics panel

A highlight of the 2019 CLE program was *Special Counsel Investigations and Legal Ethics*. It included a lively discussion with an expert roundtable and an engaged, packed house. Organized by Professor Jane Campbell Moriarty, Carol Los Mansmann Chair in Faculty Scholarship, the two-hour Ethics CLE covered an array of riveting legal ethics issues.

From all things President Donald Trump and Robert Mueller to the complexities of special counsel investigations throughout presidential history, the panel debated, agreed and shared a deep knowledge of constitutional and criminal law. The non-partisan discussion was fueled not just by current events, but by questions that have simmered around investigations into six of the last nine presidents. Linda Tripp and Ken Starr came up. Watergate loomed large, in particular the Saturday Night Massacre. The issue of presidential pardons was debated.

Duquesne School of Law Professor Jalila Jefferson-Bullock said, "It's about time to think about certain restrictions on presidential pardon power. Historically it was thought that the president would be of such high moral character that it wouldn't be an issue."

Questions like "Has the Mueller investigation gone on too long?" were explored. Professor Lissa Griffin, director of the Criminal Practice Concentration at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, pointed out, "Many would say yes, but remember, when the defense attorneys involved delay and



negotiate for months, this takes up a lot of time." Professor Bruce Green, the Louis Stein Chair at Fordham Law School, said, "I'm a fan of Mueller. He's been a sphinx from the point of view of legal ethics. We know there are rules for prosecutors. You cannot slander the accused. A huge amount is left to the prosecutor's discretion. Mueller has been exemplary. It actually raises the question—why do prosecutors ever have a presence on Twitter, or in the media? Why, if there is no public threat that needs to be shared, is a prosecutor speaking to the public?"

Presenters included: Professors Bruce Green, Fordham Law School; Jalila Jefferson-Bullock; Peter A. Joy, Washington University School of Law; Ellen Yaroshefsky, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University; Jane Campbell Moriarty; Ben Gershman and Lissa Griffin, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; Bruce Ledewitz.

## Justice Sotomayor visits Duquesne



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor visited Duquesne University Dec. 7, 2018. President Ken Gormley and Dean Maureen Lally-Green presented Sotomayor with the Carol Los Mansmann Award for Distinguished Public Service, which honors the memory of the late Judge Mansmann, L'67. They are pictured here with, center, Gregory Monaco, first vice president of the Federal Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania, and, right, Hon. Marjorie O. Rendell, senior judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

A number of law students and alumni participated in Professor Rhonda Gay Hartman's mentorship program this year. In addition to attending several receptions hosted by Hartman at the Duquesne Club, the students visited the Honorable Joy Flowers Conti's chambers, the law firm of Babst Calland, courtesy of Professor Steven Baicker-McKee, and the Allegheny County district attorney's office. Participating alumni included Conti, L'73, Stephen A. Zappala Jr., L'84, Marie Milie Jones, L'87, Michael Simon, L'80, Brian Catanzarite, L'07, Alexander Cashman, L'09, Amanda Aldridge, L'12, Nichole Onda, L'13, Hillary Weaver, L'16, Matthew Newman, L'17, Grant Olson, L'18, Kevin Garber, L'87, Kevin Douglass, L'86, Jean Mosites, L'07, James Miller, L'08, Alyssa Golfieri, L'12, and Elena Rorabaugh, L'09. The program is designed to introduce law students to acting professionally in various settings and to instill etiquette and integrity as they prepare to become lawyers.



Photo: Gregg Liberì, Duquesne Club



### Legal implications of Rwandan genocide focus of lecture

The Center for African Studies and the School of Law teamed up to host a lecture on the 1994 Rwandan genocide from a legal perspective.

The Hon. Maria Wilson, left, judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago, presented *Law and Healing: Lessons from the Rwandan Genocide* April 16. Wilson is a formal trial lawyer in the Office of the Prosecutor of the United Nations' International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Respondents at the event included Stephen A. Zappala Jr., L'84, Allegheny County district attorney; Hon. John Wetzel, secretary of corrections at the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections; William Generett Jr., vice president for community engagement; and Rev. Bill Christy, C.S.Sp., director of Spiritan campus ministry.

# Clinical Legal Education Updates

## Unemployment Compensation Clinic succeeds in appeals process

Duquesne Law's Unemployment Compensation Clinic has handled nearly 50 cases in the last two years, in which claimants have been provided quality advice and student representation in referee hearings and appeals. The clinic has had remarkable success in a series of three recent administrative appeals to the Unemployment Compensation Review Board. Experience has shown that when clients are represented in these matters, the chances for success are greatly improved.

In one case, the claimant worked for a local social service agency based in a nearby underprivileged community as a support person whose duties included preparing lunch for the staff. The claimant, unrepresented at the time of her hearing, was confronted with extensive hearsay evidence by the employer that asserted that the claimant had been using company resources to make lunches in the facility's kitchen and then to privately sell them to residents in their service area, for which she was fired. The claimant did not understand the law sufficiently to make hearsay objections, nor did the referee explain to her that the testimony offered against her could have been excluded by a proper objection.

Although the claimant denied engaging in the conduct alleged, the referee found against her. Our students took the



L-R: Neil Isler, Elle Gandolfi, Joe Berkebile, Samantha Hanson

case and, in their brief, argued that the evidence against the claimant was uncorroborated hearsay, and that the referee had failed to properly assist the unrepresented claimant in objecting to this evidence and had made unjustified negative inferences concerning her actions. The board, within roughly two weeks from receipt of the brief, wrote a new decision finding that there was no evidence to support the allegations against the claimant and granted her benefits.



The **Veterans and Family Law Clinics** participated in a three-week mental health first aid training, and all students attending received their certification in mental health first aid. This is an important tool for lawyers to be able to assist clients or other individuals. The training was provided by adjunct professor Dan Kunz, L'02.



Duquesne's **Pro Bono Program**, along with the Allegheny County Bar Foundation (ACBF) Pro Bono Center, held a wills clinic at the Spartan Community Center in Hazelwood April 13. Students, faculty and lawyers in the community offered services to prepare simple wills, powers of attorney and advanced health care directives. L-R: Students Adam Duh and Daniel Carr, Ernie Orsatti, L'74, client John F.

## Other clinic news

The **Family Law Clinic**, in conjunction with members of the University of Pittsburgh Family Law Clinic and the ACBF Pro Bono Center, provided informational sessions in March to community members on the custody and support process and law in Allegheny County.

The **Civil Rights Clinic** and Pennsylvania Sen. Lindsey M. Williams, L'08, held a Clean Slate expungement workshop March 28 in Tarentum, Pa. The clinic also participated in a trade union fair at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center March 30. Since December 2018, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has signed pardons for three clients of the Civil Rights Clinic.

**Tiffany Sizemore**, assistant professor of clinical legal education, received a \$75,000 grant from the Heinz Endowments to provide holistic legal representation for youth involved in the juvenile justice system in Allegheny County.



# PULITZER PRIZE WINNER JAMES FORMAN JR.

## The Murray Excellence in Scholarship Lecture

Jennifer Rignani, Director of Communications

When Yale Professor of Law and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America* James Forman Jr. visited Duquesne University as the School of Law's Murray Excellence in Scholarship Lecturer in March, he captivated a near-sold out crowd of students, alumni, educators, faculty and legal professionals. Forman's focus on a society that has become too punitive offers important lessons to anyone concerned about the future of race and the criminal justice system in this country. He brought to bear on the audience his portrait of a criminal justice system gone terribly wrong and its devastating effects on young African-Americans. Issues of sentencing laws and mass incarceration led to a lively Q&A. His lecture, which will be published in the *Duquesne Law Review*, poses excruciating questions for any conversation around criminal justice reform.

### The Book

Forman's book was released to wide acclaim, winning the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction and leading to some muggy national conversations. Who is complicit in the deeply disproportionate incarceration of African-Americans? All of us?

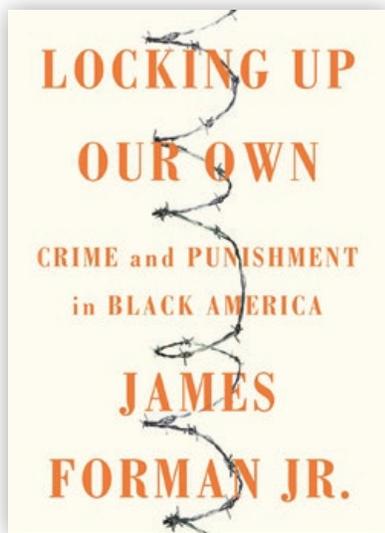
Those who are over-charged, over-prosecuted and over-convicted in our country suffer from a system of siloed actors, too often unthinking about the content of the character of those accused. The case could be made that *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America* is, at its heart, about good intentions gone wrong. Like the succession of disparate actors in the lifecycle of criminal justice, readers who skim the book synopsis alone may dismiss its contents as antithetical to black empowerment. But the whole point, then, is missed. It's too tempting not to parallel judge this book by its cover with the reality of millions of human beings processed and punished for their surface offense without thought about what is deeper inside.

Forman is acutely aware that people may be quick to dismiss the book as strictly critical. "Early on I was very encouraged by a *New York Times* review of my book by Harvard scholar Khalil Gibran Muhammad. Not just because he was positive, but because he was saying, 'Listen reader, don't think this guy is saying that racism isn't part of the story. But the fact that he said it, given the relevant academic perspective, is important.' That he (Muhammad) gave the book a close and fair reading was really important," said Forman. An excerpt from that review summarizes the vantage point nicely:

*In "Locking Up Our Own," James Forman Jr. explains how and why an influx of black "firsts" took the municipal reins of government after the civil rights movement only to unleash the brutal power of the criminal justice system on their constituents.... Forman has written a masterly account of how a generation of black elected officials wrestled with recurring crises of violence and drug use in the nation's capital.*

The resonance for the law school audience is affecting because it compels all of us to think more deeply about our roles in an accused person's life. As Forman conveys, "In the disaggregated system, we all have to take responsibility to think through the impact of our own actions every step of the way. Not just impugn people based on one piece of the picture."

Inspired by his frontline experience as a public defender in Washington, D.C. during the height of mandatory maximum sentencing, he speaks from a place of empathy. And frustration. "There were many African-Americans who not only supported these policies, but who enforced them. Were they racist? I don't say that. What I think is each actor in the story focuses solely on their role." In his book he recalls constantly being in court surrounded by African-Americans in different positions to impact the defendant. "A judge. A prosecutor. A parole officer. All black people playing critical roles in a black defendant's life who maybe don't see the whole picture and therefore make some wrong decisions," said Forman.



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Forman with students, L-R, Claude Ngatchou, Ann Booth, Alexandra Jones, Dominique Wiggins, Oluwaseyi Odunaiya and Azhiare Goodwin-Rowe.

## The Judges

Some of the more powerful players and those who have the ability to make the biggest difference, according to Forman, are judges. With 141 Duquesne University School of Law alumni serving as judges at some point in their careers, what does he say to them about impacting the lives of people? “First I would say we need to speak about the appointment of judges in the first place. We have elections coming up and I have heard no one talk about where they stand on judicial appointments in 2020.”

Hon. Elliot Howsie, L’98, Allegheny Court of Common Pleas judge and former chief public defender of Allegheny County, agrees. “Our judges have the best intentions. They try to identify what will keep people safe, while ensuring decreasing the likelihood of repeat behavior. But when we talk about outcomes, I don’t think the approach secures the outcomes. There are collateral consequences of decisions.” Those decisions become data points for future decisions and he feels, like Forman, that we aren’t considering that enough.

Forman pointed out that judges set the ground rules under which so many actors operate, saying, “I mean, examples abound of how their decisions impact us every day. Decisions like Whren and the Fourth Amendment have an effect on African-American drivers. Or theoretically speaking, what about having an underqualified public defender? Is that cruel and unusual punishment?” There are so many ways of thinking both legal and anecdotal that need to be considered.

## Mandatory Minimums

Forman notes that state court judges have the ability to use their discretion where there are more limits and restrictions on how police behave. When it comes to mandatory minimums, is there a state that does it right? “No,” he said. “Doing it right means not having them. A judge needs to look at the charge, and we have overwhelming evidence that mandatory minimums exacerbate racial disparities. People who are in the system have gotten used to doing things a certain way. Think about it, if you are a prosecutor and have been requesting mandatory sentences

for 20 years. Now someone says it’s ineffective and has proven racial disparities. This means for 20 years you’ve been doing things wrong.

“So, I’d say to judges, when you are faced with police issues or parole, you have to take ownership in the part you play in all of this. This is my pitch to any actor in the whole system,” said Forman. He called for more conversation around how judges exercise discretion while also noting no one person is fully responsible.

In his role as professor, he often feels the shock of students as they discuss his work, citing how out of control sentencing has gotten. Forman noted, “They say I’m not hard enough on that generation. They ask how people could not have known their policies would create such disparities.” He thinks a lot of students are interested in issues of mass incarceration, but even his sharpest and most passionate don’t understand how exactly it came to be that the United States surpassed Russia and South Africa to have the largest prison system in the world. “My law students were born into this reality in the aughts. Sometimes they are baffled. They are looking for explanations. I always tell people my work, my book is only part of the story. I say read other books at the same time.”

Part of the education of his students and peers that he considers essential is social justice work. The misconception that it can be left to the people who chose to do it as a full-time job needs to be changed. “I think you have an obligation as a member of the legal profession to do it. Society has passed a set of laws that gives you access to things like being a judge or an attorney to write out a piece of paper called a subpoena. You have the authority to represent someone in court and access to wealth and power. Taking time out of law school or your practice is a commitment that I believe is essential,” said Forman.

What does he have to say to those who still might dismiss his work as counterproductive? “It’s a misunderstanding not of the person who has read the book but one of who chooses *not* to read the book.”



Forman at the book signing with Judy Hale Reed, L’14, left, and Melissa Ruggiero, L’03.

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# Development Update

## Dickie McCamey establishes Trial Skills Diversity Scholarship

Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., has committed to supporting diverse students at Duquesne Law.

The **Dickie McCamey Trial Skills Diversity Scholarship** will benefit diverse upper-class students who demonstrate an interest in the Trial Advocacy program that seeks to prepare students to be courtroom-ready advocates. Dickie McCamey partner Christopher Lee, L'91, who saw a great opportunity to collaborate with the School of Law, spearheaded the fund.

"Dickie McCamey sought to sponsor a meaningful program that meets a tangible need," said Lee. "Our national reputation as a leading trial firm, combined with more than 60 graduates of the Law School in active practice, makes this collaboration a natural fit."

In addition to a one-time scholarship award, the student receives a paid summer clerkship at the firm and a mentor for the duration of the student's law school career. Said Lee, "Many students from diverse backgrounds miss educational opportunities because they cannot afford the costs of a college education, let alone the expense of a graduate program. We want to help level the playing field and provide the resources necessary to assist students access the outstanding education provided by Duquesne Law."



The firm is also committed to increasing diversity in the courtroom, which will directly impact the legal community. By offering a summer clerkship, Dickie McCamey is providing the opportunity for students to gain trial experience and build on the skills they learn in Duquesne's nationally recognized Trial Advocacy program.

Lee says he is grateful for his Duquesne Law education. "Duquesne provides a well-balanced education to students that includes the opportunity to develop practical skills from a multitude of moot court activities and practicums. This education has and will continue to develop students who successfully present cases in trial courts and appellate courts across the United States."

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## Loughren family establishes second fund to support students

Louis B. "Lou" Loughren, L'68, first saw an opportunity to "pay it forward" when he and his brother, Joseph "Jay", L'71, established the Leo J. Loughren Endowed Scholarship for law students.

"My dad, Leo J. Loughren, was a graduate of the Duquesne Prep School," said Loughren. "Although our dad did not become a lawyer himself, he did meet and serve the banking needs of many of the leading lawyers and judges in Allegheny County. He was able to introduce us to many judges and lawyers in our early years as trial lawyers. We felt it appropriate to establish a scholarship in his honor at Duquesne Law because he thought so highly of the institution."

Loughren and his wife, Sandy, continue the family legacy of giving back by establishing the **Lou and Sandy Loughren Endowed Resource Fund**. The fund will provide much-needed assistance to law students; Loughren also hopes it instills in the recipients the idea of giving back. "We want the fund to give an incentive for graduates of the Law School to 'pay it forward' when they in their own careers find happiness and success in whatever career path their legal education takes them."

Through the fund, the Loughrens are also recognizing the value of legal education. Both of their oldest sons attended Duquesne Law (Matthew, L'96, and Patrick, L'97) and have worked with their dad since they were students. Said Loughren,

"Duquesne Law continues to provide a strong influence in our trial practice today. We believe that a Duquesne Law education will prepare the graduate to make the right decisions for the right reasons when working through the issues that they are sure to confront.

"I bought into early on Dean Thomas Quinn's comments about a legal education meaning much more than making money," continued Loughren. "I took him to mean, 'If you do not love practicing law, you will not succeed at law.' Duquesne University School of Law taught me to love the law."



Lou and Sandy Loughren

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To learn more about how you can help a student, please contact Jeanine DeBor, director of Law Alumni Relations and Development, at [deborj@duq.edu](mailto:deborj@duq.edu).

# Alumni Express Commitment to Alma Mater by Serving on Board of Directors

Tracy Carbasho, Contributing Writer

Earning a law degree from Duquesne University was much more than a career catalyst for five alumni who now serve on the Board of Directors. While the degree was an invaluable foundation upon which they built successful professional lives, it also instilled in them a sense of service and a steadfast loyalty to Duquesne.

Now, Frank Coyne, Rodney Fink, Charlotte Jefferies, John McGinley Jr. and Thomas Tribone are paying it forward by lending their expertise and input to the board. They each have unique stories about how their Duquesne education enriched their lives and why they want to serve on the board.

## John R. “Jack” McGinley Jr., L’68



“It’s important to help those institutions that have changed our lives,” said McGinley, who chairs the board. “The best part of serving on the board is attending graduation ceremonies, seeing our students receive their degrees, knowing that our faculty and university community prepared them well to enter the world, and seeing how proud their parents and

family members are.”

With the support of his parents, Jack and Marie; his aunt Rita; and the Rita M. McGinley Foundation, and with the encouragement of Duquesne President Ken Gormley, who was then dean of the Law School, McGinley established the McGinley Public Service Law Fellowships. The fellowships enable law students to experience public service through summer positions in government and fosters the Law School’s ongoing commitment to public service.

Two of McGinley’s children earned their law degrees from Duquesne, while a third received an undergraduate degree from the University, and his grandson, Aidan Cain (#86), is a wide receiver on the Dukes football team.

McGinley, who chairs the executive committee and serves as a board member at the Pittsburgh firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, said he received a sound legal education infused with the Spiritan values espoused by the University. As chairman, he hopes to lead Duquesne into the future, navigating the many challenges to higher education, and working with the administration and faculty to assure a top-notch education for all Duquesne students.

McGinley also had the distinction of chairing the board at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, where he was born; and St. Bonaventure University, where he received his undergraduate degree. He cites his proudest accomplishments as overseeing the merger of Mercy and UPMC, ensuring the viability of a valued,

historic Catholic hospital, as well as chairing the boards of Duquesne and St. Bonaventure. He is a member of Duquesne’s Century Club of Distinguished Alumni and received an honorary doctorate from St. Bonaventure.

## Frank J. Coyne, L’73



Supporting Duquesne by serving on the board is important to Coyne, who credits the University with providing the necessary financial support to enable him to obtain his law degree.

“Board service is rewarding because I am witnessing the passionate dedication of the school’s leadership to the success of each student, to the institution

as a whole, and the commitment to Spiritan values,” he said. “If not for Duquesne and the Spiritan values it embraces, there are many young men and women who may miss an opportunity for a life-changing educational experience.”

That very same Law School education served as a launching pad to help Coyne become a successful businessman. He served as president, chief executive officer and chairman of Verisk Analytics, a New Jersey-based data analytics provider, before retiring in 2013. In 2009, he was at the helm when Verisk completed the initial public offering of its stock on the NASDAQ exchange, marking the largest domestic IPO of the year.

Coyne, a global expert in the insurance industry, continues to serve as lead director of the company’s board and divides his time between Florida and New Jersey.

“The disciplined thought process I developed through the rigor of the Duquesne University law journey, especially in the basic first-year courses of contracts and torts, set me on a career built on analytic thinking,” he said. “I hope my diverse experience adds valuable input to board deliberations in pursuit of the Duquesne University mission.”

## Rodney W. Fink, L'73

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Fink, who says serving on the Duquesne University Board of Directors since 2017 has been an honor, brings 50 years of experience in business and law to the position. His commitment to the University began in February 1969 when he received his acceptance letter to the Law School and has continued uninterrupted since that day.

“I can never repay Duquesne for providing me with a rewarding business and legal education and the lifelong friendships to help me along the way (including Law School Dean Maureen Lally-Green, Patsy McKinney, Louis Gold and Barry Bier),” he said. “Our loyal alumni, friends, foundations and corporations recognize Duquesne as a valuable community asset that has provided opportunities for thousands of students to have a great life. Law School alumni share a debt of gratitude, loyalty and commitment to our alma mater and to each other.”

Fink earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Duquesne in 1969. Today, he is the managing director of Perlow Investment Corp. in Pittsburgh and maintains a law practice limited to estate planning and corporate law.

“One of my priorities as a board member is to ensure that our graduates have a relevant degree that signifies career-applicable skills,” he said. “Our graduates must be prepared to excel in their chosen field of employment with the ability to repay student debt. Our students graduate with creativity, adaptability and ingenuity to enable them to face the difficult obstacles ahead. Duquesne lawyers treat each other as true colleagues and represent our clients in accordance with the highest standards of the profession.”

## Charlotte S. Jefferies, L'80

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Jefferies recently retired after practicing health care and hospital law at the Pittsburgh law firm of Horty, Springer & Mattern for 38 years. She is pleased to serve on the board for an institution that played a pivotal role in her life.

“I learned of my acceptance to Duquesne while traveling to North Carolina, where I had made a decision to enter a health law program,”

she remembered. “But in a follow-up call, Dean (Ronald) Davenport told me that although Duquesne's Law School did not yet have a health law curriculum, he was sure I would find the law school offerings challenging and the professors engaging and supportive of my interests. I headed to Pittsburgh and attended the Law School orientation three days later, a decision I've never regretted.”

After graduating from Duquesne, Jefferies worked as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Donald Ziegler. In this role, she was introduced to the founders of Horty, Springer & Mattern, where she would enjoy a successful career for almost four decades.

One of her proudest professional achievements was serving for six years as a member of the Disciplinary Hearing Committee and six years as a member of the Disciplinary Board for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. She is equally proud of the relationships she has built with clients, students, professional organizations and colleagues, including President Ken Gormley and Dean Maureen Lally-Green.

Jefferies has mentored more than 50 high school and college students, work that she considers to be a privilege.

“As a first-generation college graduate in my family, I believe it's my responsibility to encourage and pour into the lives of our young people,” she said.

## Thomas Tribone, L'85

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“I wanted to serve on the board because I thought it would benefit both me and the University,” said Tribone. “I could get better insight into the operation of the University and Duquesne could get my perspective.”

Tribone, who also received his MBA from Duquesne, brings a broad business and international viewpoint to the board as the founder of two successful global companies: AES Corp. and Guggenheim Global Infrastructure Co, which provides energy and infrastructure services to more than 35 countries. Today, he is the founder and chief executive officer of Franklin Park Infrastructure, which has offices in Washington, D.C., New York, Los Angeles and London.

Serving his alma mater as a board member seems natural since his economics and law professors prompted him to do research that led to the business ideas for these companies. An economics professor said electricity production is not a natural monopoly that must be regulated by the government. Later, a law professor asked the class to study the Code of Federal Regulations, which eventually inspired Tribone to start an unregulated electricity business at Atlantic Richfield, which was the basis for AES Corp. and today's \$200-billion independent power industry.

Tribone said it makes sense for attorneys and business leaders to repay their alma maters by serving as board members because they can offer valuable insight regarding real-life experiences.

“Legal training gives you one of the broadest perspectives on the issues facing the University,” he said.

Tribone also honored Duquesne by providing funding for the Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education. Located in a three-story building at 912-914 Fifth Ave., the Tribone Center is the home of Duquesne's award-winning Clinical Legal Education program, and is easily accessible to clients and provides much-needed services to residents of Pittsburgh and the region.

# Annual Pittsburgh Spring Reception/PILA Live Auction!

Over \$12,000 was raised for the Public Interest Law Association via crowdfunding and the live/silent auctions April 4 at the Embassy Suites in Pittsburgh. Kathryn M. “Katie” Kenyon, L’98, was awarded the Public Interest Law Alumni award for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Pittsburgh pro bono community, including Neighborhood Legal Services and the Allegheny County Bar Foundation (who named one of its annual awards after Kenyon).



- 1) Kenyon, center, with the 2019 PILA board: L-R, Stephanie Wolak, Stephanie Novak, Isabella Simon, Amber Vala
- 2) Hon. Mike McCarthy, L’84, left, Hon. Judy Olson, L’82, Scott Redman, L’82
- 3) The Class of 2018 was well represented: L-R, Andrew Urso, Lisle Weaver, Matthew Goddard, Rachel Wenger
- 4) Joe Williams, L’09, left, Nicola Henry-Taylor, L’96, Ted Trbovich, L’72
- 5) Jon Perry, L’91, auctioneer
- 6) Liu Frances, L’10, chats with Edwin Russell, L’03



# Alumni Gatherings



North of the Allegheny



Diversity Alumni Gala, Duquesne University



Philadelphia



Harrisburg



Washington County



Westmoreland County



Northeast Pennsylvania



**Peter F. Vaira, L'62**, has been named the Philadelphia Inquirer's 2019 Influencer of Law Winner in the Lifetime Achievement category for his countless contributions to the legal profession and his impact in the communities where he has served.



**P. Brennan Hart, L'73**, was awarded the National Kidney Foundation's John V. Heher Humanitarian Award. Hart has been a board member of the National Kidney Foundation of Western Pennsylvania serving the Alleghenies for the past 30 years. He has also been a board member of the National Kidney Foundation in New York for the past five years, where he serves on the Public Policy Committee and the Transplant Task Force. Hart started his involvement with NKF as a result of being a living donor to a family member.



**Dean Maureen Lally-Green, L'74**, received the Judge James R. McGregor Award for Exceptional Contributions to the Legal Community at the annual Amen Corner 2019 Judicial Reception. **Hon. Max Baer, L'75**, was also honored with the Judge Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership & Excellence. They are pictured here at the event with President Ken Gormley.

### 1977

**Phoebe Haddon** has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Women in Legal Education.

### 1979

**Hon. Carlota Bohm** has become Chief Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.



**Frank C. Roney Jr., L'79**, is president of the Washington County Bar Association. He is shown here with daughter Rachel, L'10, at the Washington County Bench Bar in January.



**The Nelson twins: Garry, L'82**, left, and **Barry** with Duquesne University alumni director Sarah Sperry at the Duke's Men's Basketball Alumni game this season.

### 1984

**Hon. Michael McCarthy** was honored by Veterans Place March 14 as a Vietnam veteran and veterans advocate.

### 1986

**Richard W. Kelly Jr.** joined Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. as a member of the real estate, litigation and construction services groups.

### 1987

**John P. Goodrich** has been reappointed to serve as a member of the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

**W. Grant Scott** was re-elected to serve on the management committee of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP.

**William P. Smith** was elected by Spilman Thomas & Battle as a member. He serves as chair of Spilman's intellectual property practice group.

### 1988

**Edward J. Chiodo** has joined Rawle & Henderson LLP as Of Counsel to the firm.

### 1989

**Anita Astorino Kulik** was re-elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. She also has been chosen as vice chair of the Allegheny County House Democratic Delegation.



**Carol L. Hesz**, L'90, is the recipient of the 2019 Susan B. Anthony Award from the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania. Hesz served for many years on the Duquesne Law Alumni Association Board of Governors and was president in 2006-2007.

## 1990

**Gary Kelly** was hired by Cozen O'Connor as counsel.

## 1993

**Kimberly Zabroski** joined Chartwell Law as a partner handling workers' compensation litigation.

## 1995

**Jeffrey Kubay** has been promoted to partner at Wayman, Irvin & McAuley, LLC.

**Kristin L. Pieseski** has been promoted to shareholder in Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin's Pittsburgh health care department.

## 1997

**Barbara Baldo** has joined Cohen, Feeley, Altemose & Rambo.

**Laura Reinhart** was hired by Cozen O'Connor as counsel.

## 1998

**Leo J. Ciaramitaro**, an assistant district attorney in Westmoreland County, retired as a lieutenant colonel from the United States Army and Pennsylvania Army National Guard after more than 27 years of service. His awards included the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

## 2000

**Tracey McCants Lewis** is the new deputy general counsel and director of human resources with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

## 2001

**R. Kent Hornbrook** has been elected a shareholder of Matis Baum O'Connor.

**Jennifer L. McDonough**, vice president and deputy general counsel at PPL Corporation, has joined the board of Easterseals Eastern Pennsylvania.

**Alexander J. Reyes** was elected by the Washington County Community Foundation to its board of trustees.

## 2003

**Norman F. Hainer Jr.** was promoted to senior intellectual property counsel by Smith & Nephew, Inc.

**John P. Miller** has been promoted to partner at DFL Legal (Dingess, Foster, Luciana, Davidson & Chleboski LLP).

## 2004

**Joseph Falcon** was named co-chair of Patent Legislation for the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law.

**Chris Michalski** has been elevated to shareholder at Littler Mendelson P.C.



**Kimberly S. Tague** and husband Jason McBride welcomed daughter Emory Tague McBride Dec. 10, 2018.

## 2005

**Jason English** has joined Margolis Edelstein as an associate.



Adjunct Professor **Daniel W. Kunz**, L'02, was selected as a Veterans Leadership Program 2019 Tribute to Veterans honoree. Kunz, one of eight honorees, has exemplified outstanding service to our country and positively impacted the veterans' community of Western Pennsylvania. He currently supervises the award-winning Veterans Clinic and supports the Urban Development Practicum's work in the region.



Hainer '03



Michalski '04



Koget '06



Kostiew '06



Fortna '10



Daller '11

## 2006

**Derek K. Koget** was named partner of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott.

**Michael Kostiew** has been promoted to partner at Reed Smith LLP.



**Michelle Mantine** welcomed her third child, Olivia Grace, Jan. 7, 2019.



**Geoffrey Melada, L'06**, returned to the Law School March 18 to teach a seminar on storytelling for lawyers, where he was joined by special guests Dean Maureen Lally-Green, Professor Joseph Sabino Mistick and Attorney Kristen Pauli, L'06. He is the director of communications for Hillel International in Washington, D.C.

## 2007

**Kyle McGee** has been elevated to partner at Margolis Edelstein.

**Lauren Melfa Catanzarite** joined Marcus & Shapira LLP as an associate.

**Natalie C. Metropulos** is now an associate at Reed Smith.

**Guy Reschenthaler** was elected to the 14th Congressional District of the U.S. House of Representatives.

## 2008

**Eva Ahern** has been promoted to partner at Peacock Keller.

**Lindsey Williams** was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate District 38.

## 2009

**Stefan Dann** is now an associate with Metz Lewis Brodman Must O'Keefe LLC.

**Richard Julius** was named litigation partner at Cordell & Cordell.

**Emily L. Nenni** has been promoted to senior associate at Javitch Block, LLC.

**Karley Biggs Sebia** has been named partner at Lehigh Valley law firm KingSpry.

## 2010

**Emilie B. Delo** has been promoted to director at Cohen & Grigsby.

**Alana Fortna** was named a shareholder at Babst Calland.



**Liu Francis** welcomed daughter Elizabeth Sept. 3, 2018.

**Sally Frick** has been elected a shareholder of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C.

**Brittani R. Hassen** has been elevated to partner within Kontos Mengine Killion & Hassen (formerly Kontos Mengine Law Group).

**Patrick Manning** has joined Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell Ltd. as an associate attorney in the firm's Youngstown, Ohio office.

## 2011

**Nicole Daller** has been promoted to partner of the Law Office of Vicki Kuftic Horne.



**Yvette Michaud Hershey** welcomed son Baxter Thomas Oct. 15, 2018.

**Amanda J. McCracken Raber** joined Bennington Law Firm, LLC focusing her practice on all aspects of divorce, equitable distribution, custody and support.

**Cassidy L. Neal** has been elected a shareholder of Matis Baum O'Connor.

## 2012

**Brandon Keller** joined Simon & Simon, PC as an associate.

## 2013

**Sarah E. Anderson** is now a senior staff attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services in New Castle.

## 2014

**Andrew P. Griffin** joined the real estate practice group of Curtin & Heefner LLP.

**Adam N. Quatrini** married Carolina Velez Nov. 19, 2018 in Rutherford, Calif.

**Amanda Scarpo** is a new assistant district attorney in Butler County.

## 2015

**Brian W. Kreit** is now an associate in the construction and litigation groups of Babst Calland.

## 2016

**Morgan Hays** joined Saxton & Stump, focusing her practice on health care and commercial litigation.

**Christopher Quinn** has joined the personal injury team of Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, PC (HKQ Law).

## 2017

**Robert Byers**, deputy state director for the Republican Party of Pennsylvania, was chosen as one of 25 Pittsburghers under 40 for The Incline's "Who's Next 2018: Politics."

**Benjamin Kift** was hired as an associate by Marcus & Shapira LLP.

**Carly Loomis-Gustafson** is an associate in the litigation group of Babst Calland.

**Jessica L. Rosenblatt** has joined Gentile, Horoho & Avalli, P.C. as an associate.

## 2018

**Joseph Baublitz** is an associate at Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees in West Chester, Pa.

**Margaret Cooney** joined Robert Peirce & Associates as an associate.

**Brian Farrington** works as an associate at Lutz & Pawk, L.L.P.

**Cynthia Howell** joined Robert Peirce & Associates as an associate.

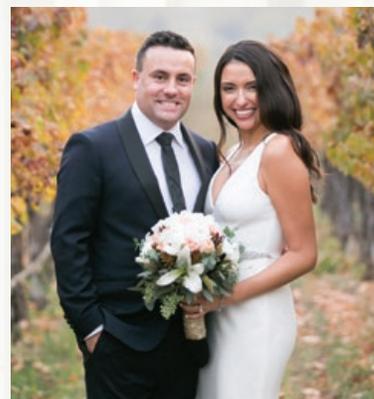
**Kathleen Klappowski** is now an associate in the energy and natural resource groups of Babst Calland.

**Randa Lewis** joined Eckert Seamans as an associate concentrating on environmental compliance and litigation.

**Jacob Mellor** joined The Levicoff Law Firm, P.C. as an associate.

**Richard Monti** is an associate at Rothman Gordon.

**Sara Watkins** joined Robert Peirce & Associates as an associate.



Quatrini '14



Kreit '15



Rosenblatt '17



Hays '16



Klappowski '18

## In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that we list the following School of Law alumni who passed away:

Thomas W. Brown, L'72

Daniel B. Hargrove, L'88

Patricia J. McGivern, L'85

Michael Savitsky, L'84

William R. Corbett, L'03

George H. Love Jr., L'73

Dubravka Nezig, L'07

John S. Sherry, L'71

James R. Farley, L'69

Lorraine McCabe, L'70

Stanley J. Reisman, L'59

Earon R. Williams, L'00

This list is provided through Duquesne University's Advancement Records Office and may not be complete. If you have information about an alumnus who passed away this past year and is not listed, please contact the Law Alumni Office at 412.396.5215 so we may update our records.

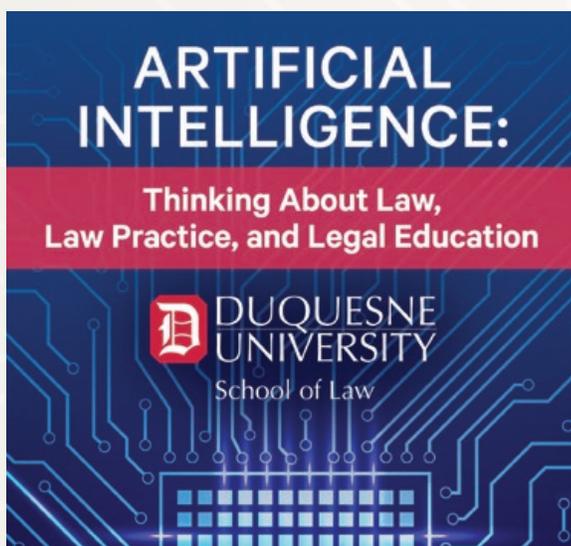
# Conference Focuses on Interplay of Law and Artificial Intelligence

Jennifer Rignani, Director of Communications

Science fiction often depicts artificial intelligence (AI) in the form of human-looking robots with perilous intentions toward humanity. While the ideas behind the April School of Law Conference, *Artificial Intelligence: Thinking About Law, Law Practice and Legal Education*, weren't propelled by paranoia over evil cyborgs, it did feature presentations that acutely demonstrated that AI permeates our lives. Educators, technologists, policy makers and legal professionals joined minds to discuss the multifaceted implications on our lives.

Everything from a thermostat that adapts the room temperature for a fluctuating summer day to the smart device that selects music at our command, artificial intelligence is the new norm. Headline-grabbing AI developments like self-driving cars and health pathology detectors may trend more rapidly on our Twitter feeds, but simple devices that have disrupted (for better and worse) our lives like legal case management and legal research software are paramount to understand. In the practical application of the law, special algorithms can use the data of past crimes to predict when and where crimes might occur in the future. Some states are moving toward algorithms to set bail.

The two-day conference, hosted by Professor Jan M. Levine, director of legal research and writing and an expert in the field of legal writing and research, and Professor Wesley M. Oliver, associate dean for faculty scholarship and director of the Criminal Justice program, was conceived after both saw the



need for law school graduates to understand how intelligent systems can enhance and streamline work and how their careers will be impacted. Reed Smith LLP was the presenting sponsor.

Duquesne University Provost David Dausey was on board from the start. Throughout his career he's been an early adopter of ideas around teaching cybersecurity and data privacy. "Not all faculty and staff have grown up with tech, and their approach is fundamentally different than the students, I remember being trained on how to use email. What it doesn't change is that we need to foreshadow the world for these students. It's

our job to see what the future markets are going to be. In law, the intersectionality of tech and legal practice is inevitable," said Dausey. Levine agreed, adding, "Artificial intelligence and technology will likely soon call for greater government oversight, result in new laws and trigger litigation. We have to prepare students for this."

Ashley M. London, Associate Director of bar studies and assistant professor of legal skills, and co-presenter with Professor James B. Schreiber of "Considerations Surrounding the Data Science World We Are In," says we need to take consideration of AI back a step, even. "AI isn't actually 'intelligent' on its own—it gets intelligence from *us*. It is only as good as the data we put in. As what we impute to it, including our humanity and biases," said London.

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— Ashley M. London, associate director of bar studies and assistant professor of legal skills

# Artificial intelligence has long disrupted the way we live and work; the impact on society is the stuff of pop culture legend.

— Professor Jan M. Levine, director of legal research and writing

London's legal ethics perspective and Schreiber's data analytics vantage presented two important halves of the whole picture of the algorithms that drive so much of our tech. Said London, "We have to keep ethics at the forefront as we develop AI. Law students need to know how to use it and to understand the complex components that go into this still truly human enterprise."



Ashley London

In the competitive world of law, competencies are critical. As AI either puts humans out of work or opens up opportunities to learn new ways to work, educators and legal practitioners must stay ahead of the horizon. Levine said, "With this in mind, reconfiguring how we approach teaching is essential." It's also no secret that the law, like other areas of study and practice, are lagging behind the staggering velocity of technology development.

"Artificial intelligence has long disrupted the way we live and work; the impact on society is the stuff of pop culture legend."

## **Aggressive AI taking over human existence is a common theme.**

One of literature's first instances of connecting the threat of a brainy machine to the corporate bottom line was earlier than we might think. Levine vividly recalls, discovering the tale as a boy. The invention of an autonomous vehicle appears in "The Living Machine," a short story by David H. Keller published in 1935. Keller, a prolific and fantastical writer, touched some nerves with his work. Levine said, "As the story goes, the oil industry didn't like the idea of these cars and started to poison them because they were disrupting their profit. I remember this story as a kid. Fast-forward to being a professor. I had a student who was doing a paper on autonomous vehicles and regulation in Pennsylvania. I thought about this story and found that indeed it was the first idea of a car that would drive itself."



Jan Levine

## Highlights from the Conference

*Practical Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Corporate Legal Departments*  
Oliver Round, Seema Phekoo, Kyle Johnson (BNY Mellon); Scott Curtis (Deloitte LLP)

*Algorithmic Justice: A New Proposal Toward the Identification and Reduction of Discriminatory Bias in Artificial Intelligence Systems*  
Emile Loza de Siles (Technology and Cybersecurity Law Group)

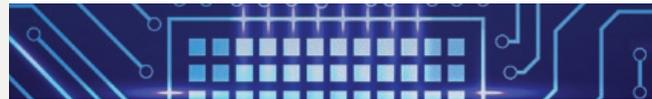
*Educating Federal Judges on AI*  
Timothy Lau (Federal Judicial Center)

*Artificial Intelligence as a Path to Closing the Justice Gap*  
Professor Kate Norton (Duquesne Law)

*Practice-Ready Millennials: Technology Training for Efficient and Effective Communication*  
Professors Dionne E. Anthon, Anna P. Hemingway, Amanda Sholtis (Widener University)

*Considerations Surrounding the Data Science World We Are In*  
Professors James B. Schreiber (Duquesne University) and Ashley London (Duquesne Law)

*"Alexa, Write a Memo": The Promise and Challenges of AI and Legal Writing*  
Professor Teresa Godwin Phelps (American University) and Richard B. Phelps (Broadcast Media)





L-R: Presenters Timothy Lau, Patrick Juola, James Schreiber, Emile Loza de Siles, Tabrez Ebrahim

A flood of submissions to present at the conference came from all over the world on law practice, policy and legal education. Selecting topics and presenters was nearly complex enough to require an algorithm, but ultimately, the professors went the most timely and practical route. Presenters from law and law practice and legal education hailed from: Duquesne University, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pittsburgh, Indian Society of International Law, California Western University, Martian Technologies, Lexis Nexis, Federal Judicial Center, Marquette University, BNY Mellon, Deloitte LLP, Gramener, Inc., Widener Law Commonwealth, Texas Tech University, University of Missouri, LegalSifter, University of St. Thomas, University of New Hampshire, American University, Georgetown University and Mylan.

The law needs to be thoughtful and careful about protecting people from adverse effects of technology while also accepting and benefitting from the efficiencies and insights it can offer. While the intersection of the law and technology has predominantly manifested itself in automation to date, how it will continue to morph and affect continues to fuel our intellectual debate and scholarship. London reminded us, “We have to constantly consider the complex work of AI. As it evolves, will it do so without serious effects to humanity?”



Future and current Law Review editors Danielle Mrdjenovich and Taylor Wantz at the conference. The Law Review will dedicate space for the conference in its upcoming symposium issue.

The Duquesne Law Review plans to dedicate space in its Winter 2019 symposium issue to publishing papers from this conference. For more information on what was presented at the conference, visit <https://www.law.duq.edu/events/artificial-intelligence-conference-april-26-27th-2019>.

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# Young Alumni Profile:

## Daniel Conlon L'14

**Home:** Ben Avon, Pa. with wife, Katie, and two children (Ava, 5, and Axel, 2).

I am not a native Pittsburgher—I was born in Chicago, Ill. and grew up in San Miguel de Allende, a small town in rural Mexico from age 2-19 before moving back to Chicago for college in 2002.

**Education:** My K-12 years were spent at Instituto Juan Gutenberg, a bilingual private school run by my parents in my hometown of San Miguel de Allende. My parents equipped me with the tools I needed to move to the United States, where I pursued my B.A. in political science from North Park University in Chicago. After college, I spent a few years working on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., followed by a career in executive-level sales. My interest in law was always in the back of my mind and eventually drove me to risk going back to school to pursue my J.D. at Duquesne Law in 2011.

**Employment:** I am an attorney at Tucker Arensberg, P.C., where I advise municipalities and local elected officials on a wide range of legal issues. My practice also includes advising hospitality clients (restaurants, breweries, bars and hotels). In addition, I am honored to provide legal counsel to the Latino Community Center and the Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation on a pro bono basis.

**Favorite book:** *On Mexican Time* by Tony Cohan (a novel that takes place in my hometown, San Miguel de Allende, and captures the charm and beauty of colonial Mexico).

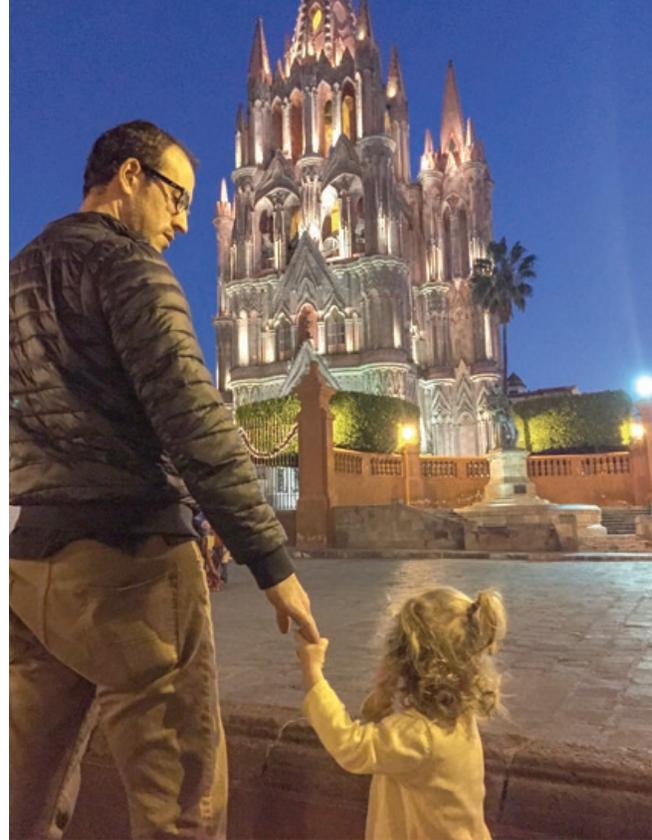
**What you are currently watching:** *The Circus*, Showtime

**Words you live by:** “Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece.”  
Philippians 4:13

**What inspires you:** People I work with who give their time to serve Latino families in Pittsburgh. It is incredible to see the impact it has had and the way they are building bridges to communities that were isolated from many services and educational opportunities in the past.

**You are board president of the Latino Community Center (LCC). Why is this group important to you?**

Hispanics are the fastest growing minority group in Pittsburgh, but they are also one of the most underrepresented and underserved. In today's political climate, it is easy to feel righteously angry at injustices like family separation policies and “build-a-wall” rhetoric. What many do not realize is that there are neighbors right here in Pittsburgh who we can immediately help with everyday support services.



Conlon with daughter Ava in San Miguel de Allende.

At the LCC, we are mentoring elementary school students at our after-school program at Beechwood Elementary School, letting high school seniors know that a college education is an attainable option for them, and connecting individuals experiencing trauma from crossing the border with free legal and mental health resources. These are the real, tangible things that we are doing to help immigrants right now in our own hometown.

**What might surprise people to know about the Pittsburgh Latino community?** Knowing how large and diverse the Latino community in Pittsburgh is. There is a vibrant Hispanic culture in Pittsburgh, made up of people from all over Latin America, representing many different incomes, backgrounds and languages.

**How has your legal education at Duquesne affected your career and community engagement?**

Duquesne Law equipped me with a solid knowledge of the law and an extensive network of colleagues who I can connect with organizations like the Latino Community Center and the Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation. The Law School's seal, “Salus Populi Suprema Lex,” continues to inspire me to use my legal skills to help the community.

**How would you describe the value of a Duquesne University School of Law education?**

For someone practicing in Pittsburgh, a Duquesne Law education holds a lot of weight. Although I am not originally from Pittsburgh, the connections I have made at Duquesne have helped me build a strong hometown network and be able to call Pittsburgh “home.”

**Jalila Jefferson-Bullock**

## PRESENTATIONS

- *The Power of Movement: The Constitution's Failure to Protect the Poor*. Fourth National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference. American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (March 24, 2019).
- Roundtables. *Criminal Justice Reform Consensus?* and *The Legal Consequences of Living a Long Life: The Differential Impact on Marginalized Communities*. Association of American Law School's Annual Meeting, New Orleans, La. (Jan. 4-6, 2019).
- *Quelling the Silver Tsunami: Compassionate Release of Elderly Offenders*. University of Toledo College of Law Speaker Series. University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio (Nov. 7, 2018).

## NOTEWORTHY

- Elected treasurer of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Aging and the Law.

**Bruce Ledewitz**

## PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES

- Book Review. *What Has Gone Wrong and What Can We Do About It?* 54 TULSA L. REV. 247 (2019).
- "The Supreme Court Will Preserve the Bladensburg Cross, But It Matters How." Op-ed, *Washington Examiner* (March 21, 2019).

## PRESENTATIONS

- Panel. *Anti-Semitism and the First Amendment*. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa. (March 18, 2019).
- *To Save American Democracy, Prevent Court-Packing*. Barriers at the Ballot Box: Protecting or Limiting the Core of the American Identity? The University of Memphis Law Review 2019 Symposium, Memphis, Tenn. (March 15, 2019).

**Agnieszka McPeak**

## PRESENTATIONS

- *Reconciling Social Media and Professional Norms for Lawyers, Judges, and Law Professors*. #TwitterLaw Symposium, University of Idaho Law Review, University of Idaho School of Law, Boise, Idaho. (April 5, 2019).
- *Net Neutrality and Practical Issues for the Pittsburgh Region*. The Net Without Neutrality: Economic, Regulatory, and Informational Access Impacts, Pitt Law Review Symposium, Pittsburgh, Pa. (March 1, 2019).
- *Rethinking Platform Immunity under Section 230*. Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, La. (Jan. 5, 2019).

**Wesley M. Oliver**

## PUBLICATION/ARTICLE

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- *Prohibition's Fourth Amendment Confessions Rule*. The Prohibition Era and Policing. Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (March 4, 2019).
- *Coding Suspicion*. Jurix 2018: The 39th International Conference on Legal Knowledge and Information Systems. Groningen, The Netherlands (Dec. 12-14, 2018).

**Seth C. Oranburg**

## PUBLICATION/ARTICLE

- *Preliminary Evidence Suggests That Female Entrepreneurs Raise Less Than Their Male Counterparts via US Equity Crowdfunding. Why?* (with Geiger, M.) Oxford Business Law Blog (Nov. 28, 2018).

## PRESENTATION

- *The Impact of Regulation on Startups Nationwide*. Startup Innovation: The Role of Regulation in Entrepreneurship. NYU School of Law, New York, N.Y. (April 4, 2019).

**John T. Rago**

## PRESENTATION

- *Act 22 of 2017 (Police Body Cameras, Wiretap Reform and Right to Know Applications)*. The Pennsylvania Justice Network and Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Conference, State College, Pa. (Dec. 12, 2018).

## APPOINTMENT

- Board of Directors, Center for Victims, Pittsburgh, Pa.

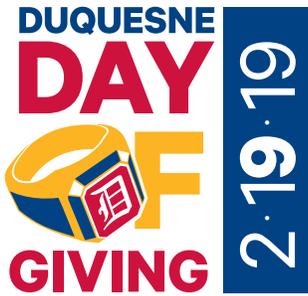


Professor Ann Schiavone, second from left, introduced and served as liaison for several of her colleagues at the 2019 Mon River Colloquium hosted at Pitt Law in March. Professor Ashley London, left, spoke on "Personal Contact Concerns of Test-Based Marketing By Attorneys"; Professor Kate Norton, right, presented "Electronic Civil Gideon"; and Professor Maryann Herman discussed "Unfulfilled Promises: The Aftermath of Abandoning the Public Good Following a Private Taking."

Schiavone also was recently granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of law by President Ken Gormley, effective with the 2019-2020 academic year.

## Day of Giving By the Numbers: School of Law

A sincere thank you to all of our alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends from around the world who virtually came together on Feb. 19, 2019 to make the day a success!



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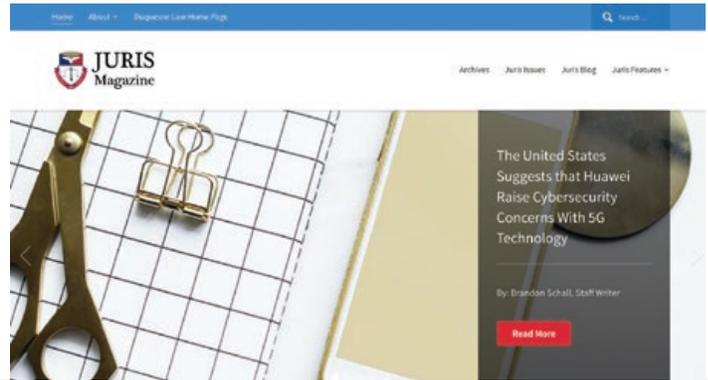


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### EU's GDPR Places a Global Check on Data Collection Practices

By Natalia Holliday, Editor-in-Chief



The 2016 approval of the General Data Protection Regulation “GDPR” by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union was a monumental check on the data collecting/processing practices of countless companies. The regulation doesn’t merely apply to companies within the European Union. Rather, it applies to any company marketing goods or services to a resident of the EU, *regardless of its location*.

Given our global economy, the GDPR’s extraterritorial reach has the international data community in a state of shock. The regulation and its many requirements went into effect in May 2018, and since then, companies have been scrambling to ensure they are “GDPR compliant.” What makes a company GDPR compliant, and how far will the effect of this foreign regulation stretch?

### Data Monetization Without Representation

By Kyle Steenland, Feature Editor

There now exist two kinds of fingerprints: our physical print and our tech-print. Which one is more unique to who we are? How is it that our physical print receives constitutional protections, but our digital print was able to spawn an industry for a monetized commodity that we as the suppliers receive no compensation for? The inception of the internet created a digital Wild West, and in doing so created a gold rush-like effect for the latest and greatest commodity: consumer data. This new form of information can better identify us than our most intimate associates.



This article seeks to explore the impact of the active disregard consumers have for the terms and conditions of contemporary tech use. This disregard redefined the privacy expectations of the modern age and may be leading to a society that sacrificed the thing that makes us who we are: our identities.

### Genes Talk: The Current State of DNA Privacy Law

By Samantha Cook, Feature Editor



Ancestry® and its competitors, like 23andMe®, provide users with a fascinating look into their genealogies and help to connect them with distant relatives. These tests give users insight they could never achieve on their own, but it comes at a cost.

Private companies now hold the secrets of millions of humans’ genetic information. At this time, Ancestry® and 23andMe’s® privacy policies offer protection that they will not share data without the user’s consent (with the exception of law enforcement purposes), but what would happen if those policies changed? This article will explore the policies and laws protecting DNA privacy, including the use of DNA databases in criminal investigations, insurance and medical research.

## The Terms and Conditions of Freedom of Speech in the Modern-Day Public Square

By Kurt Valentine, Web Editor

In a 2013 opinion, Justice Anthony Kennedy recognized that the internet, social media in particular, is the most important place for the exchange of views today. In 2005, one year after Facebook's launch, 5 percent of U.S. adults used at least one social media site. Now, roughly 7 in 10 Americans use social media.

With the click of a mouse, a Facebook user can broadcast a message to the over 200 million Facebook users in the United States. Social media has become the modern-day public square, but unlike the traditional public square, social media



companies are privately owned. As private companies, they can place restrictions on speech without violating the First Amendment, which only protects against government restrictions on speech. This article explores free speech in the modern-day public square, where speech is subject to terms and conditions.

## Uber Drivers Aim to Steer Third Circuit Toward Employee Classification

By David Zvirman, Staff Writer



On any given day, many of us have reached for our phone and ordered an Uber. Some of us may have even driven for Uber, enticed by stories of easy money and flexible hours. Few of us, however, have thought about the consequences of those perks. The Third Circuit is now addressing that question in *Razak v. Uber Techs.*

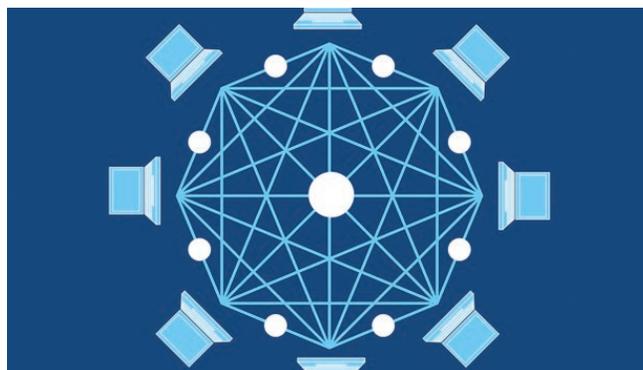
The federal Court of Appeals is being asked to reverse a district court's grant of summary judgment in favor of Uber by a class of Uber drivers seeking "employee" status. At stake is not simply the designation of "employee" or "independent contractor," but all that goes along with the designation. Should the drivers prevail, they would be entitled to a minimum wage, overtime and benefits under state and federal law. As the Third Circuit deliberates the issue, it is clear no matter what, there will be far-reaching consequences to the new gig economy.

## Getting to Know Blockchain: The Building Blocks of the Legal Field's Future

By Jennifer Carter, Web Editor

The blockchain buzz has reached the legal field. With the technology's far-reaching applications, practitioners should familiarize themselves with it yesterday. Blockchains have the potential to transform the way that firms operate with regard to financial transactions, property transfers and title history, authentication of goods, company acquisitions, and more.

Blockchains consist of "blocks" of encrypted data that record information regarding a document, title to property or description of goods. Each block connects to the block before it and after it in the chain via a "hash." A hash is a unique piece of coding that makes it impossible to change what data exist



in each block. The data are decentralized and stored on peer-to-peer connections, making the data immune to hacking and immutable. This article details the mechanisms of this ultra-secure tech and advances the seemingly endless applications in the legal field.



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# Moot Court Roundup

## AMCB team finalists in national competition

Duquesne Law's Appellate Moot Court Board team of third-year students Ashlyn Grim, Aaron McDonough, Brazitte Poole and Lydia Wardi competed at the prestigious ABA National Arbitration Competition Finals in Chicago, Ill. Jan. 25-26. While the team lost to SMU Law School in the finals in a *very* close round, they took second place in the country, giving them the title of ABA national finalists. The team previously took first place and the title of regional champions at the ABA National Arbitration Competition in Brooklyn, N.Y. in November. Devon Ferris, L'16, coached the team.

AMCB also sent two teams to the prestigious ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC) in Philadelphia, Pa. in February. Students Sam Nolan (3E), Eric Wyant (2L) and Serena Tamburrino (2L) argued on and off brief four times over three days, beating teams from the University of Georgia School of Law and DePaul Law School. The team advanced to the regional semifinals and lost in a split decision to a team from Southern Illinois School of Law. The team also earned an award for writing the 5th Best Brief. Adjunct Professor Erin Karsman coached the teams.



L-R: Brazitte Poole, Aaron McDonough, Lydia Ward, Ashlyn Grim

**AMCB 3L March Madness:** Alyssa Lazar and Brazitte Poole advanced to the quarterfinals at the Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. A.J. Vojt and Taylor Wantz advanced to the final four in the FBA Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition, also in Washington, D.C. Dominic Carrola and Adam Duh emerged as quarterfinalists at the National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition hosted by WVU College of Law.

## National Trial Team takes first place in regional competition in Philadelphia

At the Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition in Philadelphia, Pa. in February, Duquesne's third-year team of Erin Corcoran, Travis Gordon and Samantha Kovalyak defeated Widener, Dickinson and Penn State (in the semis) to advance to the finals and beat Temple. This marks the first time Duquesne won this competition. Kovalyak won two



L-R: Erin Corcoran, Travis Gordon, Samantha Kovalyak

Best Advocate awards as well; she previously won the award for Best Opening Statement at the eighth annual Judge Paul Joseph Kelly, Jr. Invitational Mock Trial Competition in New York in November. The team represented Duquesne Law in the National Trial Competition finals in March in San Antonio. The team is coached by alumni Bob Daley, L'97, Andrew Rothery, L'14, Maggie Cooney, L'18, and Anthony Hassey, L'17.



Kaitlynne Kline

**Noteworthy:** The Duquesne Law team of second-year students Kaitlynne Kline, Travis Gordon and Celena Sidun advanced to the semifinals at the 15th annual Buffalo-Niagara National Trial Competition in Buffalo, N.Y. in November. Kline won Best Closing Argument among all competitors in the preliminary rounds. The team was coached by Bob Daley, L'98, Mike Gianantonio, L'02, and Kristin Hoffman, L'18.

## Duquesne Women's Law Association Woman of the Year

Amanda Leonard, 2L

The Women's Law Association (WLA) bestowed the Woman of the Year award on Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark, L'83, March 28. The reception was well attended and included many family, friends, court staff and fellow judges of Allegheny County. Hon. Dwayne D. Woodruff, L'88, formally introduced Clark and discussed her remarkable character in their working relationship and in their friendship. Assistant U.S. Attorney Rebecca Silinski, L'15, received the Recent Graduate of the Year award and gave an inspiring speech about hard work, realizing your potential and redefining expectations of your gender.

The Woman of the Year is awarded annually to a distinguished alumna of the School of Law. The recipient demonstrates leadership and service to the community. She actively promotes the advancement of women in legal careers by seeking change and inspiring other women to become lawyers. She exemplifies the highest ideals of the legal profession and has earned the respect of many colleagues and community members.

The Recent Graduate of the Year is also given out annually by the WLA. The recipient is an alumna who has graduated within the last five years. She shows professionalism, leadership,



L-R: Megan Rothemel, Rebecca Silinski, Amanda Leonard, Judge Kim Clark, Ann Booth

service to the community and promotion of women's advancement in the legal field.

The WLA would like to thank the Women in the Law Division of the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Duquesne Law Alumni Association for their sponsorship of the event.

## Careers in Corporate Law

Tyler Bartholomew, 2L  
Lee C. Weir, 2L

On April 10, the Corporate Law Society hosted a *Careers in Corporate Law* panel discussion and networking reception. The panel, moderated by Hon. Jeffery Deller, L'96, included notable Duquesne Law alumni practicing corporate law: Eric Cottle, L'96, partner at K&L Gates; Michaelene Rose, L'10, senior counsel at Westinghouse Electric Co.; and Jeffrey Friedrich, L'13, attorney at Whiteford Taylor Preston.



With the use of video clips and personal anecdotes, Deller led a thought-provoking discussion centered on the panelists' career paths. The panelists shared their experiences and advice to students interested in the field. Cottle reminded students of the value of "soft skills" that make an exceptional attorney. Rose described the process associated with transitioning from a firm to an in-house position, while Friedrich discussed the complexities of transactional work. The panelists described their daily job activities, unique challenges they have faced and general professional advice.

Interestingly, each panelist highlighted the fact that their careers did not go as planned. Deller emphasized this point in an inspiring speech focused on the value of hard work, determination and thanking those who have provided guidance along the way. He related the feeling of landing a "dream job" by playing a compelling and emotional clip from the movie *The Pursuit of Happyness*, starring Will Smith.

Following the panel discussion, students had the opportunity to network with the panelists and other attorneys in a relaxed setting. Overall, the event connected interested students with Duquesne Law alumni who are leaders in their respective fields of corporate law. Students in attendance described the event as "inspiring" and were genuinely appreciative of the faculty, alumni and local attorneys who took the time to provide honest and helpful career and networking advice.

## Wellness at Duquesne Law

The Student Organizations Office continues to focus on offering wellness events geared to helping law students find small pockets of stress relief and peacefulness in their busy days. Students are treated to monthly therapy dog visits from the Therapet program through Animal Friends. Three dogs who are trained to remain calm and interact with students come to the Law School for a few hours on chosen days. There is such a change in the stress levels when students come around the corner and see the dogs waiting for them in the student lounge!

We have continued the Duke Ukes program each month. One of our own 1L students, Jake Noble, is a talented stringed instrument player and has a love for the ukulele. Through a grant obtained in 2017, the law school was able to purchase several ukuleles, music stands and instrument tuners. Noble keeps the instruments in tune and provides a very calm approach to teaching music to his fellow students. The air fills with the happy sounds of the ukulele, and students are encouraged to come play and relax even if they have never before touched a musical instrument.



Duke Ukes

New for this semester is a Wellness Sharing Group led by Maggie McGannon, L'16, assistant to Dean Maureen Lally-Green. She holds easy stretching and meditation sessions every other week, targeting both day and evening students with two time slots. The students are encouraged to come as they are; no special equipment or workout clothing is required. The Wellness Sharing Group is held in the Broughton Lab in the Law Library.

## Duquesne Law Student named winner of PMC writing competition



Zane Podsobinski, 3L, was honored by Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts (PMC) as the winner of the organization's annual writing contest at a reception prior to the start of the Spring into Action Benefit. The contest challenged law school participants to "evaluate the debate between judicial accountability and judicial independence in the context

of a current issue impacting the courts." It is open to 2L and 3L students attending law schools in Pennsylvania, Rutgers School of Law Camden and Widener University Delaware Law School. Podsobinski's paper was a historical presentation of the forces that favored the election of judges in the 19th century, as well as a discussion of the problems with such a system in the 21st century. Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts is a statewide nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that all Pennsylvanians can come to our courts with confidence that they will be heard by qualified, fair and impartial judges.

## Law Student participates in annual Student Advocacy Day

A Duquesne Law student participated in the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP)'s Student Advocacy Day April 9. This annual event is held each year for students from member institutions to advocate for legislative support for private institutions of higher education.

First-year student Christian Sesek, second from left, along with undergrads David DeFelice, Megan Klinefelter, left, and Kelly Myer, did an outstanding job representing Duquesne by attending the rally and speaking with members of the House and Senate about the importance of the Pennsylvania State Grant Program. This program is, unfortunately, set to be cut by 25 percent in 2020, impacting thousands of students.



# Career Services Update

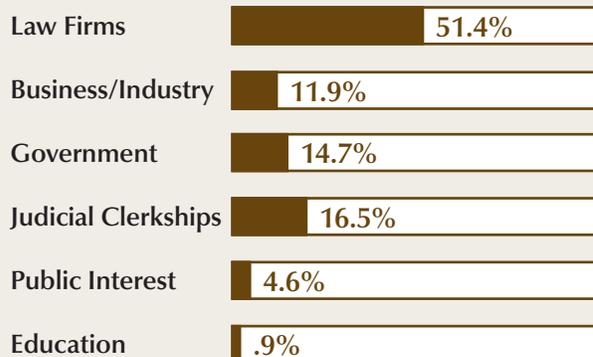
## 2018 employment statistics

Every year the Career Services Office (CSO) collects information about the employment of our most recent graduating class. This information is used by the American Bar Association and National Association of Law Placement (NALP) to produce statistics about entry-level legal employment on a national level. We recently collected this information from the Class of 2018, based on their employment status 10 months after graduation. The overall employment rate of those graduates is 90 percent, with 82.5 percent having a full-time, long-term job that requires bar passage or where the Juris Doctor degree is an advantage (such as compliance or policy work). As is the case every year, the majority of employed graduates work in private law firms, and the majority of those graduates practice in firms that have 2-25 attorneys.

Members of the Class of 2018 secured positions in Arizona, California, Delaware, Illinois, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia.

The CSO displays detailed information about the three most recent graduating classes' employment status on our website ([www.law.duq.edu/career-services](http://www.law.duq.edu/career-services)). Questions? Contact Maria D. Comas, director of Career Services, at [comas@duq.edu](mailto:comas@duq.edu).

### Types of employment (percentage of graduates)



## CSO teams with DLAA for Legal Career Fair

The CSO was proud to co-host our first Legal Career Fair with the Duquesne Law Alumni Association (DLAA). The Legal Career Fair attracted 10 employers, and nearly 50 students participated in this on-campus interviewing opportunity. Joe Williams, L'09, commented, "As the president of the DLAA, I'm quite proud of the inaugural career fair. Maggie McHugh, L'13, and Jim Creenan, L'96, did a wonderful job working with the CSO to present an event that afforded many law students an opportunity to obtain employment that they might not otherwise have had.

"As a partner in my law firm (Pollock Begg), I thought that the event was an incredible service to employers," continued Williams. "We were able to meet with many qualified candidates in a short amount of time, which made recruitment very easy. We were pleased to offer employment to one outstanding 2L and are enthusiastic about adding him to our team."

For more information, and to discuss your hiring needs, please contact Samantha H. Coyne, employer outreach manager, at [coynes1@duq.edu](mailto:coynes1@duq.edu).





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