Hands-on learning expands at WAYNE LAW
COVER STORY
Wayne Law continues to increase its emphasis on hands-on learning through clinics, internships and programs. Above, new students working in the Law School’s clinics for winter semester 2014 participate in a swearing-in ceremony Jan. 14. Read the cover story on Page 24.

ON THE COVER:
Clockwise from left, faculty members and law clinic directors Eric Williams, Nick Schroech, Kathryn Smolinski and Rachel Settlage
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With an exciting winter semester well underway, I am thrilled to share with you the Winter 2014 issue of The Wayne Lawyer.

Over the years, the Law School has published this magazine with varying frequency, most recently about once a year. This issue solidifies our plans to bring the magazine to you twice a year, so we can bring you up-to-date news about the Law School and its alumni, students and faculty. The next issue will be published at the end of June.

We love hearing from our alumni and friends. So, I also invite you to stay connected with Wayne Law through our numerous email, website and social media channels. (See details at the bottom of this page.)

As you peruse the following pages, you’ll see we’ve had a busy and productive last six months.

Read about the many accomplishments of our Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, numerous law clinic offerings (now numbering eight), Program for Entrepreneurship and Business Law, and Program for International Legal Studies. Our students and faculty are making a tremendous impact in our community and throughout the world because of these offerings and programs.

Our cover story highlights many of these opportunities and the significant ways we have expanded hands-on learning at Wayne Law to ensure we are providing the best training to make our students practice-ready upon graduation.

I also encourage you to read about and celebrate the accomplishments and honors of our alumni, students and faculty. The Law School and members of the Wayne Law family time and again have been honored for being the best and at the top of the legal profession.

We’ve profiled several exceptional alumni and students in this issue, as well. The stories of our alumni excelling as lawyers, advocates and leaders are so abundant that our only regret is lack of publishing space to be able to tell them all.

We are so grateful to the alumni and donors who support the Law School throughout the year both through their service and their financial resources. Our success is because of you.

In the next few months, you’ll be hearing about more initiatives – including our Advocacy at Wayne program, made possible by a donation from Lawrence Mann, ’80 – as we continue to solidify Wayne Law’s standing as the premiere public-interest law school in the Midwest. We look forward to the journey.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Benson
Interim Dean
Attorney Marti Robinson welcomes guests to the Sept. 6 scholarship event celebrating the life of her late husband, former Wayne Law Dean James K. Robinson. The celebration drew 56 attendees and raised nearly $13,000 for the endowed scholarship fund the late dean created to help students at Wayne Law. Robinson, ’68, who served as the Law School’s seventh dean, died in 2010 at age 66. Delphi Deputy General Counsel Joe Papelian and his wife, Linda, hosted the event at their Bloomfield Hills home.

**MORE PHOTOS:** law.wayne.edu/robinson2013

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**DBusiness magazine: Wayne Law graduates most top lawyers in state**

Wayne Law is first in the state when it comes to graduating highly regarded attorneys, according to the November-December 2013 issue of *DBusiness* magazine.

The magazine polled 18,200 attorneys in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties, asking for nominations for top lawyers among 47 legal specialties to compile its 2014 Top Lawyers list.

Of those top lawyers, more than 30 percent are graduates of Wayne Law, more than any other law school, according to *DBusiness* Editor R.J. King.

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**Law School among 10 in America honored for its diversity outreach**

Wayne Law was one of 10 American law schools, and the only Michigan school, honored in June as finalists in the Law School Admission Council Inc.’s annual Diversity Matters Award.

The award goes to a law school that “has demonstrated the highest level of outreach to racially and ethnically diverse students ....,” according to the council’s website. The contest strongly considers creativity, event attendance and overall use of funds to choose honorees.

Wayne Law Interim Dean Jocelyn Benson said she is proud of the Law School’s top 10 diversity outreach status.

“We will continue our strong efforts to encourage and celebrate diversity at Wayne Law and value the variety of perspectives a diverse student body brings to the study of law,” she said. “Our students will go on to be powerful advocates for equal justice for all.”
Wayne Law alumni represent 28% of Top 100 Michigan Super Lawyers; 2 alums in Top 10

Wayne Law graduates represent more than a quarter of the 2013 Top 100 Michigan Super Lawyers.

Twenty-eight of the Top 100, as named by Michigan Super Lawyers magazine in September, are Wayne Law alumni, more than any other law school’s total.

Two of the state’s Top 10 Super Lawyers are Wayne Law graduates, as well. They are Eugene Driker, ’61, and E. Powell Miller, ’86.

In addition, 16 of the top 100 Women Super Lawyers named by the magazine are Wayne Law alumnae.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of attorneys from more than 70 practice areas. The selection process for the lists includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

Wayne Law alumni named in this year’s list of Top 100 Michigan Super Lawyers are Daniel Bretz, ’82; Judy B. Calton, ’86; Joseph DeVito, ’95; Douglas A. Dozeman, ’83; Eugene Driker, ’61; David F. DuMouchel, ’75; Gene J. Eshaki, ’74; Mark R. Granzotto, ’78; Elizabeth P. Hardy, ’84; Thomas C. Kienbaum, ’68; Barry E. LaKritz, ’72; Lawrence D. McLaughlin, ’77; Bruce A. Miller, ’54; E. Powell Miller, ’86; John R. Muth, ’71; Kenneth F. Neuman, ’86; Robert R. Nix II, ’71; Michael L. Pitt, ’74; Robert M. Raitt, ’92; Michael A. Robbins, ’82; Neil S. Rockind, ’93; Carol A. Rosati, ’80; Linda S. Ross, ’88; Mary Massaron Ross, ’90; William A. Sankbeil, ’71; William D. Sargent, ’85; Noreen Slank, ’80; and Gerald E. Thurswell, ’67.

Wayne Law alumni named in this year’s Top 100 Women Super Lawyers are Tracy Lee Allen, ’80; Darcie R. Brault, ’90; Linda G. Burwell, ’85; Judy B. Calton, ’86; Pamela C. Enslen, ’81; Susan K. Friedlaender, ’88; Elizabeth P. Hardy, ’84; Anna M. Maiuri, ’92; Patricia M. Nemeth, ’90; Carol A. Rosati, ’80; Linda S. Ross, ’88; Mary Massaron Ross, ’90; Noreen Slank, ’80; Judith A. Susskind, ’87; Wendy L. Zabriskie, ’91; and Susan Healy Zitterman, ’81.

Wayne Law’s bar exam passage rate highest in state for February 2013

Wayne Law got good news after the February 2013 state bar exams – and, after successful appeals by five graduates, the news was even better.

Ninety percent of Wayne Law graduates who took the state bar exam for the first time in February 2013 passed – the highest passage rate of any law school in the state. The state average after appeals was 68 percent.

Wayne Law Interim Dean Jocelyn Benson said she was encouraged by the good news and remains strongly committed to further improving the rate for all of the school’s graduates. As a result, Judge and Adjunct Professor Elizabeth Gleicher is developing a new course on Michigan law and Sarah Garrison joined the Dean of Students Office to assist graduates taking the exam. Wayne Law’s development team also is exploring opportunities for donors to financially support bar exam prep courses for students with financial need, the dean said.

Eighty-five people participated in the 28th annual Ambulance Chase Charity Run/Walk on Sept. 26 at Wayne Law. Runners and walkers began the 5K by actually chasing an ambulance, poking fun at the stereotype of the ambulance-chasing lawyer. Sponsored by the Wayne Law Student Bar Association Board of Governors, the event helped to support that group and benefit Cass Community Social Services. MORE PHOTOS: law.wayne.edu/ambulance2013
Michigan Lawyers Weekly honors 3 alumnae as ‘Up & Coming Lawyers’

Three Wayne Law alumnae – Teri L. Dennings, Karissa Holmes and Ronda Tate – were recognized in December as “Up & Coming Lawyers 2013” by Michigan Lawyers Weekly.

“These are legal practitioners who are establishing a name for themselves, go above and beyond, and display the ambition, drive, determination and accomplishments that set them apart among their peers – in their first 10 years in practice,” according to the publication.

Dennings, ‘05, is with Miller Cohen PLC, where she focuses her practice on employment litigation, labor and civil rights. She has represented clients in state and federal court, as well as before administration agencies. She also has lectured and published articles on employment law.

Holmes, ’08, is a commercial attorney with DTE Energy Co., where she negotiates, reviews and drafts contracts and instructs contract drafting and legal concept training courses. She is involved in the community, serving as a board member of Detroit Young Professionals and an elected member of the Brush Park Citizens’ District Council.

Tate, ’06, is with Lewis & Munday PC’s Litigation Group, where she specializes in employment and education law. She is skilled in negotiating business contracts and litigating distribution disputes and has worked on several appellate matters successfully. Tate also played a key role in acquiring a recent Michigan Supreme Court victory.

Alumni share expertise with students through new panel discussion series

A new Alumni Speaker Series – panel discussions designed to help students network, connect to the jobs they want and learn from alumni – debuted at Wayne Law in fall 2013.

In September, the discussion was about starting your own law firm. Participating alumni were Nadia Hamade, ’12, Attorney Source PLC; Gerald Thurswell, ’67, Thurswell Law; and Lisa C. Walinske, ’00, ReDetroit East Community Law Center.

In November, a discussion about international law was led by Professor Gregory Fox, director of Wayne Law’s Program for International Law Studies. Participating alumni were Debra Auerbach Clephane, ’91, Vercruysse Murray & Calzone; Michael T. Cone, ’94, FisherBroyles; and Randolph M. Wright, ’74, Berry Moorman.

The series continues with panels planned for January, February and March.
Five alumnae, interim dean honored as standouts in legal profession

Five Wayne Law alumnae, as well as the Law School’s interim dean, were among 25 honored Sept. 26 as top women lawyers in Michigan by Michigan Lawyers Weekly.

Pamela C. Enslen, ’81; Ellen Bartman Jannette, ’88; Stacey L. King, ’98; Jean Schtokal, ’87; Lisa C. Walinske, ’00; and Interim Dean Jocelyn Benson were named as Women in the Law 2013.

Benson, named interim dean of the Law School in 2012, focuses her scholarship on election law, education law, race and the law, and civil procedure. She is founder and president of Military Spouses of Michigan and founder and executive director of the nonpartisan Michigan Center for Election Law, which hosts projects that support transparency and integrity in elections.

Enslen is a senior principal and resident director of the Kalamazoo branch of Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone PLC. Her practice is employment-focused, and in 2013, she traveled to Guantanamo Bay as one of only eight observers of the trial proceedings.

Jannette is a shareholder at Plunkett Cooney PC and represents clients in professional liability matters. She also is chair of the firm’s Women’s Initiative Committee and was an integral part of the firm’s “100 Acts of Kindness” event.

King is a shareholder at Garan Lucow Miller PC. She practices primarily no-fault and negligence law and was one of five Wayne Law alumnae in her class who created the Brass Ring Endowed Scholarship to benefit law students and young attorneys.

Schtokal is a shareholder at Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC and vice chair of the Michigan District Export Council – West. She practices business law, assisting minority- and women-owned businesses with state and national certification matters.

Walinske is founder and owner of ReDetroit East Community Law Center PLLC, where she practices public-interest law and business law. She is active in several Detroit nonprofits and in urban planning and community redevelopment.

Law School launches first phase of redesigned, streamlined website

Wayne Law launched the first phase of its redesigned website Nov. 7.

The new website at law.wayne.edu includes a redesigned and streamlined home page that is more graphically appealing, inviting and easy to use. A redesigned structure (templates, colors and navigation) also provides for a more user-friendly experience and fits in with best practices and the overall look of the university’s new website (which launched in December).

The new website also is “responsive” – It automatically reformats the content on the page when the user is viewing the site on a smartphone or tablet.

In addition, the project included updating and refreshing the majority of the text and documents throughout the site and addressing broken links and outdated information. More and updated photos have been added, as well as student testimonials.

Future phases of the project in 2014 will include redesigning and updating the web pages for the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights and the Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African American Legal History to reflect the design of the new website. A separate project through the Law School’s Office of Development & Alumni Relations will redesign the Alumni section of the website.

Professor Tarek Masoud of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University makes a point during a panel discussion Sept. 6 at Wayne Law on the future of Arab political reform movements. The event, presented by the Law School’s Program for International Legal Studies, featured three prominent analysts of Middle East politics. Other speakers in fall 2013 focused on international law and drone attacks, legal issues in doing business with China, U.S. law outside U.S. territories, inter-American human rights, human rights treaties, and constitutional rights and national security.

MORE PHOTOS: law.wayne.edu/reform2013
His clients include icons of civil rights, entertainment, politics, sports

Detroit attorney Gregory J. Reed has represented civil rights icons, written award-winning books and preserved and exhibited priceless artifacts and legacies of African-American history – all part of his goal to lead a purposeful life.

“A man of strong faith, I have actively sought to keep my mind and heart open, and, as a result, I found many mentors, people I call angels, who have been willing to guide me from time to time ...,” he said.

Reed long has served as a mentor himself, starting even before he earned his law degree from Wayne Law in 1974 and his master of laws degree from Wayne in 1978.

He is the author of 16 books, including his latest, Obama Talks Back: Global Lessons – A Dialogue with America’s Young Leaders, which was awarded the 2013 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Children’s Literature and was nominated for a Phillis Wheatley 2013 Book Award. He was honored by President Obama and Michelle Obama with a private inscribed commendation for his support in engaging youth in meaningful dialogue. His 1994 book, Economic Empowerment through the Church, won a 1994 American Book Award.

A specialist in entertainment law, intellectual property law and tax law, Reed has served as attorney for civil rights icon Rosa Parks; Dr. Charles H. Wright, a noted obstetrician and civil rights activist for whom the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History in Detroit is named; former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young; and famous sports figures, including six world boxing champions. He also has helped many A-list singers, including Kid Rock, Aretha Franklin and Anita Baker, with their careers.

Along the way, he has collected and preserved artifacts and legacies of African-American historical significance, including slave papers, Motown memorabilia and the handwritten notations of Malcolm X’s autobiography. Reed founded the nonprofit Keeper of the Word Foundation in 1996 to ensure that his collection will be passed on to future generations.

He also has produced exhibits of his collection in major museums, including (with Tavis Smiley) “America I Am: The African-American Imprint,” which premiered at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia in 2009; a 2008 exhibit, “Dear Mr. Mandela ... Dear Mrs. Parks: Children’s Letters, Global Lessons,” which premiered at the Michigan State University Museum and Nelson
Mandela Museum in South Africa in the first international exhibit of its kind; and a traveling music exhibit, “100 Plus One … Before Motown and Beyond, Celebrating America’s Music,” which premiered at Chicago’s Dusable Museum of African American History and set attendance records there.

EARLY INFLUENCES

The first “angel” in Reed’s life was his mother, who taught him to value education and work. And then there was a high school counselor – Alma Whitley – at Southwestern High School.

“By her guidance, I became one of Detroit Public Schools’ first National Merit Scholars and class president,” Reed said.

He went on to Michigan State University, where he met new mentors, including Professor Harry Stephens and civil rights activist Dr. Robert Green.

Green advised Reed to meet Coleman Young, then serving as a Michigan senator. Reed met Young, was inspired by his goal of becoming Detroit’s first African-American mayor and became one of his campaign researchers.

RISE TO INFLUENCE

With a degree in packaging engineering from MSU under his belt, Reed found himself limited in his ability to help others advance. So, he chose to go to Wayne Law, where he gained more mentors, including professors Edward Littlejohn, Fredrica Lombard, John Mogk and Alan Schenk.

As a young lawyer, Reed began representing athletes as an agent. He drew the interest of law firm Goodman Eden Millender and Bedrosian.

“I met attorney Robert Millender, the Detroit political kingmaker at the firm,” Reed said. “Mr. Millender became a mentor of mine.”

In 1980, Reed was hired to help work out some tax planning for the Muhammad Ali vs. George Foreman boxing event in Zaire. Then, he was drafted to resolve tax problems holding up a Detroit match featuring Thomas Hearns and Pepino Cuevas. Thereafter, Reed was appointed to negotiate the $30 million fight between Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard. Reed’s reputation made, he went on to represent athletes and entertainers for three decades, all the while maintaining his interest in collecting and preserving history.

In 1990, another key event in his life took place, seemingly out of the blue, when Rosa Parks walked into his office and asked him to be her attorney.

Reed created a plan to resurrect her legacy, which was largely overlooked at the time, he said. With his guidance and promotion, Parks was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Gold Medal. A U.S. postage stamp was created in her honor, as was a museum in Montgomery, Ala. And as a result, her “quiet strength” – a term coined by Reed – lives on to inspire new generations.

Two years later, Reed was appointed to serve as the attorney for Nelson Mandela’s Detroit committee in preparation for the South African icon’s first visit to the city. But he didn’t actually meet Mandela until 2008, when Reed served as his personal escort to the South African exhibit of “Dear Mr. Mandela … Dear Mrs. Parks: Children’s Letters, Global Lessons.” That exhibit will be shown in 2014 at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Ky.

MESSAGE TO DETROIT

Reed has traveled the world, but his heart has always been in Detroit, where he grew up and still has a law office in a restored firehouse on Bagley Street in Corktown.

He has helped to preserve the legacy of so many people and hopes his own legacy is one that helps to inspire all people, despite their circumstances.

“My message to Detroit and to the world is that we must come together and live as one,” he said. “We cannot allow the gains we have made to erode. Although we have a long way to go, I do believe that we can achieve Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream for a better world.”
Wayne Law’s 2013 Treasure of Detroit Gala on Sept. 28 honored the brightest lights in the legal profession and celebrated the growth and success of the Law School. The event was at the Atheneum Suite Hotel International Banquet Center in Detroit. This year’s honorees were: U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr., ’58, a Democrat serving his 24th term in Congress; Michael Pitt, ’74, a founding member and managing partner of Pitt McGehee Palmer Rivers and Golden; Michael Steinberg, ’89, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan; and Gary Torgow, ’82, chairman of Talmer Bancorp and president and founder of the Sterling Group.
MORE PHOTOS: law.wayne.edu/treasure2013
Judge Damon J. Keith, a Wayne Law alumnus and the namesake for the Law School’s Center for Civil Rights, is the subject of a new biography published in November by Wayne State University Press. *Crusader for Justice: Federal Judge Damon J. Keith* was compiled, written and edited by Wayne Law Professor Peter J. Hammer and former journalist Trevor W. Coleman.

The book is receiving a lot of positive attention nationwide but especially in Detroit, Keith’s hometown. One gala launching event Nov. 11 at the Fox Theatre featured best-selling author Mitch Albom, who wrote the Foreward to *Crusader for Justice*, and a host of local celebrity guests. Philanthropist A. Alfred Taubman, a longtime Keith friend, hosted an invitation-only luncheon Nov. 15 at the Detroit Athletic Club to celebrate the book’s launch.

“I am delighted that the book, *Crusader for Justice*, has generated so much attention,” said Keith, who has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit since 1977.

“The book traces Keith’s early life, from his public school days in Detroit to his time serving in the segregated U.S. Army. The authors show how the honored judge’s passion for racial and social justice informed his career, as he became co-chairman of Michigan’s first Civil Rights Commission and negotiated the politics of his appointment to the federal judiciary.

The book also details his most famous cases, including the so-called Keith case, *United States v. U.S. District Court* and the *Detroit Free Press v. Ashcroft* case in 2002.

Keith’s decades on the bench offer a unique viewpoint on a tumultuous era of American and legal history. Visit www.crusaderforjustice.com for more information about the book.

“Peter Hammer and Trevor Coleman, along with Mitch Albom’s Foreward for the book, have made it a ‘must read’ for anyone interested in freedom.”

Groups of students from seven metro Detroit high schools gathered at Wayne Law on Nov. 15 to talk about race, hoping to bridge their differences, bust stereotypes and build foundations for a better world.

The third annual Keith Students Youth Civil Rights Conference was run by law students who are active with Wayne Law’s Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. The event was sponsored by the Keith Center, WSU Center for Peace & Conflict Studies and Keith Students for Civil Rights.

The conference brought suburban and urban students together for a day. Students came from César Chávez Academy High School in Detroit; Cody Academy of Public Leadership in Detroit; Denby High School in Detroit; Detroit Institute of Technology College Prep High School at Cody; Fordson High School in Dearborn; Osborn Collegiate Academy of Mathematics, Science and Technology in Detroit; and University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods. They shared meals and discussed the meaning of community, their own roles in a community and the role race plays in that community.

The teens began the day by talking about where they live and go to school and about how those experiences differed and how they were the same. And they talked about how they’d like those experiences to be. They talked about attitudes, and they talked about responsibilities.

One session involved a game with students standing in a circle and being asked a series of questions. To answer “yes” to a particular question, students silently stepped to the center of the circle.

“It was really powerful to watch and see how much we had in common without even talking,” said Megan DesMadryl, a 15-year-old white sophomore at University Liggett who lives in Algonac.

After lunch, the high school students, working in small groups, were assigned to spend an hour brainstorming together to create projects that will promote healthy race relationships and build community in metro Detroit – a way to break down the racial and cultural barriers that divide people.

Some of those project ideas, and the collaborative efforts that went into them, are what Evan Marquardt, a 14-year-old freshman at University Liggett who lives in Detroit, found remarkable.

“I think how well everything went actually kind of surprised me. There’s a lot of different groups: socioeconomic, race, everything,” said Evan, whose mother is black and father is white. “And I kind of expected at some point maybe there’d be tension. But it was great to see how we all came together because we had a common purpose as far as just making a difference in the community. And it helped us tremendously that we had so much diversity so that we could have a lot of perspectives as far as where we were coming from.”

The conference ended with a report from each group on its project idea, and with many students, urban and suburban, wishing for more time to keep the discussion going.
Chokwe Lumumba, a longtime civil rights activist and 1975 alumnus of Wayne Law, was honored Jan. 25 by the Detroit and Michigan Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Lumumba, who was sworn in as mayor of Jackson, Miss., in July, won the election with a landslide vote on a platform of bringing change and self-determination to city residents and the rest of Mississippi.

Lumumba decided early in life that he could bring change and best serve the civil rights movement as a lawyer. He earned his law degree cum laude at Wayne Law, but he was a political activist by the time he was a teenager.

THE EARLY YEARS

He was born in 1947 as Edwin Talliaferro (he later changed his name to embrace his heritage), one of seven siblings in a family living in a public housing project on Detroit’s west side. He was a young boy when his mother, always supportive of civil rights activism, showed him a photo of the mutilated, beaten body of 14-year-old Emmett Till published in Jet magazine in 1955. Till was an African-American boy snatched from a relative’s home and murdered in Mississippi after allegedly whistling at a white woman. Lumumba remembers the impact of first seeing that photo.

“My mother was courageous in showing it to us and explaining it to us,” Lumumba said. “She told us this was a problem that went beyond this incident. She told us there was an epidemic of racism, an American disease. Later on in my life, when (Dr. Martin Luther) King (Jr.) was killed, this came back to me very vividly.”

Lumumba attended Detroit’s St. Theresa High School, where was active in political protests. He served as student council president and football team captain. As a teen, he was inspired by the words of King and the writings of Malcolm X. When King was killed in 1968, Lumumba was a political science student at Western Michigan University. Lumumba said King’s assassination inspired him to take part in a student takeover of the University Center Building – a protest to demand more scholarships for African-American students and hiring more African-American teachers.

LAW SCHOOL PROTEST

In 1969, he entered Wayne Law – one of a few dozen new African-American students that year. A majority of them failed by the end of their first year.

“I wasn’t terminated, but most of my classmates were,” Lumumba said. “That was a shock to us. We demonstrated, seized the building and demanded that they be re-entered. It was an important time when significant numbers of blacks were, for the first time, going to Wayne and other predominantly white law schools in the North. It was the introduction of significant numbers of black students into the school.”
The protesters said their work wasn’t graded fairly and demanded changes. The law school denied the accusation but re-admitted the students.

“And all but one or two turned out to be lawyers – strong legal professionals,” Lumumba said.

REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRIKA

The future mayor, however, left law school the next year to move to Jackson, Miss., drawn by the heat of the civil rights movement there. He became active in the controversial Republic of New Afrika, a group he helped form to coordinate the actions of activists and give African-Americans more personal and political control. For a time, the group’s stated goal was to create a separate nation for black people in the South.

Lumumba, as a leader in the organization, became a target for the FBI and local law enforcement agencies, which raided the group’s meetings and arrested its members on several occasions.

“The U.S. government, through J. Edgar Hoover and others, was trying to destroy black groups or undermine them,” Lumumba said. “Much of this was brought to light later. We didn’t know exactly what was happening at the time. There was an attack on the RNA in August of 1971 by the FBI and the Jackson Police Department. They literally attacked the house the RNA was staying in – I wasn’t there at the time – and tried to kill a number of people inside. None of the RNA people got killed, but they shot back. One police officer was killed, one was wounded and one FBI officer was wounded. That started a long legal battle. It was that legal battle that showed me there was need for the skills a lawyer had.”

About the same time, Lumumba re-read the epilogue in Malcolm X’s autobiography and found new inspiration there.

“Malcolm wanted to be a lawyer, and he was told by his teacher that wasn’t a realistic profession for him,” Lumumba said. “I decided to become the kind of lawyer Malcolm would have been.”

CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENDER

In 1973, Lumumba returned to Wayne Law, graduating two years later.

“I stayed in Detroit for 10 years, practicing law, mostly with some of my friends who had graduated with me,” he said.

He continued to be active in the civil rights movement and defended many activists in court. In 1988, he moved back to Mississippi, where he continued to be a civil rights leader and to defend activists.

“The South has always suggested to me some prospects because of our large numbers” he said. “It was a place where we could be the majority in the government. The idea was to try to get black majority districts where we could get human rights into government. The South had appeal for that reason.”

ELECTED LEADERSHIP

For a few years, he worked as a public defender in Jackson, representing indigent clients, and he founded organizations, including the Mississippi Disaster Relief Coalition after Hurricane Katrina.

Lumumba, throughout his legal career, often has found himself at odds with judges and state bar associations for his outspoken criticism of the system when he found it to be racist or unfair. But Jackson’s mayor believes in perseverance and in accepting challenges, no matter what the odds may be.

“One of the things that was good for me, and that I would encourage in young people, is to take on small challenges first,” he said. “Then you can start jumping bigger hurdles as you go along. It gets you stronger. As a student, I would never stoop to cheating or reading somebody else’s paper. Sometimes it takes an act of courage to not cheat, to not take the easy way. I think those kinds of challenges are good. Then you have honor, and it becomes a badge of courage. If there are ills you want to solve, overcome small issues in the present so you can confront bigger ones in the future.”

He was elected to a Jackson Ward Two council seat in 2009 and as mayor in 2013 with 85 percent of the vote against an opponent who outspent him many times over.

Lumumba continues to work hard to confront the challenges, big and small, in his new position of leadership.

“I am honored that the people of Jackson have decided to allow me to be their voice and to work to achieve the results we so justly deserve,” the mayor said.

Wayne Law third-year student Eliza Facio and second-year student Nicholas Klaus were honored Jan. 25 as Outstanding Law Students of the Year by the Detroit and Michigan Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Facio impressed the chapter’s board by her work with the guild’s local and student chapters, as well as her efforts to extend the mission of social justice work beyond the organization itself.

Klaus was recognized for his “revitalization and mobilization” of Wayne Law’s student chapter of the guild, making it one of the most visible and active organizations for social justice on campus.

Guild honors 2 students from Wayne Law
Seven students and two recent graduates traveled over the summer to work and study abroad through Wayne Law’s Program for International Legal Studies.

Locations included the Bahamas, England, the Netherlands, Mexico and three locations in India, where they advocated for human rights, interned at top international law firms and studied with some of the world’s leading international law scholars.

Four students – Joshua Aprile, Yunjoo Goze, Karinne Marcolini and Adam Taylor – earned International Public Interest Law Fellowships and spent the summer living in developing countries engaged in advocacy on a broad range of human rights issues. Fellows receive a $5,000 stipend to cover travel and living expenses for up to two months of work.

In addition, Zachary Rowley worked as an intern in the Office of the General Counsel at Tata Motors in Mumbai, India, and Nicholas Jones worked in Mexico City as an intern at Barrera Siqueiros y Torres Landa, one of the nation’s leading law firms. Eric Shovein, as recipient of the Freeman Fellowship, attended the prestigious Hague Academy of International Law in The Hague, Netherlands, and 2013 Wayne Law graduates Zachary Van Horn and Steven Helton interned in London in the international arbitration practice group of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr.
Nicholas Jones worked as an international summer associate at the Mexico City office of Barrera Siqueiros y Torres Landa.

“I had the opportunity to work with a wide variety of attorneys, from associates to equity partners,” Jones said. “However, I spent most of my time working with just a few of the equity partners. My duties when I first arrived in Mexico City were heavily focused on the editing of chapters of books or contracts. The first substantive assignment that I received was a simple research assignment dealing with the New York Convention and the enforcement of arbitration awards in Mexico. The major conflict in the case was the difference in the importance of a notary public in a civil law country like Mexico and a common law country.

“I then slowly started to receive more and more responsibility from the partners that I was working with. The area where I focused most of my work after the first assignment was the changing landscape of Mexican anti-trust law. I was able to research this issue and write an article that the partner I was working for ended up sending to a publisher for review. In addition, I answered questions posed to the partners from outside sources asking about the potential effects of the new law. I learned an incredible amount about not only the Mexican legal system but also its international interactions.”

Karinne Marcolini worked in Nassau, Bahamas, for the Crisis Centre, which assists victims of domestic violence, a pervasive problem often overlooked in a country dominated by the tourist trade. The center provides legal assistance to victims and runs public campaigns to delegitimize spousal and child abuse and to empower victims to leave their abusers.

“I began my internship by performing intake of new clients in addition to researching and juxtaposing local sexual violence legislation with international legislation,” Marcolini said. “Additionally, I spent time at the Eugene Dupuch Law School Legal Aide Clinic handling matters for Crisis Centre clients. My work included writing petitions for divorce and protection orders. A few weeks into the internship, I spent a week shadowing a magistrate judge as she oversaw several dockets.

“My final project at the Crisis Centre involved research regarding youth law. I designed and administered a survey to the children in the Boys’ and Girls’ Rehabilitation Centres. I collected data on factors indicative of the nexus between domestic abuse and the likelihood of juvenile offense. Almost immediately, I observed that a high percentage of the youth had either witnessed or experienced domestic abuse. It was a remarkable experience to witness the children’s vivacity and openness, reflecting Bahamian culture even in a challenging setting.”

Zachary Van Horn and Steven Helton graduated in May 2013 then went to London to work as interns with WilmerHale’s International Arbitration Group. The internships were made possible by Gary Born, a partner at WilmerHale and one of the world’s leading practitioners and scholars of international commercial arbitration. Born delivered the Commencement address at Wayne Law in 2012.

“The internship provided me with an excellent opportunity to apply many of the concepts that I learned in Wayne Law’s international courses,” Van Horn said. “My work as an intern was diverse...”
and stimulating and ranged from providing research for Gary Born’s forthcoming treatise to assisting associates with the drafting and filing of arbitration submissions. I also gained some non-arbitration-related experience by preparing memoranda on specific points of U.S. law and by conducting document reviews.

“I received one assignment for a pro bono human rights case pending before the Ugandan Supreme Court that consisted of spending several days reviewing original British colonial records at the U.K. National Archives in London.”

Said Helton: “An associate, Dana Green, gave me a project doing work for the Media Legal Defense Initiative, a nonprofit that WilmerHale is partnered with, which helps defend the rights of journalists. A few weeks later Dana asked me to help her draft an application to the European Court of Human Rights on behalf of an Azerbaijani journalist. I did not know a lot about the human rights aspect of freedom of information requests, the Republic of Azerbaijan or the European Court of Human Rights, but I can confidently say that I do now.

“I’ve worked a lot on Gary Born’s treatise and casebook. … It is incredibly cool to see how his mind works when he approaches a topic or a problem. Being able to work with him is an extraordinary experience.”

Yunjoo Goze

Yunjoo Goze worked in New Delhi with the Dalit Foundation, which works to end discrimination against Indian Dalits, often referred to as “untouchables.” The foundation battles the discrimination by using the courts and efforts to raise social awareness.

“I learned so much about caste-based discrimination, tasted a sense of what it is like to be an international human rights lawyer and traveled to many fascinating places,” Goze said. “My assignments were mainly research and writing on a variety of issues. I studied and wrote a report on the structure of Indian government and how to navigate the Indian judicial system.

“The most interesting assignment I did was evaluating the impact of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act of 1989. This statute was enacted to prevent and punish caste-based abuses. Dalits are subjected to incredibly inhumane and violent treatment. The intensity of violence is really difficult to comprehend. A Dalit woman was burned alive by non-Dalits in her village because her son eloped with a non-Dalit girl. Ending caste-based discrimination is extremely difficult because the caste system is so deeply ingrained in Indian society.”

Zachary Rowley

Zachary Rowley interned in Mumbai, India, at Tata Motors, the largest manufacturer of automobiles in India, under Rajesh Bagga, the company’s legal vice president.

“During my time with Tata, I was given the opportunity to work on transactional law in the form of contracts while also performing risk assessment and risk avoidance by developing internal compliance programs,” Rowley said. “My work with contracts, and my first task, involved the continuation and expansion of a large service contract. My job was to coordinate with the outside counsel and our business partner to create the new contract to be approved by the business leaders of both organizations.

“I was also fortunate to work on internal compliance, studying the liabilities of Tata under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the UK Bribery Act and Indian law. My job was to prepare materials to train business managers to avoid violations of bribery and collusion. Tata was also kind enough to include me on their annual legal managers’ excursion to Alibaug. During this training, we took courses not only on substantive law, but also risk assessment of new business actions, how to resolve lawsuits from the business perspective, and how to balance a need for legal perfection with the practical needs of the business.”
Adam Taylor

Adam Taylor worked in Madurai, India, with People’s Watch, a human rights organization where he was involved in a variety of projects.

“My first project was researching and writing India’s annual report to the Asian NGO’s (non-governmental organizations) Network on National Human Rights Institutions regarding the work and compliance of India’s National Human Rights Commission for the previous year,” Taylor said. “My second project was analyzing the cases the commission took suo-moto cognizance of for the previous year.

“I also had the opportunity to participate in two human rights trainings from the preeminent human rights lawyers in India. I learned how to practice as a human rights defender in real-world situations from the most respected human rights defenders in India. I learned a great deal from the wonderful experience that one cannot gain from just a classroom. I learned how to be a lawyer in a foreign country and the flexibility and adaptability that it requires. I learned there is more to being a human rights defender than just knowing the law. I learned not to take human rights for granted and that the struggle is not over so long as even one person is denied their human rights.”

Joshua Aprile

Joshua Aprile worked in the Polanco district of Mexico City for Mexico Unido Contra la Delincuencia, an organization seeking to strengthen the rule of law in Mexico and assist police and victims in responding to the high level of crime in certain parts of the country.

He was placed in a program called La Cultura de Legalidad (The Culture of Lawfulness), which conducts community outreach. He researched issues regarding government and business corruption, community empowerment and the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practice Act. He also wrote advocacy articles.

“At times, I would accompany my director to government ceremonies, where I was given an excellent opportunity to network with prominent leaders of Mexican society,” Aprile said. “At other times, I would accompany my colleagues to elementary schools and community centers, where we would conduct workshops geared toward teaching about concepts like the rule of law and community empowerment. I was also lucky to have the help of Mexican attorneys, who taught me invaluable insight to the Mexican legal system and the current issues facing it. My fellowship experience in Mexico City was not only an amazing work and cultural experience, but also a life experience that has taught me about myself.”

Eric Shovein

Eric Shovein spent three weeks in the Netherlands attending courses during The Hague Academy of International Law’s Summer Program in Public International Law. The academy is the academic branch of the International Court of Justice, also known as the World Court.

“Although all of the courses were extraordinary and thought-provoking, living in the mecca of international law led to other, equally fulfilling, or even more motivating practical experiences,” Shovein said. “I was able to visit in the Special Tribunal for Sierra Leone, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and to sit down and talk about career goals with U.S. International Court Justice Joan Donoghue. I was able to visit the Swiss Embassy, where I was able to talk with the Swiss ambassador to The Hague. I was able to meet the legal counsel at the U.S. Embassy in The Hague and visit the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, where I was able to meet multiple employees and learn about their interests in international law.”

Perhaps most memorable of all his experiences was watching a portion of the genocide trial of Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Shovein said. “Seeing a person who was indicted for two counts of genocide and sitting only 10 to 20 feet from me was almost surreal. This really reinforced my belief in the power of international law.”
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WSU BOARD OF GOVERNORS HONORS ROTH WITH FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD

Professor Brad Roth, who teaches at the Law School and Department of Political Science, was awarded a WSU Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award.

The book that earned him the award, one of just five conferred in 2013, is Sovereign Equality and Moral Disagreement: Premises of a Pluralist International Legal Order (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Roth has lectured on the book and related topics around the world, including at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, Carleton University and McGill University in Canada and Goethe University of Frankfurt in Germany.

In June, Roth drew on his work on recognition of states and governments to wade into one of the most sensitive legal disputes in Asia. He led discussions and gave presentations at three events in Taipei, Taiwan.

LUND WRITES BRIEF IN SUPREME COURT CASE CONCERNING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Five law professors from across the nation signed on to an amicus brief written in fall 2013 by Associate Professor Christopher Lund in a U.S. Supreme Court religious freedom case.

The six professors, all scholars in the field of church-and-state, came together to offer their expertise on Town of Greece v. Galloway. The case originated in Greece, N.Y., and involves the town council’s practice of opening its meetings with a prayer from a “chaplain of the month.” The case was argued before the Supreme Court on Nov. 6.

The town council began its practice of having opening prayers in 1999, and, since then, nearly all of the volunteer chaplains involved have been Christian. Some residents, including respondents Susan Galloway, who is Jewish, and Linda Stephens, an atheist, challenged the practice in 2008 as a violation of the First Amendment.

The case drew dozens of friend-of-the-court briefs, many of which argue that the prayers should be allowed. Lund and the other signatory law professors take a different view.

Lund’s 27-page amicus brief details the impact of legislative prayer on religious believers and on political bodies, as well.

BARTELL WIDELY SOUGHT BY MEDIA TO SPEAK AS EXPERT ON DETROIT BANKRUPTCY

Professor Laura Bartell is one of the nation’s top legal experts on bankruptcy for members of the media reporting on Detroit’s historic bankruptcy filing.

Since March, she’s been quoted more than 30 times as an expert in news articles about numerous and varied aspects of Detroit’s bankruptcy proceedings.

She is frequently quoted by local news organizations, including The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press.

National media outlets also have sought out her expertise. They include: CNN, MSNBC, National Public Radio, Reuters, Voice of America and Yahoo News.

Bartell joined the Wayne Law faculty in 1996 after 17 years of private practice. She was a partner with New York’s Shearman & Sterling, specializing in bank financing and bankruptcy work.

She is a member of the American Law Institute and American Bankruptcy Institute and has published several books and numerous articles on bankruptcy topics, federal court-awarded attorneys’ fees and costs, and the attorney/client privilege and work-product doctrine.

HALL PUBLISHES CASEBOOK, CHAPTER EXAMINING WATER LAW ISSUES, ENVIRONMENT

Associate Professor Noah D. Hall is co-author of a new casebook, Modern Water Law: Private Property, Public Rights, and Environmental Protections.

Hall co-wrote the book with Robert W. Adler, interim dean and James I. Farr Chair in Law at the University of Utah’s S.J. Quinney College of Law, and Robin K. Craig, the William H. Leary Professor of Law at Quinney.

The book, published in September by Foundation Press, provides a comprehensive text to study the range of legal issues and doctrines that affect water resources.

Hall also co-wrote a chapter in a new book, Water Without Borders? Canada, the United States, and Shared...
Waters, published by University of Toronto Press. Hall’s chapter, written with Professor Jamie Linton of Queen’s University in Ontario, Canada, is “The Great Lakes: A Model of Transboundary Cooperation.”

DUBINSKY VISITS CHINA TO PROMOTE WAYNE LAW’S MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM

Associate Professor Paul Dubinsky, director of graduate studies, spent 10 days in December in China, working on student and faculty exchange agreements.

He visited Beijing Normal University and China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing; Hhuazong University of Science and Technology and Hubei University in Wuhan; Shandong University in Jinan, where he presented on U.S. national security law; and Northwest University of Politics and Law in Xi’an.

A growing number of Chinese students are expected to study law in the United States, and Wayne Law is well poised with several master of laws degrees to offer. Partnerships have been formed with Beijing Normal University and the China University of Political Science and Law for that purpose, thanks to Dubinsky’s visit and a trip to China in June by Interim Dean Jocelyn Benson.

A faculty exchange also is in the works.

Over the summer, Dubinsky organized a program that brought groups of students from several Chinese universities to Wayne Law to spark their interest in the master of laws program.

Part of Dubinsky’s recent trip was coordinated with WSU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Confucius Institute.

HAMMER EXPANDS HUMAN RIGHTS WORK WITH NEW BOOK, BOARD APPOINTMENT

Professor Peter Hammer had a new book published and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Center for Khmer Studies in Cambodia in 2013.

He is director of Wayne Law’s Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. He spends a part of each summer in Cambodia, where he’s also a board member of the nonprofit Life & Hope Association, a program to educate and care for disadvantaged women and children.

His book, Change and Continuity at the World Bank: Reforming Paradoxes of Economic Development, was published in September by Edward Elgar Publishing. It examines what role the training and background of the economists who lead the World Bank have made in efforts to reform it.

Economic development in Cambodia is just one area the professor will continue to study through his new affiliation with the Center for Khmer Studies and is part of the grassroots work for justice and human rights in Cambodia that he began in 1993.

HENNING PUBLISHES 3 BOOKS; TOPICS INCLUDE WHITE COLLAR, SECURITIES CRIMES

Professor Peter J. Henning co-authored his ninth, 10th and 11th books recently.

The third edition of the treatise White Collar Crime was published in October by West Academic Publishing. Co-authors with Henning are professors Jerold H. Israel, University of Michigan Law School; Nancy J. King, Vanderbilt University Law School; and Ellen S. Podgor, Stetson University College of Law.

The casebook Criminal Pretrial Advocacy, published by West Academic Publishing, came out in June. Authors with Henning are Leonid Feller, a former assistant U.S. attorney, and Karen McDonald Henning, an assistant professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and Peter Henning’s wife.


CALKINS TEACHING AT IRISH UNIVERSITY DURING AGENCY APPOINTMENT IN IRELAND

Professor Stephen Calkins, who is on leave while serving at a national agency in Ireland, also is doing some teaching at a university in Dublin.

He was appointed an adjunct professor in fall 2013 at University College Dublin. The appointment is for a three-year period. He is assigned to the UCD Sutherland Law School. The position is an honorary one without remuneration.

Calkins has been on leave since December 2011 while serving as a member of the Competition Authority of Ireland and director of its Mergers Division. Immediately before assuming the position, he had been serving since 2008 as associate vice president for academic personnel at Wayne State, while also teaching a reduced load at Wayne Law.
Expanding clinics, internships, programs offer hands-on experience

Wayne Law students have more opportunities than ever before to gain hands-on experience as advocates, preparing them for real-world jobs and benefiting the community, as well.

Students at Wayne Law, through internships, various programs and legal clinics, are learning to act as lawyers, not just think as lawyers.

“Today’s employers are looking for candidates who excel in both legal theory and practice,” Interim Dean Jocelyn Benson said. “More and more, they are looking to hire graduates who have already worked for legal practitioners on actual cases and have experienced firsthand the inner workings of the legal system. Wayne Law’s programs and client clinics help bridge the gap between theory and practice.”

The Law School continues to put increasing emphasis on experiential learning. As of August 2013, all incoming Wayne Law students are required to earn a minimum of six credits in professional skills beyond the traditional legal classroom work before graduation. That experience often comes through working in one or more of Wayne Law’s legal clinics, where students practice law for real clients under the guidance of seasoned attorneys.

Clinics preparing Wayne Law students for the real world of lawyering are:

- Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic
- Business and Community Law Clinic
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Clinic
- Criminal Appellate Practice
- Free Legal Aid Clinic
- Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic
- Patent Procurement Clinic
- Transnational Environmental Law Clinic
“It’s one thing to learn the law to take an exam,” said Assistant (Clinical) Professor David Moss, director of clinical education. “It’s another to use the law to interview, counsel and represent real clients. Clinical legal education integrates theory and practice.”

The increasingly extensive experiential training Wayne Law students receive is getting applause from legal job recruiters.

“There’s no doubt in my mind that the best prepared students are those who do something beyond taking classes in law school,” said John Mitchell, ’86, an executive partner and hiring partner with Secrest Wardle. “Having actual experience is far, far better for their development and for what it takes to be a practicing lawyer. And, frankly, I think they do better on the bar exam. They get a sharper sense of what it takes to be a lawyer, and they get career objectives.”

Elizabeth Luckenbach, a partner at Jaffee Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC and head of the firm’s recruiting committee, agrees.

“Requiring students to take a number of credits by working in clinics or though internships enhances the students’ marketability to law firms by giving those students the opportunity to begin learning how to be an advocate for a client,” she said. “We’ve found that students who truly get the chance to advocate for a client through practical experience in law school make an easier transition to the practice of law in the firm setting.”

Faculty and students at Wayne Law also are excited by the continuing move toward more experiential legal education.

“By far, the Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic has been the most rewarding experience I’ve had in law school,” said third-year student Megan O’Neil. “The hands-on experience I’ve gained, especially in interacting one-on-one with clients, has been invaluable. Working in the clinic has given me confidence in my abilities as a future attorney, and the clinic faculty and staff have been an amazing source of advice, guidance and feedback.”

The Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic, under the direction of Assistant Professor Rachel Settlage, has represented clients from countries around the world, including Burundi, Cameroon, Cote D’Ivoire, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia and Uganda.

“Students represent indigent or low-income clients, who could not otherwise afford legal assistance, and have the opportunity to work on a wide variety of immigration cases and gain experience working with federal agencies, such as the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Immigration Courts,” Settlage said. “Students in this clinic also have the opportunity to be involved with local community outreach and informational programs.”

The Transnational Environmental Law Clinic, under the direction of Assistant (Clinical) Professor Nick Schroeck, ’07, also puts students to work with attorneys on actual cases and projects. The clinic is a partnership with the University of Windsor Law School in Ontario, Canada, making it the first clinic of its kind in the United States.

“We operate under the belief that law students can and must play a critical role in shaping environmental law in Michigan and nationally,” said Schroeck, who also is executive director of the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center. “The skills that our students gain in the clinic enable them to hit the ground running at their first job out of law school. We want our students to not only be book smart but to have the practical skills and experience that prepares them to be effective advocates on day one at a law firm, government agency or not-for-profit organization. We also strive to train the next generation of environmental attorneys with the skills and knowledge to be leaders in the field.”

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Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer, a program that gained clinical status at Wayne Law in 2013, is a partnership with the Karmanos Cancer Center. Under the direction of its creator, Kathryn Smolinski, ’11, the clinic provides free legal assistance to low-income cancer patients while training law students to be effective advocates for people with compelling needs.

“We are so proud of the Wayne Law students and the attorneys who work with them for the important community service and the invaluable life lessons this clinic is providing,” Smolinski said. “Our students are learning hands-on lawyering skills, putting their knowledge to work and, most importantly, learning to do it with compassion and understanding for individuals who need it most.”

Assistant (Clinical) Professor Eric Williams, director of the Program for Entrepreneurship and Business Law, supervises two clinics: the Business and Community Law Clinic, which operates much like a small law firm, and the Patent Procurement Clinic.

“The Program for Entrepreneurship and Business Law is working closely with faculty committees to incorporate more and more experiential learning into the curriculum,” Williams said. “This means more than simply a more interesting academic experience. This approach also provides students with the opportunity to enter the job market with experience. Just as significantly, internships and clinics provide important legal services to the Detroit community, reflecting Wayne Law’s role as part of the fabric of the city.”

Thomas Helmholdt, founding member of Helmholdt Law PLC, an intellectual property firm in Rochester Hills, teaches the patent clinic, the only clinic in Michigan affiliated with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Christopher Darrow, ’00, a patent attorney, was instrumental in getting the clinic started in 2012.

“Not only is the patent clinic educating students, but it also is stimulating the local economy by providing free legal services to startup companies who otherwise would not be able to hire an attorney,” he said.

For second-year student Steven Knox, clinical work is a chance to gain legal skills while helping others. He participates in the Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic.

“Professors Moss and Smolinski teach, guide and support student interns as we acquire legal skills with a human context,” Knox said. “Most importantly, I am privileged to collaborate with other lawyers and health professionals to alleviate some of the suffering of cancer patients. For me, this combination of empathy, compassion and legal advocacy is the best use of the law, and the reason I chose Wayne State University Law School.”

NEW ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT INCREASES EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Wayne Law students now are required to dive deeper into the actual practice of law to make them the best candidates for jobs in any legal field.

Under a new academic requirement that started in fall 2013, all incoming students are required to take a minimum of six credits that offer substantial instruction in professional skills beyond the traditional legal classroom work of research, writing and analysis. That hands-on learning can come from law clinics and/or credited internships.

“The new academic requirement guarantees that students will have opportunities to take law courses that focus on experiential learning, such as working with real clients in clinics and internships or learning in-depth practice skills,” Interim Associate Dean Lance Gable said. “These opportunities will help ensure our graduates continue to be the best trained lawyers in Michigan and beyond.”
A new clinic, Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer, has been added to the curriculum at Wayne Law.

The law clinic, which grew out of a medical-legal partnership started through a law student fellowship in 2011, is the first of its kind in Michigan and one of the first in the nation. It began as a six-credit course in January.

The program is as a partnership between Wayne Law and the Karmanos Cancer Center and provides free legal assistance to low-income cancer patients while training law students to be effective advocates for people with compelling needs.

For the oncology social workers who work with the patients at Karmanos treatment centers in Detroit and Farmington Hills, the clinic’s attorneys and law students offer timely solutions to a lot of extremely difficult situations.

Oncology social worker Nancy Iles of Karmanos in Detroit told of a 42-year-old woman in her care who has terminal cancer and has been denied Social Security Disability. The woman is deeply concerned about her family.

“She’s got little kids, and she’s going to die,” Iles said.

Helping patients navigate the system to get public benefits is one of the legal services the clinic often is asked to provide. Planning estates and helping patients keep their jobs and homes while their cancer treatment is ongoing are other frequently sought services.

For many of Iles’ low-income patients, these situations are overwhelming, especially as the patients are struggling to get better or to stabilize their disease and meet the ends of their lives, she said.

Oncology social worker Kathleen Hardy of the Karmanos Treatment Center in Farmington Hills offered a few examples of patients’ legal needs she’s encountered:

“We have a single woman with stage 4 ovarian cancer who lives on Social Security Disability of $800 a month. She wants to make out a will so her end-of-life concerns are honored. She doesn’t know how she can afford to do this.

“I have a woman with stage 4 colorectal cancer who has been evicted. She has an income of $600 a month, and her husband lost his job. She wants to know how long it will be until she’s actually put out on the street and if she has any recourse.

“I have a man with advanced prostate cancer and dementia, and his wife approached me because they have no children and they now feel the need to plan for his guardianship. They believe other relatives that they are not close to are trying to take over. They need legal advice that they can trust.”

The clinic’s service is prompt and personal, the social workers said.

“It’s just been wonderful,” Iles said. They research things for me so I can explain them to a patient. Their response time is incredible. They come to the

**Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer receives FULL CLINIC STATUS**

New students working with the Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic pose with clinic faculty after being sworn in Jan. 14 by the Honorable Marilyn Kelly, Wayne Law’s distinguished jurist in residence.

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patient, and they’re courteous, compassionate and professional ... Now, for the first time, I have a specific place where I can go and get answers and get help.”

The clinic began with Kathryn Smolinski, who in 2011 was a third-year Wayne Law student working with the Law School’s Disability Law Clinic. She won a two-year Equal Justice Works Fellowship to develop the partnership and the program that today is the Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic. The fellowship was sponsored by Pfizer Inc. and the law firms of Kaye Scholer LLP and Jackson Lewis LLP.

Smolinski completed her law degree and worked with David Moss, director of clinical education at Wayne Law, to create a successful program from the fellowship. Several alumni helped, as well.

During the fellowship’s second year, Smolinski and Moss, working with Wayne Law Interim Dean Jocelyn Benson, sought new funding to keep the program going and turn it into a full-fledged clinic. Funding came from private donors, Karmanos and WSU.

During its two-year tenure, the program had served more than 100 cancer patients and their families.

Smolinski, who worked for 20 years as an oncology social worker before attending law school, is now director of the new clinic she helped to create.

“Working with cancer patients and their families is truly my passion,” she said. “I know through professional experience that health care is a fragmented system. I am convinced that legal assistance can be instrumental in easing the cancer disease burden and improving quality of life if provided in a timely, sensitive and competent way.”

Civil rights law is the focus of a new clinic that debuted for winter semester 2014 at Wayne Law.

The Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Clinic, a collaborative venture between Wayne Law and the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, allows students to litigate civil rights and civil liberties impact cases before state and federal courts.

Michael Steinberg, ’89, legal director of the ACLU of Michigan, is teaching the clinic as a visiting professor. The students had just been sworn in Jan. 14 by the Honorable Marilyn Kelly.

Students will be exposed to the full range of issues on the ACLU of Michigan docket, including freedom of speech and expression; racial justice; poverty and civil liberties; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights; police misconduct; privacy; women’s rights; juvenile justice; reproductive freedom; voting rights; religious freedom; immigrant rights; the right to counsel; and prisoner rights.

Working in pairs, the students will be the primary handlers for a basic ACLU of Michigan case and participate in all significant events and decisions related to it. Each student also will be assigned specific duties in one or more complex cases that address issues of particular interest to the student.
Cara Dukes, in blue, plays with children from Detroit Innovation Academy. This game is called The Human Knot. Dukes says children don’t consider activities like this as “exercise.” They just know it’s fun.

La w clinic helps businesswoman pursue her dream

Cara Dukes has a vision: She wants to use her experience in sports, health initiatives and marketing to combat childhood and adolescent obesity in the Detroit area.

A certified personal trainer with a master’s degree in science administration, Dukes, in January 2013, created America Defeating Adolescent Obesity. Known as ADAO (ah-day-oh), the nonprofit organization sends coaches into schools to revitalize physical and health education and recess activities, as well as use programs to create fun exercise opportunities and infuse nutritional literacy into children’s lives.

She heard about Wayne Law’s Business and Community Law Clinic through a friend and made an inquiry. The clinic provides free legal services to qualifying small businesses, startups and nonprofit organizations. Services are provided by second- and third-year law students under the direct supervision of licensed attorneys.

The clinic’s staff and students listened to her idea and went to work, free of charge, to help make her dream a reality.

“They came to us with a beautiful vision, and by working closely with them to apply for their 501(c) (3) exemption, we were able to identify legal and logistical obstacles and work together in finding solutions to strengthen their business plans,” said third-year student Weiling Chou, who worked in the clinic helping Dukes.

Dukes said the experience was amazing.

“They were very mature beyond their years in terms of knowledge and how they helped and used resources within the clinic,” she said. “I’m not a lawyer, I’m a businesswoman, but they really made it easy for me to understand what I needed to do, and they were very accessible and knowledgeable. Having help from the clinic really allowed me to think about the business and where I wanted to take it.”

So far, she has taken her new program on a regular basis into a public charter school, Detroit Innovation Academy, and a church, Leland Missionary Baptist Church. A physical activity race for children is in the works for the coming summer. Many Detroit area schools don’t have the funding for regular physical education and health programs, Dukes said, and many neighborhoods aren’t set up for outdoor play. She would like to change that, one project at a time.

With a viable business plan created by working with the Wayne Law clinic and her nonprofit status, Dukes was able to find a sponsor, the national nonprofit North Woodward Community Foundation, to make grant applications for her organization easier. It took six months, but some grant funds recently came through, and Dukes is buying exercise and play equipment for her programs designed to help make Detroit-area children healthier.

“I believe that adolescent obesity can be defeated with increased access to healthy living,” Dukes said.

And Wayne Law believes in supporting people and businesses with the vision to make the community better.
The first year of Wayne Law’s Program for Entrepreneurship and Business Law has seen rousing success on all fronts.

The program, under the leadership of Assistant (Clinical) Professor Eric Williams, coordinates the school’s broad array of business law courses, clinics and internships, as well as many extracurricular, co-curricular and community engagement activities.

In its first year, the program has supplied, free of charge, more than $200,000 worth of legal services to local inventors and has provided legal and business assistance to dozens of entrepreneurs and nonprofit organizations in the metro Detroit area.

For students, participation in the program means more than extensive legal coursework. It also means working with real clients through the Entrepreneurship Immersion Program, which places students with an established business or startup, or through two clinics – the Business and Community Law Clinic and the Patent Procurement Clinic, the only patent clinic in Michigan affiliated with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Both clinics offer a variety of legal services to qualifying small businesses and nonprofits. The services are provided by law students working under the supervision of experienced attorneys.

And it means students get a chance to support business development in the Detroit area.

“You get to work right along with new, developing companies on strategic business work,” said third-year student Christopher Attar, who has worked with clients through the Business and Community Law Clinic and through the Entrepreneurship Immersion Program. “We are actually helping with business, marketing and other areas of need.”

In its first year, the Program for Entrepreneurship and Business Law also has worked hand-in-hand with many community and business partners, including Blackstone LaunchPad, D:hive, Milwaukee Junction Business Center, Southwest Solutions and TechTown.

Wayne Law’s Program for Entrepreneurship and Business Law has a new advisory board, created to advise the director, help raise money and make sure the program is attuned to the needs of students, as well as those of the business and legal communities.

Advisory board members are:
- Mark Bennett, partner, ML Bennett PLLC
- Scott Benson, Detroit councilman
- Sheu-Jane Gallagher, director of entrepreneurial services, TechTown
- Justin Hanna, president of Wayne Law’s Business Law Society
- Evette Hollins, manager of urban initiatives, Detroit Regional Chamber
- Gabe Karp, partner, Detroit Venture Partners
- Spencer Olinek, business development manager, Detroit Economic Growth Corp.
- Ned Staebler, vice president for economic development, WSU
- Peter Sugar, partner, Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC

Third-year student Brittany Bradshaw is enthusiastic about her work with the Business and Community Law Clinic and about being able to help serve the community.

“One of the most exciting aspects of the clinic is the fact that all of the clients are located in the Detroit area, so not only are you learning and gaining legal experience, but you are playing a role in the growth of Detroit,” she said.

Third-year student Weiling Chou is studying for a career in business law, and helping startups and a nonprofit through her clinic work was exciting, she said, adding that one of the reasons she chose Wayne Law was to take part in the revival of Detroit.

“I got to work closely in the clinic with two startups and one nonprofit, all of which were trying to make a positive impact in Detroit,” Chou said.
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN HONORS 5 WAYNE LAW ALUMNI

Wayne Law alumni Eugene Driker, ’61; Robert Mossel, ’96; Valerie Newman, ’92; the Hon. Chad Schmucker, ’77; and Elizabeth Stafford, ’93, were honored Sept. 18 at the State Bar of Michigan Awards Banquet in Lansing.

Driker and Newman received the Champion of Justice Award.

Driker, a founding member of Barris Sott Denn & Driker, serves on WSU’s Board of Governors. He has served as lead or co-lead trial counsel in numerous business, state and municipal cases, including representing one of the state’s largest utilities in a $500 million fraud and breach of contract action brought by a major industrial firm.

Newman is an assistant defender of the State Appellate Defender Office in Detroit and an adjunct clinical professor at Wayne Law and the University of Michigan Law School. In 2011, she argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in Lafler v. Cooper, resulting in an opinion clarifying that the constitutional right to effective assistance of counsel includes guilty plea negotiations. She also litigated People v. Thomas (and Raymond) Highers, resulting in the release of two men who each had served 25 years for crimes they didn’t commit.

Mossel was honored with the State Bar’s John W. Cummiskey Pro Bono Award. An attorney with Ford Motor Credit Co., Mossel chairs the company’s active pro bono committee. Since 2009, Ford’s pro bono program has been nationally recognized by a number of organizations for its efforts.

Stafford was honored with the State Bar’s Representative Assembly Unsung Hero Award. A prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Michigan, for more than 10 years, she serves in the office’s Public Corruption unit. She serves on the State Bar’s Executive Board of the Federal Bar Association, has co-chaired the FBA Diversity Committee, spearheaded the FBA Diversity Mentoring initiative and partnered with the Just the Beginnings Foundation, a judge-led effort to create a pipeline to the legal profession beginning with high-school age students of color.

Schmucker was honored with the State Bar Foundation’s Access to Justice Award. At the time of the award, Schmucker had been serving as state court administrator since 2011. In September, Schmucker was selected to be the eighth president of the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno.

ZACKS HONORED WITH GORDON TEACHING AWARD

Assistant Professor Eric Zacks was honored with the Wayne Law 2013 Donald H. Gordon Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Zacks was presented the award Sept. 19 at the annual Wayne Law Alumni Reception hosted by the Law School as part of State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting events in Lansing.

The award is named for a former Wayne Law dean, who served from 1975 to 1980, and includes a $1,000 stipend.

Zacks’ recent scholarship focuses on the relevance of behavioral sciences to contract formation, breach and enforcement. His work has been widely published. In 2012 and 2013, he was voted Professor of the Year by the second- and third-year law students.

Prior to joining Wayne Law, Zacks was a partner in the corporate and securities department of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, a Detroit law firm, with a practice focus on complex acquisitions and divestitures, debt and equity financings, and other aspects of corporate transactions. He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Michigan and his law degree from Harvard Law School.
State Rep. Jim Townsend is finding his studies as a first-year student in the evening program at Wayne Law to be helpful to his work in Lansing. “Every day, I’m a better legislator for having come to law school,” Townsend, D-Royal Oak, said. “What I’ve learned in the Contracts course alone about how the law looks at what arrangements it chooses to enforce and what it doesn’t tells you a lot about how the law mediates our interactions. It helps you understand what’s coming down the road if you’re contemplating a policy change, if you understand how it might play out in court.”

He said it can be challenging working as a legislator and going to law school at the same time, plus having some family time with his wife, Jennie, and his two teenage sons, Jack and Will. “I have a very understanding wife and kids,” Townsend said. “I do miss dinner three or four nights a week. Then most of the evening is consumed with the kids doing homework.”

He laughed. “I get home and I join them,” Townsend said. “The only way to pull this off is to be very disciplined about your time and prioritizing things.”

He decided to add a law degree to his academic credentials – he has a bachelor’s degree in history from the University of North Carolina, as well as a master of business administration degree and master’s degree in public policy from the University of Michigan – to be better able to work on improving public issues, whether as a legislator or in some other capacity in the future, he said. “Now that I’m in the Legislature, I really see how much we struggle to get things accomplished,” Townsend said. “What ought to bind us together is a belief in the rule of law. What goes hand in hand with that is a belief in concerted public action through the law, the things we empower our public servants to do on our behalf. But for the last several years in Lansing, I see how damaged the system is. That’s a big part of why I’m doing this. If you want to fix the problem, address the issue, you have to understand the building blocks of the public system. The law’s really at the center of that.”

He chose to attend Wayne Law because of the flexibility of its program, allowing him to go to classes in the evening and over the summer, he said. “And I’ve known a lot of graduates – friends, colleagues and employees – who went through Wayne Law,” Townsend said. “I’m really aware of the quality of the program and the students.”

Townsend is in his second term as a state representative for the 26th House District, which comprises Madison Heights and Royal Oak. His other work experience includes founding a consulting business, serving as executive director of the Tourism Economic Development Council, founding and directing the nonprofit Michigan Suburbs Alliance, leading national marketing and sales for Ford Motor Co.’s minivan division, and serving as a staff member in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Even if he runs for and is elected to a third term, he’ll be forced by term limits to leave the Legislature after he serves those two years. His plans for future work? “I’m not sure what comes next,” Townsend said, “but I’d like to stay involved with the public square, with public issues, in some capacity.”

And a law degree will be an asset, no matter what his new role might be, he said.
Szypa receives Rakow scholarship from Federal Bar Association

Third-year student Alex Szypa was awarded the Edward H. Rakow Scholarship Award by the Federal Bar Association.

The $1,500 award is given each fall to one student at each of Michigan’s five law schools. Winning students must demonstrate outstanding scholarly achievement in securities, operations or business law, as determined by the dean of the law school. The scholarships were presented Nov. 19.

Szypa works as an intellectual property law clerk at Carlson Gaskey & Olds in Birmingham.

Szypa holds a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and is registered to practice as a patent agent before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He also is associate editor of The Wayne Law Review.

Inks wins 1st place in state journal’s environmental writing competition

Nathan Inks, a second-year student, won first place in the Michigan Environmental Law Journal writing competition in September.

He was awarded $2,000 for his first-place essay, “Wetland Mitigation in Michigan: Working Toward the Goal of No Net Loss of Wetlands.”

Turner develops app, competes in Accelerate Michigan competition

Second-year student Paul Alonzo Turner III competed in the Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition’s collegiate division in fall 2013.

Only 25 entries out of hundreds are accepted.

Turner’s startup idea, Mygotonumber Inc., is for an app that will manage all those stored contacts in your smartphone and back them up in the cloud for easy access, even if you don’t have your phone with you.

Turner is a part-time consultant through his Pontiac-based marketing business, GPS Community Consulting Inc. He also formed a new company with five friends; that company’s entry was the one accepted into the competition.


Goze wins 3rd prize in national writing contest sponsored by ABA

Third-year student Yunjoo Goze was awarded third prize in a national writing contest sponsored by two committees of the American Bar Association in August.

Her paper, “Unexpected Hurdle for Decoupling in Michigan,” originally was written for Assistant Professor Brandon Hofmeister’s Energy Law class. The professor encouraged her to submit the paper in the 2012-13 Energy Law Student Writing Competition sponsored by the association’s Renewable, Alternative & Distributed Energy Resources Committee and the Energy & Environment Markets and Finance Committee.

Her work discusses an April 2012 opinion from the Michigan Court of Appeals stating that the Michigan Public Service Commission exceeded its authority in 2010 when it authorized Detroit Edison to adopt a revenue decoupling mechanism (rate adjustments separated from sales volume) under the state’s 2008 Clean, Renewable and Efficient Energy Act.

Goze’s paper delves into the details of the issue and concludes that the appellate court’s decision is “a harsh blow to the effort to implement effective energy-efficient policies.” She originally learned about the case in Hofmeister’s class, she said.

Goze also has worked with Wayne Law’s Transnational Environmental Law Clinic.
Wayne Law’s Career Services Office offered numerous programs in 2013 and helped students enjoy tremendous success over the summer getting jobs and internships.

Wayne Law students worked for law firms, corporations, judges, government agencies and nonprofit organizations, and employers continued to aggressively recruit Wayne Law students throughout the summer, said Krystal Gardner, assistant dean for Career Services.

“Indeed, employers that began recruiting in mid-summer were disappointed to find few candidates available,” Gardner said. “Most Wayne Law students had already been snapped up.”

As a rising third-year law student, Angela Strobel applied for a job as a litigation law clerk with Potestivo & Associates P.C. in July, when her internship with the Wayne Mediation Center ended, and was offered the post as she drove home from the interview.

“The Career Services Office provided me with valuable tips and reviewed my resume when I began my job search,” Strobel said. “Most of all, they helped me build confidence in my skills and abilities, which ultimately helped me land the position.”

Career Services sponsors interview programs, career fairs, networking events, tours of law firms, on-campus interview sessions and workshops throughout the year. The office offers comprehensive career planning assistance to students, including one-on-one counseling, resume assistance and mock interviews. An online job bank allows students and graduates to search for employment opportunities.

In fall 2013, Career Services sponsored more than a dozen panel discussions, where legal experts gave advice on topics including securing judicial clerkships and internships, using summers to become more marketable, landing job interviews, interviewing etiquette, handling callback interviews, finding jobs and thriving in them, transitioning from student to lawyer, working for small and midsize law firms, and finding career opportunities in commercial litigation and intellectual property law.

An Oct. 9 panel discussion, “Diversity in Prosecution,” jointly sponsored with the Hispanic Bar Association, brought U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade and Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Lisa Lindsey to Wayne Law to speak to students.

One major event each year is the August “Evening at the Ballpark with Wayne Law,” a chance for second- and third-year students to mingle with members of the legal community and enjoy a Tigers baseball game together.

Career Services can help alumni with:

- Career advising
- Career publications
- Correspondence critiques
- Job postings
- Judicial clerkships
- Mock interviews
- Out-of-state job search assistance
- Resume and job search
Professor Michael J. McIntyre
Wayne Law Professor Michael J. McIntyre died Aug. 14 in his Ann Arbor home after an extended illness. He was 71.

An internationally recognized authority on taxation, he joined Wayne Law as a visiting associate professor in 1975 and became a full professor in 1977. In 2012, he was elected to the Academy of Scholars in recognition of his academic achievements and received the WSU Presidential Award for Excellence in Service for his outstanding contributions to the university.

McIntyre was born in Attleboro, Mass., in 1942. He graduated from Providence College in 1964 and then served in the Peace Corps in Bhopal, India, where he taught mathematics and English and helped build windmills. He then studied at Harvard Law School, graduating in 1969, and later returned to become director of training for Harvard Law’s International Tax Program. Prior to joining the Wayne Law faculty, McIntyre practiced with a tax firm in Washington, D.C. He also taught at the University of Virginia Law School (1976-77), University of Michigan Law School (1995) and Utrecht University (2005).

He was the founding editor of Tax Notes International, publishing many books and articles on a wide variety of tax topics. He was a frequent consultant to the United Nations, as well as to national governments on six continents, including Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, New Zealand, Peru, Romania, Spain, United States and Vietnam, and to a variety of U.S. state governments.

At WSU, he played a key role in the Law School academic senate, with union negotiations, and on the university governing body. In 1982-83, he was the inaugural holder of a WSU Career Development Chair, and in 1990 he received the Board of Governors’ Faculty Recognition Award for his book, The International Income Tax Rules of the United States.

McIntyre wrote widely on a variety of tax topics, including the taxation of the family and the international aspects of taxation. He participated regularly on interdisciplinary projects with economists and served as chairman of the Federal Taxation and Finance Committee of the National Tax Association from 1994 to 1996.

He is survived by his wife, May Ping Soo Hoo; two sons, Devin and Colin McIntyre; and seven siblings and their families.

A memorial service was Aug. 24 in St. Mary’s Student Parish, Ann Arbor. Donations in his memory may be made to prostate cancer research at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

Professor Emeritus Ralph Slovenko
Professor Emeritus Ralph Slovenko, who retired May 15 after 44 years at Wayne Law, died Nov. 3. He was 86.

One of the nation’s most-respected experts in forensic psychology, Slovenko was known for being outspoken as well as scholarly. He was the author of hundreds of articles and 10 books, including the acclaimed Psychiatry in Law/Law in Psychiatry, published in a second edition in 2009. He was editor of the American Series in Behavioral Science and Law and a regular contributor to The Journal of Psychiatry & Law.

His book, Psychiatry in Law, published in 1973, was awarded the Manfred Guttmacher Award of the American Psychiatric Association, cited as “a monumental work” and named Book of the Month Club selection of the Behavior Science Book Club.

Slovenko spoke five languages and was active with the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield and the local Holocaust Memorial Center.

He earned a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, doctorate in psychology and law degree from Tulane University, where he once was on the track and field team and held a residency in psychiatry.

He loved to travel and lectured in countries including Australia, France, Israel, Japan, Russia and South Africa. He was a guest professor at Haifa University in Israel and Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

In addition to his tenure in academia, Slovenko’s background included serving as a law clerk to Louisiana Supreme Court Justice E. Howard McCaleb, a Fulbright Scholar in France, a New Orleans senior assistant district attorney, a practicing attorney and a U.S. District Court commissioner for Judge J. Skelly Wright.

His survivors include his wife, Natalia Lilenko; son, Boris Korjov; and a grandchild.

A memorial service was Nov. 7 in Hebrew Memorial Chapel, Oak Park. The family suggests donations in his memory may be made to Tulane University, the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield or the Detroit Institute of Arts.
1950s

Bruce Miller, ’54, was appointed to the external board of Labor at Wayne, housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He is president of Miller Cohen PLC, a labor law firm.

Hon. Damon J. Keith, L.L.M., ’56, was honored with a 2013 Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit. The award was presented in Washington, D.C., during Law Day 2013 by the Washington Bar Association and Washington Bar Association Educational Foundation. He also was honored at West Virginia State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1943, when the school's new residence hall was christened the Judge Damon J. Keith Scholars Hall. Keith, for whom the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law is named, has served as a U.S. Court of Appeals judge since 1977.

Hon. Harold Hood, ’59, received the ninth annual Dennis W. Archer Award for Public Service presented by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation. Hood has spent his adult life serving the community as a soldier, attorney, public servant, educator and as chief judge pro tem of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

1960s

Eugene Driker, ’61, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 in the field of commercial litigation, ethics and professional responsibility law, antitrust litigation and “bet-the-company” litigation. He has been recognized for more than 20 years. He is a member with Barris Sott Denn & Driker PLLC. He also was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Hon. Frank Viviano, ’61, and his family were named the 2013 Columbus Day honorees of the year in Macomb County. An attorney since 1962, Viviano has served as an assistant prosecuting attorney, director of the Organized Crime Division, probate judge and, since 2003, circuit judge, all in Macomb County. He and his wife, Alice Marie, have seven children.

1970s

Hon. Pat M. Donofrio, ’70, was appointed to serve on the state’s Court of Claims. He was a Macomb County circuit judge and served as presiding judge of the court’s civil/criminal division before his appointment to the Court of Appeals in 2002. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2004 and 2010.

Hon. William B. Murphy, ’70, was reappointed as chief judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals. He was appointed to the court in 1988 and has served as chief judge since November 2009. Under Murphy’s guidance, the Court of Appeals was named a leader in automation of court business practices by the National Center for State Courts.

Peter Sugar, ’70, was selected by Best Lawyers as a 2014 Lawyer of the Year in the practice areas of corporate law, mergers and acquisition law, securities/capital markets law and securities regulation. Sugar has been honored in The Best Lawyers in America for at least 10 years. He is a partner at Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC.

Hon. Marilyn Kelly, ’71, was named Woman of the Year by Michigan Lawyers Weekly. She is a former chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and Wayne Law’s Distinguished Jurist in Residence.

James Foresman, ’74, joined Dickinson Wright PLLC as a member in the firm’s Saginaw office. He focuses his practice on providing regulatory and transaction services for health care providers. He also was listed in The Best Lawyers in America for health care law.

Hon. Daniel Kelly, ’74, is among 20 circuit judges appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as a business court judge. This assignment continues through April 1, 2019. He participated in the Great Lakes States Complex Commercial/Business Court Litigation course provided by the National Judicial College in conjunction with the Michigan Judicial Institute. He also has been admitted to the American College of Business Court Judges and attended the annual meeting of the college at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Additionally, Kelly has been reappointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as chief judge of all trial courts in St. Clair County for a two-year term ending Jan. 1, 2016.

George Mercer, ’74, was named as a U.S. News Best Lawyer. He also is recognized as a Top Attorney in
Michigan by The New York Times. Mercer concentrates his practice with Giamarco Mullins & Horton PC in the areas of real estate, banking and finance, construction, condominium development, environmental and energy law and mortgage lending.

Ronald Bretz, ’76, is writing a legal textbook on criminal law with two colleagues. The book is due to be published in summer 2014. He served as an assistant defender with the State Appellate Defender Office for two decades before joining the Thomas M. Cooley Law School faculty. An expert in the field of serology and DNA scientific evidence, Bretz frequently lectures on the topics and has successfully argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lawrence Jordan, ’77, was selected by Best Lawyers as 2014 Lawyer of the Year for his work in copyright law. He is managing partner at the Ann Arbor office of Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC and leads the Jaffe Intellectual Property Practice Group as practice group coordinator. He also has received the John Hensel Award from the Arts Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section of the State Bar of Michigan and an honorary resolution from the Michigan Senate.

Hon. Chad Schmucker, ’77, Michigan state court administrator, was selected to be the eighth president of the National Judicial College. The college, founded in 1963, is one of the nation’s leading providers of judicial education and justice improvement initiatives. Housed at the University of Nevada, Reno, the college is a not-for-profit educational entity affiliated with the American Bar Association and governed by an 18-member Board of Trustees.

1980s

Gerald Acker, ’81, was elected president of the Michigan Association for Justice. He is co-founder and senior partner of Southfield-based Goodman Acker PC and specializes in personal injury litigation. He was recognized as one of the 2013 Michigan Super Lawyers, an honor he has received for six consecutive years.

James Derian, ’81, is incoming president of the Oakland County Bar Association. He is a litigation attorney with Delphi Automotive Systems.

Pamela Enslen, ’81, resident director of the Kalamazoo office of Miller Canfield, was one of only eight non-governmental organization observers allowed to attend the closed trial proceedings for Khalid Sheik Muhammad, the alleged mastermind of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and four others accused of being involved with planning the attacks. The proceedings were at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 2013. Enslen attended the trials on behalf of the American Bar Association. Enslen also was selected by her peers to the American Bar Association Board of Governors for a term ending in 2016. She was elected to a one-year term as board chair of the Kalamazoo-based nonprofit Gryphon Place.

Hon. John Hohman Jr., ’81, a 16-year veteran of the Monroe County Probate and Family Court, has been named state court administrator. He will head the State Court Administrative Office, the administrative agency of the Michigan Supreme Court. He co-founded Monroe County’s Court Appointed Special Advocates program to improve representation for children in abuse and neglect cases. In 2013, he was named Michigan Jurist of the Year by the Michigan Foster Care Review Board.

Stanley Pitts, ’81, was reappointed to the State Bar of Michigan Professional Ethics Committee for a term through September 2015. He joined the committee in 2009 and has served as its chairman. He is a partner in the Labor and Employment Department of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP and also serves the state bar as a member of a hearing panel for the Attorney Disciplinary Board and as a member of the Labor and Employment section.

Susan Sutton, ’82, was re-elected to serve a one-year term on the Board of Directors at Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC where she has served on the board for the past six years. She is a member of the firm’s Estate Planning and Probate practice group.

Jay Welford, ’82, was awarded the President’s Cup from the Commercial Law League of America. He is practice group coordinator for the insolvency and reorganization group at Southfield-based Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC, where he is a partner. Welford is also co-practice group coordinator for the franchise law practice group.

Alyssa Martina, ’83, was appointed to a three-year term on the Michigan Women’s Commission. Martina is CEO and publisher of Metro Parent Magazine and an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School, Gabelli Business School at Fordham University and School of Business Administration at Wayne State University.

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Crispin Birnbaum, ‘84, was appointed deputy commissioner for legal services in the Office of the Commissioner of Probation in Massachusetts. Birnbaum will act as general counsel to the commissioner and the Massachusetts Probation Service. She is formerly general counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services.

Annette Flood, ‘84, was named director of the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. She previously was deputy director.

James Kamp, ‘84, joined Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as a partner in the firm’s Intellectual Property Department’s IP Litigation Practice Group. He works out of Honigman’s office in Bloomfield Hills. Kamp joined Honigman from Rader Fishman & Grauer PLLC.

Daniel Minkus, ‘85, was named the recipient of the eighth annual Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award by the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section. Minkus is a member practicing in the Corporate Practice Group with Clark Hill PLC in Birmingham.

Nazli Sater, ‘85, was named chair of the Family Law/Divorce Practice Group at Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. She is a partner who practices in the firm’s Southfield office.

Lisa S. Lane, ’86, wrote and published *Firm Conviction: A Case Against Private Law Practice* (Strategic Book Publishing, 2009). She is a certified employment and labor law arbitrator.

Hon. Elizabeth Pezzetti, ‘86, was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, which drafts standard instructions for juries in civil cases. Pezzetti was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court as chief judge of the Oakland County Probate Court. Her term began Jan. 1. Pezzetti also serves in the Family Division. This will be her second term as chief judge. She previously served in the 2008-09 term.

Michael Schwartz, ’86, was named Great Lakes Partner/Principal of the Year as well as National Real Estate Consulting Lead at accounting firm McGladrey LLP in Chicago. Schwartz, a principal in the firm’s National Real Estate Group, heads up the more than 35-member Lease Consulting Practice.

Kathy Browne, ‘87, has received a third honor from the Daughters of the American Revolution – a state award for efforts in conservation and protection of Michigan resources through her Green!USA nonprofit organization. She also is a national conservation medal recipient, was awarded the Keep Michigan Beautiful president’s plaque and was the first Wayne County Master Gardener of the Year.

Dan Gilbert, ‘87, was selected by The Harvard Business School Club of Michigan as its Business Leader of the Year. Gilbert is founder and chairman of Detroit-based Quicken Loans Inc.

Patrick Karbowski, ’87, has joined the Detroit office of McDonald Hopkins in the firm’s Business Department. Karbowski was previously with Butzel Long. A past chair of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, he was awarded the C. Robert Wartell Distinguished Service Award for exemplary contributions to the section.

Stacey Washington, ’87, is teaching an online course on DUI Defense for Solo Practice University.

Michael Nader, ’88, was reappointed as an adjunct professor by the University of Notre Dame Law School, where he teaches an employee benefits course. He also continues to serve on the Strategic Policy Board of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP.

David Thoms, LL.M., ’88, principal in the Troy office of Miller Canfield, has been re-elected for a one-year term as president of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe and to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the French-American Foundation of New York City. At Miller Canfield, Thoms is a member of the Personal Services Group and co-leader of the Nonprofit and Charitable Organizations Group. He also was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of Madonna University.

Nanci Grant, ’89, was unanimously elected as chair of the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission. Grant, chief judge of Oakland County Circuit Court, was elected to the bench in 1996 and appointed in 2013 to a third, two-year term. She was elected in 2007 to the commission by the state’s circuit court judges as their representative.

Dawn Schluter, ’89, was appointed to the American Cancer Society’s Nationwide Gift Planning Advisor Council for the Great Lakes Region. The council consists of 16 volunteer leaders throughout the United States. She is a principal with Miller Canfield. She also was appointed chair of Women of Miller Canfield, the firm’s internal standing committee of women lawyers.

Laura Brodeur-McGeorge, ’90, was elected as a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She is a partner in Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn’s Labor and Employment Department. Admission to the college, a professional organization to honor leading lawyers, is by nomination and election by its Board of Governors.

Julie Isola, ’90, was named research director for the Michigan Court of Appeals. She joined the court as a law clerk in 1992. In 1999, she was named district commissioner in the Detroit Office of the Research Division.
James Sklar, '90, was named executive vice president and general counsel at Heritage Global Partners, a wholly owned subsidiary of Counsel RB Capital. Prior to joining Heritage, he spent 12 years with GoIndustry DoveBid.

Debra Auerbach Clephane, '91, was appointed to the Board of Directors at Vercruyssse Murray & Calzone PC. She was elected to the Council of the International Law Section, State Bar of Michigan, and co-chairs its Employment and Immigration Committee.

Sara Vander Werff, '91, has been elected city comptroller in Grand Rapids. She is the first woman elected to the post for a four-year term.

Timothy Andersson, '92, joined the Troy office of Dickinson Wright PLLC. Andersson also was named to 2013 Best Lawyers in America for corporate law.

Lori Grigg Bluhm, '92, was elected president of the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys. She served as vice president for the past two years. She was appointed Troy city attorney in 2001 after serving as assistant city attorney since 1995.

Cameron Evans, '92, was appointed vice chair of the Local Rules Advisory Committee for the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter. His one-year term ends June 30. He has been a member of the committee since July 2012. Evans is leader of the Employment Litigation and Employment Counseling and Strategic Workforce Planning Practice Groups at Honigman Miller Schwartz PC and Cohn LLP.

William Beekman, '93, was appointed to the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union Board of Directors. Beekman is vice president and secretary of the Board of Trustees at Michigan State University. He has served on the credit union’s Supervisory Committee since 2008.

Ramona Howard, '93, has joined Sommers Schwartz PC as a shareholder. She focuses her practice on medical malpractice, personal injury and appellate matters.

Peter Webster, '93, has been appointed chairman of the Board of Ethics by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder. The seven-member board serves as an advisory and investigatory committee, which determines the ethical conduct of classified and unclassified state employees and public officials in the executive branch of state government. Webster is a member in Dickinson Wright's Troy office.

Jessica Woll, '93, was named a diversity leader by Corp! Magazine. She is managing partner with Woll & Woll.

Lois Swartzell, '94, was appointed senior tax advisor for GE Capital EMEA and EMRG. In 2007, she joined GE Capital Corp. as a senior international tax counsel serving the Capital Solutions Europe business. In 2009, she was appointed transfer pricing leader of GE Capital EMEA, and in 2011, she moved into the role of senior tax manager of treasury tax matters for GE Capital EMEA and EMRG.

Sara Kruse, '96, was appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Directors at Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss PC, where she is a co-practice group coordinator for the Emerging and Growth Business practice group. Kruse is also a member of the Corporate and Securities Regulations practice groups at the firm. She is a member of Jaffe’s Women’s Caucus Group, which was awarded the inaugural Women’s Resource Center Award by the Michigan Women’s Foundation.

Carol Parker, '96, has been appointed associate provost for academic personnel at the University of New Mexico, where she has been a professor of law and associate dean for finance and administration in the law school.

DJ Culkar, '97, was promoted at Comerica Bank to senior vice president and general counsel – wealth management, retail bank, operations and regulatory affairs. Culkar joined Comerica in September 2006. He also continues to serve as chief regulatory and intellectual property legal counsel.

Jeffrey Hicks, '97, was re-elected to the Delta Township Board as a trustee. He also was elected to the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He serves on the board’s executive committee as general counsel. Hicks, a former managing partner of Hicks & Mullett PLLC, also joined Dart Container Corp. as assistant general counsel for corporate real estate.

Mark Baker, '98, joined the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s Office of Inspector General as a senior attorney advisor. His former position was as a senior attorney advisor to the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Inspector General. As a military reservist, he was promoted to the rank of commander in the U.S. Navy’s Judge Advocate General’s Corps. In his reserve capacity, he serves as the deputy judge advocate general for Fleet and Joint Operations at U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va.

Penny Mullin, LL.M., '99, was promoted to vice president and manager of estate planning at Tri-Star Trust Bank. She manages the bank’s legal and compliance areas. She previously held the position of relationship officer and estate planning specialist.

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David Bir, ’00, was appointed by Brooks Kushman to manage the firm’s Los Angeles office. Bir has been a shareholder at Brooks Kushman’s Southfield office for four years. Bir’s practice focuses primarily on U.S. and international patent preparation and prosecution.
Joshua Arnkoff, ’01, joined Southfield-based Collins Einhorn Farrell. Arnkoff will concentrate his practice on the defense of professional liability claims and the defense of general liability matters. He came to the firm from the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office.

Adrienne Dresevic, ’02, was appointed co-chair of the American Bar Association Publications Committee, liaison from that committee to The Health Lawyer Editorial Board, chair of the Stark & Anti-Kickback Toolkit Editorial Board, vice chair for the Revenue Committee and vice chair for the Physicians Legal Issues Conference. She is a founding partner of Southfield-based The Health Law Partners. She also spoke before the Radiology Business Management Association at its 2013 Building Better Radiology Marketing Program.

Robert Fergan, ’02, was appointed editor-in-chief of Landslide, a bi-monthly magazine of the American Bar Association’s Section of Intellectual Property Law that offers news and analysis on patents, trademarks, copyrights and related topics. He has served on the editorial board since 2005. He is a shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione.

Rasul Raheem, LL.M., ’03, is the new president of the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association. He is senior vice president and assistant general counsel at Bank of America in Troy.

Michael Hauser, ’04, joined Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as a partner in its Corporate Department’s Tax Practice Group. He is located in the firm’s Oakland County office.

Jessica Gustafson, ’05, was appointed vice chair of the Physician Issues Interest Group of the American Bar Association’s Health Law Section. Gustafson is a co-founder of The Health Law Partners.

Rodney Ploucha, ’06, joined the Detroit office of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP as an attorney in its Real Estate Department.

Amanda Pontes, ’06, was named to the No. 1 spot in DBusiness magazine’s feature on Top Young Lawyers. She is a member of Detroit-based law firm Bodman PLC and is a member of the firm’s Automotive and Industrial Team and Business Practice Group.

Ronda Tate, ’06, was awarded the Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award by the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section. Tate is an associate attorney at Lewis & Munday PC in Detroit. She was president-elect of the Wolverine Bar Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Barristers Section.

Shanta McMullan, ’07, has been elected to serve a one-year term on the Board of Directors of the Wolverine Bar Association. McMullan, based in Butzel Long’s Detroit office, concentrates her practice in labor and employment law.

Kimberly Yourchock, ’08, was named Barrister of the Year for her service as part of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association’s Barristers Section for young attorneys. She co-chaired the 2012-13 Barristers’ School Partnership Program, which connects area attorneys with high school students in Detroit public schools and provides mentorship and educational opportunities. She is with Jackson Lewis LLP in Southfield.

Amy Fredrickson, ’13, was hired by Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. Previously, she served as an intern for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly and as a consultant for Consulting Services Support Corp. in Troy.

Patrick Gunton, ’13, was hired by Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. Previously, he served as a legal intern with auto supplier Robert Bosch.

Jack Schulz, ’13, was elected as marshal on the national Supreme Senate of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. He previously served as the student member on the Supreme Senate.

Andreas Seidel, ’13, an international attorney affiliated with Butzel Long for the past four years, is now an associate based in the firm’s Detroit office.

In memoriam

We respectfully remember the following members of the Wayne Law community and acknowledge their passing with sorrow.

David W. Allard Jr., ’73
Bonnie Beutler, ’03
Hon. Patricia Boyle, ’63
Tiane Brown, 3L
LuVerne Conway, ’56
Former Adjunct Professor William Dance
Paul E. Dufault, ’60
Harold Dunne, ’12
Francis M. Huxley, ’59
Allan W. Johnstone, ’55
Leonard K. Kitchen, ’69
Professor Michael J. McIntyre
Fay A. O’Hare, ’61
Samuel T. Sanom, ’57
Professor Emeritus Ralph Slovenko
Alice Tankard, ’82
Adrian R. Vincent, ’73
Wayne Law’s first-year students include a firefighter, a professional figure skater, a homemaker, military veterans, teachers, engineers, a filmmaker and a state representative. Nearly all – 97 percent – of the class is from Michigan.

For Ameena Sheikh-Walczak, a competitive figure skater, the recommendations of alumni made her choose Wayne Law. While attending Oakland University full time, she worked part time as a coach and skated for Team USA. She now works as a professional skating coach. “A lot of the skaters I coached and skaters’ parents I know were Wayne alumni. They all recommended that I look into Wayne for law school,” said Sheikh-Walczak, who grew up in Lexington, Ky., and lives in Bloomfield Hills.

For Cornelius Porter III of Detroit, the choice of Wayne Law was based on its excellent reputation and because WSU offers so much support to veterans. “Those were the key factors for me,” said Porter, who is a U.S. Army veteran and an independent filmmaker who has formed his own company, Honor and Integrity Films. His first film, a documentary about two combat veterans and the difficult transition they have to make when they come home from overseas, premiered to a standing-room-only crowd at the Emagine Theater in Royal Oak in November 2012.

**Sampling of undergraduate majors:** accounting, biology, business administration, communications, economics, engineering, English, environmental studies, finance, French, German, history, journalism, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, Spanish