From government relations to scholarship to diversity building, the world of education taps the talents of IIT Chicago-Kent alumni.
We have chosen, you and I, a high calling. You are the best society has to offer, and I can assure you that you will have the chance to follow your dreams, serve society, and make a difference if you choose to do so.

— Laurel Bellows, president-elect of the American Bar Association
Commencement address, May 13, 2012
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IIT Chicago-Kent earns top bar pass rate in Illinois

Graduates of IIT Chicago-Kent attained the highest pass rate in Illinois on the July 2011 state bar examination.

According to results released by the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, 97 percent of Chicago-Kent graduates who took the bar exam in July 2011 for the first time received passing scores, exceeding the pass rates of graduates from Illinois’ eight other law schools, including University of Chicago, Northwestern, University of Illinois and Loyola.

In all, 258 Chicago-Kent graduates took the exam for the first time, and 250 passed. The law school’s pass rate of 97 percent was seven points higher than the state pass rate of 90 percent for first-time test takers.

“We are thrilled that so many of our graduates successfully completed this critical step in preparing for their careers,” said Dean Harold J. Krent. “Our faculty has worked hard and effectively to ensure that our students are prepared for the challenges to come.”

Justice Stephen G. Breyer, September 2011
U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer spoke to students, faculty, alumni and friends at the inaugural program of IIT Chicago-Kent’s Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States, an initiative aiming to further education about the Court and its role in our constitutional system of government. Justice Breyer addressed the themes set forth in his book Making Our Democracy Work — A Judge’s View.

Justice Antonin Scalia, October 2011
U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, shown here meeting with IIT Chicago-Kent students, delivered the keynote address at a conference on “Judicial Takings: Property Rights and the Rule of Law,” hosted by the law school in partnership with the Jack Miller Center. Justice Scalia also presided with Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke ’83 at a student moot court focused on the judicial takings issue.
Bankruptcy scholar named to Ralph Brill Endowed Chair

Professor Adrian James Walters of England’s Nottingham Trent University was installed as the first holder of the IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law Ralph Brill Endowed Chair during ceremonies at the law school in September.

A member of the Nottingham Trent University law school faculty since 1994, Professor Walters’ scholarly and teaching interests lie in the fields of bankruptcy and corporate law. In 2007, he founded the Nottingham Trent University Insolvency and Corporate Law Research Group, which focuses on corporate liquidation, corporate rescue, personal insolvency, cross-border insolvency and comparative insolvency.

Professor Walters’ current research focuses on emerging trends in judicial management of transnational bankruptcies. He earned a B.A. with honors from the University of Cambridge and his Graduate Diploma in Law (with commendation) and Law Society Finals (with honors) from Nottingham Polytechnic, now Nottingham Trent University.

“It is an incredible honor to be appointed to Chicago-Kent’s first endowed chair, and I am very excited to have become part of this great law school community,” said Professor Walters.

The Brill Chair—the law school's first endowed chair—honors Professor Ralph L. Brill, who has served on the faculty since 1961. At Chicago-Kent, Professor Brill established the law school's comprehensive legal research and writing program and has taught courses in torts, products liability, constitutional law, agency and partnership, commercial law, statutes, damages, social legislation, property, and advanced torts to more than 8,500 students.

More than 400 Chicago-Kent alumni and friends contributed and exceeded the university’s $1.5 million goal to fund the chair.

George Washington University law professor wins 2011 Palmer Civil Liberties Prize

George Washington University professor Laura A. Dickinson lectured at the law school in April on her book Outsourcing War and Peace: Preserving Public Values in a World of Privatized Foreign Affairs, for which she won the 2011 IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law/Roy C. Palmer Civil Liberties Prize. The book examines the increasing privatization of military, security and foreign aid functions of government and the impact of this trend on public values. The prize was established in 2007 by Roy C. Palmer ’62 and his wife, Susan, to honor an exemplary work of scholarship exploring the tension between civil liberties and national security in contemporary American society.
“40 Under Forty” honors six IIT Chicago-Kent alumni


Margaret P. Battersby Black ’08
Associate
Levin & Perconti

Claudia Gallo ’99
Partner
Berger Schatz

Mitchell B. Friedman ’99
Partner
Morici, Figlioli & Associates

Thomas J. Posey ’03
Partner
Franczek Radelet

Daniel A. Kirk ’96
Chief of Staff
Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office

Rosa M. Silva ’01
Assistant Public Defender
Cook County Public Defender’s Office

Series examines compliance in financial institutions

The Fall 2011 Speakers Series on Compliance in Financial Institutions kicked off in September with “Lawyers’ Roles in the Financial Crisis: Lessons Learned,” a talk by Sheldon Goldfarb (left), general counsel at RBS Americas and chief legal officer at Citizens Financial Group. With support from a grant from the CME Group Foundation, Professor Felice Batlan (right) brought leading experts to the law school to discuss the current state of financial regulation and the compliance function. Mr. Goldfarb’s talk was followed by “Compliance Roundtable: Hot Issues in Financial Institutions” in October and “The Making of Dodd-Frank” in November.
Thomas A. Demetrio ‘73 appointed chair of IIT Chicago-Kent Board of Overseers

Nationally acclaimed trial lawyer Thomas A. Demetrio ’73 has been appointed chairman of the Board of Overseers of IIT Chicago-Kent. Mr. Demetrio succeeds John R. Schmidt of Mayer Brown.

A founding partner in the Chicago-based law firm of Corboy & Demetrio, Mr. Demetrio focuses his practice on medical negligence, airplane crash and commercial litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame and his J.D. degree at Chicago-Kent. He served as president of the Chicago-Kent Alumni Association in 1988–89, and has sat on the law school’s Board of Overseers since 1992. Mr. Demetrio received the law school’s Alumni Merit Award in 1989, its Professional Achievement Award in 1990, and its Distinguished Service Award in 2000.

Mr. Demetrio served as chairman of Chicago-Kent’s campaign for its state-of-the-art building at 565 West Adams Street. Recently, he spearheaded a successful campaign that raised more than $1.5 million to endow the law school’s faculty chair in honor of Professor Ralph L. Brill.

“All of us at IIT Chicago-Kent are delighted with Tom Demetrio’s appointment as chairman of our Board of Overseers,” said Dean Harold Krent. “His professional excellence and his record of public service make him a role model for our students and an inspiration to the entire law school community. We’d also like to express our thanks to another first-rate professional, outgoing president John Schmidt, who steered our board masterfully for more than a decade.”

A member of the IIT Board of Trustees since 2010, Mr. Demetrio also sits on the boards of the Center for Disability and Elder Law, Big Shoulders—Archdiocese of Chicago, and the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago. He serves on the Dispute Resolution Research Center Advisory Committee at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is a past member of the boards of the University of Notre Dame Law School, St. Ignatius College Prep and Mundelein Seminary.

Mr. Demetrio is a past president of the Chicago Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. During his tenure as president of the Chicago Bar Association, Mr. Demetrio established the Lend-A-Hand program to support and fund mentoring programs for disadvantaged youth in the Chicago area. The program was renamed to honor the late federal judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz, a 1925 graduate of what is now Chicago-Kent.

Mr. Demetrio has authored numerous articles on civil litigation and has taught extensively in the area of trial techniques.

A CLE murder mystery

Professor Richard J. Gonzalez (seated) presides over a probable cause hearing during tech rehearsal for Professor Henry H. Perritt, Jr.’s new play Giving Ground, performed in May at the Thompson Center Auditorium. More than a whodunit full of murder, mayhem, political corruption and shady corporate dealings, the production was a carefully crafted program through which Illinois attorneys could earn MCLE credit by participating in discussion of more than 30 ethical and substantive legal issues woven into the plot. The performance was cosponsored by IIT Chicago-Kent’s Office of Continuing Legal & Professional Education, The Artistic Home theater company, and the Chicago Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section.
TRIAL AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Eight more regional and national distinctions

Once again, students in IIT Chicago-Kent’s moot court and trial advocacy programs have excelled in competition at the regional and national levels, winning four national championships and advancing to the national finals of four major competitions.

In 2011–12, teams from Chicago-Kent took first-place honors at the National Ethics Trial Competition, the National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition, the Appellate Lawyers Association’s Moot Court Competition, and the William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition, with individual Chicago-Kent students winning Best Oral Advocate awards at both the Appellate Lawyers and McGee competitions. This is the second consecutive year Chicago-Kent has won the National Cultural Heritage Competition.

Chicago-Kent also advanced to the final rounds of four additional competitions: the National Moot Court Competition (regional champions), National Trial Competition (region 8 top seed), American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition (regional champions), and the NBLSA Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition (regional finalists). This is the sixth consecutive year in which Chicago-Kent has represented the region in the National Trial Competition.

Chicago-Kent’s trial advocacy program, currently ranked third in the nation by U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, is directed by Justice David A. Erickson. The law school’s appellate advocacy program is directed by Professor Kent Streseman.

Congratulations to our 2011–12 competitors!
2011–12 Appellate Advocacy Competition Highlights

William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition
National Champions: Rachel Brady, Matthew Cogan, Alexandra Grace
Best Oral Advocate Award: Rachel Brady

Appellate Lawyers Association’s Moot Court Competition
National Champions: Justin Hagan, Daaron Kimmel
Second-Place Winners: Whitney Friedman, Josiah Jenkins
Best Oral Advocate Awards:
First Place: Daaron Kimmel
Second Place: Whitney Friedman
Third Place: Justin Hagan

Best Brief Awards:
First Place: Justin Hagan, Daaron Kimmel
Second Place: Whitney Friedman, Josiah Jenkins

National Moot Court Competition
Regional Champions: Helena Gonzalez, David Jorgensen, Jack Kennedy
Regional Best Oral Advocate Award: David Jorgensen

National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition
National Champions: Richard Poskozim, Filip Zucek

2011–12 Trial Advocacy Competition Highlights

National Ethics Trial Competition
National Champions: Bernadett Guy, Tara Korthals, Jordan Lebovitz, Erin Mayer

American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition
Regional Champions:
Daniel Crone, Marcell Taylor, Jessica Velez, Carlos Vera

NBLSA Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition
Regional Finalists:
Hazel Gumbs, Johanna Ojo, Rachel Oliver, Brittany Pritchett

National Trial Competition
Region 8 Top Seed:
Lindsay Gephardt, Heather Widell, Erik Wilson

From left, Chicago-Kent students Jack Kennedy, Helena Gonzalez and David Jorgensen are the winners of the 2011–12 National Moot Court Competition regional tournament. David also won the regional competition’s Best Oral Advocate Award.

From left, Chicago-Kent students Lindsay Gephardt, Erik Wilson and Heather Widell are top seed and one of two winning teams in the Region 8 tournament of the 2012 National Trial Competition.
Patent and Trademark director headlines IP conference

IIT Chicago-Kent’s second annual U.S. Supreme Court IP Review, organized by Professor Edward Lee (left), featured prominent speakers and panelists from the U.S. Supreme Court bar, intellectual property practice, academia and judiciary, including the Honorable David Kappos (center), U.S. under secretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and Professor David Schwartz (right).

Internet privacy conference plays to full house

Harvard University computer science professor Harry R. Lewis was the plenary speaker this March at a daylong conference on “Internet Privacy, Social Networks and Data Aggregation,” the inaugural event of IIT Chicago-Kent’s new Center for Information, Society and Policy. Organized by Professors Lori B. Andrews and Richard Warner, the conference brought together policymakers, computer scientists, legal experts and privacy activists to discuss Internet privacy and the problems created by the intersection of social networks and the data aggregation industry.

Rovner Competition now a 20-year tradition

The Honorable Ilana Diamond Rovner (left) congratulates Emily Chase-Sosnoff, winner of the 20th annual Rovner Appellate Advocacy Competition and an accompanying scholarship. Second-place honors went to Irena Kin, who received a scholarship from the Edmund G. Burke Scholarship Fund, while the Fay Clayton Award for Outstanding Oralist and the Ralph L. Brill Award for Best Brief went to Prava Palacharla and Caroline Teichner, respectively. Students this year argued *Thomas More Law Center v. Obama*, a case challenging the constitutionality of various provisions of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
As teachers, our goal is to inspire and to empower others to excel in their careers. Our reward is creating opportunities for others to flourish. Faculty, however, cannot teach in a vacuum. They rely on a wide variety of administrative experts to create the environment in which teaching can be most effective.

The following profiles highlight a few of the many alumni who are highly accomplished in different aspects of education, from legislative liaison to diversity officer and from trusted counselor to professors themselves. Together, they are laying the groundwork for success in the classroom and beyond.

—Harold J. Krent
Born in Colombia, Olga Gutierrez ’06 came to Chicago with her family when she was 6. She studied political science and sociology at the University of Illinois, but “since I was 10, I wanted to go to law school. I thought it would be fun,” she says, “not the law school thing so much, but being a lawyer, going to court, arguing.”

She chose IIT Chicago-Kent partly because she figured being in downtown Chicago was a good way to be in the loop—networking, proximity to law firms, and the sheer size of the legal market.

“I had a great experience at Chicago-Kent,” she says. “I’m still in contact with quite a few of my classmates.”

After graduation, she landed her first job with the Mayor’s Office in Chicago, where she focused on governmental affairs and legislative work and found herself in charge of no less than nine committees. Olga spent one year clerking for Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez, followed by two years in the intergovernmental affairs department at the Chicago Public Schools. In September 2010, she became executive director of legislative and governmental affairs for the City Colleges of Chicago.

“I work with local, state and federal governments to ensure that City Colleges is properly funded,” she says, “and that legislation reflects the needs of City Colleges and is on track with what we’re trying to accomplish.”

What they’re trying to accomplish at the moment is increasing the graduation rate, in accordance with the Obama administration’s American Graduation Initiative. “A large portion of those graduates would need to be community college graduates,” she notes. “Under Mayor Emanuel’s leadership, City Colleges has also instituted the College to Career program to align our curriculum with workforce needs and place our students in high-demand jobs.”

It means doing what she imagined when she was in law school: advocacy. She just happens to be doing it in education.

“City Colleges is one of the most affordable, quality educational institutions in the state,” she observes. “Federal and state governments are going through such financial difficulties; we want to make sure our funding stays at least level.”

City Colleges, she says, boasts the most diverse student body population in the city and, with an enrollment of 120,000, is an important gateway for students to pursue further education or move directly into careers.
Edward Cramp ’96
Partner, Duane Morris LLP
San Diego, Calif.

“When Edward Cramp ’96 finished his undergraduate degree in economics and political science at the University of California, Riverside, his thoughts turned to law school. “It seemed like a very worthwhile career path,” he recalls, “and a good way to work with people, help them solve their problems, and make a little money while doing it.”

When he visited IIT Chicago-Kent in 1992, “it just blew me away. I thought they were the most forward-thinking in terms of what technology would bring to the law.” That was back when “the Internet was a twinkle in Al Gore’s eye, but the facilities and the faculty seemed excellent.”

“I like advocacy work,” she says, and enjoys working with government agencies and elected officials to make progress.

The biggest challenge is keeping up with legislative changes. “The community college world in particular is changing rapidly,” she notes. “The president mentioned in his State of the Union speech the role that community colleges can play in improving the economy.”

Olga finds that the skills learned in law school definitely apply to her area of work. “We’re running a big institution,” she says, “so sometimes I’m dealing with zoning issues for a particular college or managing operational issues. I may have started the job thinking I would be dealing primarily with education policy, but I also handle issues like becoming a smoke-free campus. Being flexible, good time management, staying cool under pressure, thinking on my feet—these are all things I learned in law school. The most important skill is crafting and delivering persuasive arguments.”

Olga has mastered time management well enough to sit on the boards of Rainbow House and the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation and at the same time run the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois mentorship program. She also skates with the Windy City Rollers, a local women’s roller derby league.

“I’m hooked,” she says. “It’s a lot of fun.”
Education law, however, was still far from his mind. He joined the Navy the summer after his second year at Chicago-Kent, serving through the rest of law school and after graduation. As an immigrant (born in Toronto), “I thought it was important for somebody from the family to do some military service.”

In addition, practicing law in the military also looked like an engaging career. “You get a lot of hands-on responsibility immediately—direct client contact, responsibility, counseling and advice. I think that’s true with most government jobs. Younger lawyers get more experience doing different things sooner than in law firms.”

As a reservist, he was called back after 9/11 for a year, serving at a reserve processing facility, making sure those going overseas had all their legal documents in order.

In 2003, he helped his current firm, Duane Morris LLP, open an office in San Diego. “I did mostly employment law,” he recalls. Then a new partner joined who practiced education law. “He and I hit it off. He showed me the ropes, and I grew into it.”

Since 2004, Ed has been focusing on a narrow slice of the education sector: for-profit, post-secondary institutions. “I work with large, publicly traded institutions, medium-sized regional institutions, little mom-and-pop schools, a lot of cosmetology schools. They’re the nicest, most sincere people you’ll ever meet, and they have legal problems just like all business people do.”

The field is highly regulated at the federal and state levels, and schools seek accreditation from private groups like the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences.

“We do anything and everything you can imagine that a business involved in educating people might need,” he says. “We do mergers and acquisitions, regulatory compliance, employment law, consumer claims.”

What he likes best is having direct input with the decision-makers—the CEOs, CFOs and COOs. The biggest challenge is “keeping up with the volume of it. There are lots of education lawyers, but very few people working in this area of education law.”

Ed recommends education law as a career path, noting that educators and students are “very diverse and intelligent groups to work with.” His advice to law students, however, is to avoid focusing on any one area during law school.

“Get the broadest education possible in law school,” he says. “Take classes in everything you can think of because you’re going to need it.” As someone who began his career in the public sector, he recommends looking at government agencies “because that’s where much of the work is going to be.”
In 2007, when Eric Priest ’02 was running a start-up company in Beijing focusing on digital content and intellectual property rights on the Internet, a friend remarked to him how impressed he was that Eric managed to combine three disparate interests—China, intellectual property law, and music—into one job. Asia has interested Eric throughout his life. He was born in Japan, where his dad, a U.S. military doctor, treated Vietnam War casualties. Later, at the University of Minnesota, Eric majored in English and minored in East Asian studies.

Eric has also had a lifelong love of music and spent eight years before law school as a songwriter and music producer, with hit songs in Europe in the 1990s. Working in the music business was also where he developed an interest in copyright law.

He chose IIT Chicago-Kent for its reputation in intellectual property law—and for the Honors Scholarship the law school offered him. “If I wasn’t saddled with law school debt,” he recalls thinking, “that would give me even more flexibility to do interesting things with my life.”

Eric’s mentor at Chicago-Kent was Professor Hank Perritt. “That made a big difference because he is an important scholar in cyberlaw and international law,” says Eric. “He’s also very interested in China.”

Eric’s torts professor, Howard Chapman, asked Eric to be his T.A. Though Eric had never taught before at any level, “I felt like I had a bit of a knack for it,” he recalls. Eric went on to serve as editor-in-chief of the Chicago-Kent Law Review.

When he graduated, he joined Dorsey & Whitney LLP as an associate in the firm’s Trademark, Copyright and Brand Management Group. “I loved it, but it didn’t afford me much opportunity to dig into deeper questions about the law’s purposes and its effects on society,” he said. “It is such a fascinating time to explore how rapid technological change affects innovation and copyright law.”

He was accepted into the LL.M. program at Harvard and in 2006 was hired as a resident fellow at Harvard Law School’s Berkman Center for Internet & Society, working on the OpenNet Initiative, where he analyzed Internet censorship and surveillance practices in several Asian countries, with a focus on China.

His graduate studies adviser was Professor William Fisher, who was developing a system for licensing legal peer-to-peer distribution of copyrighted works over the Internet. Eric’s LL.M. thesis applied Fisher’s model to China.

Eric worked with Fisher and others to launch a start-up venture in China utilizing the model developed at Harvard. In 2009, Eric joined the faculty of the University of Oregon School of Law, where he teaches copyright, trademark and property law and pursues his scholarly interests. Academe is a balancing act, he notes. “Teaching, making yourself available to students, and doing everything else while finding enough time to research and write is the biggest challenge.”

The best part of legal scholarship, he says, is “being able to focus on not just the best interests of a particular client but the broader interests of society.”

Eric’s current research interests include digital copyright, open access works and scholarship, and “some really fascinating changes happening in Chinese intellectual property law, a hot topic right now.”
Lee Gill ’83

Associate Vice President for Inclusion and Equity/Chief Diversity Officer, The University of Akron
Akron, Ohio

Born and raised in South Bend, Ind., Lee Gill ’83 grew up in the shadows of the University of Notre Dame but chose instead to attend the University of Michigan. He studied political science and sociology and became the university’s first African-American student body president.

Influenced equally, he says, by Thurgood Marshall and TV’s Perry Mason, he had his sights set on law school from an early age.

He chose IIT Chicago-Kent for its evening division. “I had to finance my legal education myself,” he recalls. During law school, he co-edited the Poverty Law Reporter for Commerce Clearing House, then the country’s largest legal publishing firm.

After graduation, Lee worked for Continental National Assurance (CNA) on affirmative action cases, which led to a job at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich., as the school’s affirmative action officer. He later became dean of the college’s Institute for Diversity and Leadership.

“The Benton Harbor experience,” he recalls, “showcased the importance of engaging not only the internal constituencies of the college, but the entire community surrounding the institution, because we’re not living and working in a vacuum.”

Lee, citing the area’s deep racial divisions, says, “Benton Harbor/St. Joseph was, in fact, a tale of two cities.” He approached the college’s then president, Dr. Richard Pappas, and they planned an event called “The Presidents Speak on Diversity,” inviting the heads of the major businesses in the region, including David Whitwam, then CEO of Whirlpool Corporation, headquartered in Benton Harbor.

Whitwam startled the audience by saying that, if the area did not begin to embrace diversity, Whirlpool might have to find another home that would provide a more welcoming environment to Whirlpool employees from around the world. Over the next five years, Whitwam committed millions of dollars through the Whirlpool Foundation to promote diversity and hired consultants to develop community strategies.

“I give Dave Whitwam and the other CEOs a great deal of credit for their leadership,” Lee says, “but it was our college that began and helped drive that initiative. That year, we were chosen by the Association of Community College Trustees as one of the top five community colleges in the nation for our diversity strategies.”
In 2008, the University of Akron created a new position, associate vice president for inclusion and equity and chief diversity officer, and hired Lee.

“One of the selling points to the search committee was that I understood the importance of engaging the entire Akron community in our diversity efforts,” he says. That involves making connections with “social service agencies, civic organizations, churches, everyone from the Urban League to the Chamber of Commerce.”

“I often say diversity is akin to the educational process: Learn it well and be rewarded; fail to learn it and be left behind. That’s the competitive marketplace we live in.”

At Akron, Lee deals with everything from enhancing retention and graduation rates and diversifying faculty and staff to developing curricula and creating academic support systems to help returning veterans integrate into university life.

“We’re not looking at diversity from the old paradigm, but from a new paradigm of ‘inclusive excellence.’ The more inclusive we are, the more excellent the outcome. We provide our graduates with the cultural competencies they’ll need to work in this multicultural, global world.”

Lee also serves as president of the Ohio Diversity Officers Collaboration and was recently named co-chair of the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education program committee.

He says the education he received at Chicago-Kent has served him well. “What Chicago-Kent provided me was the legal perspective I needed to be successful in the various professional roles I’ve assumed since graduation.”

Elizabeth Dale ’84
Associate Professor of History and Affiliate Professor of Law, University of Florida
Gainesville, Fla.

Elizabeth Dale ’84 graduated from DePauw University in Indiana with a degree in Ancient Greek. A career in a museum seemed likely, but the summer before graduation, she worked for a law firm. “I thought, ‘I can do this.’”

IIT Chicago-Kent was a good choice for Elizabeth because it meant she could live with her parents at their home in Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood. Tuition was affordable, and she wasn’t burdened by student loans when she finished. “That meant I could afford to be a civil rights attorney, but it also meant I could be something else if I wanted to.”

At Chicago-Kent, she focused on labor law. “I was going to be the great employment lawyer. The problem was, I graduated around the time President
Reagan busted PATCO, the air traffic controllers union, so all of a sudden none of the labor law firms were hiring.”

Then she met Kenneth Flaxman ’72, a Chicago-Kent grad a decade removed, who hired her to concentrate on civil rights law—employment discrimination, class action suits, police misconduct cases. But by the end of the decade, things weren’t getting any better for employment lawyers.

“I couldn’t think of another kind of law I wanted to practice,” she says, “so I thought, I can go save the world by teaching people about law, even if they don’t become lawyers.”

Elizabeth earned her Ph.D. in history at the University of Chicago and landed a faculty position at Clemson University in South Carolina from 1995 to 2000. She’s been at the University of Florida ever since, as an associate professor of history and an affiliate professor of law. “I’ve been moving up the football hierarchy,” she quips.

She teaches the history of law to undergrads, grad students and law students. Many of the undergrads she teaches don’t go on to law school, “but they get a chance to read cases and think about them and hopefully become more intelligent citizens.”

Elizabeth often has grad students and law students in the same class. “It’s interesting to think about how to bridge the gap between those groups. Both are convinced the other is much brighter and has much more specialized information,” she observes, “so they scare each other before they even talk.”

In response, she finds herself explaining a history article by interpreting a Supreme Court decision, then explaining a Supreme Court decision in historical terms. She teaches one course on the History of Constitutional Law, based on the U.S. Constitution, and another, called Comparative Constitutional History, that examines constitutions developed in other cultures over the past two centuries.

The author of four books, Elizabeth is teaching a course on the History of Human Rights for the first time this semester, and her latest scholarly interest is popular sovereignty and citizenship in U.S. constitutional history.
Michael A. Loizzi, Jr. ’79 majored in sociology in college, but he also studied law enforcement, taking a number of law-related classes. Vietnam was winding down when he graduated, but a number of his friends were drafted, and he thought, “I might be introduced to something in the military.” So he signed up.

He was right. In the Army JAG Corps, he worked in the prosecutor’s office as a clerk/court reporter/paralegal. By the time he got out in 1976, he decided, “This is what I want to do.”

He was married with a child, so finances were an issue. Tuition was reasonable at IIT Chicago-Kent, but he was leaning toward Illinois or Northwestern.

Then he ran into Professor Ralph Brill.

“Ralph showed me around, and quite frankly, his warmth tipped it in Chicago-Kent’s favor. His remarkable vision that law schools needed to spend more time teaching their students about writing and research has become the model for many schools throughout the country.”

Mike landed a position with Jenner & Block, a large corporate firm in Chicago, and figured he’d end up there. But at a cocktail party, he bumped into an attorney who worked in a new field called school law. “None of the law schools offered anything on education law as far as I knew,” he recalls. But he had always enjoyed the educational environment and once considered becoming a teacher.

Even though initially it meant a financial sacrifice—he started out earning about half of what Jenner & Block was offering—he set off on a career in school law in 1979 that led, in 1990, to the founding of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, an Arlington Heights–based firm that represents school districts and other public entities.

After conducting almost a thousand collective bargaining agreements, Mike says he finds that the best part about the work is the “wonderful educators, board members, school administrators, teacher assistants, other support staff and, of course, interaction with the parents and students. In most school districts, they’re all pulling in the same direction. Just really quality people.” He likes having a positive, if indirect, impact on kids and education by “solving management-labor issues and keeping students in school.”

The field has changed since 1979. “The school code was basically a pamphlet, 20 to 40 pages. Now it’s an 800- to 1,000-page volume. When I started, there was no public sector labor law in Illinois. Teachers and other public employees had no right to organize, no right to strike.”

The five original partners had to be versatile. “I remember being out in Sycamore doing a real estate deal, selling an unused school building,” he recalls. “Then that night I’m negotiating a labor contract. The next morning, I’m in a special education meeting with parents and staff.”
Today, the 30+ attorneys at Mike’s firm, including his oldest son, Anthony Loizzi ’06, focus their work on particular areas. The biggest challenge is “the complexity—the statutes, the rules, the regulations, the court decisions.”

Mike recommends the field of education law but stresses that it’s a significant commitment. “We’ve got districts of 10,000–15,000 students and 2,000–3,000 employees. Put them all in the same buildings and things are going to happen, and they’re going to happen outside 9–5.

“Your clients,” he adds, “are highly educated and very passionate about their profession. And they’re going to expect the same from you.”

Jordan Paradise ’03
Associate Professor of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law
Newark, N.J.
Emerging technologies and the law is the domain of Jordan Paradise ’03, an associate professor at Seton Hall University School of Law. She earned her B.S. at the University of Michigan, studying neuroscience, cognitive science, and biological psychology. She then stayed on as a laboratory technician for a year from 1999 to 2000 to work in a neuroscience lab.

“I really liked what I was doing,” she recalls, “but it was isolating.” She started reading articles about genetics and the progress of the Human Genome Project—some of which were written by IIT Chicago-Kent Distinguished Professor Lori Andrews.

“There was controversy,” Jordan says, “even at that time about patenting genetic sequences.” It made her think about law school.

“I concentrated on schools that had a science and technology law focus and faculty. Chicago-Kent had a strong intellectual property program, and the cross-cutting work of Professor Lori Andrews intrigued me. That’s why I ended up there.”

Jordan worked closely with Professor Andrews from second semester on, researching “bio-historical analysis of deceased historical figures, genetics issues, ethical and legal implications of patenting genes, and all the really great stuff that I wanted to get my hands on.”

Jordan stayed on for a year and a half after graduation as a research fellow, and then accepted a position as associate director of research and education and research associate at the University of Minnesota Law School in an innovative joint-degree program in law, health and the life sciences.

“I was really interested in the policy questions,” she says. “There’s an important role for lawyers who have a science background to inform that process. I knew that academe was the place where I would have the most robust experience doing that.”

After four years, she moved to Seton Hall, which has a highly regarded health law program and the Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy as well as the Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology, which focuses on intellectual property law. She has been teaching a number of courses at Seton Hall, including Food & Drug Law, Administrative Law, and Law & the Life Sciences.

Her biggest challenge is “keeping up with the science. I’m constantly going to conferences that are looking at the next emerging technology. Part of the job as a legal academic in this area is trying to keep ahead of the innovations, and it’s a really, really tough thing to do. Regulators struggle to do it. Policymakers struggle to do it. Things are developing so rapidly.”

Her advice to law students: “Get interested in something and run with it.” Then add your voice to it. “It’s priceless for you to write, publish, get out there.”

As her long list of publications confirms, she takes her own advice. “I love to write. It’s the one thing that I really can get lost in,” Jordan says, acknowledging a debt to Chicago-Kent’s Legal Research and Writing Program.

The latest thing she’s focusing on is synthetic biology, i.e., “creating living organisms from scratch.” She recently delivered a paper at a conference hosted by the J. Craig Venter Institute in Rockville, Md., on the gaps that exist in terms of FDA regulations for this emerging field.

“I keep telling my students, ‘The opportunities are where there is uncertainty.’ Health care legislation implementation? It’s going to take us years to figure that out. We need students coming out of law school to start being the experts.”
Lori B. Andrews filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in January on behalf of medical organizations supporting the petitioners in Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics. The Court granted certiorari and then vacated and remanded the case to the Federal Circuit.

In September, Professor Andrews gave a presentation on “Combating Cyberbullying” at Social Media Week, an international event held in Chicago, and published Proceed with Caution, an op-ed for the New York Times online feature “Room for Debate” about the issues raised by non-anonymous sperm donation. She gave presentations about social networks to FBI agents in September and again in January. In December, she presented a talk in Warsaw, Poland, on the effect of gene patents on the international biotechnology industry.

In January, the Free Press, a division of Simon and Schuster, published Professor Andrews’ book I Know Who You Are and I Saw What You Did: Social Networks and the Death of Privacy, in which she proposes a constitutional framework for social networks and the Web. Professor Andrews has received extensive media coverage related to her book and current research, including profiles in the end-of-the-year profiles in the end-of-the-year Chicago Reader, the CBA Record’s January issue, and More Magazine’s February issue.

Interviews with Professor Andrews have recently appeared in the Courier-Post (South New Jersey), Philadelphia Inquirer, Phranken.com, Gigamax.com, Privacy Journal, Weekly Bunkah (Japan’s equivalent of Time magazine), Chicago Sun-Times, Los Angeles Times and Silicon Valley De-Bug.

More than 35 radio shows and podcasts have recently aired interviews with Professor Andrews, including the Diane Rehm Show (NPR), Marketplace (American Public Media), Wall Street Journal Radio, the Bob Edwards Show (Sirius XM), and the Bloomberg Law Radio Show. Her recent television appearances include Fox & Friends, C-Span2 Book TV, Erin Burnett Out Front (CNN), Fox & Friends Weekend, Fox News Chicago, WGN Midday News, Keen On (Techcrunch), Bay Area Focus (CBS 5), TheStreet.com, Chicago Tonight (WTTW), and CBC.


In January, Professor Andrews participated in “What Would the Founding Fathers Think of Facebook?,” a panel discussion at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The event was broadcast on C-SPAN2’s Book TV. Professor Andrews also gave a speech titled “Spy: Privacy and Discrimination in the Era of Facebook” at Southwestern Law School and did presentations about the topics in her book at the Boston Public Library (January), at the Book Stall in Winnetka (January), and at the Chicago Public Library (February).

In February, Professor Andrews gave a speech about creating a constitutional framework for social network privacy at the University of Pennsylvania Law School; spoke on an IIT Chicago-Kent CLE panel about how social media is affecting companies, courts and counsel; delivered the keynote address “Managing Your Digital Reputation: Privacy and Discrimination in the Facebook Era” at Northwestern University School of Law’s Women’s Law Symposium; and participated in a panel discussion hosted by The New Yorker on Internet piracy, copyright and free speech.

In March, Professor Andrews and Professor Richard Warner co-hosted a conference on “Internet Privacy, Social Networks and Data Aggregation,” sponsored by Chicago-Kent’s new Center for Information, Society and Policy. Professor Andrews also hosted a Q&A with Rebecca Skloot, author of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, at a meeting of the Wayfarers’ Club in Chicago; gave a talk at Santa Clara University hosted by the Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley and Santa Clara University’s Center for Applied Ethics; and spoke at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law and at the University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

Professor Andrews spoke in April at IIT Rice Campus about how social networks are changing our lives and our culture, at Yale on the privacy challenges social networks present for personal health information, at a meeting of FBI special agents, at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, at the Chicago Lawyers’ Club, and at a public defenders retreat in Las Vegas.

In the coming months, Professor Andrews is planning to speak at the Winning Strategies Seminar hosted by the Office of Defender Services in Minneapolis, the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges & Employers annual conference, the Law and Society Association annual meeting, ThrillerFest in New York City, a Yale Law School alumni meeting in New York City, and the American Bar Association annual meeting in Chicago.


Under a grant from the Greenwall Foundation, Professor Andrews is analyzing the legal issues surrounding the collection of health information by social networks and related data aggregators. Professor Andrews continues to serve on the Bioethics Advisory Council of the March of Dimes Foundation and as a founding board member for a branch of the National Museum of Health and Medicine that will open in Chicago.


William A. Birdthistle joined the board of advisers of the Chicago chapter of the American Constitution Society and received a grant from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange to research and draft a paper on futures and derivatives.

Professor Birdthistle presented a seminar on Janus v. First Derivative Traders in March at the Chicago Bar Association annual seminar. Professor Birdthistle’s paper on the Supreme Court decision in Janus was accepted for presentation in June at the National Business Law Scholars Conference at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and he has been invited to participate in the UCLA Junior Business Law Faculty Forum this coming November.
The Journal of Corporation Law will publish Professor Birdthistle's article on the Supreme Court's decision in Janus v. First Derivative Traders. His article Breaking Bucks in Money Market Funds—originally published in the Wisconsin Law Review—will be anthologized in the Securities Law Review.

RALPH BRILL was appointed to an ABA site inspection team for a review last September of a law school being considered for accreditation. He also attended meetings of the ABA Standards Review Committee in Chicago and Minneapolis.

EVELYN BRODY continues in her role as reporter for the American Law Institute project on the Principles of the Law of Nonprofit Organizations.

In October, Professor Brody attended the annual conference of the National Center on Philanthropy and the Law in New York University School of Law and appeared as a panelist on “A Perfect Storm: Time to Change Course or Hunker Down?” at the Independent Sector’s 2011 Public Policy Action Institute in Chicago. She also helped plan a daylong seminar in Washington, D.C., on “Budget Pressure and Changing the Charitable Deduction: For Better or Worse?” where she spoke on the panel on “A Conversation About the Bigger Picture: Charities in Tax Reform at the Federal and State Levels.”


In January, Professor Brody participated in the U.S. Senate Finance Committee Staff's invitational Academic Roundtable on Tax Reform, held in Washington, D.C.

The National Association of Attorneys General/National Association of State Charities Officials (NAAG/NASCO) has asked Professor Brody to serve as a member of the advisory committee developing the program for the public day at the Charitable Trust and Solicitations annual conference this coming October.

Since June 2001, Professor Brody has been on the advisory board of the Tax Policy and Charities project, a joint undertaking of the Urban Institute Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy and the Brookings Institute-Urban Institute Tax Policy Center, funded with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This project is analyzing the many interactions between the federal and state tax systems and the charitable sector, with special emphasis on income and estate tax deductions for charitable giving, income- and property-tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations, and private foundation excise taxes. (For more information, visit www.urban.org/taxandcharities.)


CHRISTOPHER J. BUCCAFUSCO presented his article Making Sense of Intellectual Property in August at the Intellectual Property Scholars Conference at DePaul University College of Law. The article was recently published in the Cornell Law Review.

Professor Buccafusco presented Experimental Tests of Creativity and Innovation in Intellectual Property at the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Glasgow and at the Max Planck Institutes in Bonn and Munich. He also presented Culinary Copyright in March at the London School of Economics.

Professor Buccafusco received a $69,000 grant from Google and a $15,000 grant from the Batten Institute to study the effects of IP incentives on creativity and innovation (with Chris Sprigman). Professor Buccafusco also received an $18,000 grant from Google to study the effects of the public domain on the value of copyrighted works (with Paul Heald).

Professor Buccafusco's article Well-Being Analysis vs. Cost-Benefit Analysis (with J. Bronsteen & J. Masur) has been accepted for publication in the Duke Law Journal. The article will be the basis for the journal's annual Administrative Law Symposium next year.

SUNGJOON CHO's article Beyond Rationality: A Sociological Construction of the World Trade Organization was published in the January issue of the Virginia Journal of International Law.

DAVID J. GERBER gave several lectures in Sweden last September: “Global Competition Law: Dimensions, Consequences and Issues” at the Stockholm Center for Commercial Law; “Research in Global Competition Law” for the law faculty at the University of Stockholm; “Global Competition and Europe” for the Uppsala University law faculty; and “Global Competition Law: Implications for European Competition Law Authorities” at the Swedish Competition Authority.

In October, Professor Gerber served as host, moderator and speaker at the Global Competition Conference at IIT Chicago-Kent and gave a lecture on “Global Competition Law Issues and U.S. Practice” at the Chicago Center for International Dispute Resolution.

Professor Gerber spoke in February on “Regulatory Convergence as a Response to Globalization” at the Asian Competition Forum in Hong Kong.

In April, Professor Gerber gave lectures on China and competition law at Jiaotong University in Shanghai, Renmin University, and the Chinese University of Politics and Law in Beijing. The lectures at Jiaotong University and Renmin University were associated with the release of the Chinese translation of Professor Gerber’s most recent book, Global Competition Law, Markets and Globalization (Oxford University Press 2010).

DOUGLAS WM. GODFREY, along with Professor MARY ROSE STRUBBE, gave a presentation in September about the ethical implications of lawyers using technology, at the Central States Legal Writing Conference at the John Marshall Law School. In November, Professor Godfrey spoke at a conference hosted by Whittier Law School about how the law of search and seizure applies when the government uses the GPS tracking abilities of citizens’ smartphones.

This spring, Professor Godfrey was a visiting professor at Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Ga., where he taught Evidence and Legal Writing.

RICHARD J. GONZALEZ has been appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to a committee developing model discovery requests in employment cases.

PHILIP N. HABLUTZEL was reappointed to a ninth one-year term as a public member on the Chicago Board Options Exchange’s Business Conduct Committee, which meets monthly to consider charges of rule violations by members of the exchange. In June, he will complete another term on the Illinois State Bar Association’s Section Council on Business and Securities Law.

Last fall, Professor Hablutzel hosted the academic year’s first meeting of the Institute of Illinois Business Law at IIT Chicago-Kent and spoke to the alumni association of the University of Chicago's Booth Graduate
School of Business on legal issues related to serving on a not-for-profit corporation’s board of directors.

This spring, Professor Hablutzel taught a course at the East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai.

In June, Professor Hablutzel will host the 31st annual Conference on Not-For-Profit Organizations and chair a plenary session panel on corporate governance.

STEVEN L. HARRIS

served as the U.S. delegation’s commercial law coordinator for the Cape Town Convention’s Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Property. Earlier this year, he attended the diplomatic conference where the protocol was concluded and opened for signature.

In February, Professor Harris spoke at the DePaul Business & Commercial Law Journal annual symposium on “Recent Developments in UCC Article 9.” Professor Harris previously served as the reporter for the Article 9 review committee.

Professor Harris was also elected to the board of regents for the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and to life membership in the American Law Institute.

Professor Harris and his co-author Charles W. Mooney Jr. published the fifth edition of their casebook, Security Interests in Personal Property: Cases, Problems and Materials (Foundation Press 2011). In addition, Professor Harris completed the 2011 annual supplement to The Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town Convention), which appears in 10A Hawkland’s Uniform Commercial Code Series (Thomson/West).

STEVEN J. HEYMAN

presented an article titled The Dark Side of the Force: The Legacy of Justice Holmes for First Amendment Jurisprudence in January at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law’s Constitutional Roundtable. The article was published last year in the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal.

In March, Professor Heyman commented on a presentation by Michael Lieberman, Washington counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, at a CLE program at IIT Chicago-Kent on hate crimes and hate speech. Later that month, he took part in a panel on Erik Bleich’s book The Freedom to Be Racist? at the Council for European Studies annual meeting in Boston.

Professor Heyman and Thea Potanis ‘11 recently advised the prosecutors in State v. Melchert-Dinkel, a case before the Minnesota Court of Appeals. At issue is whether speech that urges another to commit suicide is protected by the First Amendment.

Professor Heyman’s article To Drink the Cup of Fury: Funeral Picketing, Public Discourse and the First Amendment will appear in the November issue of the Connecticut Law Review.

HAROLD J. KRENT


EDWARD LEE

hosted IIT Chicago-Kent’s second annual Supreme Court IP Review Conference in September and spoke on a panel about Golan v. Holder. (See photo on page 8.) Professor Lee was also a commenter on Jacqui Lipton’s book proposal Cyberlaw 2.0 at Fordham Law School’s Center on Law and Information Policy.

Last fall, Professor Lee presented Copyright, Death and Taxes at a Chicago-Kent faculty workshop, Marquette University Law School’s IP Colloquium, and a brown bag lunch for Chicago-Kent students. The article was published in 47 Wake Forest Law Review 1 (2012).

In October, Professor Lee spoke about Golan v. Holder at DePaul University College of Law. He was also a panelist speaking on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act safe harbor provisions at a symposium at Universidad Sergio Arboleda and a guest speaker on Golan v. Holder.

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Professor Heyman presented Digital Originality at the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law Symposium. In February, he was interviewed for Viewpoints with Pat Reuter about unauthorized use of Eye of the Tiger by Newt Gingrich’s campaign.

MARTIN H. MALIN

gave a talk in September on “A Comparison of Arbitral Disclosure Obligations in Labor and Employment Arbitration” at the National Academy of Arbitrators Fall Education Conference in Miami. Also that month, he spoke about “The Upheaval in Public Sector Labor Law: A Search for Common Elements” at a conference at the University of Richmond School of Law.

In October, Professor Malin provided commentary for a panel on “Freedoms of Association” at a symposium on “The Constitutionalization of Labor and Employment Law?” at the University of Wisconsin Law School and for a panel on “Public Sector Unions: Is Reform Needed and Proposals for Reform?” at a conference sponsored by Northwestern University Law School’s Sebran Institute on Law, Regulation and Economic Growth.

Professor Malin spoke on “Sifting through the Wreckage of the Tsunami That Hit Public Sector Labor Law” in January at the AALS annual meeting and again in March at a conference at York University’s Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. He also gave a talk in January on “Public Sector Collective Bargaining and a New Breed of Governors” at the Labor and Employment Relations Association annual meeting.

In February, Professor Malin gave a talk on “Two Models of Interest Arbitration” at a symposium at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and a talk on “Does the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms Have Any Relevance to U.S. Public Sector Labor Law?” at a symposium at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Williams S. Boyd School of Law.

Professor Malin published The Arbitration Fairness Act: It Need Not and Should Not Be an All or Nothing Proposition, 87 Indiana Law Journal 289 (2012). His book Employment Discrimination Law: Cases and Notes, co-written with Professor Mack Player of Santa Clara Law, was published by West earlier this year.

NANCY S. MARDER

was named a co-director of the IIT Chicago-Kent Institute for Law and the Humanities, joining Professors Sheldon Nahmod and Felice Batlan in this role. Professor Marder was also reappointed as a member of the American Judicature Society’s Carpenter Jury Center Advisory Committee and as the professor/reporter for the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases.

Professor Marder presented her article Batson Revisited in October at a conference on “Batson at Twenty-Five: Perspectives on the Landmark, Reflections on Its Legacy” at the University of Iowa College of Law and in March as part of a panel on “Interpretation, Reasoning and Procedure” at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities annual meeting at Texas Wesleyan School of Law. The article will be published later this year in the Iowa Law Review.

In April, Professor Marder gave a presentation and participated in a panel organized by the Chicago Journalists Association on “TV Cameras in Illinois Courts.”

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In June, Professor Marder will present an article on the first criminal trial of former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich at a panel on “Iconic Jury Trials,” which she organized for the Law & Society Association annual meeting.

Recently, Professor Marder gave written and oral testimony in support of a new rule established by the Illinois Supreme Court that will allow jurors to submit written questions to witnesses beginning in July.


Professor Marder also published Two Weeks at the Old Bailey: Jury Lessons from England and An Introduction to Comparative Jury Systems, both of which appeared in a symposium issue she edited for the Chicago-Kent Law Review. The issue includes 10 articles by international jury scholars, along with a foreword by Brian Barker, a judge at the Old Bailey in London.


In December, the New York Times published a letter to the editor written by Professor Marder in response to an article about televising U.S. Supreme Court arguments. The letter became part of a New York Times feature titled Sunday Dialogue: Putting the Justices on TV and was republished in the New York Times Upfront, a newsmagazine for high school students. Professor Marder’s letter was based on her article The Conundrum of Cameras in the Courtroom, which is forthcoming in the Arizona State Law Journal.

ANA MENDEZ MENCINI spoke in October about the intersection of immigration and adoption law at a CLE event sponsored by the Chicago Bar Association’s Adoption Law Committee.

SHELDON H. NAHMOD argued an important section 1983 case, Harrington v. Willbur, before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in September.

In November, Professor Nahmod spoke at Loyola Law School New Orleans about the Supreme Court’s 2011 decision in Connick v. Thompson. He also gave a talk about section 1983 at a program for newly confirmed federal district court judges, held in Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the Federal Judicial Center, the educational arm of the federal judiciary.

In February, Professor Nahmod spoke about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act at a public program in Chicago sponsored by the Shriver Center. He also made a four-hour presentation for more than 300 attorneys in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at a program sponsored by the Puerto Rico Federal Bar Association.

Professor Nahmod’s blog on section 1983 and constitutional law (nahmodlaw.com) recently passed a 35,000 views milestone. Professor Nahmod published the 2011 update to his treatise, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Litigation: The Law of Section 1983 (West Group 4th ed.), as well as the 2011 supplement to his casebook, Constitutional Torts (LexisNexis 3d ed. 2010) (with M. Wells & T. Eaton).

HENRY H. PERRITT, JR., was elected vice president of The Artistic Home, an off-Loop theater company, by its board of directors.

Professor Perritt wrote and produced Giving Ground, a new play sponsored jointly by the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, The Artistic Home, and IIT Chicago-Kent’s Office of Continuing Legal & Professional Education. Roles in the production were auctioned off in December at the Chicago Bar Association, and the play was performed at the Thompson Center Auditorium in May. (See photo on page 5.) Attorneys who attended were eligible for Illinois MCLE credit. Watch scenes from the play at www.givinggroundplay.com.

Professor Perritt also wrote another play, titled Airline Miles, which is scheduled to open in August at Second Stage Theatre in Chicago. For more, visit www.airlinemilesplay.com.

Chicago-Kent’s Office of Continuing Legal & Professional Education released Professor Perritt’s short movie Getting Back as part of a one-hour video MCLE program on copyright and computer law issues arising from social media use.

Principal photography on a promotional trailer for Professor Perritt’s movie You Took Away My Flag: A Movie About Kosovo was completed last summer in time for entry in the fall festival circuit. In October, Professor Perritt gave a presentation on Kosovo to the International and Foreign Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.


NATALIE BROUWER POTTS is the new director of IIT Chicago-Kent’s Center for Open Government. As such, she is actively litigating cases involving the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, Open Meetings Act, and similar statutes, often involving taxpayer litigation. She also teaches a clinical course on open government.

CÉSAR F. ROSADO MARZÁN joined the academic committee of the Master’s Program in Labor Law at Adolfo Ibáñez University (AIU) in Santiago, Chile, which offers innovative training to practicing labor and employment lawyers and gives a handful of scholarships for sitting judges in the country’s new labor courts. In this new role, Professor Rosado Marzán will help train the judges and practicing lawyers.

Last fall, Professor Rosado Marzán delivered a lecture at AIU on selected topics of American labor law and presented his work-in-progress The Jaguar’s Underbelly: What We Can Learn from Labor Law Regulation in Chile. He presented the same work-in-progress at the International Labor Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

In August, Professor Rosado Marzán presented his paper Power to Frame: The Human Rights Turn on Labor Rights in Chile and the Role of State Power at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Las Vegas.

From June through December 2012, Professor Rosado Marzán will be a visiting research professor at Stockholm University. Professor Rosado Marzán is a member of the Regulating Labor and Markets Programme—an international labor law research group based at Stockholm University—which recently received fresh funding that he will use for his research.
DAVID S. RUDSTEIN’s article Retrying the Acquitted in England, Part III: Prosecution Appeals Against Judges’ Rulings of “No Case to Answer” was published in 13 SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 5 (2011). This completes his three-part analysis of the changes to English double jeopardy law made by the Criminal Justice Act (2003).

CHRISTOPHER W. SCHMIDT presented The Tea Party and the Constitution in October at the Constitutional Law Colloquium at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. In December, he gave a lecture on U.S. constitutional law at the Winter Conference for Judicial Officers, organized by the Indiana Judicial Center.

In February, Professor Schmidt presented Divided by Law: The Shina, Legal Uncertainty, and the Role of the Courts in the Civil Rights Movement at the Legal History Workshop at the University of Michigan Law School. The article has been selected for presentation in June at the 2012 Junior Faculty Forum (successor to the Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum) at Harvard Law School.

Professor Schmidt and Professor CAROLYN SHAFTIRO are organizing a symposium on “The Supreme Court and the Public,” to be held at IIT Chicago-Kent this November.

Professor Schmidt’s article Conceptions of Law in the Civil Rights Movement was published in 1 UC IRVINE LAW REVIEW 641 (2011). The article was also featured in the winter 2012 issue of the American Bar Foundation’s newsletter, RESEARCHING LAW. Professor Schmidt also published The Tea Party and the Constitution, 39 HASTINGS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW QUARTERLY 193 (2011), and Popular Constitutionalism on the Right: Lessons from the Tea Party, 88 DENVER UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 523 (2011) (symposium). Professor Schmidt’s entry on Law and Society appeared earlier this year in THE OXFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN SOCIAL HISTORY.

DAVID L. SCHWARTZ was elected to the board of the Richard Linn Inn of Court and is serving as program chair for 2011–12.

Since August, Professor Schwartz has presented his article The Rise of Contingent Fee Representation in Patent Litigation at the IP Scholars Conference at DePaul University College of Law, the Fueling Innovation Conference at the University of Missouri–Kansas City Law School, the University of Notre Dame Law School, Marquette University Law School’s IP Colloquium, Northwestern University Law School’s Law & Economics Colloquium, the Drake University Intellectual Property Law Center’s 5th Anniversary Gala, and the Wisconsin Intellectual Property Law Association. The article has been accepted for publication in the ALABAMA LAW REVIEW.

In September, Professor Schwartz spoke on the “Cert. Petitions to Watch” panel at IIT Chicago-Kent’s second annual Supreme Court IP Review Conference. (See photo on page 8.) In November, he was a discussant for a paper at the sixth annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies at Northwestern University Law School.

Professor Schwartz served on a panel on “Uses of Legal Scholarship by Courts and Media” in January at the AALS annual meeting in Washington, D.C. In February, Professor Schwartz and Professor CHRISTOPHER SEAMAN presented The Presumption of Validity in Patent Litigation: An Experimental Study at the Works-in-Progress IP Colloquium at the University of Houston Law Center. Professor Schwartz presented his article An Empirical Assessment of the Supreme Court’s Use of Legal Scholarship in April at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago. The article, co-written with Professor Lee Petherbridge of Loyola Law School Los Angeles, is forthcoming in the NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW.


CHRISTOPHER B. SEAMAN presented his current work-in-progress Toward an Optimal Regime for Joint Ownership in Patent and Copyright Law in August at the Intellectual Property Scholars Conference at DePaul University College of Law. In September, he moderated a panel on Board of Trustees of Leland Stanford Junior University v. Roche Molecular Systems at IIT Chicago-Kent’s second annual Supreme Court IP Review Conference.

In October, Professor Seaman presented The Changing Patent Damages Regime: Reasonable Royalties After Lucent and Willful Infringement After Seagate, at the American Intellectual Property Law Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C. He also moderated “Patent Wars,” a panel discussion hosted by the Chicago-Kent IP Law Society.

Professor Seaman and Professor DAVID SCHWARTZ presented their current work-in-progress The Presumption of Validity in Patent Litigation: An Experimental Study in February at the 2012Works-in-Progress IP Colloquium at the University of Houston Law Center.


CAROLYN SHAFTIRO and Professor CHRISTOPHER SCHMIDT are organizing a symposium on “The Supreme Court and the Public,” to be held this November at IIT Chicago-Kent.

ANDREW BRADY SPALDING presented his research in January at Northwestern University Law School’s International Law Workshop. He was also a featured speaker at a RAND Corporation workshop that included leading experts in business, law and foreign policy.

Last fall, Professor Spalding participated in and contributed an article to a UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW symposium on business law. He also chaired a separate panel at the University of Wisconsin Law School on corruption in South Asia. In September, Professor Spalding’s research on anti-corruption law was cited in an article in the ECONOMIST titled Bribery Abroad: A Tale of Two Laws.

Professor Spalding’s article The Irony of International Business Law: U.S. Progressivism and China’s New Laissez Faire was published in 59 UCLA LAW REVIEW 354 (2011).

MICHAEL I. SPAK was honored this year by the Illinois State Bar Association as a “50-Year Senior Counselor.” Professor Spak has also been a 50-year member of the American Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, and Judge Advocate Generals Association. Over the years, he has served as an officer and committee chair many times.
RONALD W. STAUDT co-chaired the College of Law Practice Management’s Futures Conference in October and moderated the keynote session on “The Future of Price: Defining Value in Value Billing.”

In January, he gave a presentation at a workshop on “The Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Education: Changes in Law Practice, Implications for Legal Education” at the AALS annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

JOAN E. STEINMAN was recruited to work on a petition for rehearing and rehearing en banc to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in a case involving denial of a plaintiff’s motion to sue under a pseudonym. In 1985, Professor Steinman published the seminal article on the circumstances under which litigants should be permitted to sue under pseudonyms, and the test that she proposed in that article has been widely adopted by the federal courts. Both the test that district courts should use and the stringency of the abuse-of-discretion standard of review that the court of appeals should apply were questions of first impression in the Third Circuit.

In November, Professor Steinman spoke about recent U.S. Supreme Court cases addressing class action issues, on a panel titled “Class Dismissed? How the Supreme Court’s Recent Decisions Have Shifted the Balance Between Individuals and Corporations,” sponsored by the IIT Chicago-Kent Chapter of the American Constitution Society.

This spring, Professor Steinman provided invited comments on manuscripts written by civil procedure professors at other law schools, acted as the faculty sponsor and mentor to a Polish law professor visiting at Chicago-Kent, participated in a diversity forum, assisted in “mooting” a local attorney in preparation for a U.S. Supreme Court argument, and served as a judge for the annual law school talent show, facilitated training of Chicago-Kent students to be legal observers at upcoming demonstrations, and moderated the “Young Lawyers, Young Leaders” conference held at the law school.

Professor Steinman’s article Appellate Courts as First Responders: The Constitutionality and Propriety of Appellate Courts’ Resolving Issues in the First Instance was published in 87 Notre Dame Law Review 1521 (2012).

Professor Steinman published the 2012 pocket parts to volumes 14B and 14C of Wright & Miller’s Federal Practice and Procedure. She is working on the 2013 pocket parts. She is also working on a Teachers’ Update for Appellate Courts: Structures, Functions, Processes and Personnel (2nd ed., LexisNexis, 2006) (with D. Meadow & T. Baker).

KEITH ANN STIVERSON spoke in November about the recent passage of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act and its prospects for passage in the states, at a program on “Primary Legal Materials: Access, Preservation, Authentication and Advocacy” at the joint annual meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries and the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries.

MARY ROSE STRUBBE, along with Professor DOUGLAS WM. GODFREY, gave a presentation about the ethical implications of lawyers using technology, in September at the Central States Legal Writing Conference at the John Marshall Law School.

A. DAN TARLOCK gave the plenary address, “Reconnecting Cities and Their Watersheds,” at the Conference on Water in Urban Areas and Planning Law, held in September at the University of Copenhagen.

In October, Professor Tarlock presented his paper The Legacy of Schoodde v. Twin Falls Land and Water Co.: The Evolving Reasonable Appropriation Principle at a conference at Lewis and Clark College of Law in Portland, Ore. The paper was published this spring in 42 Environmental Law 37 (2012). He also participated in a panel presentation on “The Great and Growing Cities Doctrine” with Justice Gregory Hobbs of the Colorado Supreme Court at the Dividing the Waters Conference for Judges, held at the University of Nevada, Reno. In November, Professor Tarlock presented his paper Takings, Property Rights and Climate Change at a conference at Georgetown University.

Professor Tarlock presented The Future of Hydroelectric Power in February at the Vanderbilt University School of Law Symposium on “Supply and Demand: Barriers to a New Energy Future.” The paper will be published in the Vanderbilt Law Review.

Professor Tarlock participated in the Workshop on Climate Change and Private Sector Adaptation in March at the University of North Carolina School of Law and was a presenter in April at the ABA Section on Environment and Natural Resources webinar on the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2012 decision in PPL Montana v. Montana.


OZAN O. VAROL presented his forthcoming article The Democratic Coup d’État at the University of Chicago’s Legal Scholarship Workshop (September), an IIT Chicago-Kent faculty workshop (September), the American Society of Comparative Law annual meeting (October), and the Yale-Illinois-Princeton Comparative Law Works-in-Progress Workshop (February). The article will be published later this year in the Harvard International Law Journal.

Professor Varol was a discussant at the University of Chicago’s Young Comparativists Roundtable in January and chaired a panel in April at a conference on “New Perspectives in Comparative Law” at the George Washington University Law School.

In June, Professor Varol will chair panels on “Democratic Alternatives for Constitutional Functions” and “Criminal Justice and the Practice of Sentencing” at the Law & Society Association annual meeting.

Professor Varol is also co-organizing a conference in summer 2012 with Bertil Emrah Oder, dean of the Koc Law School in Istanbul, Turkey, on comparative constitutional law and the new Turkish Constitution, which is currently being drafted.

Professor Varol is serving on the executive committee for the AALS Section on New Law Professors and on the Linkages & Engagement Advisory Group of the American Society of Comparative Law’s Younger Comparativists Committee.

Professor Varol’s article The Origins and Limits of Originalism: A Comparative Study was published in 44 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 1239 (2011).

In addition, Professor Varol presented a podcast on the Supreme Court’s recent decision in Gonzalez v. Thaler, available for download at www.fed-soc.org/publications/page/scotuscast. In August, he was a guest blogger for PrAWfsBlAwg, writing about his summer research in Cairo and Istanbul.
ADRIAN WALTERS and Professor Jason Kilborn of the John Marshall Law School will co-present a paper titled: \textit{Involuntary Bankruptcy as Debt Collection: Some Thoughts on an Anglo-American Puzzle} in May at the INSOL International Academics’ Meeting in Miami.

In April, Professor Walters gave a guest lecture at Columbia Law School on the EU Insolvency Regulation as part of an international bankruptcy program organized by Columbia under the auspices of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Professor Walters was a contributing author for the fifth edition of \textit{Lightman & Moss: The Law of Administrators and Receivers of Companies} (Sweet & Maxwell 2011), a leading treatise on UK corporate restructuring law.

RICHARD WARNER presented Cloud Computing: Risks, Benefits and Contracts in September at the Chicago Bar Association and in December at the law firm of Arnstein & Lehr in Chicago. In November, he presented E-Commerce to the bar association in Kharkiv, Ukraine.


Professor Warner presented \textit{Do Not Track: What Do We Want? What Can We Get?} in March at the APPlicATioNs coNfereNce co-hosted with Professor Lori Andrews at IIT Chicago-Kent.

In June, Professor Warner and Professor Robert Sloan, head of the Computer Science Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will present \textit{Behavioral Advertising: From One-Sided Chicken to Informational Norms} at the Privacy Law Scholars Conference in Washington, D.C. The article will be published later this year in the \textit{VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT AND TECHNOLOGY LAW}.

Professor Warner is also working on opening a new School of American Law that will begin operations in October at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv in Ukraine.


RICHARD W. WRIGHT presented a paper titled \textit{Misunderstanding Justice and Rights in October to the Faculties of Law and Philosophy at the University of Toronto. He will present a more extensive paper on the same topic in July as a plenary speaker at the sixth biennial International Conference on the Law of Obligations: Challenging Orthodoxy, at the University of Western Ontario. Selected papers from this conference will be published in a book.}

In December, Professor Wright presented a paper titled \textit{Epidemiology and Epistemology: The Probable Versus the Actual} at the Conference on the Philosophy of Epidemiology—Conceptual Issues in Epidemiological Methodology, Population Health Policy, and the Use of Scientific Evidence in Law, held at the Philosophy Department of the University of Johannesburg in South Africa. Papers from this conference will be published in a book.

In February, Professor Wright was invited to become an external partner of the Centre for Enterprise Liability of the Faculty of Law of the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

Professor Wright’s \textit{NESS} (necessary element of a sufficient set) account and test of causation—which was adopted in the Restatement Third of Torts and identifies instances of causation that are erroneously rejected by the traditional “but for” (necessary condition) test—was cited approvingly and relied upon by the High Court of Australia in \textit{Amaca Pty. Ltd. v. Booth}, [2011] HCA 53 (14 December 2011), and by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in \textit{United States v. Kearney}, ___ F.3d ___ (2012 WL 639168 (29 February 2012)).

In March, Professor Wright provided pro bono advice to lawyers involved in several cases in which the \textit{NESS} account is critical, including cases (such as the Kearney case) that have been filed on behalf of victims of childhood pornography against viewers and distributors of such pornography and similar cases being contemplated against clients of victims of forced prostitution.

Professor Wright presented a paper titled \textit{Just Liability Given Indeterminate Causation} in March at the Workshop on Uncertainty and Mass Torts; Causation and Proof, organized by the Legal Philosophy Research Group, the Institute of European and Comparative Private Law, and the Chair in Legal Culture at the University of Girona, Spain. Papers from this workshop will be published in a book.

This May, Professor Wright will teach courses on Comparative Tort Law at the Universities of Gdansk and Wroclaw in Poland, deliver a lecture at the Faculty of Law of the University of Torun in Poland; and give a lecture on “Class Actions and Just Tort Liability” at the Roundtable on Class Actions, organized by the Department of Private Law at the University of Palermo, Italy.

Professor Wright has agreed to present his paper \textit{Tort Law and the Principles of Justice} this coming November at a conference at Rutgers School of Law-Newark, Oxford.

University Press will publish the paper as part of a collection of essays titled \textit{THE PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE LAW OF TORTS}.

In December, Professor Wright will present his paper \textit{Jules Coleman’s Adventures in “Justice Theory”} at a conference at the University of Girona in Spain. The paper will be published in the monographic section of the legal journal \textit{Diritto & QUESTIONI}.
Two hundred and seventy-five alumni and friends attended the 2011 Alumni Awards & Recognition Luncheon on November 18, 2011, at the Standard Club. The event, emceed by Professor Ronald W. Staudt and hosted by the IIT Chicago-Kent Alumni Board of Directors, honored the 2011 Alumni Award recipients and recognized individuals who volunteered for the law school last year.

The Alumni Board wishes to thank all the generous sponsors of the event, including Diamond Sponsor, Johnson & Bell, and Reception Sponsors, Edelson McGuire, McAndrews Held & Malloy, and Patzik Frank & Samotny.

Bios of the award recipients and photos of the event are available online at www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/recognition. For a list of this year’s volunteers, visit www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/volunteer.

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Victor Perez ‘01
Seneca County (OH) Department of Job and Family Services

Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award
James Reichardt ‘77

Public Interest Partner Award
Equip for Equality

2012 Public Interest Awards Night

The 5th annual Public Interest Awards Night was held Thursday, April 26, at the law school. The night honored the 2012 recipients of the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Award, the Public Interest Partner Award and the Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award. Students in the public interest program were recognized for their volunteer efforts, and attendees heard about the activities of the Self-Help Web Center.

Bios of the award recipients are available at www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/recognition.
CLE & Networking Series

This spring, the Young Alumni Council launched a new initiative to provide a benefit to alumni—the CLE & Networking Series. Held on the third Thursday of each month from January to June, the series featured different topics of the law and allowed alumni to earn two hours of free IL MCLE credit, including two programs focused on ethics. The efforts of the Young Alumni Council, led by Tim Ritchey ’05, who chaired the series, brought more than 550 alumni back to the school! Look for our continuing series next spring!

Thank you to our panelists!

January  Ethical Issues of Bad Lawyer Behavior
James J. Grogan, The Honorable Lauretta Higgins Wolfson ’88, Robert A. Merrick, Jr.

February  How Social Media Is Affecting Companies, Courts & Counsel
Professor Lori Andrews, Melissa Sobota ’07, Lawrence Steingold ’02

March  Marriage & Divorce: Planning for the Future
The Honorable Pamela Loza ’77, Kristen Carey ’10, Jason Sposeep ’03

April  ASA v. PD: Trends & Issues Before the Court
The Honorable Israel Desierto ’90, Kulmeet Galhotra, BA ’87, JD ’90, Scott Turk ’05

May  Topics on Litigation: The Anatomy of a Civil Case
Bill Gibbs ’04, Greg Ginex ’04, The Honorable Elizabeth Budzinski ’88

June  Ethics
Matt Jenkins ’07, Tim Ritchey ’04, Nishad Nadkami, M.D.

ConneKtions@Dinner

This year, the Alumni Association launched a new initiative to bring together students and alumni in an informal networking atmosphere. ConneKtions@Dinner is an opportunity for alumni to host a group of students for small dinner parties to share their knowledge and love of the legal profession and IIT Chicago-Kent. More information is available at www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/connektions, with the next set of dinners scheduled for ASCK Week 2012: October 8–12.

In March, John Locallo ’86 and Dennis Kellogg ’74 hosted a group of students for dinner at Marcello’s as part of ConneKtions@Dinner, a new program to connect alumni and students for informal networking opportunities.

Thank you to our alumni hosts from fall 2011 and spring 2012:

• Lindsay Anderson ’05, Terry Creamer ’90 and Jessica Kimbrough ’04
• Glenn Brewer ’95, Lisa Danna-Brennan ’94 and Teresa Tyson ’95
• Deborah Chessick ’08, Briana Martino ’08, Heather Masnik ’08 and Sara Siegall ’08
• Amy Cobb Curran ’01 and Scott Curran ’01
• Tarek Fadel ’03, Paul Miller ’00 and Bob Surrette ’97
• Kenneth Goetz ’89
• Dennis Kellogg ’74 and John Locallo ’86
• Barbara Klein ’79, Bruce Kohen ’79 and Denise Staniec ’84
• John Pikarski ’69 and Tom Pikarski ’97
• Hon. Bruno Tassone ’69 and Mary Nicolau Smith ’85
• Carolyn Thomas ’96

Alumni network at the second CLE & Networking Series program on February 16, titled “How Social Media Is Affecting Companies, Courts & Counsel.” Pictured, from left: Adam York ’07, Steven Anderson ’07, George Spathis ’90 and Bill Katris ’97.
Institute for Law and the Workplace Celebrates 15th Anniversary

On April 18, the Institute for Law and the Workplace celebrated its 15th anniversary with a special reception at the law school. Over 120 alumni and friends gathered together to hear from Professor Marty Malin, graduating student Margot Nikitas ’12, friend of the program Marvin Gittler, alumnus Kyle Johansen ’02 and a keynote address by Lester Munson, ESPN legal analyst.

Founded in 1997, the institute serves as an intellectual home for the labor and employment community, both in the Chicago area and nationwide.

In 15 years, the institute has:
- Graduated 445 certificate recipients
- Awarded more than $1 million in scholarships to certificate students
- Welcomed 50+ institute members

Thank you to those firms and organizations who have been members for the past 15 consecutive years.

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Thank you to the alumni and friends who attended the many Chicago-Kent Alumni Association events over the past year!

Reunions
1. Golden Reunion Luncheon: Celebrating the Classes of 1961 and Earlier
2. Trial Ad Alumni Reunion

Alumni Gatherings
1. Alumni and Student Public Service Reception, Washington, D.C.
2. Arizona Alumni Gathering
3. Florida Alumni Gatherings
4. Los Angeles Alumni Gatherings
5. New York Alumni Gathering
6. St. Louis Alumni Gathering

Alumni Events
1. Alumni Night @ Wrigley Field
2. ASCK Week: Alumni-Student ConneKtions CLE & Networking Series
3. ConneKtions@Dinner
4. Diversity Networking Reception
5. IPLS Alumni Awards and Reception, Honoring Thomas J. Donovan ’87
6. Judges Wall Reception
7. Post-Bar Party for the Class of 2011
8. Women in Law Mentoring Program Kick-Off
9. Young Alumni Summer Social
10. Young Alumni Winter Social
2012 Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree Recipients

IIT Chicago-Kent is proud to announce two recipients of honorary doctorate of laws degrees in 2012—Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Mahidol of Thailand and president-elect of the American Bar Association Laurel Bellows. The honorary doctorate degrees were bestowed by Illinois Institute of Technology at its commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 12, 2012. The two recipients were recognized at the law school’s Commencement on Sunday, May 13, and were the keynote speakers for the Class of 2012. See photos and video of the Chicago-Kent Commencement online at www.kentlaw.iit.edu/commencement.

Women in Law Mentor Program

In 2011–2012, more than 50 students participated in the Society of Women in Law Mentor Program, reaping the benefits of having IIT Chicago-Kent alumnas mentors. The Society of Women in Law is currently the only Chicago-Kent student organization to offer a mentor program, which has grown in size and popularity in recent years. Alumni and students connect at a kick-off reception in October, then meet a handful of times for the rest of the academic year. Activities between mentors and mentees include job shadowing, resume feedback, attending networking events together and career advice over coffee. The program, offered annually, begins with a callout for alumni mentor volunteers in August, and matching with mentors in late-September. Watch www.alumni.kentlaw.edu for recruitment in August.

IIT Chicago-Kent Gallery Night

The Art & Cultural Property Law Society, founded during the 2011–2012 school year, hosted the first Gallery Night at IIT Chicago-Kent. The program included a panel discussion on art law, featuring noted local practitioners and alumni, followed by a gallery reception with 15 student and alumni artists exhibiting. Artwork included acrylic, mixed media, watercolor, photography, sculpture, digital collage and origami, among other media. More than 100 students, alumni, faculty and staff attended the reception.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION YEAR-IN-REVIEW

See pictures from all our events and programs online at www.alumni.kentlaw.edu.
IIT Chicago-Kent Sportfeasors @ the Shamrock Shuffle

The IIT Chicago-Kent Sportfeasors, a new student organization at the law school, partnered with the Society of Women in Law to sponsor a team for Chicago’s annual Shamrock Shuffle 8K. Members of the Sportfeasors include students, professors and alumni who connect over a love for running and other athletics. About 37 runners participated on the Chicago-Kent team on March 25, joining 34,372 runners in Grant Park.

Join the Host Committee for the 125th Anniversary Gala

In February 2013, the IIT Chicago-Kent Alumni Board of Directors will host a special evening to celebrate the law school’s 125th Anniversary, and we are looking for alumni interested in serving on the Gala Host Committee. Committee members will be responsible for reaching out to fellow alumni, classmates and friends to attend the Gala and serve as hosts at the event. Help us build a host committee of 125 alumni! Interested? Contact Tara Anderson at tanderson@kentlaw.iit.edu or 312.906.5245.

Looking for Alumni Couples

Are you and your spouse both IIT Chicago-Kent alumni? Did you meet while in law school or connect while practicing lawyers? Let us know!
Advisory Boards & Committees at IIT Chicago-Kent

2011–2012 saw the emergence of numerous new advisory boards and committees that serve the law school to support specific initiatives at IIT Chicago-Kent. We thank all our alumni and friends for their support and commitment to furthering the mission of the law school.

Career Strategies Task Force

The goal of the Career Strategies Task Force is to ensure that the law school is positioned to meet the challenge of a rapidly changing legal market and a new era of legal employment. The task force advises the law school on changes in legal practice and employment that can affect legal education and serves as ambassadors to the recruiting/hiring community to encourage recruitment at IIT Chicago-Kent.

Bay Area Intellectual Property Advisory Board

The Bay Area IP Advisory Board was created to provide recommendations on the direction and initiatives for the law school’s IP program in the Bay Area. One of the board’s primary goals is to provide recommendations on how to better position IIT Chicago-Kent students to enter the IP industry in the Bay Area upon graduation, as well as build greater networking opportunities among Chicago-Kent alumni in the Bay area.

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The Law Review Alumni Board, created in summer 2012, aims to serve as a resource to the current staff on the Chicago-Kent Law Review.

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The Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Advisory Board was created to support the law school’s newest law clinic, offering advice and guidance in developing an entrepreneurial program geared at providing students with the tools and expertise necessary to counsel emerging companies.

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2012–13 Alumni Events

Thursday, July 19, 2012
Senior Partner Council Annual Recognition Reception

Wednesday, July 25, 2012
Post-Bar Party for the Class of 2012

Thursday, August 2, 2012
Screening of the film Miss Representation

Thursday, August 9, 2012
Young Alumni Summer Social

Thursday, September 13, 2012
Supreme Court Intellectual Property Review Conference

Thursday, September 20, 2012
Golden Reunion: For Graduates of the Class of 1962 and Earlier

Wednesday, October 3, 2012
An Afternoon with Justice Stevens

Week of October 8–12, 2012
ASCK Week: Alumni-Student ConneKtions ConneKtions@Dinner

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Women in Law Mentor Program Kick-Off Reception

Thursday, October 18, 2012
Class of 1992 20-Year Reunion

October 24–27, 2012
National Institute for Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions, Hosted by IIT Chicago-Kent

Thursday, November 15, 2012
Alumni Awards & Recognition Luncheon

Thursday & Friday, November 15–16, 2012
The Supreme Court and the Public: A Chicago-Kent Law Review Symposium

Spring 2013
CLE & Networking Series: Third Thursday of each month, January–June

Saturday, February 23, 2013
125th Anniversary Gala

Monday, March 4, 2013
IIT Chicago-Kent US Supreme Court Group Swearing-In

Sunday, May 19, 2013
2013 Commencement Ceremony

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Volunteer for 2012 ASCK Week!
Each year there are more activities for alumni to give back and make connections with students. Volunteer opportunities include:

• Resume review sessions
• Mock interviews or informational interviews
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2013 U.S. Supreme Court Group Swearing-In for IIT Chicago-Kent Alumni

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