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Professor Nancy Marder inducted into Warren E. Burger Society

Professor Nancy Marder was inducted into the National Center for State Courts’ Warren E. Burger Society at ceremonies held in November in Washington, D.C.

The Burger Society was formed by the National Center for State Courts in 1996 to honor individuals who have volunteered their time, talent and support to the center’s initiatives in an exceptional manner. Professor Marder was honored for her contributions to the center’s conference panels and jury projects.

Professor Marder is founder and director of the law school’s Justice John Paul Stevens Jury Center, which informs scholars about new work on the jury and undertakes special projects.

As professor/reporter for the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases, Professor Marder has helped to draft jury instructions for Illinois. She has also drafted jury instructions for the American Bar Association, advocated successfully for rule changes affecting jurors in Illinois, and given public testimony for proposed jury reforms.

Vanderbilt’s Ganesh Sitaraman wins Palmer Prize for book on counterinsurgency

Vanderbilt University professor Ganesh Sitaraman spoke at IIT Chicago-Kent in November about themes from his book The Counterinsurgent’s Constitution: Law in the Age of Small Wars, for which he won the 2013 IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law/Roy C. Palmer Civil Liberties Prize. Published by Oxford University Press in 2012, the book explores the intersection of law and counterinsurgency strategy.

Roy C. Palmer ’62 and his wife, Susan, established the Palmer Prize in 2007 to honor an exemplary work of scholarship exploring the tension between civil liberties and national security in contemporary American society.
Krent Award salutes top first-year students

Shohreh Davoodi ’15 and John Jefferson ’15 are the first recipients of the newly established Harold J. and Nancy F. Krent Excellence Award.

Dean Krent and his wife, Nancy, a partner at the law firm of Hodges Loizzi Eisenhammer Rodick & Kohn LLP, established the award in 2013 to recognize the student or students who rank at the top of the combined first-year full-time and second-year part-time classes.

“We created this award to recognize the hard work and dedication it takes to succeed in the first year of law school and to encourage students to strive for excellence,” said Mrs. Krent.

Honors Scholar Shohreh Davoodi graduated with distinction from the University of Wisconsin–Madison with a bachelor of arts degree in music performance for the oboe. She is a member of the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW, a Chicago-Kent teaching assistant and a volunteer for Lawyers in the Classroom. She recently completed a judicial externship with the Honorable Susan E. Cox of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

John Jefferson completed his undergraduate education with honors at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, with a degree in English literature. Prior to law school, he taught seventh-grade English in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with Teach for America. A member of the CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW, he recently completed a judicial externship with the Honorable Ruben Castillo of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He was first runner-up in the 2013 Ilana Diamond Rovner Appellate Advocacy Competition.

Chicago Appleseed Fund salutes staff attorney Matthew Daniels ’07

IIT Chicago-Kent staff attorney and criminal defense litigator Matthew Daniels ’07 recently received the Special Recognition Award from the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice for his pro bono work. A member of the Chicago Council of Lawyers board of governors, Mr. Daniels volunteers for both the council and the Appleseed Fund. Most recently, he volunteered for a project to prevent recidivism among nonviolent repeat offenders by addressing drug abuse and mental health issues.
Keith Ann Stiverson voted president-elect of American Association of Law Libraries

Keith Ann Stiverson, director of the IIT Chicago-Kent law library, has been elected vice president/president-elect of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Currently she is serving as vice president; she will begin her one-year term as president in July 2015.

With nearly 5,000 members, AALL represents law librarians and related professionals who are affiliated with law firms, law schools, corporate legal departments, courts, and local, state and federal government agencies.

“Law librarians are uniquely qualified to help the organizations we serve find new ways to meet the economic and technological challenges we face, and I am happy to have this opportunity to help lead the association at this critical time,” said Ms. Stiverson.

Ms. Stiverson has been an active AALL member throughout her career. She has been especially involved in the association’s efforts to ensure permanent public access to legal materials, and recently served on the Task Force on the Federal Depository Library Program.

Morris Lecture focuses on Korea and Japan

Yonsei University Law School professor Chaihark Hahm delivered the 2013 Henry Morris Lecture in International and Comparative Law, addressing the topic “Which People? Whose Constitution? A Comparative Look at Constitutional Founding in Korea and Japan.” The Morris Lecture was endowed by Henry Crittenden Morris (1863–1948), a diplomat and international lawyer and an 1889 graduate of the law school.

President Obama reappoints Professor Martin Malin to Federal Service Impasses Panel

Professor Martin Malin, director of IIT Chicago-Kent’s Institute for Law and the Workplace, has been reappointed by President Barack Obama as a member of the Federal Service Impasses Panel (FSIP). Professor Malin was first appointed to the FSIP in 2009.

The Federal Service Impasses Panel is the agency that intervenes when an agency of the federal government and a union representing that agency’s employees are unable to reach agreement on the terms of their new collective bargaining agreement under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute and the Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedules Act. The seven FSIP members are presidential appointees who serve on a part-time basis.

“Serving on the FSIP has been a privilege and a pleasure,” said Professor Malin. “For me it has been a great way to use my expertise to serve our country. My colleagues on the panel and our staff are tremendous, and I really enjoy working with diverse parties and assisting them in resolving their impasses.”

A member of the Chicago-Kent faculty since 1980, Professor Malin teaches courses in labor law, collective bargaining, arbitration, public sector labor law, employment law, contracts and jurisprudence. He has published six books and more than 70 articles on labor law and dispute resolution.
Law school launches human rights–focused art exhibit

The Art of Influence: Breaking Criminal Traditions, a multimedia exhibit that debuted at IIT Chicago-Kent in October, addresses ongoing ancient rituals, such as honor killing, child marriage and acid violence, that can kill or maim yet often are not considered crimes. Featuring 38 works by several of the Midwest’s most prominent artists, the exhibit drew hundreds of visitors to Chicago-Kent.

“The Art of Influence: Breaking Criminal Traditions is not about gender, culture or religion bashing,” said Cheryl Jefferson, executive producer of the exhibit. “Rather, it is an exploration of human rights, a dialogue to raise consciousness as a first step toward preventing the continuation of these horrifying acts.”

“I applaud the exhibit’s innovative use of art to illuminate and raise awareness of vexing human rights issues,” said Dean Harold Krent. “There is no question that artistic expression is one way we can prompt dialogue for greater tolerance in our world.”

The exhibit was curated by Charles Gniech and co-produced by Richard Laurent.

Reed Smith Scholars Award goes to Claudia Cortes ’15

Claudia Cortes, a second-year student at IIT Chicago-Kent, is the recipient of a 2013 Diverse Scholars Award from Reed Smith LLP.

Reed Smith annually provides $15,000 each to two of the nation’s top law students for their second-year tuition, as well as a paid summer associate position between their second and third years of study. Honorees are selected on the basis of their academic accomplishments and commitments to diversity, inclusion and community.

“Claudia will be among the future leaders of the legal profession,” said Tyree P. Jones Jr., Reed Smith’s director of global diversity and inclusion.

“Small Change” (top), by Chicago artist Richard Laurent, and “She Shall Be Repaid,” by Nebraska artist Barbara Simcoe, were among the works exhibited at IIT Chicago-Kent to raise awareness of human rights issues across the globe.
William Galston addresses U.S. economy in Centennial Lecture

Political theorist and WALL STREET JOURNAL columnist William Galston delivered the 2014 Centennial Lecture on the topic “Can Government Fix What’s Wrong with the Economy?” Galston currently holds the Ezra K. Zilkha Chair in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution.

Professor Carolyn Shapiro appointed Illinois Solicitor General

Professor Carolyn Shapiro, founding director of IIT Chicago-Kent’s Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States (ISCOTUS), was recently appointed Solicitor General of Illinois by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. Professor Shapiro succeeds former Chicago-Kent faculty member Michael Scodro, who was recently named Appellate Lawyer-in-Residence at ISCOTUS.

As Solicitor General, Professor Shapiro will oversee more than 40 attorneys in the Attorney General’s Appellate Division who work on behalf of the state, its officers and agencies. The Solicitor General oversees attorneys’ work in the U.S. Supreme Court, the Illinois Supreme Court, and the federal and state appellate courts, and serves as a legal adviser to the Attorney General.

Stop Diabetes Award presented to Professor Edward Kraus

Clinical Professor Edward Kraus was recently presented with a Stop Diabetes Award from the American Diabetes Association in recognition of his advocacy on behalf of individuals with diabetes. The Stop Diabetes Award goes to individuals and organizations for promoting the goals of the association’s campaign to: “Stop Ignorance, Stop Discrimination, Stop Complications and Stop Diabetes.”

Professor Kraus, who teaches disability law and consumer health benefits, is the supervising attorney for the law school’s Health and Disability Law Clinic. Since 2007, he has focused part of his practice on representing and advocating for individuals with diabetes in matters involving education, civil rights, criminal law and insurance.

Professor Kraus was part of the IIT Chicago-Kent team that played an integral role in securing passage of Illinois’ Care of Students with Diabetes Act in 2010. In 2011, he was appointed by Kathleen Sebelius, then Health and Human Services Secretary, to serve on the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines.
Koplan Nwabuoku ‘14 wins annual Rovner Competition

Students argue Second Amendment challenge to Maryland’s handgun licensing requirements

Koplan Nwabuoku is the winner of the 22nd annual Ilana Diamond Rovner Appellate Advocacy Competition, sponsored by the law school’s Moot Court Honor Society. The competition is named in honor of IIT Chicago-Kent graduate Ilana Diamond Rovner, judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

This year, students argued Woollard v. Gallagher, a Second Amendment case out of Maryland challenging that state’s “may-issue” concealed carry law. At issue was whether state officials violate the Second Amendment by requiring that individuals wishing to exercise their right to carry a handgun for self-defense first prove a “good and substantial reason” for doing so. (Last fall, the U.S. Supreme Court denied the petitioner’s writ of certiorari.)

In the final round of competition, Koplan Nwabuoku argued against second-year student John Jefferson. As the winner of the final round, Koplan received the Ilana Diamond Rovner Award for Outstanding Appellate Advocate and a $500 scholarship. As first runner-up, John received a $250 scholarship from the Edmund G. Burke Scholarship Fund.

Second-year student Nicholas Bartzen received the Fay Clayton Award for Outstanding Oralist and a $250 scholarship. Melody Gaal, also a second-year student, received the Ralph L. Brill Award for Best Brief and a $250 scholarship.

The final round of the competition was judged by a distinguished panel that included the Honorable Ilana Diamond Rovner, the Honorable Robert E. Gordon of the Illinois Appellate Court, and IIT Chicago-Kent Distinguished Professor Sheldon H. Nahmod.

Randi Weingarten weighs in on education reform

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), AFL-CIO, delivered the 10th Distinguished Labor Leader Lecture on March 24. Her lecture proposed that the most successful route to reforming public education is to engage teachers in the process through their unions. Open to the public, the annual lecture is sponsored as a public service by IIT Chicago-Kent’s Institute for Law and the Workplace and the Chicago Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.
Advocacy Competition: Highlights of a banner season for IIT Chicago-Kent

AAJ Student Trial Advocacy
Competition
Regional Champions
Michael Glink, Laura Henneman,
Lucas Peters, Valerie Raedy

ABA National Appellate
Advocacy Competition
Regional Champions
Koplan Nwabuoku, Valerie Raedy

ABA Negotiation Competition
Regional Champions
Kate Kosartes, David McKenzie

Evan A. Evans Constitutional
Law Moot Court Competition
National Finalists and Best
Respondent’s Brief
John Chambers, David Repking

Inter-American Human Rights
Moot Court Competition
Best Memorial in English for
Representatives of the Victims
Maureen Bitonio, Jenna Holtz

National Cultural Heritage Law
Moot Court Competition
National Champions
Paulina Lopez Caballero, Kelly
O’Neill, Hannah Tubera
Best Oral Advocate Award
Paulina Lopez Caballero
Second-Best Oral Advocate Award
Malinda Pileggi

National Ethics Trial Competition
Top Advocate
(for preliminary rounds)
Michael Zhang

National Moot Court Competition
Regional Finalists
Ryan Moore, David Starshak

National Pretrial Competition
Best Oral Advocate
(for preliminary rounds)
Judy Shammo

National Veterans Law Moot
Court Competition
Best Oral Advocate Award
Dustin Karrison
Second-Best Oral Advocate Award
Alex Stephens

Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition
Regional Champions and
Regional Best Brief
Sarah Aagaard, Benjamin Boroughf

William E. McGee National Civil Rights
Moot Court Competition
National Champions and Best Brief
Nicholas Bartzens, Melody Gaal, Eric
Shinabarger

From left: Lucas Peters ’15, Michael Glink ’14, Laura Henneman ’15 and Valerie Raedy ’14 won the regional championship of the American Association for Justice’s 2014 Student Trial Advocacy Competition in Chicago.

From left: Eric Shinabarger ’15, Melody Gaal ’15 and Nicholas Bartzens ’15 won the 2014 championship and best brief award at the William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition.

Valerie Raedy ’14 and Koplan Nwabuoku ’14 won the 2014 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Regional Competition in Las Vegas.
Professor Christopher Schmidt wins scholarship contest, takes helm of ISCOTUS

Professor Christopher Schmidt, newly appointed director of IIT Chicago-Kent’s Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States, recently won first place in the annual Scholarly Papers Competition of the Association of American Law Schools. Established in 1986, the competition recognizes outstanding scholarship by junior law school faculty members. Professor Schmidt’s winning paper, *Divided by Law: The Sit-Ins and the Role of the Courts in the Civil Rights Movement*, explains how the lunch counter sit-in movement of 1960 was a contest not only over access to public accommodations but also over the role of the courts in the civil rights movement.

In addition to serving on Chicago-Kent’s faculty, Professor Schmidt is a faculty fellow at the American Bar Foundation, where he serves as the editor of *Law & Social Inquiry*. He earned both a J.D. and a Ph.D. in the history of American civilization at Harvard and a B.A. at Dartmouth College. During law school, he was executive articles editor for the *Harvard Civil Rights–Civil Liberties Law Review*.

Professor Richard Gonzalez named Fellow of College of Labor and Employment Lawyers

Clinical Professor Richard Gonzalez recently was inducted as a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. Fellowship in the college recognizes “sustained outstanding performance in the profession, exemplifying dedication and excellence.”

As a clinical professor in the Law Offices of Chicago-Kent, Professor Gonzalez represents employees and employers in discrimination, wrongful discharge and defamation cases in federal and state court and in anti-discrimination agencies. His practice places particular emphasis on employment discrimination cases and negotiation of severance agreements.

In 2008, Professor Gonzalez received an Award for Excellence in Public Interest from the United States District Court and the Chicago chapter of the Federal Bar Association for his public service work.
Curricular innovations buck tradition, respond to challenging job market

Departing from years of law school protocol, many of next year’s new students will begin specializing during their first year of studies. Geared to jump-start summer job opportunities, the new option is one of several curricular innovations designed by faculty to address the new legal employment market. All are set to begin in fall 2014.

1L Your Way at IIT Chicago-Kent

1L Your Way permits new students to defer selected first-year course work to subsequent years in favor of taking an upper-division elective such as patent law or business organizations. This option is designed for first-year students with defined practice goals such as intellectual property law or corporate law.

“We’re providing new opportunities for students who want to hit the ground running,” said Dean Harold J. Krent. “Those of our students who know they want to concentrate in particular practice areas are eager to start specializing in the first year, and the summer job market often rewards them for doing so.”

Chicago-Kent’s break with the traditional first-year model represents the faculty’s contention that specialization can and often should begin early in law school. “Changing employment markets place increasing value on new graduates who have already cultivated skills and contacts in specific practice areas,” said Dean Krent.

1L Your Way also offers an alternative plan for first-year students who are undecided about their practice area. New students can now defer selected first-year course work in favor of taking a unique clinical rotation course designed to help students gain exposure to law practice and refine their career interests.

Based on the medical school model, the course matches first-year students with a trio of faculty practitioners, allowing students to immerse themselves in several diverse practice areas and to learn applicable skills.

“The many undecided students seek opportunities to try on different practice roles as soon as they can,” said Dean Krent. “For these students, the clinical rotation experience is invaluable in its intensity and breadth as well as in the quality of the faculty practitioners who teach it.”

Based in Chicago-Kent’s in-house law firm, the new clinical rotation course will be the first of its kind in the country, utilizing all nine of the law firm’s faculty practitioners. Students will spend four weeks with each of three practitioners, shadowing them as they work and taking part in virtually every phase of the cases they handle.

Practice areas will include criminal defense, employment discrimination, entrepreneurial law, tax law, immigration law, health and disability law, and family law. Students will participate in legal research, client interviews, document drafting, discovery review, administrative hearings and court appearances.

The Praxis Program at IIT Chicago-Kent

Open to all J.D. students, Praxis is an experience-based certificate program focusing on the core competencies required of successful lawyers.

Designed to turn out “client-ready” graduates, the program requires students to complete 24 credit hours from a list of existing experiential classes, prepare an effective online profile, and take a capstone class that integrates practice management and professional responsibility issues. But the real heart of the program is a list of core competencies intended to provide students with an alternative way to think about and gauge the success of their law school experience.

“The idea of focusing on competencies instead of discrete experiential classes—what are you capable of doing, not just what do you know—is something that has been out there in the press and cutting-edge legal education scholarship,” said Professor Sarah Harding. “We are, I believe, one of a small handful of schools trying to incorporate competencies into the law school experience at a programmatic level.”

“Research shows that many of the most successful lawyers were not stellar students,” noted Professor Katharine Baker. “Praxis provides a way for students, regardless of how well they do in doctrinal courses, to shine in some of the areas that are critical to being good lawyers.”
We have all heard the adage that managing lawyers is like herding cats. With the increasing financial pressures imposed on law firms by corporate and governmental clients, the role of law firm manager has grown even more daunting. Indeed, firms large and small have imploded in part due to well-meaning but ineffective guidance at the helm.

In light of those evolving challenges, I am pleased that so many of our graduates have risen to the ranks of law firm leaders. I’d like to believe that initiative and entrepreneurialism are in our school’s DNA, and we have in fact introduced more curricular offerings designed to challenge and prepare our graduates for future leadership.

In the pages that follow, you will read about just some of our graduates across the globe who have been recognized for their judgment, efficiency and vision and tapped to head law offices. Their approaches to leadership vary, but all are cognizant of the contemporary demands that globalization and technology impose on law practice. We wish them success.

—Harold J. Krent
Except for one year as clerk for U.S. District Court Judge John Nordberg, Bob Surrette ’97 has spent his entire legal career with McAndrews, Held & Malloy, a full-service intellectual property boutique firm in Chicago.

That doesn’t mean things don’t change. Last summer, Bob was voted in as president. But he doesn’t feel lonely at the top. “I’m not doing it on my own,” he said. “I work in conjunction with our chairman, Tim Malloy; our executive committee; and board, and view my role as executing the things they want done.”

He also has a “highly experienced staff, which makes it easier for me to work on my practice, which focuses mostly on litigation, due diligence, and client counseling.”

Management, though, has widened his scope. “There are a lot of different personalities and a lot of different views,” he said, “so listening is probably the most important skill. Our area of law requires our people to be competitive and ambitious. When you bring those traits internally, you just need to make sure you listen a lot.”

Because all 68 attorneys work out of one office, he added, “you interact with everyone almost daily. That’s one of the benefits of the job. That makes you a better lawyer.”

It also forces him to pay a lot more attention to time management, he said. His office, day to day, is “a very busy place.” But overall, the role has been very fulfilling.

“The enjoyable part is carrying on the McAndrews tradition,” he said. “There’s a tendency when people come in to want to change everything. But the people who came before built something pretty wonderful. You should have good reasons before making changes.”

Bob’s wife, Melissa Masters-Surrette, is a 1999 IIT Chicago-Kent grad, and his father-in-law, Edward Masters ’72, and brother-in-law, Karl Masters ’02, are Chicago-Kent grads as well. Bob and Melissa have two sons, 10 and 7. “I’m very much involved in my sons’ soccer programs,” he said. “One of the things I’ve always respected about Greg Vogler, one of the firm’s founders and someone with whom I have worked closely, was how involved he was in his children’s lives. The advice he gave me is, if you’re going to be involved, be the coach because you can set the times of the practices. I took that advice to heart and it’s given me another relationship with my boys.”

Bob remains close to his alma mater, teaching an IP legal writing class at Chicago-Kent and serving on the Alumni Board. He says he gives law students “probably more advice than they want.” First is to work harder than your clients, both internal and external. “It’s the number one way to distinguish yourself.” The rest is about the human side.

“You can be a wonderful lawyer and represent your clients’ interests to the utmost,” he said, “but it doesn’t mean you have to be a jerk. That was one of the things Judge Nordberg taught me.”

And build a community. “Chicago-Kent provided a great legal education,” he said, “but more important, it provided me with a community. Having a community to reach back to is an important part of your development.”
Being an attorney and a managing partner is about identifying opportunities, says David Mendelsohn ’91, who has done just that since leaving London to come to Chicago 26 years ago. Though already English-qualified, he needed law school credits to practice here and attended IIT Chicago-Kent four nights a week for 18 months, taking classes that would ground him in U.S. law.

From the very beginning of his legal practice, he has represented clients in the insurance industry. When he joined the firm that is today DLA Piper, he was the 180th lawyer. Today, with more than 4,000 lawyers, they are likely the largest firm in the world.

For the past 19 months, David has been the managing partner of the Chicago office, with approximately 440 people, half of them lawyers.

“It happens gradually,” he said. “You take on a role, and if you do a good job, then they ask you to do a little bit more. If they think you can do a good job in management, then opportunities to help run the business of the law firm present themselves.”

An important part of the job, he said, is developing a strategy and a plan that everyone in the office can believe in and contribute to.

“It's a challenge to do everything well,” he said. “I probably worked harder last year than I've ever worked. At the same time, I had a very rewarding year.”

The legal services market has changed, noted David, but he finds that exciting. “DLA Piper needs to adapt and be nimble enough to follow the path taken by many of our clients, who are being asked every year, with less resources and at lower cost, to be more productive and provide greater value to the end-user,” he said.

“The law firm of the future is going to be structured more like a corporation—and it's going to be focused on achieving increasing efficiency and cost effectiveness in delivering legal services and supporting the legal needs of clients.”

David is married with two daughters, one in college, one in high school. “We love to travel,” he said. “I try to take the kids to a couple of new countries every year.” His other passion is English football, in particular his beloved Spurs (Tottenham Hotspur), the team he’s followed for 45 years, though the demands of his career have prevented him from attending a game since 1991.

His advice to young law school grads is upbeat. “While the profession is changing,” he tells them, “and going through a challenging time, there are enormous opportunities for lawyers, regardless of whether they work for a law firm, a judge or a nonprofit.” In effect, lawyers need to become more entrepreneurial, providing value both to their firms and their clients.

“There are exciting opportunities out there for lawyers, and I strongly believe it will remain that way for a long time,” he said.
With the exception of the first three or four years of my practice,” said Randy Gerber ’79, “I’ve been involved in management almost my entire career.”

When the office manager left at his previous firm, people had to fill in. Randy took on personnel and ended up as managing partner.

When he left that firm in 2001 to concentrate on his growing health care practice, he told his new employer, Polsinelli PC, he was ready to retire from managing. But he joined the board of directors, and within two years they asked him to take over the St. Louis office.

Polsinelli has more than 700 lawyers, with 125 in St. Louis, the second-largest office in the firm. These days he spends more time with his health care practice but maintains his active role as managing director.

“I work in conjunction with department chairs and firm management,” he said, but in every firm, you need someone to “look beyond their own practice at what’s best for the group.”

“Everybody’s busy in the practice of law,” he observed, “and with a growing firm it’s critical to keep a sense of community and know your law colleagues, not only for reasons that benefit the client but for firm camaraderie.”

Patience, he said, is a big part of the job. “With so many moving parts, I do a lot of listening and hear some things for the umpteenth time, but it helps when making decisions.” That dovetails nicely with his practice. “Clients will say one thing, and the more you listen and probe,” he said, “eventually you hear something entirely different that ultimately helps with a resolution.”

The rewards come from seeing how well people are doing. “Right now, my job is to assist lawyers in growing their practices,” he said, “to make sure they have the resources they need.”

When Randy arrived at Polsinelli in 2001, the firm had five or six health care lawyers. Now it’s the fourth-largest health care practice in the United States. With new rules and regulations, he said, “the work is far more challenging and exciting than it used to be. It’s nice to move out of your comfort zone and accept new challenges.”

Randy, who teaches a practical skills class at Saint Louis University School of Law, devotes one lesson to the business and management of a law firm.

“I would encourage new lawyers to become actively involved within their law firm committees or initiatives,” he said. “If nothing else, they’ll learn more about their employer and become more vested in their firm, which will better prepare them for leadership community involvement.”

Married with five children and eight grandkids, Randy has had a private pilot’s license for years and enjoys motorcycles and golf. He’s also a “serious Cardinals fan.” Compared to Chicago, he said, “we’ve been playing second fiddle all these years, but our baseball team is doing OK.”
Timing isn’t everything, but it matters. As a second-year associate at a law firm in Miami, trial attorney Kathleen McDonough ’94 wanted to move back to Chicago and landed a job at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, a spinoff from another firm.

“I was part of that first wave of associates who grew up with the firm and became a partner,” she said. “It was just a different place back in ’96.”

The firm’s growth soon necessitated infrastructure changes, and Kathleen got involved. She started the Summer Associates Committee and founded the Diversity Committee.

About eight years ago, the firm’s management structure reorganized, and Kathleen was appointed first chair of the General Litigation Practice Group. “We identified two practice groups, Toxic Tort and General Litigation,” she said. “I was fortunate to have experience on both sides because when the firm was smaller, I did everything. Becoming general litigation practice chair was my first foray into management. I gained a ton of experience that way.”

The firm now has 175 attorneys in seven offices. Kathleen became the managing partner in 2010, a time of significant flux in the legal services market.

Fortunately, we’ve managed to ride the wave given that our rates are not what Biglaw firms charge, and corporations are realizing the value in quality legal services at ‘smaller’ firms,” she said.

Currently her time is split 60–40, management over practice. “I’m better at delegating now,” she noted.

Finding the balance can be a challenge, but the bigger challenge, she said, is between work and family because she and her husband have three young children.

“Any free time I have is devoted to my family,” she said. “There’s not much free time for me, and that’s OK. I signed up for this.” Her husband, John Mundo, also an attorney, runs a family-owned manufacturing facility in Markham.

Management, Kathleen said, means “having meaningful input into the way the firm is run.” But it’s also about helping colleagues. “People come to me with issues and problems, and I’m in the position to offer help or advice,” she said. “That’s very rewarding.”

The skill sets, fortunately, overlap. “You can never be too prepared for trial,” she noted. “But you also know you can’t control everything. You have to have a good level of adaptability.”

Those qualities are also important for a managing partner. “It’s timing, experience, availability,” she observed. “It’s offering to help, being willing to take on responsibilities without being asked.”

The number of women in management is growing. When Kathleen started, she wasn’t aware of any female managing partners. She heard about another and reached out. By 2011, they had a lunch group of four, and now that group is up to 15. Kathleen also mentors women students at IIT Chicago-Kent.

What advice does she give her mentees at Chicago-Kent? “Many say this, but it’s true. Stay in touch with your Chicago-Kent friends because the person sitting next to you could end up being a future client.”
As one of the managing partners of Grandall Law Firm, one of the five largest firms in China, Du Yusong ’03 works for an organization of more than 200 partners.

“In addition to my legal practice, I am responsible for Grandall’s financial affairs and business development as well as recruiting and hiring,” he explained.

A 1992 graduate of China University of Political Science and Law, Yusong practiced law for four years as an in-house counsel and solo practitioner before joining Grandall as a real estate and corporate finance practitioner. He became a partner in 2002.

That same year, he travelled to IIT Chicago-Kent to earn his LL.M. degree as part of Chicago-Kent’s first graduating class of Beijing Lawyer Association members. Returning to Grandall in 2003, he was elected executive partner of the Beijing office in 2004 and reelected to this position every two years since. He’s also been elected one of the managing partners of Grandall Law Firm (with 14 offices around China), a position he has held since 2013.

Grandall’s work involves foreign investments (inbound and outbound), corporate finance, power/energy and infrastructure, real estate, securities, banking, mergers and acquisitions, aviation, antitrust/competition, intellectual property, international trade and WTO, private fund, venture capital and dispute resolution.

“With the rapid development of China’s economy and the continuous legal reform of the Chinese government, we are facing new issues every day,” said Yusong, “including new financing methods, new operation patterns and new transaction structures.”

Emerging issues frequently involve P2P and O2O commerce, Internet finance and Internet intellectual property, among others.

“Moreover, with the increase in China’s outbound investment, we pay special attention to legal issues relating to international trade dispute settlement, anti-dumping, antitrust and trade protection.”

Yusong continues to focus his legal practice on real estate and corporate finance. Meanwhile, one of his most rewarding roles as a managing partner is seeing young attorneys grow professionally. “We share work and life experiences,” he said, “Rather than only supervising them, I am able to be both a co-worker and a reliable friend.”

Yusong’s advice for young attorneys?
To learn as much as they can about the economics of their practice areas so they can provide the best practical legal advice to their clients.

“I also recommend that young attorneys work constantly to keep their legal knowledge up to date, and that they keep up with the rhythms of China’s rapid economic development and legal reformation and how it affects their practice areas.”
LARRY SCHECHTMAN ’83  
Managing Partner  |  SmithAmundsen

Larry Schechtman ’83, along with 52 other lawyers, was part of one of the largest law firm spinoffs in history in 1997, when they split with Querrey & Harrow and formed what is now known as SmithAmundsen.

“We had the initial organizational meeting in my living room,” he recalled. “I’ve been on the firm’s executive committee since day one, 17 years ago.”

Glen Amundsen ’80 managed the firm for the first two years, then Larry took over as managing partner while Glen remained as chairman.

The role fits Larry’s personality. “You have to be a people person,” Larry said. “You have to be willing to understand the needs and personalities of all your partners and employees.” You also need a good understanding of the economics of law firms. He’s part psychologist, part businessman.

“You can’t get easily frustrated,” he observed, “because a lot of things are brought to my attention. It’s different every day, from accepting a new client engagement to issues that arise with active cases or personnel matters.”

With more than 150 lawyers in the firm, Larry said, “I have an open-door policy, but I’m often the person of last resort.” When the practice group leaders or partners can’t resolve the issue, they come to him.

How busy is he? “I’d say it’s 40-40-40, which equals 120 percent,” he said. “I wear three hats. One is to manage the firm, the second is to handle my caseload, and third is to continue to be a rainmaker, seeking new business and marketing opportunities.” He works with the practice group leaders to encourage cross-marketing.

As the legal market changes, he observes, many of today’s managers are responding by expanding their thriving practice areas, both through lateral growth and associate development, while pulling back on areas currently less in demand.

Although most of the lawyers at Larry’s firm are “practice-group driven,” Larry is more of a generalist. “I’m more client-driven,” he said, handling complex litigation, such as catastrophic injury and death cases for a wide variety of clients. He also handles media and privacy issues, such as defamation, as well as civil rights actions against private entities.

“I’m more old school,” he said. “I handle a lot of different types of cases.”

His advice to young lawyers, however, is not old school.

“I tell them to specialize, try to set yourself apart from your peers who will be competing against you for limited jobs. I tell them to be patient when it comes to their job search. They will have a long career and the frustrations with the initial job search will eventually be overcome. You will get a job and eventually turn it into a career.”

He gave that advice to his older daughter, Jessica Cohen ’09, who is now an IP lawyer at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg.

His other daughter, Nicole, is an occupational therapist for the Chicago Public Schools and just got married in April, and his son, Jason, works in the entertainment business in Los Angeles.

Larry and his firm have been so involved at IIT Chicago-Kent they received the school’s Institutional Partner Award in 2010.

In addition to maintaining practice groups, the firm maintains industry groups, which bring together attorneys across practices, as well as teams of practitioners who focus on emerging issues, such as data security, that affect nearly all clients. “You’ve got to stay current,” he said. “Clients want lawyers who know their industry and understand what keeps them up at night.”
“The most rewarding part of my job as managing partner is the opportunity to work with other partners in practice areas in which I don’t work on a regular basis. I am proud to be involved in growing practice areas by recruiting lateral partners. I get to meet many interesting people.

“Among my most valued experiences as a lawyer is the work I have been blessed to do serving on the board of the Disability Rights Legal Center and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. Right now, we are working on a disability discrimination case that is being appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition, I look back on my law school experience itself as being very meaningful to me. Chicago-Kent really set me up for where I am today.”

“My greatest thrill as managing partner is to see the results of long attempts to influence and guide the firm’s development as a business by aligning our goals with the goals of our clients. Through a better understanding of the influences upon our clients, we can best direct our efforts to their success and enhance their satisfaction while at the same time improving the profitability of the firm. Every day, I see more of this developing in the minds of our practice group leaders and office managing partners as they infuse this learning throughout the firm.”

“Among my most meaningful experiences as a lawyer was my representation of James Andrews, who spent 24 years in jail for two murders he did not commit. He was caught up in the Burge torture issue, and in 2007, we succeeded in getting his convictions vacated. Last year, we achieved a settlement of the civil case against the city of Chicago that will help James move forward. My move to Morgan Lewis in 2011 was also meaningful to me. I started my career with Jenner & Block, and I’ll always value my time there. But at Morgan Lewis, I’ve had the opportunity to get involved in firm management, and I’ve really enjoyed that experience.”

“One of the most rewarding aspects of my job is being involved when a junior associate begins understanding and appreciating the benefit of doing a job well done and receiving the associated client appreciation. It’s a defining moment for many when they finally ‘get it.’

“One of the things I enjoy about litigation generally is the interpersonal aspect—something you don’t (and can’t really) learn in law school. Similarly, dealing with interpersonal aspects of managing an office is certainly the most interesting aspect of being a managing partner. The ‘solution’ is not just the plan or the decision; it’s the communication of the plan or decision to others. Getting that right—getting people on board—is really rewarding.

“One of my most fondly remembered experiences in my legal career is setting up my own firm. I have always had an entrepreneurial spirit, and freeing it was the best thing I have ever done.”
LORI B. ANDREWS gave speeches last fall on reproductive technologies, social networks, gene patents and mystery writing. She spoke about “Ethical Concerns in Reproductive Technologies” at the Southwest Fertility Forum in Austin, Texas. She presented “Social Networks: The New Research Frontier” at the Social Network and Innovation Conference at Illinois Institute of Technology. She discussed the Myriad case at a Supreme Court conference at UCLA. She also spoke to IIT alumni in New York for the Fueling Innovation Campaign and to the Assistance League of Chicagoland West. Additionally, Professor Andrews was interviewed by ROLLING STONE, FAMILY CIRCLE, C-SPAN, HBO VICE, and a film crew working on a documentary about gene patents.

Professor Andrews spoke at a number of events this spring in the Chicago area and around the country. In February, she presented “How Did Gene Patents Get to Be a Civil Liberties Issue?” at the NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY (JOLT) Symposium. She also spoke to IIT alumni in Seattle and was a guest on the American Variety Radio program to discuss Internet privacy, social networks, and data aggregation. In addition, she was interviewed by the CHICAGO TRIBUNE about computer software that allows teachers to spy on high school students.

Professor Andrews has continued her work with social networks, technologies and privacy by sponsoring two conferences. She worked closely with The Media Consortium to co-sponsor the conference “No Secrets: Journalism in the Age of Surveillance” in February. At the conference, she presented “More Than a Face: What Social Media Knows About You,” which addressed the power of data in a world dependent on social media. In April, Professor Andrews organized and spoke at the conference “Health on the Go: Medical Apps, Privacy and Liability” at Chicago-Kent. The conference brought together medical app developers, lawyers, regulators and health care professionals to explore the laws and regulations dealing with the collection and use of health information outside the health care system and the current federal and state investigations into data aggregation and medical apps.

Professor Andrews gave a speech titled “Is Intellectual Property Law at Odds With Creativity and the Public Good?” in April at the Infrastructure of Creativity Conference at IIT and spoke about biologists entering the legal field at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology annual meeting in San Diego. This spring, Professor Andrews was quoted in a Public News Service article on data collection and journalists reporting on government surveillance activities and in a TRUTHOUT article on federal surveillance and privacy.

In May, Professor Andrews gave a presentation at the IIT Institute of Design Strategy Conference. In July, she spoke at Thrillerfest, an international meeting of thriller novelists, in New York City.

Professor Andrews wrote The “Progress Clause”: An Empirical Analysis Based on the Constitutional Foundation of Patent Law for a symposium issue of the NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY. Her chapter An Informed Consent Model for Privacy and Data Collection in the Gameful World will be published later this year in THE GAMEFUL WORLD (MIT Press).

Professor Andrews' December 2012 keynote address at the Law, Science and Technology: Biotechnology, Health Inequality and Distributive Justice Conference at the Academia Sinica in Taipei, Taiwan, will be published in the BIENNAL REVIEW OF LAW, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: BIOTECHNOLOGY, HEALTH INEQUALITY AND DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE (Institutum Jurisprudentiae, forthcoming 2014).

Professor Andrews contributed an article titled War Crimes: An Allied Tribunal Brings Nazi Leaders to Account to the ABA JOURNAL’s November 2013 feature on 10 trials that changed the world. An interview with Professor Andrews will appear in the book BRIGHT LIGHTS OF THE SECOND CITY: 50 PROMINENT CHICAGIANS ON LIVING WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE.

KIMBERLY D. BAILEY’s article It’s Complicated: Privacy and Domestic Violence was reprinted in the 2013 edition of WOMEN AND THE LAW (Thomson Reuters). Her article Watching Me: The War on Crime, Privacy and the State was published in the UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW.

WILLIAM A. BIRDTHISTLE hosted his sixth annual Investment Fund Roundtable in January in New York City. In March, he made a presentation on money market funds to the Securities Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association.

In June, Professor Birdthistle gave a presentation on teaching titled “Blurring Boundaries in Financial and Corporate Law” at the Association of American Law Schools 2014 Midyear Meeting. This coming December, he will host the seventh annual Investment Fund Roundtable at Harvard Law School.

Oxford University Press offered Professor Birdthistle a contract to publish a book tentatively titled THE MONEY MANAGEMENT EMPIRE.

RALPH BRILL attended “ReInvent Law” in February at Cooper Union in New York City. More than 700 legal professionals took part in discussions about the future of law and technology for law practice and legal education.

EVELYN BRODY gave an “Overview of the U.S. Charity Law Regime” in October to a six-member delegation of Chinese officials visiting Chicago-Kent as part of the observation program organized by the Asia Foundation. In November, Professor Brody presented “State Charity Oversight: The Choice of Law Enforcer” at the 43rd annual conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action.

In February, Professor Brody’s article Agents Without Principals, 40 NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW 457 (1996), was cited in a four-justice dissenting opinion in Certification v. Franciscan Health Systems, a case before the Washington Supreme Court. Professor Brody presented “Simultaneous Contrasts in the U.S. Law and Regulation of Charities” in April at the International Charity Law Symposium at the University of Liverpool School of Law and Social Justice.

Professor Brody served as reporter for the American Law Institute’s Project on Principles of the Law of Nonprofit Organizations through October 2013 and currently serves as consultant. With the tentative completions of Chapters 3 (Governance), 4 (Gifts) and 5 (Enforcement), and assisted by several co-reporters, she presented the final two chapters—Chapter 1 (Relationship Between Charities and the State) and Chapter 2 (Organization and Reorganization)—in October as Preliminary Draft No. 6 to the project’s Advisers and Members Consultative Group.

ELIZABETH DE ARMOND has been named director of Chicago-Kent’s Legal Research and Writing Program, effective July 1. In her new position, she has primary responsibility for the first year of the law school’s multi-year Legal Research and Writing Program.

HOWARD C. EGLIT’s latest book, AGE, OLD AGE, LANGUAGE, AND LAW: A DYSFUNCTIONAL—OFTEN HARMFUL—MIX AND HOW TO FIX IT (Lulu 2014), focuses on the uses and misuses of language as a mechanism both for creating and for nurturing ageism, i.e., age-based bias directed against the elderly.

In March, Professor Gerber gave two lectures at Koç University in Istanbul, Turkey, including the Distinguished Speaker Lecture titled “Europeanization, Law and the Market.”

DOUGLAS WM. GODFREY was interviewed for a story on Diane Sawyer’s “ABC World News” about the death of Renisha McBride, an unarmed woman shot on a stranger’s porch following a car accident, and whether there could be a viable claim of self-defense. Professor Godfrey also gave an interview for CLTV’s program “Politics Tonight” about the report issued by special prosecutor Dan Webb concerning the death of David Koschman and the delayed prosecution of Richard Vanecko for Koschman's death.

RICHARD J. GONZALEZ was inducted into the College of Labor & Employment Lawyers last November at the organization’s annual ceremony in New Orleans. (Read more about Professor Gonzalez’s induction on page 9.)

A variety of employment law blogs and e-newsletters covered Professor Gonzalez’s successful result in an Americans With Disabilities case involving the unresolved issue of how specifically a disabled employee needs to request a particular accommodation from an employer.

SANFORD N. GREENBERG taught Introduction to Research and Writing in the American Legal System in December at East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai as part of Chicago-Kent’s Overseas Training Program.

PHILIP N. HABLUTZEL was reappointed to an 11th one-year term as a public member of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) Business Conduct Committee, which serves as the disciplinary body for all four exchanges operating under the umbrella of the CBOE. He was also selected to serve as one of the three standing members of the CBOE’s Commodities Futures Exchange hearing panel for 2014.

In February, Professor Hablutzel participated in a three-day meeting of the ABA Committee on Derivatives and Futures Law in Naples, Florida, that examined the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act’s mandate that the Commodity and Futures Trading Commission regulate swaps and trading in swaps.

In March, Professor Hablutzel taught a course on International Commercial Arbitration for Spanish law students in Madrid.

In April, he once again took the students in his Securities Regulation course for a special presentation of the CBOE regulatory department and a tour of the trading floor of the options exchange. The students got to see two of the few remaining “open out-cry” trading pits still in operation in the world.

Professor Hablutzel served as faculty sponsor for Chicago-Kent’s 33rd annual Conference on Not-for-Profit Organizations in June. He has served in that capacity since he was the reporter for the complete revision of the Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation Act in 1985.

STEVEN L. HARRIS attended a meeting last fall of the drafting committee for the Revised Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, in his role as the adviser for the American Law Institute.

Professor Harris, as a member of the United States delegation, participated in a meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the Establishment of an International Registry for Space Assets. The registry will be established in accordance with the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment.

In April, Professor Harris served as a commentator at the Symposium on Chapter 11 Reform, sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute and the University of Illinois.

Professor Harris' article When Is a Dog's Tail Not a Leg: A Property-Based Methodology for Distinguishing Sales of Receivables from Security Interests That Secure an Obligation, co-authored with Charles Mooney Jr., is forthcoming in volume 82 of the CINCINNATI LAW REVIEW. Professor Harris published U.C.C. Article 9, Filing-Based Priority, and Fundamental Property Principles: A Reply to Professor Plank (with C. Mooney) in the November 2013 issue of THE BUSINESS LAWYER.

STEVEN J. HEYMAN spoke in October at speech@IIT, a forum on free speech and hate speech, held on IIT’s Main Campus. Also in October, he moderated a panel on the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent same-sex marriage decisions for the annual Constitution Day event, sponsored by Chicago-Kent and IIT. The panel also included Chicago-Kent Professors KATHARINE BAKER and CAROLYN SHAPIRO and Professor Ilya Somin of George Mason University School of Law.

In November, Professor Heyman served as a judge for the semifinal rounds of Chicago-Kent’s Iliana Diamond Rovner Appellate Advocacy Competition.

In early April, Professor Heyman gave the third annual C. Edwin Baker Lecture for Liberty, Equality and Democracy at West Virginia University College of Law. Professor Heyman’s lecture, titled “The Conservative-Libertarian Turn in First Amendment Jurisprudence,” explored the ways in which conservative judges have transformed First Amendment jurisprudence in recent decades. The lecture is available online at http://law.wvu.edu/baker-lecture-2014, and an expanded version will appear in the WEST VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW later this year. Professor Heyman also presented this article in November at a Chicago-Kent faculty workshop.

In late April, Professor Heyman was the faculty discussant for “Raising Our Voices,” the final film in Chicago-Kent’s Documentary Film Series on Race. Professor Heyman also made a video for Oyez and the Chicago-Kent Institute for the Supreme Court of the United States on Wood v. Moss, a case on free speech, political protest and official immunity that the Court heard in March.
VALERIE GUTMANN KOCH was elected co-chair of the Law and Bioethics Affinity Group for the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. She was also reappointed to the American Bar Association’s Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law.

Last October, Professor Koch presented at a panel on “The Role of the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law in Shaping Public Policy: Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Action Beyond New York State” at the annual meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. In November, she presented “‘State’ It Like It Is: The Impact of State Laws on Informed Consent and Other Aspects of Research” at the Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) Advancing Ethical Research Conference.

In her role as special adviser to the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law (the state’s bioethics commission), Professor Koch oversaw the final publication of the task force’s report and recommendations for research with human subjects who lack consent capacity in January. An article addressing this report, “Of Vital Importance”: The New York State Task Force on Life and the Law’s Report and Recommendations for Research with Human Subjects Who Lack Consent Capacity (with S. Han), will be published in the spring issue of the New York State Bar Association’s Health Law Journal.

In conjunction with publication of the report, Professor Koch’s work was featured on the Bioethics Forum, the Hastings Center’s blog, and on AmPersand, the blog of Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R).

In February, Professor Koch spoke on the panel “What’s the Real Truth? The Impact of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing” at the ABA Midyear Meeting. She also attended Valparaiso University Law School’s Chicago Junior Faculty Workshop, where she presented her paper Establishing a Private Right of Action for Informed Consent in Research: Incidental Findings, the Investigator-Participant Relationship, and the Autonomy Principle.

In May, Professor Koch participated on a Law and Bioethics Career Panel at the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. In June, she gave a presentation on “FDA vs. 23andMe: Oversight of a Medical Device or Overreach of a Recreational Product?” at the 2014 Health Law Professors Conference, co-sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics and the University of California Hastings College of the Law.


Professor Koch is serving as a guest blogger for the Health Law Prof Blog (http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/healthlawprof_blog/) this summer.

EDWARD Kraus received a Stop Diabetes Award from the American Diabetes Association. (Read more about Professor Kraus’ award on page 6.)

HAROLD J. KRENT spoke to members of the House Ways & Means Committee on reforming Social Security disability adjudication. In October, Dean Krent was in China, where he lectured on “Privacy in the Era of the Internet” at Hunan University, Yunnan University and Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. In March, Dean Krent attended the ISBA’s 13th annual Environmental Law Conference, where he presented a talk on the temporal aspect of agency action.

Dean Krent’s article Retroactivity and Crack Sentencing Reform was published in 47 University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform 53 (2013). In March, he published an op-ed in the National Law Journal titled The Fair Sentencing Act’s Unfair Results.

MARTIN H. MALIN was reappointed to the Federal Service Impasses Panel by President Barack Obama. He was first appointed in 2009. (Read more about Professor Malin’s appointment on page 4.)

Professor Malin gave a talk last October on “Why We Need a Code of Ethics for Employment Arbitrators” at the National Academy of Arbitrators Fall Education Conference in St. Louis. Also in October, he presented a paper on “Education Reform and Labor Management Cooperation” at a symposium on education and the law at the University of Toledo Law School.

In November, Professor Malin was the plenary speaker at the ABA Section on Labor and Employment Law’s annual meeting in New Orleans, where he gave a talk on “The Labor and Employment Decisions of the Supreme Court’s 2012–13 Term” to an audience of about 1,200 attorneys.

Professor Malin and his co-authors Professor Sara Slinn of Osgoode Hall Law School (Toronto) and Professor Jon Werner of the University of Wisconsin continue to work on their project, “An Empirical Comparison on the Handling of Statutory Human Rights Claims in Labour Arbitration in Ontario and Before the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario.” Students from Chicago-Kent and Osgoode Hall are completing the coding of the cases, and the professors are beginning the quantitative analysis. Professor Malin and his co-authors presented preliminary results at the National Academy of Arbitrators annual meeting in May and at a meeting of The Labor Law Group at Cornell University in late June.

The second edition of Professor Malin’s casebook Labor Law in the Contemporary Workplace: Cases and Materials (West 2014) (with K. Dai-Schmidt et al.) was published earlier this year. His recent articles include Collective Representation and Employee Voice in the U.S. Public Sector Workplace: Looking North for Solutions?, 50 Osgoode Hall Law Journal 903 (2013), and Constructing a Comprehensive Curriculum in Labor and Employment Law, 58 Saint Louis University Law Journal 111 (2013).
NANCY S. MARDER gave a lecture on “Juries, Judges and Trials in the American Legal System” for a group of judges from Thailand who visited Chicago-Kent last September. During the fall, she also served as a peer reviewer for the journal *Crime, Law & Social Change*.

In October, Professor Marder participated in a segment on juries, social media and cameras in the courtroom on KJZZ-Phoenix, an NPR affiliate. October also marked the 10th year of Professor Marder’s service as professor/reporter for the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases. In November, Professor Marder was inducted into the National Center for State Courts Warren E. Burger Society. (Read more about Professor Marder’s induction into the Burger Society on page 2.)

Professor Marder presented Jurors and Social Media: Is a Fair Trial Still Possible? in October at a conference organized by the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association and in January as part of a panel on “Fair Trials and the Modern Jury” at the Criminal Justice Colloquium at SMU Dedman School of Law. Her article will be published as part of a special issue of the *Southern Methodist University Law Review* and was also highlighted in the March issue of Chicago-Kent’s *Faculty Perspectives*. In February, Professor Marder served as a peer reviewer for the University of Chicago Press.

This spring, Professor Marder was invited to become a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) Advisory Committee on the Civil Jury. In March, Professor Marder presented a paper on jurors and social media as part of a panel on “Problematizing the Trial” at the 17th annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities. Professor Marder participated in one of the post-performance conversations about “Argundo,” a play based on transcripts of oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Barnes v. Glen Theatre*, Inc. (familiarly known as “the nude dancing case”), at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago. Following the performance, Professor Marder explained Supreme Court procedures and gave the audience background on the case. Professor Marder was clerking for Justice John Paul Stevens when the case was heard in 1991.

In April, Professor Marder oversaw the selection of the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Summer Fellows at Chicago-Kent and Yale. The fellowships will provide living expenses to two law students from each of these law schools to take unpaid summer jobs at public interest organizations. This year marks the fourth year of the fellowship at Chicago-Kent and the second year at Yale.

In May, Professor Marder gave a presentation as part of a panel on “50 Years of Research on Juries and Lay Participation in Law” at the 50th annual meeting of the Law & Society Association.

Professor Marder, under the auspices of the Justice John Paul Stevens Jury Center at Chicago-Kent, organized “Juries and Mixed Tribunals Across the Globe: New Developments, Common Challenges and Future Directions,” an international conference on the jury, held in June at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Ovati, Spain. The conference included jury scholars from around the world, and papers from the conference will be published as a book.

The forthcoming *Wiley Handbook of Law and Society* will include a chapter by Professor Marder titled *Juries and Juries*. She also wrote an essay on jury instructions for *Speaking of Language and Law: Conversations on the Work of Peter Tiersma* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2014).

Professor Marder continues to serve on the editorial board of the *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law*.

SHELDON H. NAHMOD spoke in October at Metro Hillel in Chicago about the U.S. Supreme Court and its recent controversial decisions.

In November, Professor Nahmod spoke about Section 1983 and served as a moderator at the ABA Labor and Employment Law Conference in New Orleans. Along with Judge Ilana Rovner of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Illinois Appellate Court Justice Robert Gordon, Professor Nahmod judged the final round of the Rovner Competition at Chicago-Kent. This year, students argued a case involving the Second Amendment, concealed carry and a “shall issue” statute. (Read more about the 2013 Rovner Competition on page 7.)

Professor Nahmod organized the 31st annual Section 1983 Conference, held in April at Chicago-Kent. At the conference, he gave talks on “The Section 1983 Claim” and “The Second Amendment.”

Professor Nahmod’s 2013 Update to *Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Litigation: The Law of Section 1983* (4th ed.) was published last September, and he is currently working on the 2014 Update. The treatise is celebrating its 35th year of publication.

The *Lewis & Clark Law Review* published Professor Nahmod’s article *Section 1983 Is Born: The Interlocking Supreme Court Stories of Tenney and Monroe*. Professor Nahmod co-authored a Law Professors’ Amicus Brief in *Lane v. Franks*, an important public employee free speech case argued in April before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Nahmod’s blog, nahmodlaw.com, has received more than 100,000 views. The blog focuses on constitutional law, the First Amendment and Section 1983. Professor Nahmod has been tweeting @NahmodLaw for the past few months and already has more than 200 followers.

HENRY H. PERRITT, JR., was interviewed in early October on WLS Channel 7 about Facebook’s obligations to disclose the identity of the authors of anonymous postings. Last fall, Professor Perritt participated in a panel discussion, sponsored by a number of student organizations, on the NSA’s surveillance programs and spoke on a student-sponsored panel discussion about the proposal to extend the appellate jurisdiction of regional U.S. Courts of Appeals to hear patent cases.

This spring, Professor Perritt testified before the Chicago Plan Commission in support of a second heliport for Chicago, and a reporter for DNAnfo interviewed him about the impact of the proposed heliport.

Professor Perritt’s article *Sharing Public Safety Helicopters* (with E. Sprague & C. Cue) is forthcoming in *Southern Methodist University’s Journal of Air Law and Commerce*. A shortened version of the article has been published on the website of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association.
In April, Professor Rosado Marzán presented his article Protecting Workers as a Matter of Principle: A South American View of U.S. Work Law, co-authored with Chilean professor Sergio Gamonal Contreras, at various conferences and workshops, including the University of Minnesota Law School faculty workshop, the University of Nevada Las Vegas, the 2013 LatCrit meetings in Chicago, and the Chicago-Kent “Research Slam.” He has also been invited to present the paper this coming November at the Law School of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. The article is forthcoming in the Washington University Global Studies Law Review.

In April, Professor Rosado Marzán presented a paper (co-authored with Sergio Gamonal Contreras) on age discrimination law in Latin America, at Lund University (Sweden) as part of an international conference on age discrimination.

Professor Rosado Marzán’s article Organizing with International Framework Agreements: An Exploratory Study, forthcoming in the UC Irvine Law Review, was selected from more than 300 papers for presentation at the 2014 International Sociological Association meetings in July in Yokohama, Japan.


Christopher W. Schmidt’s article Divided by Law: The Sit-Ins and the Role of the Courts in the Civil Rights Movement won the 2014 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Scholarly Papers Competition. Professor Schmidt presented the article at the AALS annual meeting in January. The paper will be published in the Law and History Review. (Read more about Professor Schmidt winning the AALS Scholarly Papers Competition on page 9.)

Professor Schmidt has also been appointed to the Law and Society Association’s Willard Hurst Award Committee and to the American Society for Legal History’s Cromwell Dissertation Prize Advisory Committee.

Last fall, Professor Schmidt presented “The Sit-Ins: Protest, Law and Social Change” at Marquette University Law School and chaired a session at the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History.

In early 2014, Professor Schmidt was appointed director of Chicago-Kent’s Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States (ISCOTUS). Professor Schmidt replaces ISCOTUS founder Carolyn Shapiro, who is on leave after being appointed Solicitor General of Illinois.

In February, Professor Schmidt participated in a University of Alabama Law School symposium in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of New York Times v. Sullivan. He gave a faculty workshop in March at the University of Illinois College of Law. In April, he delivered the keynote address at the Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy Symposium on Social Movements and the Law.


Professor Schwartz presented Unpacking Patent Assertion Entities in February at USC Law School and in March at Northwestern University Law School. The article, co-authored with Professors Jay Kesan of the University of Illinois and Christopher Cotropia of the University of Richmond, is forthcoming in the Minnesota Law Review.

In April, Professor Schwartz attended the Patent Conference at the University of San Diego Law School, where he debated “The Theoretical and Empirical Arguments Against Patent Trolls” and presented his paper Studying Uncertainty in Intellectual Property Valuation.


Professor Schwartz, along with Professor Christopher Buccafusco, received the 2013 Leonardo da Vinci Research Grant from the Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property at George Mason University School of Law.
CAROLYN SHAPIRO was appointed Solicitor General of Illinois earlier this year by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. In her new role, Professor Shapiro oversees more than 40 attorneys in the Attorney General’s Appellate Division and serves as a legal adviser to the Attorney General. She is currently on leave from her faculty position at the law school. (Read more about Professor Shapiro’s appointment on page 6.)

RONALD W. STAUDT was appointed by Jim Silkenat, president of the American Bar Association, to serve on the ABA Legal Access Job Corps Task Force for 2013–14.

Last fall, Professor Staudt gave presentations on “Justice, Lawyering and Legal Education in the Digital Age” at the College of Law Practice Management Futures Conference, hosted by IIT Chicago-Kent, and on “Technology and Self-Help” at a conference at Fordham Law School.


This spring, Professor Staudt presented “Justice Lawyering and Legal Education in the Digital Age” at Southern Illinois College of Law; “Leveraging Smart Phones and Law Students to Grow Legal Aid; A2J Author 5.0” at the Equal Justice Conference in Portland, Oregon; and “Justice, Legal Education and the Cloud” at CodeX at Stanford Law School.

Professor Staudt will give the opening plenary address at the Association of American Law Schools Midwest Clinical Education Conference this coming September at Michigan State Law School.

JOAN E. STEINMAN was interviewed last fall by Consumer Reports for an article about a case in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit—and recently decided by the Supreme Court—concerning the circumstances under which a corporation may sue or be sued under a pseudonym and the records of the case may be sealed from public view in order to hide the identity of the corporate party. She also spoke about appellate issues to a group of Thai judges who visited Chicago-Kent.

Last winter, Professor Steinman participated in a moot court for lawyers in Paroline v. United States, who were practicing for their argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case raising the question “What, if any, causal relationship or nexus between the defendant’s conduct and the victim’s harm or damages must the government or the victim establish in order to recover restitution under 18 U.S.C. § 2259?” a statute that mandates restitution by those convicted of producing, distributing or possessing child pornography of the “full amount of the costs” incurred by the victims of such pornography.

In May, Professor Steinman delivered a talk at the American Association of Appellate Lawyers spring meeting, addressing the topic “Can the Overburdened Appellate Courts and the Shrinking Appellate Marketplace Be Explained and Harmonized?”

Professor Steinman worked on and signed on to an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court by a dozen law professors in Madigan v. Levin, a case that raises questions concerning pendent appellate jurisdiction as well as a merits question. This brief caused the Court to dismiss the writ of certiorari as improvidently granted.

Professor Steinman’s 2014 Pocket Parts to Volumes 14B & C of the Wright & Miller Federal Practice and Procedure treatise, covering all aspects of removal and remand, were published in April. She also published an online compilation of case descriptions concerning removal and remand that did not fit within the limits imposed by West on the 2014 Pocket Parts. Professor Steinman is working on the 2015 Pocket Parts and is updating selected chapters of the Appellate Courts casebook she co-authored.

Professor Steinman’s article The Puzzling Appeal of Summary Judgment Denials: When Are Such Denials Reviewable? will be published later this year in the Michigan State Law Review.

KEITH ANN STIVERSON was elected vice president/president-elect of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Her term as vice president began at the association’s July 2014 meeting in San Antonio, and her term as president begins at the July 2015 meeting in Philadelphia. (Read more about Ms. Stiverson’s new role on page 4.)

Ms. Stiverson spoke at the re-dedication of the Cook County Law Library last September. At the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) annual meeting in January, she spoke at a program on “Doing More with Less: New Ways to Think About the Management of Declining Resources,” sponsored by the AALS Committee on Libraries and Technology.

In May, Ms. Stiverson received the Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contributions to Law Librarianship by the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. The nomination letter cited her advocacy work on public policy issues affecting libraries, including copyright and permanent public access to primary legal material.

MARY ROSE STRUBE was nominated for induction into the prestigious College of Labor & Employment Lawyers, a national organization that honors the nation’s best labor and employment practitioners. In January, Professor Strube taught Introduction to the American Legal System at East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai through Chicago-Kent’s Overseas Training Program.

A. DAN TARLOCK was appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Global Water Partnership, a World Bank–funded organization to develop strategies for better water use for the developing world. In March, he attended the first meeting in Oxford, England.

ADRIAN J. WALTERS moderated a panel discussion last September on problem sections in the Bankruptcy Code. The panel was part of the American College of Bankruptcy’s Seventh Circuit Regional Education Program, held at Chicago-Kent for the second year in a row.

In November, Professor Walters participated in a panel presentation on the constitutional authority of bankruptcy judges at a Chicago Bar Association Commercial Bankruptcy Seminar. His co-discussants were the Honorable Timothy A. Barnes of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Rick Mason, a partner at McGuireWoods and a member of Chicago-Kent’s adjunct faculty.

In April, Professor Walters presented “Statutory Erosion of Secured Creditors’ Rights: Some Insights from the United Kingdom” at the Symposium on Chapter 11 Reform, jointly organized by the American Bankruptcy Institute and the University of Illinois College of Law. The paper will be published later this year in the University of Illinois Law Review. Professor Walters also presented two lectures on the “European Union Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings” at St. John’s University School of Law in New York as part of a 2-credit, multi-school J.D./LL.M. international bankruptcy class, co-sponsored by the American College of Bankruptcy and the International Insolvency Institute.

RICHARD W. WRIGHT participated last September in a meeting in Philadelphia of the American Law Institute’s Members Consultative Group for the Restatement Third, Torts: Intentional Torts to Persons and provided substantial comments on Preliminary Draft No. 1.

Professor Wright has spent considerable time providing advice and comments on briefs for the respondents and their amici in two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court: *Burrae v. United States* and *Paroline v. United States*. Both cases are real-life examples of causation issues supposedly of only theoretical interest to academics and students taking their exams: contributing conditions that were neither necessary nor independently sufficient to cause the relevant injury (death due to a mixture of drugs, including heroin supplied by the defendant in *Burrae*, and psychological trauma and consequent economic harms suffered by a victim of child pornography in *Paroline*). Last November, Professor Wright presented one of the lead papers at a multidisciplinary workshop at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign devoted to discussing the causation issues in these cases as well as other difficult causation issues. Professor Wright organized a moot court at Chicago-Kent for the lawyers for respondent “Amy” in *Paroline* a week prior to oral argument before the Supreme Court. The moot court judges were Dean HAROLD KRENT and Professors CAROLYN SHAPIRO, JOAN STEINMAN and KENT STRESEMAN from Chicago-Kent and Professor David Franklin from DePaul.

In October, Professor Warner submitted A Modest Proposal to the NSA, co-authored with Chris Kanich, Robert Sloan and Lenore Zuck, to Financial Cryptography 14. The article will be published later this year in IEEE Signal Processing Magazine.


In October, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AND COMPENSATION FOR MEDICAL INJURIES, edited by Professor Wright and Ken Oliphant, director of the Institute for European Tort Law in the Austrian Academy of Sciences, was published by De Gruyter. The papers in this collection were drawn from a symposium held in Vienna in December 2010 organized by the Institute for European Tort Law and the Chicago-Kent Law Review, in collaboration with the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law.

As part of Chicago-Kent’s international LL.M. programs, Professor Wright taught intensive courses on Comparative Tort Law at the University of Wrocław (Poland), the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (Ukraine), and the China University of Political Science and Law. He is teaching the same course in July at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China.

Professor Wright has agreed to be a keynote speaker at a conference in Paris on causation and apportionment in the law this coming September.

Professor Wright’s essay The NESS Account of Causation: A Response to Critics will be published in Spanish as La Cuenta NESS de Natural Causalidad: Una Respuesta a Las Críticas in Causabilidad en Derecho de Daños (J. Fabra & C. Bernal Pulido eds., Departamento de Publicaciones de la Universidad Externado de Colombia, forthcoming 2015).

Professor Wright continues to advise and work with international scholars visiting Chicago-Kent, most recently Professor Ai Erken from Liaoning Normal University in Dalian, China, and doctoral student Thomas Grosse-Wilde from the University of Bonn in Germany.
Innovation.

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Chicago-Kent alumni and friends support a variety of programs that match their philanthropic goals through the Fueling Innovation campaign. Through donor support, Chicago-Kent initiated a number of building projects to improve our students’ experience and create a vibrant campus atmosphere inside our downtown high-rise.

A gift from Thomas Flanagan ’63 and Constance Flanagan supported construction of the Flanagan Family Terrace, opening in August 2014. This outdoor space on the ninth floor of the library will provide students an opportunity to step out and get a breath of fresh air without leaving the library. Elaine Levin ’85 supported the creation of a new student lounge on the second floor, with comfortable couches and chairs for students to study or congregate in a casual atmosphere. The Class of 2014 Class Gift supported the opening of a game room on the fifth floor to give students a place to gather and recreate inside the building.

Scholarship support remains a top priority at Chicago-Kent. IIT President Emeritus and former Chicago-Kent Dean Lewis Collens and his wife, Marge Collens, established a new endowed scholarship to support law students who outperform expectations during their first year to provide these students additional scholarship support in their future years.

A gift from Gordon Greenberg ’80 will support upgrades in technology in the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Courtroom so students continue to receive exceptional advocacy training in state-of-the-art facilities.

Bernard Tresnowski ’98 made an unrestricted campaign gift so Chicago-Kent can continue its record of excellence in teaching deserving students the fundamentals of the law.

For information on how you can support Chicago-Kent’s efforts to Fuel Innovation in the law school and beyond, contact Susan Lewers, assistant dean for institutional advancement, at slewers@kentlaw.iit.edu or 312.906.5236.
Providing Visionary Support: The Founders’ Society

Founders’ Society members have made a strategic, high-impact investment in IIT Chicago-Kent by providing financial support of $100,000 or more over their lifetime. We thank the following alumni and friends who joined the Founders’ Society this year:

- Lewis and Marge Collens
- Thomas Flanagan ’63 and Constance Flanagan
- Gordon Greenberg ’80
- Elaine Levin ’85
- Arthur J. Morris ’71 and Stephanie Morris

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- Include a gift to IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law in your estate for at least $100,000 to endow a scholarship in your name

To learn more about how you can make an impact, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at alums@kentlaw.iit.edu or 312.906.5236.

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Chicago, IL 60677-7005

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Through careful planning, a donor may be able to make a sizable contribution to Chicago-Kent through a bequest or living trust or by designating Chicago-Kent as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, IRA or other retirement plan. Visit www.iit.edu/giftplanning for more information.
2014 Public Interest Awards Night

The 7th annual Public Interest Awards Night was held Wednesday, April 16, at the law school. The evening honored the 2014 recipients of the Honorable Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Awards, the Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award, and the Public Interest Partner Award. Students in the public interest program were also recognized for their volunteer efforts.

Bios of the award recipients are available at www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/publicinterest.

The Honorable Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Awards
Dina Nikitaides ’05
Illinois Legal Aid Online

Angelic Young ’01
Institute for Inclusive Security

Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award
Max Stein ’01
Boodell & Domanski LLC

Public Interest Partner Award
Illinois Attorney General’s Office

Get involved with IIT Chicago-Kent

Whether you are in Chicago, California or China, there are a variety of opportunities for you to get involved with IIT Chicago-Kent. Here are a few examples:

- Serve as an Alumni Ambassador to contact admitted students and encourage them to attend Chicago-Kent. Visit www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/ambassadors to learn more.
- Host a group of students as part of ConneKtions @ Dinner or Coffee ConneKtions. Visit www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/connektions to learn more.
- Participate in Alumni-Student ConneKtions (ASCK) Week by conducting mock or informational interviews or by hosting students for job shadowing. Visit www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/asck to learn more.
- Mentor a student through the Society of Women in Law Mentorship Program.
- Become an Alumni Advisor to be a resource for students and recent graduates who have questions about specific types of practice or working in certain geographic areas. (Sign up through the Alumni Online Community; see page 47 for instructions on how to log in.)
- Mentor recent graduates looking to launch their own practice through the Solo & Small Practice Incubator.

Please contact the Alumni Association at 312.906.5240 or alums@kentlaw.iit.edu if you would like to participate in these or other volunteer opportunities.

Thank you to our ASCK Week volunteers!

Thank you to all of the alumni who volunteered during Alumni-Student ConneKtions (ASCK) Week, February 21–24, 2014. More than 60 alumni volunteered their time to conduct mock or informational interviews, host students for job shadowing, meet with groups of students for coffee, or speak to students about job search strategies. Altogether, opportunities were available for up to 200 students to meet with alumni throughout the week. ASCK Week 2015 will be February 16–20.

For more information, visit www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/asck.
IP Advisory Board launched in Washington, D.C.

A new Intellectual Property Advisory Board launched in Washington, D.C., in July 2013. The board’s goals are to provide recommendations to the law school on how to better position IIT Chicago-Kent students to enter the IP industry in the D.C. area after graduation and to build greater networking opportunities among Chicago-Kent alumni in the D.C. area. Members include Francisco Castro ’07, Arent Fox; Richard Gollhofer ’81, Staas & Halsey LLP; Roger Hahn ’00, Hahn & Voight PLLC; Erin Joffre ’01, U.S. International Trade Commission; Linda Kuczma, Trademark Trial & Appeal Board; Agnes Rooke ’04, National Institutes of Health; Grant Shackelford ’11, Sughrue Mion PLLC; Keith Syverson ’11, Paul Hastings LLP; Moshe Wilensky ’07, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office; and Tianran Yan ’09, Foley & Lardner LLP.

Nominations open for 2014 Alumni Awards

Nominations for the 2014 Alumni Awards are due August 15. Nominate a classmate, colleague or yourself today!

The **Professional Achievement Award** is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the practice of law, the judiciary, public service/government, business/commerce and/or the media.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is given to an individual who has made a significant financial or volunteer contribution to IIT Chicago-Kent.

The **Young Alumni Award** is given to an alumnus/alumna who graduated in the last 10 years and who has made a significant financial or volunteer contribution to Chicago-Kent or who has made an outstanding contribution to the practice of law, the judiciary, public service/government, business/commerce and/or the media.

The **Institutional Partner Award** is given to a law firm or corporation that has had a significant impact on the law school and/or on the lives of alumni and students by assisting in the advancement, growth and/or development of Chicago-Kent, especially as their involvement directly impacts students and alumni.

[www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/nomination](http://www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/nomination)

Rosemary Thariath Fund supports two KJF stipends

Family and friends of Rosemary Thariath, an IIT Chicago-Kent student who passed away unexpectedly last year, raised $10,985.53 in her memory. Those funds were contributed to the Kent Justice Foundation at its annual auction on April 10. The KJF Auction raises money to fund summer stipends for students who work in public interest jobs, and the money from the Rosemary Thariath Fund will support two additional stipends this summer.

Seeking SBA presidents from the 1980s and earlier

Were you a president of the Student Bar Association in 1985 or earlier? Let us know so we can update our roster of past SBA presidents! Email us at alums@kentlaw.iit.edu or call 312.906.5240.
125th Anniversary Block Party

More than 1,000 members of the IIT Chicago-Kent community came together on September 28 to celebrate the law school’s 125th anniversary at an All-School Reunion & Block Party. The event took over Adams Street between Clinton and Jefferson and featured alumni bands, games and booths sponsored by student organizations, and food and beverages from alumni vendors.

1 Lyal Fox III ’15 (left) and Shane Mahoney ’15
2 From left: David Feldman ’65, Professor Ralph Brill and Richard Calfano ’65
3 From left: Yihong Lu ’14, Qian Qian ’14, Meng Ren ’14, Natalia Baranchan ’14, and exchange student Hanqi Hu
4 David Kelly ’01 and Stephanie Seay Kelly ’01 with their twin sons, Kingston (left) and Ellison
5 John Locallo ’86 (left) and his nephew Carlos Vera ’12 playing in their band, 5-Thirty
6 From left: Karla Marroquin ’15, Judy Shammo ’15 and Susan Dewey ’15
7 From left: Dean Harold Krent, Illinois State Senator Kwame Raoul ’93 and IIT President John Anderson
125 Alumni of Distinction Dinner

IIT Chicago-Kent wrapped up its 125th anniversary celebration by honoring 125 of the law school’s most outstanding alumni at a dinner on November 21. With more than 600 alumni, faculty, students and friends in attendance, Lew Collens, former dean of Chicago-Kent and president emeritus of IIT, assisted Dean Harold Krent in presenting 77 of the honorees with medallions commemorating their selection as Alumni of Distinction.

1 From left: Dina Demetrio ’03, Thomas Demetrio ’73 and James Morici Jr. ’79
2 From left: Lester McKeever ’71, Nancy McKeever and IIT President John Anderson
3 Dean Krent and Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez ’86
4 Hal Morris ’85 (left) and Raymond Werner ’71
5 Dean Krent (center) with guests at the 125 Alumni of Distinction Dinner
6 Billy Dec ’99 and Katherine Dec
7 Professor Emeritus and IIT President Emeritus Lew Collens and Renée Bohus, who accepted a 125 Alumni of Distinction Award on behalf of her late grandfather, the Honorable Archibald Carey Jr. ’29
8 Dean Krent (left) and Homer Livingston ’66
Thank you to all the alumni, friends and students who attended the many Chicago-Kent Alumni Association events over the past year!

1 From left: John Kincaid ’63, Charles Marshall ’63 and Edwin Comiskey ’63 at the Golden Alumni Reunion

2 Kylin Fisher ’13 (left) and Alexandra McNicholas ’16 at the Society of Women in Law Mentor Reception

3 From left: Dan Roth ’14, Evan McGuire ’14 and John Cravero ’12 at the Young Alumni Spring Social at Theory sports lounge

4 From left: Professor Ralph Brill, the Honorable David Erickson, the Honorable Shelvin Singer and James Morici Jr. ’79 at the Morici Corridor Dedication

5 From left: Gerena Gregory ’16, the Honorable Cynthia Cobbs ’88 and Briana Mayes ’16 at the Diversity Week Reception

6 From left: Symeon Davis ’97, Dan Kang ’99 and Doug Peterson ’01 at the Los Angeles Alumni Reception

7 John Flanagan ’14 (left) and his father, Tom Flanagan ’63, at a luncheon honoring alumni who returned to their alma mater to hood graduating family members at Commencement

8 From left: Andrew Dallmann ’00, Elaine Levin ’85, Elliott Block ’90, Angela Han ’97, Frank Doti ’69, David Upshaw ’86, Kevin Gallagher ’70 and Eric Brackett ’91 at the Orange County Luncheon

Fall 2014 Alumni Events

Golden Reunion
Friday, September 19

IIT Global Alumni Gathering
Friday-Sunday, September 19–21

Alumni Gathering at the AIPLA Conference
Thursday, October 23

Washington, D.C., Alumni and Student Public Service Reception
Friday, October 24

ConneKtions @ Dinner Week
November 3–7

36th annual Alumni Awards & Recognition Dinner
November 20

More events are being added all the time! For more details or to register, visit www.alumni.kentlaw.edu/events.
Class Notes are found on the Chicago-Kent Alumni Online Community.

Login at www.alumni.kentlaw.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

The IIT Chicago-Kent community extends its sympathy to the family and friends of the following deceased alumni:

David Baum ’79  
Dan Brusslan ’50  
John Champagne ’73  
Christopher Collins ’88  
Marianna Cook ’60  
Lewis Craft ’64  
Georgiana Daskals ’75  
Ira Dawson ’53  
George Hesik ’74  
Richard Landsberg ’94  
Raymond Mathisen ’52  
Mary McNichols ’81  
Arthur Mooradian ’53  
Robert Nystrom ’49  
Clair Richardson ’50  
Richard Rochester ’59  
Leatrice Schmidt ’90  
Rosabel Seigan ’82  
Nancy Shannon-Rooney ’90  
Gregory Slovacek ’76  
Timothy Spann ’06  
Gerald Tuite ’58
**Update Your Contact Information!**

Don’t miss out on the latest news and information about upcoming events. Log in to the Alumni Online Community to update your contact information with IIT Chicago-Kent.

**To log in:**
2. Select Alumni Directory from the menu at the top of the page.
3. Log in to access your profile. If you have not logged in previously or do not recall your login information, complete the online form to request your login information, and it will be emailed to you within 48 hours.

Once you are logged in, you can update your contact information, share class notes or search the directory for your fellow classmates and other alumni!

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**Names and class years of any family members who graduated (or will graduate) from Chicago-Kent or Illinois Institute of Technology**

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☐ Yes, I’d like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Chicago-Kent!
Why Giving to IIT Chicago-Kent from Your Retirement Plan May Be Right for You

Elaine Levin ’85, a partner at Whalen LLP in Southern California, advises entrepreneurial companies and their owners on business transactions. Elaine made an unrestricted planned gift to support the law school this year using her IRA.

“IIT Chicago-Kent was instrumental in helping me achieve my career and professional goals. I want to help assure that it continues to be a significant resource for future students. By using my IRA as part of my donation, I was able to donate significantly more than I otherwise could have using only my current assets. It allowed me to leverage an illiquid asset for a future benefit and make more of a difference.”

What kind of legacy do you want to leave?

“Being able to combine an interesting legal career by working with entrepreneurial companies on innovative, creative solutions to make deals work and achieve their business goals, with giving back to charitable and educational organizations that inspire others to succeed in life, is enriching. I would like to be remembered as someone who gave back to her community and empowered others to succeed.”

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