91 YEARS OF MOMENTS
AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL IN DETROIT
Letter from Dean

Richard A. Bierschbach

I’m excited to present to you the spring 2018 edition of The Wayne Lawyer.

For 91 years, Wayne Law has been part of the fabric of Wayne State University. As the university celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, we’re taking this opportunity to share some of the moments, milestones and memories that have made Wayne Law what it is today.

In this issue we’ve included a timeline highlighting champions like Cora Brown, who was the first African American woman in the country to be elected to a state Senate position. You’ll also read feature stories on inspiring alumnae, including Valerie Newman, a former state appellate defender who is leading the newly-formed Conviction Integrity Unit at the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

When it comes to milestones, our full-tuition Damon J. Keith Scholarship program is celebrating 10 years, and we’ve checked in with past recipients and current students to see how the program and Judge Keith’s legacy has impacted them.

Whether it’s consistently being named a Best Value Law School, or reading a story about our students or alumni doing something remarkable, Wayne Law gives me something new to be proud of every day.

Thank you for being a part of the Wayne Law community. I hope you enjoy this latest edition of The Wayne Lawyer.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Bierschbach
Dean and Professor of Law
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1927
A group of public-spirited lawyers, including founding Dean Allan Campbell, establish the Detroit City Law School as part of the Colleges of the City of Detroit.

1930
Mollie Hecker graduates but has to wait until her 21st birthday to become the youngest woman practicing law in Michigan.

1938
The Case Club (now the Moot Court program) is formed.

1946
The Law School moves to 5229 Cass Ave.

1949
Dorothy Comstock Riley graduates and goes on to become the first woman to serve on the Michigan Court of Appeals and the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the Supreme Court of any state. In 1988, she established the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society.
1952
Cora Brown ’48, becomes the first African American woman to be elected to a state Senate position in the nation.

1965
Ground is broken for the new Law School building on West Palmer Street.

1979
Wayne A. Budd ’67, is elected president of the Massachusetts Bar Association and becomes the first African American to lead a state bar association.

1979
Law students form the Free Legal Aid Clinic, providing legal assistance to thousands of indigent people.

1986
The Student Trial Advocacy Program (today known as Mock Trial) is formed.
James K. Robinson ’68, becomes dean.

1993

Wayne Law celebrates the grand opening of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights in honor of Judge Damon J. Keith, LL.M. ’56. In 2017, Keith celebrated both his 95th birthday and 50 years on the federal bench.

2011

Joan Mahoney ’75, becomes the dean of Wayne Law and the first female dean of any law school in Michigan.

1998

Jocelyn Benson is named dean of the Law School. At age 36, she is the youngest woman ever to lead a U.S. law school and the second woman to hold the job at Wayne Law.

2014
Richard A. Bierschbach returns to his Michigan roots to become Wayne Law’s 12th dean.

The Levin Center at Wayne Law is established, and former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin joins the Law School faculty as its distinguished legislator in residence.

The inaugural class of 13 is inducted into the Wayne Law Alumni Wall of Fame, established through the generosity of E. Powell Miller ’86, in honor of the Miller family.

Dan Gilbert ’87 and Stephen Ross ’65 make a combined $10 million gift to the Law School — the largest in the school’s history.

Wayne Law’s Jessup team is one of the top 16 teams in the world after advancing to the octo-finals of the White and Case International Rounds of the Jessup Competition in Washington, D.C.
Wayne Law celebrates Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, the Black Law Students Association at Wayne Law brought together alumni, faculty, staff, students and the community for several events in February.

The organization hosted a free, public screening Feb. 7 of the award-winning documentary from Bill Moyers, *Rikers: An American Jail*. The event was followed by a discussion with Victoria M. Burton-Harris ’12, managing partner at McCaskey Law; and Robert D. Burton-Harris ’15, investigator at McCaskey Law.

Alumni gathered at the Law School Feb. 15 for Esquire Etiquette, an annual program designed to sharpen the professional etiquette of law students. Speaking at the event were Jehan Crump-Gibson ’09, founder and managing partner, Great Lakes Legal Group; Jessica Mills ’16, associate attorney, Edwards and Jennings; Christopher Rambus ’17, associate attorney, Bodman; Jason Webber ’04, counsel, General Motors. Second-year student Shaunte Wilcher, president of the Black Law Students Association, moderated the event which was co-sponsored by the Law School’s Career Services Office.

For “Race and the Legal System,” Judge Dalton A. Roberson, former chief judge of the Detroit Recorder’s Court, discussed the significance of the court, the role race played in its demise and the implications of eliminating it. Moderating the Feb. 22 event was Assistant Professor Blanche Cook. The program was sponsored by the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law.

The organization’s fourth and final event of the month was the Annual Soul Food Café, featuring Chef Tony Durden of Durden’s Catering in Detroit.

The Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights also partnered with other Wayne State University groups to host two events at the Law School.
Wayne Law adds new scholarly journal on business law

The Wayne State University Journal of Business Law is a new scholarly edition to Wayne Law, officially approved by the faculty this spring.

“The new Journal is a student-managed publication seeking to provide a collection of scholarly articles and notes by academics, practitioners and students on a broad range of business law topics affecting the Michigan legal community,” said second-year student Linda Mifsud, the newly elected editor-in-chief of the organization.

The Journal comprises an executive board, senior, junior and first-year members, and is advised by Associate Professor Eric Zacks. Senior members work with junior members to publish the Journal, and the executive board directs and approves the publication.

The Journal was conditionally approved during the 2016-17 academic year and has gained significant traction and support from faculty and students. Members have spent the last year reviewing and revising, as well as meeting with local business law practitioners and accumulating more articles for publication.

“This year, we all worked together to develop the Journal’s vision for the coming years while establishing relationships with the contributors and the Michigan business law community,” said third-year student Catherine Ferguson, who was editor-in-chief of the publication for the 2017-18 academic year.

2018-19 executive board members are:

- Linda Mifsud, editor-in-chief
- Nicholas Voran, managing editor
- Paul Rzepka, executive editor
- Eric Boelstler, publication editor

Henry Ibe ’14, speaks with a group of students Jan. 19 at “Professionalism in Action,” a program for first-year law students. More than 4S members of the legal community participated, many of whom were alumni. Speakers at the event included Kristin Theut ‘90, director of legal research and writing; Dean Richard A. Bierschbach; Donald G. Rockwell, president of the State Bar of Michigan; and Felicia Thomas, assistant dean of student affairs and director of diversity initiatives. The program is presented annually by Wayne Law and the State Bar of Michigan. More photos: go.wayne.edu/professionalism18
International law experts speak at Wayne Law

The Program for International Legal Studies organized several events throughout the fall and winter, bringing scholars, policymakers and practicing international lawyers from around the country to the Law School.

Heather Joy Thompson ’05, member of the U.S. Foreign Service, spoke Sept. 14 at “Careers in Diplomacy: A View from Foggy Bottom,” about her work in the field and career options at the U.S. Department of State. At “Homegrown Jihad: Prosecuting Americans for Joining ISIS” on Oct. 5, Hank Moon, assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, discussed his career and cutting-edge legal issues that have arisen in practice.

“Heart Topics for Immigration and Customs Enforcement” on Oct. 26 brought Tara Harris, deputy chief counsel for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to discuss what she does as an attorney for ICE and how students can prepare for a similar career.

On Jan. 29, the program hosted Charles Brower of Wayne Law, Maureen Irish of the University of Windsor Faculty of Law, and Bruce Thelen of Dickinson Wright for “The Future of NAFTA: Renegotiation, Termination or more of the same?” The panelists explained the Trump administration’s NAFTA proposals, their likelihood of success and what might happen if the United States withdraws from the agreement.

Wayne Law again named a Best Value Law School

For the fourth consecutive year, Wayne Law was recognized as a Best Value Law School by The National Jurist and its sister publication, preLaw magazine.

Of the 60 law schools on the list, Wayne Law was the only Michigan law school recognized. The ranking is “designed to recognize the law schools where graduates have excellent chances of passing the bar and getting a legal job without taking on a ton of debt,” according to The National Jurist.

Criteria for selection includes percentage of graduates who pass the bar exam, employment rate, tuition cost, cost of living and average student debt accumulation. Employment rate is given the greatest weight.

preLaw magazine also recognized Wayne Law among the top law schools in the category of Business, Banking and Corporate Law.

Student Nicole Lockhart expresses gratitude for her scholarship award at the annual Scholarship Luncheon. The event provides an opportunity for private scholarship donors and representatives to meet with and learn more about the Wayne Law students benefiting from their generosity. It also gives the recipients a chance to express their thanks for support. More photos: go.wayne.edu/law-luncheon18
Award-winning attorneys present trial advocacy lecture at Wayne Law

Two award-winning attorneys, each of whom have led significant civil rights-related case teams, spoke Nov. 2 at the I. Goodman Cohen Lecture in Trial Advocacy at Wayne Law.

Dana Nessel ’94, is managing partner of Nessel & Kessel Law. In 2012, she successfully challenged Michigan’s bans on adoption and marriage for same-sex couples. The disposition of her case, DeBoer v. Snyder, (consolidated with a related 6th Circuit case, Obergefell v. Hodges) resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court landmark ruling legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide.

Michael Pitt ’74, is managing partner and a founding member of Pitt McGehee Palmer & Rivers. His firm has handled a variety of important civil rights cases, including the landmark Neal v. Michigan Department of Corrections class-action lawsuit which settled (along with its affiliated cases) after a dozen years for $100 million, ultimately bringing justice to more than 400 female prisoners.

Moderating the discussion was Distinguished Professor Alan S. Schenk.

The I. Goodman Cohen Lecture in Trial Advocacy was established by the family of the late I. Goodman Cohen, a prominent trial lawyer who was active in the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, known today as the Michigan Association for Justice.
Symposium discusses detention, sanctuary cities and the travel ban

More than 90 people attended the Levin Center at Wayne Law’s Nov. 10 symposium, “Current Issues in Immigration Law: Detention, ‘Sanctuary Cities’ and the ‘Travel Ban.’”

Eighteen experts participated in the event, hailing from institutions including Georgetown University Law Center, University of Michigan Law School and University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

The event was made possible through the generous support of the Manoogian Simone Foundation and the Alex and Marie Manoogian Foundation.

Wayne Law mourns the loss of John W. Reed

John W. Reed, dean of Wayne Law from 1987-92, died peacefully Tuesday, March 6 at the age of 99. He came to the Law School after serving as dean of the University of Colorado Law School and as the Thomas M. Cooley Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School.

Reed felt that education must go beyond the classroom, and in 2011 the State Bar of Michigan honored him by establishing the John W. Reed Michigan Lawyer Legacy Award. The award is presented on a periodic basis to “an educator from a Michigan law school whose influence on lawyers has elevated the quality of legal practice.”

Reed began his career practicing law in Kansas City, and in 1949 he moved to Ann Arbor to join the University of Michigan Law School faculty. His teaching career spanned 50 years and also included the University of Oklahoma Law School and visiting professorships at Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Chicago, New York University and San Diego.

For a full obituary, visit go.wayne.edu/johnreed.

“...I have had the good fortune to know some lawyers who stand out as exemplars of the high ethical standards that we lawyers aspire to. John Reed was the embodiment of the ‘ethical man’ in his personal and professional life, and taught us those values when he served as our dean.”

— Distinguished Professor Alan S. Schenk

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WAYNE LAW ALUMNI WALL OF FAME AND WSU SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Wednesday, Sept. 12 | 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Law Detroit
More than 30 organizations participated in Wayne Law’s Annual Public Service Fair on Jan. 25.

Law students had the opportunity to meet and network with attorneys representing a vast array of public interest and public sector employers.

The event showcased nonprofit organizations; federal, state and local government agencies; and Wayne Law clinics. The participating employers specialize in a wide range of practice areas, including poverty law, civil rights, criminal law, immigration law, environmental law, and labor and employment law.

More photos: go.wayne.edu/law-servicefair18

Sitting and retired judges gathered Nov. 14 for a networking reception to share their wit, wisdom and advice with eager Wayne Law students.

The judges in attendance — many of them Wayne Law alumni — were from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; Michigan Supreme Court; Michigan Court of Appeals; Macomb and Wayne County Circuit Courts; and the 36th and 46th District Courts.

More photos: go.wayne.edu/meetthejudges17
Wayne Law, TechTown join forces to offer free legal office hours

The Business and Community Law Clinic at Wayne Law and TechTown Detroit joined forces during the winter semester to offer free neighborhood legal office hours to qualifying community-based businesses, social enterprises and nonprofit organizations who cannot afford an attorney.

The free neighborhood legal office hours included a 30-minute consultation with a supervised, upper-level student attorney able of providing basic legal information and referrals in the area of transactional law.

The organizations also offered two workshops in February that covered a number of related topics.

In its sixth year, the Winter Wishes program helped 10 families, including 16 adults and seven children in need, who are clients of Wayne Law’s Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic. This year’s drive brought in donated items, including blankets, boots, coats, gift cards, hats, scarves and toys. The goal – to provide $3,000 worth of goods to families – was exceeded by $5,875, for a total of $8,875 worth of gifts provided.

Environmental law professors, organizers, advocates and students from across the country converged Jan. 26 at Wayne Law for “Environmental Justice in Practice.”

The daylong conference focused on emerging legal issues related to environmental injustice and exploration of career opportunities. Panelists discussed careers in environmental justice; energy and climate justice; water access and affordability; and urban air quality.

Delivering the morning keynote address was Mustafa Santiago Ali, senior vice president of climate, environmental justice and community revitalization for the Hip Hop Caucus. Delivering the lunch keynote address was Charles Lee, senior policy advisor for the Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The event was presented by Wayne Law’s Transnational Environmental Law Clinic and Environmental Law Society; University of Chicago Law School’s Abrams Environmental Law Clinic; American Bar Association’s Environmental Justice Committee of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice; Great Lakes Environmental Law Center; Environmental Law Institute; and CURES at Wayne State.
The education I received at Wayne Law prepared me for an interesting and meaningful career in the legal profession … It’s now my turn to pay it forward and assist others in having the same opportunity.”

— Wayne A. Budd ’67

IMPACT:

FAST FACTS

• While attending Law School, Wayne Budd was a night student and worked full time
• First African American to lead a state bar association
• Former associate attorney general of the United States
• Former U.S. attorney for the District of Massachusetts
• Currently senior counsel at Goodwin Procter LLP

For more information about making an impactful gift, call the Law School development team at 313-577-3113.
The Detroit Equity Action Lab, an initiative of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law, continues to advance the cause of racial equity with the support of a $2.4 million grant awarded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Beginning in January 2018, the three-year award funds Phase II of the program, known in the community as DEAL. This is the second award from the Kellogg Foundation, which funded the first phase of the initiative with a $1.5 million grant in 2014.

Phase II is empowering the lab’s network through opportunities for collective professional development, fostering robust connections within the DEAL community as well as with others engaged in building equitable communities, and convening members to build the infrastructure necessary to sustain a powerful network for social change. Two additional cohorts of fellows will be recruited to help expand the network. The lab also will produce original research to begin meeting the information needs identified by the communities most impacted, and continue to formulate and assess approaches to eliminating structural racism.

“We’ve spent the last three years building relationships with an amazing group of leaders and innovators working hard to end systemic racism and build equitable communities in Detroit and the region,” said Eliza Perez-Ollin, director of the Detroit Equity Action Lab, when the new grant was announced. “Together we’ve begun to build shared understandings of how structural racism has shaped the vast majority of Detroit’s inequities, and create visions for an equitable Detroit region that offers abundant opportunities for all, especially those who have historically been most impacted.”

DEAL promotes racial equity and justice by bringing together a multiracial, intergenerational group of leaders and innovators working in the many dimensions of racial equity to address issues of structural racism in the greater Detroit area. Sectors and issues include arts and media, community development, law, and access to basic needs such as water, education, health and community care, a clean environment, food security, transportation, and housing.
Elise Bean recognized as leader on tax justice

Elise Bean, Washington co-director of the Levin Center, has been recognized as a leader on tax justice and is one of five women celebrated by Global Witness for standing up for transparency and accountability in their fields.

The recognition was part of International Women’s Day.

For 29 years, Bean worked for former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin on the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. During her tenure on the subcommittee, she supported Levin-led investigations into a host of tax issues, including multinational corporate tax avoidance by Apple, Caterpillar and Microsoft, and hidden offshore bank accounts at Credit Suisse and UBS which knowingly helped their U.S. clients use those accounts to evade U.S. taxes.

Center announces Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight

The Levin Center at Wayne Law is accepting nominations for the inaugural Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight, in honor of former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin’s legacy as a champion for fact-based, bipartisan legislative oversight investigations.

The award celebrates a current or former U.S. legislator at any level of government who has led or played a significant role in a bipartisan oversight investigation. Complete candidate criteria and the nomination form can be found at go.wayne.edu/carleavinaward.

Professor Heidi Kitrosser of the University of Minnesota Law School moderates “Congressional Oversight and the Judicial Branch” at the Wayne Law Review Symposium on Congressional Oversight in the 21st Century. The event was presented in partnership with the Levin Center at Wayne Law.

National experts convene for oversight symposium


The event convened 15 national experts to explore the definition of congressional oversight and how best to measure its effectiveness, examine the relationship of oversight and the judicial branch, and discuss various tools and mechanisms involved in conducting fact-based, bipartisan oversight.

The symposium was made possible, in part, through the support of the Cohn Family Endowed Fund.

Panel moderators were William Marshall of the University of North Carolina School of Law, Heidi Kitrosser of the University of Minnesota Law School and Kathleen Clark of Washington University School of Law. Delivering the keynote address was Steve Castor, chief investigative counsel of the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform under Chairman Trey Gowdy.

The symposium builds upon the momentum from the Levin Center’s 2017 Scholars Roundtable on Congressional Oversight, which was the first of its kind in the United States.

Video and photos from the event are available at go.wayne.edu/lawreview18.

Townsend joins bipartisan advisory board

James H. (Jim) Townsend ’16, a former member of the Michigan legislature, has been appointed to the bipartisan advisory board of the Levin Center at Wayne Law.

Townsend is an associate in the Detroit office of Butzel Long and a member of its Corporate and Real Estate Practice Group. Prior to joining the firm, he represented the 26th District in the Michigan House of Representatives.

He serves on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s advisory council of the Redevelopment Ready Communities® program. Before his career in law, Townsend was legislative director for the office of U.S. Representative Nita M. Lowey and worked for U.S. Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg.
Charles Hayden IV wasn’t in Texas when Hurricane Harvey hit, but he played a major role in creating a charity to help some who were.

A second-year student at Wayne Law, Hayden was a legal extern last fall working with senior management at TriMas in Bloomfield Hills, a worldwide industrial manufacturer of engineered products.

Andrew Hodges, associate general counsel at TriMas, in an email to Jane Warkentin, Wayne Law clinical programs manager and staff attorney, wrote:

“Charles Hayden was absolutely vital in setting up a major charity effort to support a subsidiary in Houston in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Charles single-handedly spearheaded setting up the collection mechanism, working closely with our treasury team and senior leadership...It’s great to see Wayne Law producing such high-caliber students who are ready to hit the ground running.”

An Auburn Hills resident, Hayden himself is much more modest about his efforts, which raised more than $30,000 to help employees of Houston-based Lamons, a TriMas subsidiary. The money went to home and auto repairs and toward the purchase of needed furniture, clothing and children’s items.

In the wake of the hurricane, Hodges came to the Wayne Law extern and asked him to research different charity websites that could help raise money for the affected employees.

“After doing research, I suggested that GoFundMe would be the best option,” Hayden said.

He also researched solicitation laws in various states.

“Before I could set up the GoFundMe account, I needed to connect it to the TriMas Foundation, a non-profit corporation,” Hayden said. “In doing so, I had to write a director’s resolution with recitals connecting the funds to the GoFundMe account. After that, I started to set up the account. The pages had to pass through various executives from the president of TriMas to the head general counsel.”

Once approval was given, TriMas sent a mass email to its employees encouraging them to donate via the website Hayden set up.

He has always loved business, and as a sixth-grader, started a car-washing venture in his family’s driveway. All through high school and college, he worked at various jobs and played basketball. Hayden earned a degree in business administration in sports management at Adrian College before choosing to attend Wayne Law, where he is event coordinator and treasurer for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, serves on the Student Board of Governors and is active in the Black Law Students Association and the Wolverine Bar.

Hayden on why he chose Wayne Law:

“I wanted to go to a law school that felt like home and would set me up to succeed in the near future. During the summer prior to my first year, I talked to multiple alumni, and what stood out to me was that each one I came across talked as if we were family. There was strong pride that came with being a Wayne Law alumnus.”

For a longer version of this story, visit go.wayne.edu/charleshayden.
Pamela Morgan is one of the world’s foremost attorneys in the emergent field of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, and the blockchain technology that publicly tracks every exchange of digital money.

Her expertise didn’t come about by accident. The 2006 alumna of Wayne State University Law School was speaking at a conference, “Disrupt, Startup, Scaleup,” in Greece in late 2013. Until then, her legal practice was focused on advising small businesses, and she also taught business law and entrepreneurship. At the conference, tech-entrepreneur Andreas M. Antonopoulos spoke about bitcoin.

“During the talk, I remember thinking, ‘If half of what this guy is saying is true, this technology might actually change the world!’ Yes, I’m one of those people who wants to change the world. It’s one of the reasons I went to law school.”

Morgan, who earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in computer programming at Davenport University, began to teach herself about digital currencies.

“I studied bitcoin like I was studying for the bar exam,” she said. “For the next two months, I spent all of my free time devouring everything I could find about the technology and its implications for law and society. In early 2014, I left my full-time, salaried position in education to build a career in this industry.”

In 2015, Morgan founded Third Key Solutions LLC — “a boutique key consulting and management firm.”

Third Key works with companies involved with digital currencies. Morgan is its CEO. She’s also a board member and director of education with the CryptoCurrency Certification Consortium, a nonprofit industry standards group; and an unpaid advisor to the BitGive Foundation, a nonprofit that aims to “leverage the power of bitcoin and blockchain technology to improve public health and the environment worldwide.”

What’s the advantage of bitcoin that so inspires Morgan?

“Here’s an example of how we are using this technology to solve a real world problem — disappearing funds in charitable organizations,” Morgan said. “Our current system regulates banking and charities fairly robustly, and yet we know that money somehow seems to disappear from charity coffers, especially when it moves between organizations or across borders.

“But since all transactions on the bitcoin blockchain are public, we can create software to track them. If we use bitcoin to transfer funds from a known entity, like BitGive in the United States, to a known entity that happens to be across a border, like The Water Project in Kenya, the entire world can literally watch the funds move across borders in real time, with no possibility of lost funds, skimming or bribery.

“No auditors required. No regulators or special laws required. Now imagine how that kind of radical transparency can change the world of charitable giving!”

Morgan’s advice for law students interested in the field: “This is a global practice, filled with nuance and uncertainty. If you’re comfortable with that, you’ll love this practice area. Law firms around the world are currently looking for lawyers who understand blockchain. Understanding this technology might make you a more valuable associate.”
Attorney Valerie Newman, renowned as a champion for the rights of the wrongly accused, has a new job as head of the new Conviction Integrity Unit with the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

After 23 years with the State Appellate Defender Office, Newman, a 1992 alumna of Wayne State University Law School, might be seen as switching sides to work with prosecutors. But that’s absolutely not the case, she said.

“My passion for justice is a central driving force for me and why I became a lawyer,” Newman said. “I have long advocated for changes in the criminal justice system, and worked hand-in-hand with prosecutors, law enforcement, judges and other stakeholders to effect positive changes that reduce wrongful convictions and improve the process. I come into this new role as someone who has built a career advocating for a fair and just system, and this position is a continuation of that work.”

Her career thus far has earned her numerous honors. She has twice argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, including her 2011 successful effort in Lafler v. Cooper, considered a landmark case regarding a defendant’s right to effective counsel. Another high profile case she handled recently was that of Davontae Sanford, who, largely thanks to her efforts, was released from prison in 2016 after serving almost nine years. He was 14 when he was convicted in 2007, and two weeks after he was imprisoned, another man confessed to the four murders for which Sanford was convicted.

Newman’s new job with the prosecutor’s office began in January, and details of how it will function have recently been determined. The county’s Conviction Integrity Unit is one of dozens of such units being created across the nation reporting varying degrees of success. The Wayne County unit is expected to have two full-time lawyers, a “project consultant” lawyer, one full-time investigator and one “project consultant investigator,” with Newman — recruited for the position by Prosecutor Kym Worthy — in charge.

Newman, a Pleasant Ridge resident with a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan, began her Law School experience thinking of a career in environmental law. But by her second year in school, she had set her sights on criminal defense.

“The summer of my second year, I took the opportunity to work at the public defender’s office in New York and became intrigued with criminal law and the defense side of things,” she said. “After that summer, I decided to be a criminal defense trial lawyer. I opted to start my career at the State Appellate Defender Office because I thought that appellate work would be a good way to gain a firm grasp on the law before heading into the trial court.

“As an added bonus, Michigan is one of the few states with a unified appellate system, which gave me the opportunity to litigate in the trial courts. I quickly discovered that being an appellate lawyer provided tremendous opportunity to do both trial and appellate level work.”

For more information on Wayne County’s Conviction Integrity Unit, visit waynecounty.com/prosecutor.
For 25 days, public interest attorney Lisa Walinske camped out on the side of a busy road in Detroit to raise money so she could help more needy clients.

In the process, she garnered national attention, starting with a Dec. 7 Detroit Free Press article about her effort.

Walinske is a 2000 graduate of Wayne State University Law School, and founder of nonprofit ReDetroit East NPO, Inc.

She fashioned a hut out of scrap wood covered in tarps in a parking lot next to East Jefferson Avenue at Chalmers, a neighborhood close to her law firm’s modest offices.

She had hand-painted signs emblazoned on her makeshift shack touting social justice slogans and her GoFundMe account.

“The money is going to fund our community education and empowerment initiatives,” Walinske said. “We plan to hold seminars ranging in topics from your rights with the police and in the courts to how to apply for energy and rain tax credits and incentives. The funding is also expanding our ability to take cases directly for those who cannot pay anything close to market rates for legal services.”

Walinske stayed outside from mid-November to mid-December until she had her self-imposed goal of $18,500 in donations, spending each night in a sleeping bag with her big dog nearby.

“I learned far more than I bargained for out on Jefferson on those cold nights alone in my shack,” she said. “I was exposed to the elements and a steady stream of people of all kinds. Some people brought gifts, donations, snacks, supplies. Some people came with their pain and shared stories of deep wounds of injustice.”

Some of those people are now clients of the firm, thanks to the donations.

Kathleen Garbacz of Hamtramck, a law partner at ReDetroit and a 2015 alumna of Wayne Law, was a frequent visitor to Walinske’s campsite. Garbacz said she was initially a little nervous about Walinske’s plan.

“We knew we needed to raise funds, but the idea of camping out in the cold on Jefferson Avenue — well, that was completely Lisa’s idea,” Garbacz said. “The morning the story hit the Free Press, hundreds of dollars had poured in. I was shocked and humbled by the donations, and very happy to be proven wrong!”

“I started the Campout for Justice Detroit with bold determination and deep faith,” Walinske said. “I was beyond frustrated that at my own law center, I had found myself without the resources needed to do the job required for my clients. And there were so many clients whose cases we just couldn’t afford to take. The absolute worst feeling is to see injustice, know it, feel it, and realize and accept that there may be nothing in this world that can be done about it.”

Learn more about ReDetroit East NPO, Inc. at redetroiteast.com.

For a longer version of this story, visit go.wayne.edu/lisawalinske.
Damon J. Keith Scholarship
10 Year Anniversary

Damon J. Keith is a name well known to Wayne Law, with the attached Keith Center for Civil Rights serving as a permanent exhibit of the judge’s history and impact. And while the story of this living legend is on the walls, his legacy walks down the halls. For the last decade, the Damon J. Keith Scholarship has opened doors for students to pursue a legal education. It was created in 2008 by Wayne State University’s Board of Governors to honor the judge’s determination to defy the odds as a law school applicant and make a difference in our society. Currently, the full-tuition scholarship is awarded to eligible incoming Wayne Law students who have graduated from Michigan Priority high schools, Detroit public high schools and public charter schools, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, or Hispanic-serving Institutions.

There are more than 45 “DJK Scholars” to date, including this author — who is immensely proud to be in that number. Like many applicants, I was filled with nervous excitement when I was admitted to Law School, but receiving the news that I had been named a DJK Scholar left me speechless. It is inspiring to learn about all that Judge Keith has overcome, with so many landmark rulings that enforced equality and affected the entire country. And it is humbling to realize that we both started our journey toward the practice of law as graduates of Detroit Public Schools and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

To join the community of DJK Scholars is to inherit a special connection with Judge Keith’s legacy and a network of students and alumni in Michigan, and as far away as New York, Texas and California. We celebrate a decade of DJK Scholars at Wayne Law, proudly representing potential, opportunity and power for years to come.

— Rachel L. McDuffie ’18
A living legend

Damon J. Keith, LL.M ‘56, has served on the federal bench for more than 50 years. He’s spent his career persuasively and movingly defending the Constitution, helping communities enforce their civil rights. His decisions have desegregated public schools, broken color lines at corporations and required municipalities to repair the damage caused by systemic racism.

More than 600 people attended the 2011 grand opening of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law. In keeping with Keith’s legacy, the center promotes the educational, economic and political power of underrepresented communities in urban settings. A native Detroiter, Keith is a senior judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and in 2017 celebrated his 95th birthday.

Hopes for the future

“I hope the Damon J. Keith Scholar community continues to flourish. I know several DJK scholars who are doing great things. As this group enlarges, our impact (and thus Judge Keith’s impact) will grow with it.”

Arius M. Webb ’15
Ford Motor Credit Company

Paying it forward

“My hope for the Damon J. Keith Scholar community is that we continue his work and inspire others the way he has inspired so many of us. We were given a great opportunity to pursue higher education. We have a duty to pay it forward.”

Ian Larkin ’17
Howard & Howard Attorneys

Achieving dreams

“Judge Keith is proof that we all can achieve the unimaginable. The Damon J. Keith Scholarship afforded me the opportunity to attend Law School and it’s a continuous reminder that the doors have been opened for me to accomplish my biggest dreams.”

Monique S. Eubanks
First-year student

Lifelong impact

“Growing up in Detroit, the Keith name is recognized as a pillar in the community. Judge Keith’s actions and opinions against discrimination affected me long before my decision to go to Law School, so the opportunity to be a Keith Scholar is more than an honor.”

LeRoy Ashley
Second-year student

Bettering society

“Reaching back is a principle that Judge Keith exemplifies and has promoted throughout his legal career. As DJK scholars, we must pick up and carry the mantle by providing legal assistance to those in need, mentoring others and leaving society in a better place than we found it.”

Robert E. Thomas ‘14
Chairman, Detroit Board of Zoning Appeals

Leading by example

“Judge Keith is a champion for civil rights, a living icon, and a man who constantly leans on his faith. I could never thank him enough for his strides to end systemic racism. The least I can do is thank him for leading by example and inspiring this life-changing scholarship.”

Shaunté Wilcher
Second-year student

Supporting Damon J. Keith Scholars

To support future DJK Scholars, contact Desirnai’ Hicks, at dhicks@wayne.edu or 313-577-9763.
When choosing a law school, I knew I needed to go somewhere that would prepare me for legal advocacy, no matter where I end up practicing. Wayne Law aims not just to create lawyers, but problem-solvers who use the law as a versatile tool to effect change.”

— Daina Robinson
First-year student
Celebrating Pro Bono

During 2017, the following students and alumna participated in the Wayne Law Student Voluntary Pro Bono Program, successfully fulfilled the Warrior Pro Bono Pledge to render a minimum of 50 hours of pro bono legal services and earned the Warrior Pro Bono Award.

- Albert Asciutto
- Hilary Braley
- Jonathan Cakmakci
- Hyunjin (Gene) Cho
- Kristine Franko
- Steven Kraska
- Kirstina Magyari
- Shareece McCauley
- Mitchell Myers
- Courtney Rosenau
- Xinchen (David) Yu

Anderson speaks on legal education panel

Graham Anderson was a panelist for the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section and the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division’s discussion, “Taking the Next Step: Tips and Tools for Your Legal Education Journey” in January.

Student awarded scholarship for public service

Husnah Khan has been awarded the David Benowitz Recognizing Public Servants Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to one student in the nation each year.

Last summer, Khan, who is president of the Muslim Law Students Association at Wayne Law, served as a legal intern with the U.S. Army, and spent eight weeks working at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She helped soldiers learn about legal assistance available on base, an experience she said broadened her perspective on the work of attorneys.

Wayne Law team places second at National Moot Court regional

Wayne Law’s team advanced to the finals of the National Moot Court Competition after finishing second in the Region VI competition.

The Law School fielded two teams in the regional competition. Both teams finished among the top three, with the team of Nhan Ho, Dana Fraser and Ashley Monticciolo winning second overall and qualifying for the national competition in New York.

Finishing third was the team of Kevin Adamiak, Monica Batsford and Fawzeih Daher. Wayne Law’s teams tied for the Second Best Brief Award, and in the preliminary rounds of competition, Fraser won Second Place Advocate.

Wayne Law hosted the regional, which is co-sponsored by the New York City Bar and American College of Trial Lawyers, at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit. More than 120 law schools compete in regional competitions in the fall, with each region’s top two teams advancing to the national finals.

Third-year Wayne Law students, from left, Ashley Monticciolo, Nhan Ho and Dana Fraser pose with their awards after placing second at the Region VI National Moot Court Competition in Detroit. For more photos, visit go.wayne.edu/mootcourt-detroit17.
Wayne Law Jessup team among top 16 in the world

For the first time in history, Wayne Law’s team is among the top 16 in the world and took home numerous honors after competing in the White and Case International Rounds of the Jessup Competition in Washington, D.C. April 1-7.

The team also took home the top prize in the category of Best Applicant Team. Competitors were third-year students Nicole Pitchford, Aaron Shuman and Adam Winnie, and second-year students Emad Hamadeh and Layla Zarkesh. Professor Gregory H. Fox, director of Wayne Law’s Program for International Legal Studies, is the team’s faculty advisor.

Pitchford took home the prize for fourth best oralist overall, and the team earned the fifth best combined memorial score and the second best applicant memorial award.

“This is an incredibly accomplished group of students. Their insight and work ethic are astonishing,” said Fox. “It has been a great pleasure to serve as their faculty advisor during this record-breaking year.”

The team qualified for the international rounds in February at the U.S. Midwest Regional, where they went undefeated and swept the top three oralist awards, ultimately winning the competition for the fifth time in the past six years.

In its 59th year, the Jessup Competition is the world’s largest moot court competition, with participants from more than 645 law schools representing 95 countries. This year’s Jessup problem concerned the validity of interstate arbitral awards, the capture of a marine vessel, the breach of nuclear disarmament obligations and the conduct of naval warfare.

McDuffie earns Woman of Distinction Award

Rachel L. McDuffie has been recognized with the Woman of Distinction Student Award from the WSU President’s Commission on the Status of Women.

The awards reception celebrated three honorees who have demonstrated a commitment to women and/or issues of diversity, equity and inclusion.

“In the 11 years I’ve worked at the Law School, Rachel McDuffie is one of the most exceptional students to join the incoming class. We are truly fortunate to have her in the Wayne Law community,” said Wayne Law Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Felicia Thomas, who nominated McDuffie for the honor. “Her commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion is not simply something to do or a box to be checked on a long list of accomplishments; it’s a part of who she is.”

McDuffie earned her master of public health degree from the University of Michigan, her bachelor’s from Xavier University in Louisiana and is a graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit.
National Lawyers Guild chapter honors Wayne Law students

Two Wayne Law students have been named Outstanding Law Students of the Year by the Michigan and Detroit Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Marie Reimers and Madeline Sinkovich received the awards at the chapter’s 81st Anniversary Dinner Feb. 11.

Reimers has been a member of the National Lawyers Guild for three years and has served on the organization’s Civil Resistance Committee for two. She is a frequent legal observer and a champion for women’s issues. Reimers said being involved in the guild opened her up to new connections and activism in the community.

Reimers earned her bachelor’s from Central Michigan University with a triple major in political science, sociology and women’s studies.

Sinkovich was drawn to Wayne Law because of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. She’s now chair of Keith Students for Civil Rights and organizes panels, trainings and special events for the group. She also leads educational events and discussions for the Wayne Law chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and regularly serves as a legal observer. She said she went to law school to “use the law for social change.”

Sinkovich earned her bachelor’s from Kalamazoo College with majors in Eastern Asian and African history, and also played on the softball team. She is co-convenor of the Coalition to End Unconstitutional Tax Foreclosures, an alliance of several long-standing Detroit community organizations.

Batsford writes for Michigan International Lawyer

Monica Batsford wrote “Big Data vs. Warrant Jurisdiction: Microsoft Ireland Case” for the fall 2017 edition of the Michigan International Lawyer.

In February, the Supreme Court heard United States v. Microsoft Corporation. The issue before the court is to determine whether the government can compel companies to hand over electronic communications overseas with a warrant granted under the Stored Communications Act.

The article explores some of the background and history that shapes the current debate and whether the act is still a useful tool in exploring modern issues of data storage and territoriality.

Wayne Law teams finish second, third at regional LawMeet competitions

Two Wayne Law transactional law teams competed in regionals of the Transactional LawMeet Competition Feb. 23, placing second and third overall in the respective competitions.

The team consisting of second-year student Alexis Havenstein, and third-year students Nezar Habhab and Giuliano Mancini earned a second-place finish overall at the contest hosted by Georgetown University Law Center.

The Wayne Law team of second-year students Linda Mifsud and Elijah Simkins took home third place overall at the competition at Widener University Delaware Law School.
Jon Weinberg has been named associate dean for research and faculty development at Wayne Law. In his new role, Weinberg supports and promotes faculty scholarship and academic achievement. A member of the Wayne Law faculty since 1988, his scholarship focuses on an array of subjects including internet law, immigration law and constitutional law. Dean Richard A. Bierschbach announced Weinberg’s appointment this spring.

Weinberg has been a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and then-Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg; a visiting scholar at the University of Tokyo’s Institute of Journalism and Communication Studies; a legal scholar in residence at the Federal Communications Commission’s Office of Plans and Policy; a visiting scholar at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; a professor in residence at the U.S. Department of Justice; and a law associate in Washington, D.C. He chaired a working group created by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the international body that administers the internet domain name system, to develop recommendations on the creation of new internet top-level domains. He is a member of the editorial board of Wayne State University Press. In 2017, he received the Law School’s Donald H. Gordon Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dean Richard A. Bierschbach co-authored with Stephanos Bibas an article titled “Rationing Criminal Justice,” which was published in the Michigan Law Review. The article examines the American criminal justice system through a public- and regulatory-law lens.

Assistant Professor (Clinical) Sabrina Balgamwalla, director of the Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic, and Assistant Professor (Clinical) Rebecca Robichaud, assistant director of externship programs, in the fall led an information session at Wayne Law about the American immigration policy, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Bernadette Atuahene was named the Damon J. Keith distinguished visiting professor at Wayne Law for the 2017-18 academic year. Her courses include a seminar on Property and Race; and Law, Policy and International Development. The appointment is sponsored by the Law School’s Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, which promotes educational, economic and political power of underrepresented communities in urban settings.

Atuahene’s regular appointment is at the American Bar Foundation and Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Chief Justice John Roberts appointed Professor Laura Bartell associate reporter of the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules to the Judicial Conference of the United States.

The Judicial Conference is the national policymaking body for the federal courts. It is comprised of five standing advisory committees, each charged with drafting proposed amendments to federal rules regarding their respective area. The committees comprise judges, representatives from the Department of Justice, law professors and practicing attorneys.
Bartell is dean of faculty of the American Board of Certification, a national organization that certifies bankruptcy and consumer rights specialists. She is on the executive committee of the Institute of Continuining Legal Education, a member of the American Law Institute and American Bankruptcy Institute, and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Levin appointed as facilitator for class-action lawsuit

Former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Wayne Law’s distinguished legislator in residence, was appointed as a facilitator for a class-action lawsuit stemming from the Flint water crisis. He also wrote “Congress needs bipartisanship to fully investigate Russian influence” and “Congress must not give companies tax reasons to move jobs overseas” for The Hill.

Levin also is senior counsel at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn.

Lund receives AALS Excellence in Scholarship award

Professor Christopher C. Lund was awarded the Excellence in Scholarship award by the Association of American Law Schools Section on Law and Religion for his Virginia Law Review research paper “Religion is Special Enough.” The award recognizes outstanding faculty in their academic discipline or topic of interest.

The article “offers a defense of our legal tradition and its special treatment of religion,” according to the paper’s abstract. “...Ultimately, religious liberty makes sense as one important liberty in the pantheon of human freedoms. Religion may not be uniquely special, but it is special enough.”

Fox publishes research on customary international law


Hall publishes book on water law

Professor Noah Hall wrote “Water Law: Concepts and Insights” (Foundation Press) with Robert Adler and Robin Craig, both of the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. The book provides both a general overview of basic water law doctrines and an exploration of how water law — the law and policies governing allocation of water — fit into broader ecological and environmental law issues.

Paul files amicus brief in Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Assistant Professor Sanjukta Paul filed an amicus brief in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of a group of law and business professors, supporting a Seattle ordinance that authorizes collective bargaining rights for Uber and other ride-share drivers in a federal antitrust pre-emption challenge. She also wrote “Amicus Brief in Seattle Case: Antitrust and Worker Cooperation,” for OnLabor, a blog devoted to workers, unions and their politics.

Gable writes for The Conversation

Associate Professor Lance Gable wrote “3 ways the U.S. should prepare for the next flu pandemic” for The Conversation. Gable also participated in a webinar on “Executive Decision-Making and Liability for Public Health Officials,” co-sponsored by the Network for Public Health Law and the Partnership for Public Health Law. The webinar discussed the discretionary authority public health officials have in carrying out their duties, situations where use of discretion may be legally challenged, factors the law requires to show proof of an abuse of discretion and tools to assist public health decision-making.
Cook to serve as scholar in residence at Berkeley Law

Assistant Professor Blanche Cook will serve as a scholar in residence at the University of California Berkeley School of Law beginning in October. The appointment is part of Berkeley Law’s Visitors in Residence program, which brings social justice practitioners, academics and others to the law school for an extended time to share their expertise.

Cook recently co-led a plenary session titled “Liberal Arts Education as a Foundation for Pursuits of Justice” at the Oberlin College Design Your Purpose project and was on a panel discussing gendered violence at the University of Toledo’s Law Review Symposium.

Carlson publishes research on recognition of Indian tribes

Associate Professor Kirsten Carlson’s latest research “Making Strategic Choices: How and Why Indian Groups Advocated for Federal Recognition from 1977 to 2012,” was published in the Law & Society Law Review. It reveals that a dynamic interplay of goals, motivations and constraints influence groups to different strategies over time. She also wrote “Protect American Indians,” for The Detroit News, which was mentioned on SCOTUSblog.

Ortman wins AALS honorable mention award

Assistant Professor William Ortman’s paper for the Michigan Law Review, co-authored with Daniel Epps of Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, won an honorable mention award at the 2018 AALS Scholarly Papers Competition. The paper is titled “The Lottery Docket.”

Notes

Associate Professor Jocelyn Benson was named one of Crain’s Detroit Business’ 40 Under 40. This award recognizes young achievers based on factors such as financial impact and community leadership.

Professor Stephen Calkins gave a guest lecture at UCD Sutherland School of Law in Dublin on “Introduction to EU Competition Law.” He also presented “Competition Law Enforcement: Convergence and Divergence” at UCD Sutherland School of Law.

Professor Peter J. Henning wrote “It’s getting harder to prosecute politicians for corruption” and “Taxpayers are subsidizing hush money for sexual harassment and assault” for The Conversation.

Professor John Mogk wrote “Reconsider honors to Lewis Cass, do more to honor abolitionist Jacob Howard” for the Detroit Free Press and “Eminent domain helps Detroit compete” for The Detroit News.

Professor Robert A. Sedler wrote “Abortion freedom of speech battle heading to the Supreme Court” for The Conversation, which was mentioned on SCOTUSblog. The Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle and the Seattle Post Intelligencer also picked up the article.
1970s
Daryle Salisbury ’70, was inducted into the Michigan Workers’ Compensation Hall of Fame. He earned his bachelor’s from Wayne State University.

1980s
Scott L. Mandel ’81, was granted membership to the American Board of Trial Advocates. Mandel is a litigation attorney at Foster Swift, where much of his practice concerns complex litigation, including representation of governmental entities and large corporations. He earned his bachelor’s from Michigan State University.

Sandra D. Glazier ’82, was appointed an equity partner of Lipson Neilson. Glazier earned her bachelor’s from Wayne State University.

Douglas Dozeman ’83, was re-elected managing partner at Warner Norcross & Judd, where he is tasked with guiding the firm’s strategic direction and continued growth over the next two years across the firm’s eight offices. Dozeman earned his bachelor’s from Calvin College.

Patricia M. Nemeth ’84, was one of 47 female attorneys selected for inclusion in an American Bar Association book, Grit, the Secret to Advancement: Stories of Successful Women Lawyers. She earned her bachelor’s from the University of Michigan and LL.M. from Wayne Law.

Elizabeth Silverman ’84, received the 2017 Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Michigan’s Outstanding Achievement Award. She earned her bachelor’s from the University of Michigan – Dearborn.

Linda Burwell ’85, announced that her firm has been renamed to National Investigation Counsel. The firm, founded in 2013, is a leader in conducting independent workplace investigations, with a focus on matters involving C-suite high-level executives.

Kathy Browne ’87, was appointed chairperson of the Piety Hill Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Committee.

Nanci Grant ’89, outgoing chief judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, was honored by the U.S. Marshals Service for her dedication to the Fugitive Apprehension Team, Detroit and Oakland, by making herself available 24/7 to expedite the process of obtaining search warrants for cases in which the teams were actively on track in apprehending fugitives.

1990s
Patty Bordman ’90, was appointed mayor pro-tem of Birmingham, Michigan. Bordman earned her bachelor’s from Wayne State University and her master’s from Oakland University.

James E. DeLine ’91, was an editor of the American Bar Association’s recently published Antitrust Class Actions Handbook, Second Edition. DeLine is a member at Kerr Russell. He earned his bachelor’s from the University of Michigan.

Christopher Ninomiya ’93, was appointed by the governor to serve as a judge in the 41st Circuit Court. Prior to the appointment, Ninomiya was chief judge of the 95-B District Court. He earned his bachelor’s from Michigan State University.

Rachel Roe ’94, was named vice president and general counsel of Munson Healthcare, a nine hospital health care system located in Traverse City, Michigan.

Tom Cameron ’96, was appointed by the governor to the First District Michigan Court of Appeals. He earned his bachelor’s from Western Michigan University.
Jill Bloom ’99, was promoted to partner of Fragomen Worldwide. She advises corporate clients in various industries on all aspects of business immigration law, including nonimmigrant visas, permanent residency with a focus on PERM, expatriate assignments, strategic compliance, and immigration support for corporate restructuring. She also advises on a wide range of family-based immigration issues. She earned her bachelor’s from Albion College.

Kenneth P. Williams ’98, joined Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney as a shareholder in Detroit. He earned his bachelor’s from the University of Michigan.

Jill Bloom ’99, was appointed to the executive committee of Rhoades McKee. Druke practices real estate law, environmental law and handles commercial litigations. He earned his bachelor’s from James Madison University.

Patrick Drueke ’98, was appointed to the Board of Directors of The McGregor Foundation. Hickner is co-chair of Ulmer & Berne’s Health Care Practice Group, where she specializes in transactional matters and compliance with federal and state health care regulations. She earned her bachelor’s from the University of Michigan.

Michael R. Singer ’98, will serve as Kerr Russell’s representative on the Heart Walk Executive Cabinet for the 2018 Southeast Michigan American Heart Association Metro Detroit Heart Walk. Bank is a member of Kerr Russell.

Tonya Fitzpatrick ’98, was a speaker at TEDxWayneStateU, where she spoke about the transformative power of travel and how changing one’s perspective when traveling can open up new doors. Fitzpatrick is the creator, producer and co-host of the award-winning World Footprints podcast. She earned her master’s from the London School of Economics.

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2000s

Alicia Skillman ’00, was appointed by the Board of Ethics of Detroit as its executive director. Skillman runs day to day operations that support the mission of the ethics board, which is to ensure that governmental decisions are made in the public’s best interest by prohibiting public servants from participating in matters that affect their personal or financial interests.

Robert D. Wolford ’00, was elected managing member of Miller Johnson.

Jeffrey M. Schroder ’01, was appointed to the governing council of the State Bar of Michigan’s Health Care Law Section. He also was elected chair of the Legislative Committee for the Health Care Law Section. Schroder is an attorney with Plunkett Cooney.

Kathryn E. Hickner ’03, was appointed to the Board of Directors of The McGregor Foundation. Hickner is co-chair of Ulmer & Berne’s Health Care Practice Group, where she specializes in transactional matters and compliance with federal and state health care regulations. She earned her bachelor’s from the University of Michigan.

Mariam Saad Bazzi ’05, was named one of Crain’s Detroit Business’ 40 Under 40. Bazzi, who was appointed by the governor to the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County, earned her bachelor’s from the University of Michigan.

Stephen Ravas ’05, completed a six-month detail to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Alexandria, Virginia, as a special assistant U.S. attorney. He earned his bachelor’s from James Madison University.

Lindsay Abramson ’06, was named superior court commissioner for Maricopa County, Arizona. She previously worked with the Maricopa County Public Defender Office.

Corey M. Beaubien ’06, co-authored “U.S. design patents — no longer second chair” for the IAM Yearbook 2018. He also was a speaker for the webcast “The Hague Agreement and Design Filings: Things You Need to Know and Do,” presented by The Knowledge Group in October 2017. Beaubien is a managing shareholder at the law firm Reising Ethington. He earned his bachelor’s from Kettering University.

Kuryakin C. Rucker ’06, was named general counsel to Sarai Investment Corporation in Huntsville, Alabama. He is a Ph.D. student in management at Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky, and he earned his bachelor’s and master’s from Wayne State University.

Celeste Arduino ’07, was named 2017 Outstanding Young Lawyer by the American Bar Association’s Nonprofit Organizations Committee. Arduino, a member of Bodman in Detroit, earned her bachelor’s from Bowling Green State University.

Darryl L. Edwards ’07, was appointed an administrative judge for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Charlotte, North Carolina. Edwards’ previous role with the EEOC was senior trial attorney. He joined the agency in September 2007 through its Honors Program for recent law school graduates.

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Madelaine Lane ’07, performed the starring role in the New York Lyric Opera’s concert performance of Don Giovanni. Lane is a partner at Warner, Norcross and Judd in Grand Rapids, where she focuses on white-collar criminal defense. She earned her bachelor’s from College of the Holy Cross. Lane was featured in Grand Rapids Magazine for its report, “Madelaine Lane: Lawyer by day, operatic performer by night.”

Tony Paris ’07, was awarded the Detroit Bar Association Barristers Community Impact Award. He is lead attorney at Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice. Paris earned his bachelor’s from Adrian College.

Danilo Wittica, LL.M. ’07, was named head of Sherwin Williams Brazil’s Latin American tax department. He earned his bachelor’s from Universidade Paulista in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Jehan Crump-Gibson ’09, co-founded Great Lakes Legal Group, a minority women-owned law firm in metro Detroit. Prior to launching Great Lakes Legal Group, Crump-Gibson worked at her own law firm, C&G Solutions. She earned dual bachelor degrees in political science and English from Michigan State University.


Kara R. Hart-Negrich ’09, was elected to the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section Executive Council. She is a staff attorney with the State Housing Development Authority Council. She is a staff attorney with the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section Executive Council. Breuer, an attorney with Howard & Howard in Royal Oak, earned his bachelor’s from Michigan State University.

Bridget M. Hathaway ’12, has been admitted as a member of Bodman. She previously was a senior associate attorney with the firm. Hathaway earned her bachelor’s from the University of Michigan.

Sungwook (Sung) Lee ’12, joined the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Gilson & Lione as a patent attorney. Lee earned his bachelor’s from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, and his master’s from University of Michigan. He is a member of Korean-American Professionals in the Automotive Industry.


Steven Harris ’13, opened the Law Offices of Steven T. Harris in Lake Orion, Michigan. He earned his bachelor’s from Indiana University.

Mike Serra ’13, wrote, “Don’t Be Fooled By These Brand Protection Scams,” which was published in the Sept. 20, 2017 issue of The Brand Protection Professional. Serra, a senior associate with Bodman in Ann Arbor, earned his bachelor’s from Michigan State University.

Leslie A. Rojas ’08, was appointed to the governing council of the State Bar of Michigan’s Health Care Law Section. She also was elected to serve a second year as a member of both the Medical Legal and Technology Subcommittees for the section. Rojas is an attorney with Plunkett Cooney.

Jehan Crump-Gibson

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Alicia W. Birach ’10, was named an Up and Coming Lawyer for 2017 by Michigan Lawyers Weekly. Birach is a shareholder at Foster Swift Collins and Smith in Southfield.
Jordan Summers '13, received United Way of Midland County’s 2017 “Outstanding Young Leader” Award. This award recognizes an individual who encourages the spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism among emerging leaders. Summers, a trust officer with Chemical Bank in Saginaw, also was appointed to the Board of Education for the Midland County Educational Service Agency. He earned his master’s and bachelor’s from Northwood University.

Robert E. Thomas ‘13, was named to the 2017 class of 30 in their Thirties by DBusiness Magazine. He earned his master’s and bachelor’s from the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Alexander J. DeWitt ‘14, received the 2016-17 Pro Bono Service Award from the Detroit Bar Association. He is an associate with Butzel Long in Bloomfield Hills. DeWitt earned his bachelor’s from the University of Michigan.

Klaudia Nikolli Psari ‘14, joined JD Advising as its director of marketing and sales. JD Advising is a law school and bar preparation company founded by Ashley Heidemann ’11. Psari earned her bachelor’s from Wayne State University.

Ana Victoria Campos ’15, joined the Michigan Department of Attorney General in Lansing as an assistant attorney general in the Revenue & Collections Division. She earned her bachelor’s from the University of Michigan.

Adam Kessler ’15, was named one of The Well and Jewish News’ 36 Under 36. Kessler is an attorney at Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss. He graduated from Kelley School of Business at Indiana University in 2008.

Michelle D. Champane ‘16, joined Howard & Howard Attorneys at the firm’s Royal Oak office. Champane focuses her practice on business, real estate, civil and commercial litigation. She earned her bachelor’s from James Madison College at Michigan State University.

Aristidi D. Papaioannou ‘16, was elected to the State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section Executive Council. He earned his bachelor’s from the University of Michigan – Dearborn.

Ian W. Larkin ‘17, joined the Royal Oak office of Howard & Howard Attorneys. He concentrates his practice on business and corporate law. Larkin earned his bachelor’s from Wayne State University.

Matt Paradiso ‘17, joined the Detroit office of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath and Lyman, the largest health care-focused law firm in the nation. He practices in the area of health care law with a focus on commercial litigation and corporate transactions. Paradiso earned his bachelor’s from James Madison College at Michigan State University.

Order of the Coif
Based on outstanding academic achievement by vote of the faculty, the following 2016-17 graduates have been elected to the Order of the Coif. This is the highest academic honor accorded to law school graduates nationwide.

Jonathon Akkari
Gabriel Appel
Megan Baxter
Jaron Bentley
Sarah Cravens
Amy Huang Smith
John Malone III
Elizabeth Marzotto
Lauren Potocsky
Trey Souchock
James Townsend

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

Robert Attaway ‘71
Donald Currie ‘73
John H. Holst ‘70
Oskar M. Hornbach ’66
Jaroslaw Karpinski ’77
Lawrence S. Katkowsky ’67
Gary R. La Bret ‘60
George Mercer ‘74
Terence E. Scanlon ‘73
Edward M. Smith ’65
Mary F. Solis ’82
Wayne Law alumnae recognized as Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan

Fifteen Wayne State University Law School alumnae were recognized by Crain Content Studio, the publishing division of Crain’s Detroit Business, as Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan for 2017.

Wayne Law alumnae made up the majority of those recognized.

The featured lawyers were nominated by their professional and community peers, and selected based on the following criteria: career accomplishments, involvement in nonprofits and community organizations and history of being a mentor in their field.

The 15 Wayne Law alumnae Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan for 2017 include:

- Michelle Crockett ’00, diversity and professional development principal, Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone
- Elizabeth Hardy ’84, member, Kienbaum Opperman Hardy & Pelton
- Michelle Harrell ’93, shareholder, Maddin Hauser Roth & Heller
- Donna MacKenzie ’04, shareholder, Olsman MacKenzie & Wallace
- Laurel McGiffert ’80, partner, Plunkett Cooney
- Patricia Nemeth ’84, president and CEO, Nemeth Law
- Martha Olijnyk ’99, senior partner, The Miller Law Firm
- Linda Paullin-Hebden ’89, executive partner, Warner Norcross & Judd
- Angela Povilaitis ’00, assistant attorney general, Michigan Department of Attorney General
- Erika Riggs ’11, attorney, Disability Attorneys of Michigan
- Sangeeta Shah ’93, shareholder and chief diversity officer, Brooks Kushman
- Joanne Swanson ’81, member, Kerr Russell
- Ronda Tate Truvillion ’06, partner, Lewis & Munday
- Ann Marie Uetz ’93, partner, Foley & Lardner
- Wendy Zabriskie ’91, member and partner, Bodman
SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATES
Awarded to students for academic achievement during 2016-17

Gold Key Certificates – GPA of 3.9 and higher
Anthony Akins
Arthur Duffy
Laura Ebert
Marianne Grano
Kristina Gregerson
Alexis Havenstein
Ramy Hijazi
Nhan Ho

Henry Holland
Kelly Hwa
Dane Lepola
Matthew Makepeace
Brian Markham
Rachel McDuffie
Erin Mette
Jarred Pickering

Adomas Rauckis
Courtney Rosenau
Ewelina Sawicka
Michael Schultz
Jeffrey Schultz
Rebecca Sereno
Bridget Vance
James Wrock

Silver Key Certificates – GPA of 3.68-3.89
Brennan Ackerman
Kevin Adamiak
Albert Asciutto
Monica Batsford
Alyssa Bell
Laura Biery
Jeremy Bleier
Lance Bruck
Matthew Cassar
Jared Christensen
Fawzieh Daher
Jonathan Demers
Chelsea Everson
Catherine Ferguson
Dana Fraser
Matthew Friedrichs
Susan Gleich
Jeffery Gould

Erin Griffin
Ian Harrier
Robert Higbee
Hayley Johnson
James Keohoe
Daniel King
Chelsea Kozar
Bryan Lemanski
Nicole Lockhart
Benjamin Low
Thomas Lurie
Giuliano Mancini
Jack Mazzara
Mark Oszust
David Padalino
Nicholas Pillow
Nicole Pitchford
Alexis Ringman

Charles Roarty
Linda Roelans
Sean Rucker
Rafael Saakyan
Brendan Sawyer
Jacob Simon
Madeline Sinkovich
Sharae’ Smiley
David Thomas
Kathleen Vivian
Nicholas Voran
Justin Weber
Adam Winn
Adam Winnie
Amyra Woods
Andrew Zaituna
Dustin Zak

Bronze Key Certificates – GPA of 3.5-3.67
Kail Aiello
Graham Anderson
Elaina Bailey
Daniel Baker
Hassan Bazzi
Robert Billings
Samuel Charara
Taylor Charon
Alan Coatney
Daniel Cooke
Jaclyn Culler
DeLone Dawisha
Gina Derderian
Kristine Franko

Mohamed Ghaith
Linda Girard
Tyler Gnatkowski
Arthur Griem
Kelsey Heath
Brian Hommel
Noraline Issak
Hussein Jaward
Alana Karbal
Husnah Khan
Lewis Kolak
Steven Kraska
Jeffrey Lehrberg
Kirstina Magyari

Paige Miller
Kimberly Moehle
Joseph Nunez
Preston Pietszak
Marie Reimers
Micah Rogalski
Joseph Rossi
Zachary Runyan
Aaron Shuman
Jasleen Singh
Jaspreeet Singh
Sarah Thomas
Genevieve Wilson
Katelyn Young
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Wayne Law Golf Outing

Monday, June 4, 2018

Country Club of Detroit
Grosse Pointe Farms

Proceeds benefit scholarships

Details: law.wayne.edu/golf

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