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## The New Face of Suffolk Law

Dean Camille A. Nelson

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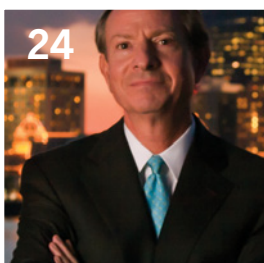
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## New Beginnings

WELCOME BACK TO SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW School! As I write this, my first introduction to our fabulous *Suffolk Law Alumni Magazine*, I am again struck by what a vibrant community we have in our students, staff, administrators, faculty, and alumni. As you will see from the pages of this magazine, there is much about Suffolk Law to celebrate. Both within and beyond our law school building, the Suffolk Law community remains active and engaged.

I am first pleased to announce our new team of assistant and associate deans. Professor Karen Blum has been appointed as our inaugural associate dean for external affairs and development. She is joined by Professor Kathleen Engel, our new associate dean for intellectual life, and Professors Christopher Gibson and Ilene Seidman, who were recently appointed assistant academic deans. Please turn to page 9 to read about this new decanal team.

Our faculty members continue to be recognized for their excellence both nationally and internationally. The Social Science Research Network (SSRN) recently ranked our faculty 22nd in the nation in number of papers downloaded, and their presentations, media appearances, and lectures consistently enhance Suffolk Law's reputation. Our nationally renowned clinical and legal practice skills programs also continue to flourish.

We reaffirm that our students are our motivators; they are our *raison d'être*. With this in mind, I have



started a scholarship to honor students who best exemplify one of the central tenets of our profession: the lawyer as public citizen. To help fund the Dean's Scholarship for Public Citizenship, I am donating a portion of my decanal salary and am delighted that certain faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and friends have also decided to contribute to this fund in support of our students. I thank our community for your continued dedication to Suffolk Law, and I look forward to even higher levels of engagement and involvement in the future.

As alumni and friends of Suffolk Law, you are absolutely essential to the success of our goals. I have enjoyed meeting many of you at events in Boston, Los Angeles, New York, Providence, San Francisco, and Washington, and I look forward to spending time with even more of you at upcoming events across the country. It is a very exciting time at Suffolk Law, and I very much hope you will be a part of it!

Best wishes and continued success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

**CAMILLE A. NELSON**  
Dean and Professor of Law

## ARIANNA HUFFINGTON SPEAKS OUT ON MIDDLE-CLASS CHALLENGES |

**ARIANNA HUFFINGTON** is a fierce proponent of progressive values, runs one of the world's most heavily trafficked websites, and has been named to *Time* magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people.

But when she speaks of middle-class suffering at the hands of the ongoing Great Recession, she cannot help but grow emotional.

"We must speak of collective sacrifice," Huffington passionately told an audience of 100 during a September panel on citizenship hosted by the law school's Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service. "We must put people back to work. We must touch each other's hearts. Democracy is not a spectator sport."

Huffington spoke at a forum titled "The Role of Citizens in Addressing the Nation's Key Challenges." She toured the country this fall discussing her new book, *Third World America: How Our Politicians Are Abandoning the Middle Class and Betraying the American Dream*.

During her presentation, Huffington likened the odds of achieving a secure middle-class life in the America of 2010 to "winning the lottery."

"Homer Simpson's existence is unthinkable now," she said of the cartoon icon who, as she notes in her book, lives comfortably in suburbia with his family on the income from a single job.

Huffington was joined on stage by Alan Khazei, co-founder of the City Year public service program, a former Democratic can-



didate for the U.S. Senate in Massachusetts, and author of *Big Citizenship: How Pragmatic Idealism Can Bring Out the Best in America*. Khazei encouraged audience members to become "big citizens," which he said could be as simple as starting a local effort to help people struck low by joblessness or a lack of health care.

Khazei invited Joe Goodwin, 29, a first-year Suffolk Law student and an emerging

"big citizen," to speak. Goodwin, who joined the Army after 9/11 and has completed two tours in Iraq, talked of being "afforded every opportunity available in a prosperous society" and how this has inspired him to become an engaged citizen.

"This millennial generation that is coming of age after 9/11 is going to be the next 'Greatest Generation,'" Khazei concluded.

—Tom Mashberg



## IP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM INTRODUCED |

**THIS FALL**, the Center for Advanced Legal Studies (ALS) and the Intellectual Property Law Concentration launched the law school's first certificate program aimed at helping business professionals and attorneys understand intellectual property law.

"We had been thinking for some time that we had to develop a certificate program," says ALS Director Carole Wagan. "We came to the conclusion that IP made the most sense. We have so many faculty members here who teach in the IP area, just a wealth of resources."

The non-degree program, which is open to business professionals and attorneys, consists of 11 three-hour modules taught by full-time law school professors, members of the adjunct faculty, and expert practitioners. The curriculum was created by Professor Andrew Beckerman-Rodau, co-director of the Intellectual Property Law Concentration, who also oversees the 33-hour program; this fall, 29 participants enrolled in the inaugural session.

Given the positive responses of the initial participants, Wagan aims to expand the program in the near future.

"Our hope is that it will solidify Suffolk Law's standing as a leader in intellectual property in the Boston legal community," she says.

—Steve Macone

### ADVANCEMENT

## SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL RECEIVES \$250K CY PRES AWARD |

**IN JULY**, the Suffolk Superior Court awarded Suffolk Law \$250,000 in *cy pres* funds resulting from a class action settlement agreement in a lawsuit brought by Robert Bonsignore JD '85.

Bonsignore's Medford-based law firm, Bonsignore & Brewer, has prevailed in a number of prior class action lawsuits. The lawsuit, *In re Massachusetts Smokeless Tobacco Litigation*, was initiated by Bonsignore as counsel of record on behalf of purchasers of chewing tobacco in Massachusetts. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendant, U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company, had artificially inflated the cost of chewing tobacco products by improperly leveraging its large market share. The suit was initially filed in Suffolk Superior Court in 2001, with the two sides eventually reaching a settlement in May 2009.

The *cy pres* award to Suffolk Law indicates that the funds should have a "meaningful impact" and be used to support a program that provides assistance to consumers and to further academic research on consumer law issues.

Recognizing the significant and positive impact these funds will have, Dean Camille Nelson expressed her gratitude. "Suffolk Law is very grateful to be named as one of the several recipients of the *cy pres* awards resulting from this settlement," she said.

## EXPERTS WEIGH IN ON STATE'S PRIVACY LAWS |

**AN EXPERT PANEL** of government transparency advocates roundly criticized as outdated Massachusetts's public records law during "Access to Government Records in Massachusetts: Issues and Trends," a symposium held at the Rappaport Center in September.

Timed to coincide with International Right to Know Day, the event drew speakers from state and municipal agencies, public advocacy groups, and the news media. Alasdair S. Roberts, the Jerome L. Rappaport Professor of Law and Public Policy and an expert on open records laws, moderated the discussion.

Kevin Dunion, Scotland's information commissioner, told participants in a keynote talk that the world was in the midst of a transparency revolution, with dozens of countries adopting advanced laws on access to government information. Dunion is a quasi-judicial officer who handles disputes under Scotland's new Freedom of Information Act.

Massachusetts' law, adopted in 1973, came in for heavy criticism. "Despite being a technology center, you rate among the worst states," said Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters

Committee for Freedom of the Press, a national monitoring group. "This state needs to change its culture about public access."

The criticism came shortly after a poll released by the Rappaport Center and conducted by the Suffolk University Political Research Center found that 70 percent of Massachusetts citizens believe strongly that open government is critical to democracy but that 57 percent view the state as somewhat or very secretive.

Officials from various state agencies said a lack of funding and personnel, and inconsistencies in how departments handle records, accounted for delays and the high cost of obtaining public records. New technologies are also making the task of providing access more complicated.

James B. Lampke, executive director of the City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association, said municipal officials are caught between conflicting mandates. "Is every document and every email a public record?" he asked. "The government feels strongly obligated to protect the privacy rights of employees and the general public."

But others said the problem in Massachusetts is more profound. Lawmakers and judges have created so many exemptions—including some that shield much of the legislature and judiciary from the open records law itself—that state and municipal officials have little incentive to view requests in an accommodating light.

Maggie Mulvihill, a lawyer, veteran news reporter, and associate director of the New England Center for Investigative Reporting at Boston University, said that "journalists face a constant problem trying to discern how the records are kept and stored."

Timed to coincide with International Right to Know Day, the Right to Know colloquium was sponsored by the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association, and the ACLU of Massachusetts.

—Tom Mashberg



Kevin Dunion (left), Scottish information commissioner, and Professor Alasdair Roberts



## SUFFOLK LAW CO-SPONSORS BUDAPEST PANEL ON CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS |

**IN JULY, SUFFOLK LAW** co-sponsored a daylong academic program on cross-border corporate transactions at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, part of the Suffolk Law LL.M. in U.S. and Global Business Law summer degree program.

The program included a panel titled “Policy Goals in Harmonizing E.U. and Hungarian Company Law” that was sponsored by LexisNexis and featured Professor Attila Menyhárd of Eötvös Loránd. Two prominent international business lawyers also gave presentations: Richard Thomas of Salans LLP in London gave a talk titled “Mergers and Acquisitions and Emerging Global Norms,” and David Dederick from

the Budapest office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP presented “Private Equity in Central European Economies.”

The panel discussion was followed by a presentation from Peter Rona, a prominent Hungarian political commentator, who offered a critique of governmental control of the Euro currency in the E.U. Rona, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1964 and Oxford University in 1966, previously managed the First Hungary Fund, a venture fund with initial capital of \$80 million. Since 2003 he has taught at Eötvös Loránd, concentrating on international economic law.

More than 50 people attended the

daylong event, including Jaime Barberis Martínez, the ambassador to Hungary from Ecuador; and Edward Loo, the public affairs counselor from the Embassy of the United States to Hungary, among other dignitaries.

“This program is another example of Suffolk Law’s innovative activities abroad,” says Associate Dean and Professor Stephen Hicks, the director of Graduate and International Programs. “It underscores our global presence and our ability to open up opportunities for students, such as internships with international law firms and contacts for networking.”

## NEW GRADUATE PUBLISHES PAPER IN ACADEMIC JOURNAL |

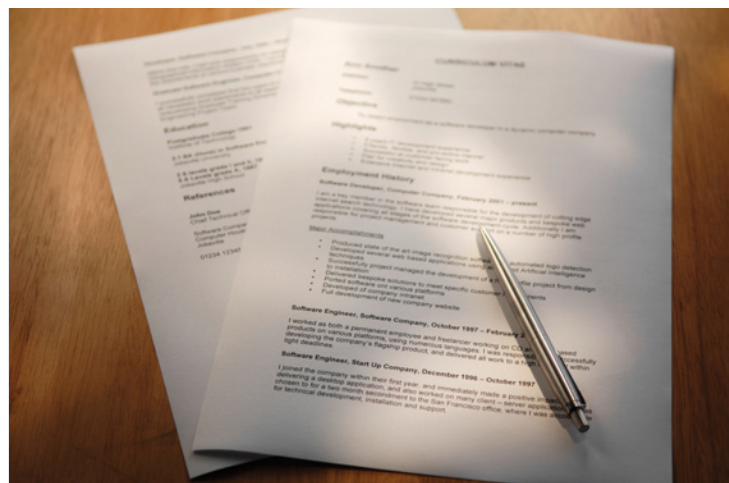
**ROB TAMMERO JD '10** didn’t waste any time during his last year at Suffolk Law.

The new graduate recently had a paper accepted for publication by Michigan State University’s *Journal of Business & Securities Law*. Titled “Private Equity Investment in Failed Banks: Controlling Risks to the Federal Safety Net,” the article takes a closer look at the FDIC’s Statement of Policy of Qualifications for Failed Bank Acquisitions, issued in 2009.

In the piece, Tammero argues that the statement fails to recognize that private equity investment in failed banks poses different levels of risk depending on how “interconnected” the private equity investor is. Each acquisition, Tammero concludes, should be looked at and judged individually.

“If the private equity fund that’s buying the bank is more interconnected [within the national economy], then there’s more risk. They should have to comply with higher regulatory requirements,” says Tammero, who interned for the FDIC in 2009.

Tammoro received assistance on the project from Professor Joseph Franco and worked under the supervision of Professor Kathleen Engel, who encouraged him to submit the paper for publication. Tammero also consulted with Arthur Wilmarth Jr., a professor at



George Washington University Law School, who was in town for a conference on the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act sponsored by the *Suffolk University Law Review*, the Rappaport Center, and the Business Law Association.

“I was able to meet with him and hear his thoughts on it, which was really helpful,” Tammero says. “A lot of the stuff he has written was the groundwork for where I went with my ideas.”

—Steve Macone

## PROFESSORS PARTICIPATE IN LEGAL CONFERENCE IN VIETNAM |

**IN OCTOBER**, Suffolk Law joined forces with the University of Lund Faculty of Law in Sweden for an international law conference held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Titled “Sustainable Technology Transfer,” the gathering was part of an expanded effort by Suffolk Law and the University of Lund to train the next generation of Vietnamese law professors.

Legal scholars from around the world attended the three-day gathering, whose goal was to strengthen legal education in Vietnam by sharpening the skills of 200 law professors and aspiring legal scholars at law schools in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. Suffolk Law professor Bernard M. Ortwein, who spearheaded the program, was joined by professors Steven Ferrey, Christopher Gibson, and Renée M. Landers as well as associate deans Bernard V. Keenan and Marc G. Perlin.

“The Vietnamese legal system and particularly the legal education system was virtually nonexistent” 12 years ago, says Ortwein, one of three international scholars to hold an honorary doctorate from Lund. “Now they have a full constitution, many newly written national and international laws, and a growing number of law students.

“[These students] will be the future of the country, and we at Suffolk Law have the distinct opportunity to be a part of this amazing, historic project from the very beginning,” Ortwein adds.

The Vietnam conference was the second international law conference



organized by Suffolk Law and Lund University; the two schools have “enjoyed a unique relationship” since 1999, Ortwein says. The first conference, hosted by Suffolk Law in Boston in January 2007, was titled “Globalization and the U.S. Law School: Comparative and Cultural Perspectives 1906–2006.” Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Ruth Bader Ginsburg served as the keynote speaker.

“Lund is one of most prestigious law schools in Europe,” Ortwein says. “We are lucky to have this relationship, which has helped make Suffolk well known among European law schools.”

—Tom Mashberg

## ASSOCIATE DEAN ASSUMES VP POSITION |



In January, longtime Suffolk Law associate dean John Deliso was appointed associate vice president for university advancement. In his new position, he will focus on fundraising for capital needs with the goal of involving alumni, outside organizations, and the community in the growth of the university.

“John has served the law school and the university for more than 30 years, providing extraordinary leadership, and now brings his years of knowledge and understanding of this institution to the Office of Advancement,” said Acting President and University Provost Barry Brown.

## DEAN NELSON APPOINTS FOUR NEW ASSOCIATE DEANS |

**THIS FALL**, incoming dean Camille A. Nelson appointed four new associate deans to the decanal office.

Professor Karen Blum will serve as the inaugural associate dean for external affairs and development. Professor Blum has taught at Suffolk Law since 1964 in the areas of civil procedure, federal courts, civil rights, and police misconduct litigation. She is a regular faculty participant in Section 1983 civil rights litigation programs and institutes around the country and serves as a faculty member for workshops sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center for federal judges and federal magistrate judges. Working with Dean Nelson, the Office of Advancement, and the Office of Alumni Relations, Professor Blum will work to promote the law school to external audiences throughout the country.

Professor Kathleen Engel will assume the role of associate dean for intellectual life, replacing Professor Linda Simard. A national authority on mortgage finance and regulation, subprime and predatory lending, and housing discrimination, Professor Engel is the co-author, with Patricia A. McCoy, of the book *The Subprime Virus* (Oxford University Press, 2011). She has been quoted in numerous media outlets, including CNN and Bloomberg TV, on the subject of the country's ongoing financial crisis. In her new role, Professor Engel will be responsible for supporting, facilitating, and promoting excellence in both scholarship and teaching.

In addition, professors Christopher Gibson and Ilene Seidman were appointed assistant deans and will assume the associate deanships currently held by professors Marc Perlin and Bernard Keenan. Professor Gibson is an expert in international law, international arbitration, and international intellectual property issues. He is the author of *Designing Compensation After Upheaval: Insights from the Experience of the United Nations Compensation Commission* (Oxford University Press, 2010). Professor Seidman is an expert in violence against women and the justice system's response to sexual assault. She is a longtime clinical professor and currently serves as associate director of Suffolk Law's Clinical Program.

"I am delighted by the enthusiasm and dedication of these appointees and very much look forward to working with all of them as we move the school forward," says Dean Nelson.



Karen Blum



Kathleen Engel



Christopher Gibson



Ilene Seidman

## A Message from Acting President Barry Brown

**THIS FALL**, President David J. Sargent retired after more than 50 years of dedicated service to Suffolk University.

David Sargent graduated from Suffolk University Law School, magna cum laude, in 1954. He returned to the law school in 1956 as an adjunct faculty member, rising to the rank of full professor in 1962. From 1973 to 1989, Sargent directed the law school as its dean before assuming the university presidency in 1989.

The extraordinary range and depth of this intellectual community, the growth of our faculties and student body, and our programmatic and curricular expansion all occurred with his strong encouragement. The libraries in which our students study, the residence halls where they live and make lasting friendships, and the classrooms in which we teach and learn are clear physical examples of this dynamic growth.

I join the Suffolk Law community in thanking him for his decades of unparalleled service to our institution.

**Acting President and University  
Provost Barry Brown**



# THE NEW face OF SUFFOLK LAW

BRINGING WITH HER A DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC RECORD,  
AN AMBITIOUS VISION, AND A HANDS-ON APPROACH,  
CAMILLE A. NELSON ASSUMED HER ROLE AS THE NEW DEAN  
OF SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL THIS FALL.

BY JANE WHITEHEAD

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fourteen days after her official start as the twelfth dean of Suffolk University Law School, Camille Nelson hosted a reception for the leaders of the Student Bar Association (SBA) in the Dean's Suite of Sargent Hall. Nelson, a Canadian of Jamaican heritage, cut a compelling figure as she moved among clusters of students, faculty, and administrators, listening intently, laughing, and making people feel at home.

Student leaders were unanimous in their enthusiasm and high hopes for the tenure of a dean who comes with an international reputation as an outstanding legal scholar and teacher.

"She's going to bring a lot of energy, enthusiasm, and progress, and I'm very excited," said SBA secretary Ariele Yaffee, a third-year evening student.

"There's no air about her of being a dean—she's very approachable," added SBA president and third-year student Tristan

Colangelo, who served on the student panel of the search committee that chose Nelson in May 2010. At her interview, added second-year student Nils Lundblad, "She talked about bringing in a culture of accessibility and transparency that resonated with a lot of students on the search committee."

These opinions are echoed by the administrators who hired her.

"In its search for a new dean, the law school was seeking a dynamic leader who recognized

the phenomenal achievements of its students, faculty, and alumni—someone who could move the institution forward to further national and international prominence," says Suffolk University Acting President and Provost Barry Brown. "In Dean Nelson, the law school has found such a leader: a legal scholar who is extremely aware of current issues in legal education, ranging from financial aid, to placement, scholarship, minority admissions and curriculum reform. She is an able, articulate, and com-

mitted national spokesperson who will move our institution forward to its well-deserved place among the great American law schools.”

## EARLY PROFESSIONAL BEGINNINGS

In conversations carved from her solidly packed schedule, Nelson shows the same openness in describing her legal scholarship, her passion for teaching, her relative naïveté as a young law student—she had never met a lawyer before she enrolled at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law in 1991—her family balancing act as the mother of three young children, and her aspirations for the future of Suffolk Law.

“I wouldn’t want to be a dean just anywhere,” says Nelson. Her connection with Suffolk Law dates back to 1999, when she reluctantly turned down a job offer as a professor, “partly because Boston was so expensive, and we were coming from New York with zero dollars and zero cents,” she recalls. “But I happen to love this school. There’s just this overwhelming commitment to legal education that I feel here, and that I want to be a part of.”

In her first letter to the Suffolk Law alumni community this fall, Nelson explained why the school’s core mission to provide a legal education to capable students, “regardless of background or circumstances,” has a particular personal resonance. Her parents’ motive for emigrating from their native Jamaica to Canada was “their search for educational opportunities for their children,” she wrote. The pursuit of excellence, she added, “can be elusive and difficult unless doors are opened for those from backgrounds that have not traditionally led to a professional career.”

Those doors would have been barred against her, she says now, but for the help of generous mentors early in her career. A telephone call from Professor Joanne St.

Lewis of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law sealed Nelson’s choice of law school, and studying with St. Lewis gave Nelson her first experience of being taught by a person of color. When Nelson hung back from applying for a clerkship with the Canadian Supreme Court, in part because she had only the haziest notion of a clerk’s duties, the school’s then-vice dean Sandra Rogers strongly encouraged her to apply.

The resulting clerkship with Justice Frank Iacobucci in 1994–1995 marked a waypoint in Nelson’s legal education and the start of a lasting friendship. “I credit him in so many ways for everything I’ve been able to achieve,” says Nelson. Iacobucci taught her the power of legal doctrine, that there is no substitute for the patient mastery of precedent, statutes,

“There’s an overwhelming commitment to legal education here at Suffolk Law that I want to be a part of,” says Dean Nelson.

and regulations. A keen grammarian and accomplished writer, he also purged Nelson’s bench memos of dangling participles and split infinitives.

Speaking from his office at Yale Law School, where he is teaching this semester, the now-retired Justice Iacobucci recalls how Nelson stood out in the hotly competitive pool of applicants for Supreme Court clerkships for her intellect, energy, thoroughness, and remarkable warmth.

“She loves the law and has a passion for it,” he says, a passion he is confident she will be able to convey as dean, thanks to her contagious enthusiasm and exceptional gifts as a communicator.

## A GIVING TEACHER AND COLLEAGUE

Nelson has been a generous mentor herself in the course of her career as an award-winning teacher and legal scholar, nine years of which she spent as a professor of law at Saint Louis University School of Law in Missouri. Angela Onwuachi-Willig, professor of law at the University of Iowa, first met Nelson seven years ago at a Latino and Latina Critical Legal Theory (LatCrit) conference. She remembers

many instances of Nelson advising junior colleagues of color about how to overcome teaching obstacles, find mentors who would help them grow as scholars, and negotiate the demands of service in institutions seeking diversity on boards and committees.

Hazel Weiser, executive director of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), cites the 40-odd law review articles and symposium papers, from 2003 to the present, that acknowledge Nelson’s help as evidence of

her commitment as a teacher who truly cares about “enlarging the community of scholars.” Kent Syverud, dean of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, has known Nelson as a colleague for several years, most recently when she was Dean’s Scholar there from July to December 2009. For the first time in his 18 years’ experience as a dean, he says, 20 first-year students came to thank him personally for bringing a teacher—Nelson—to campus. What they appreciated, says Syverud, was that “she was a clear, demanding teacher who cared about them inside and outside of class, and knew them all by name.” That, he adds, is a very unusual combination.

## THE COST OF OPPORTUNITY

“I often wonder where home is. I am constantly negotiating between home and abroad, native culture and adopted culture,” Nelson wrote in her essay “Adrift in the Diaspora.” The piece appeared in *Racism, Eh?: A Critical Inter-Disciplinary Anthology of Race and Racism in Canada* (Captus Press, Toronto, 2004), a volume that she co-edited with her younger sister Charmaine Nelson, a professor of art history at McGill University in Montreal, currently a Fulbright scholar and visiting research chair in the history of architecture and art at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

“Charmaine and I felt we needed to do that book,” says Nelson. In their suburban schools just outside of Toronto, people of color were rarities in the classroom and textbooks. “We didn’t talk about the fact that Canada had slavery, we barely touched on the First Peoples and the fact that we’re a settler colony—there were whole pieces of history omitted,” she recalls. She also felt isolated on a personal level: “When you’re one of a few anywhere, it can be hard, and kids can be cruel,” she says, although

she credits her Jamaican parents with working hard to make connections with other West Indian families and trying to recreate “some sense of home in the great white North.” Not until law school—“the most diverse environment I had ever been in”—did Nelson have the opportunity to study with and learn from teachers and students from all walks of life.

For her parents, says Nelson, the only routes out of poverty were education or athletics. Her father won scholarships enabling him to pursue a teaching diploma in Jamaica, obtained further scholarships to the University of the West Indies, and was ultimately recruited by the Canadian government to migrate to Canada. He continued his education, earning three master’s degrees at the University of Toronto by studying in the evening while working as a teacher, and later a vice principal, during the day. Nelson stayed with her grandparents in Jamaica while her parents established a life in Canada. Nelson adds that, just as many women have done, her mother, one of the kindest and smartest people she has ever known, “sacrificed her educational opportunities in order to work to save money for my migration.” On her eventual journey to Toronto, at age 2, she cried the whole way. “That’s the story of people seeking opportunities,” she says.

## A PROFESSOR IS BORN

Nelson always knew she wanted to teach, so after a two-year stint as a litigation associate with the leading Toronto law firm of McCarthy Tétrault LLP, she applied to Columbia Law School’s Associates-in-Law Program, which provides fellowships to law school graduates who teach legal writing and research while pursuing an advanced degree. In the late 1990s, she says, Columbia was a “powerhouse of critical thinking” in areas that were beginning to intrigue her, including economics, gender, and critical race theory.

When their first son, Xavier, was two and a half months old, Nelson and her husband, film and media archivist David Rowntree, packed up their battered Ford and drove from Toronto to New York City. “It was a big move for us at a really significant time,” she says, “but it was absolutely the right thing to do.”

A fellow Canadian recruit to the Columbia program, Vincent de Grandpré, first caught sight of Nelson at rush hour on the sidewalk outside the school’s graduate residences on Broadway, supervising the unloading of a moving truck with a tiny baby in the background. “She really had a heavy load at the time,” says de Grandpré, now an intellectual property law specialist with the Toronto firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP.

Speaking as a friend as well as a former colleague (he is godfather to Nelson’s younger son Julien), de Grandpré marvels in retrospect at Nelson’s dynamism. “She was always her energetic self while doing twice as much as we all were,” he says. One of the strengths he sees Nelson bringing to the deanship is her range of experiences and perspectives. As a Canadian-trained lawyer—who also happens to be black and a woman—with experience as a litigator and professor in Canada as well as a professor in the U.S. and Europe, he sees her as having an openness to international legal culture and a breadth of vision that sets her apart from many of her peers in U.S. law schools.

In her scholarship, Nelson has never been afraid to “tackle subject matter and points of view that are not mainstream,” says Teri Dobbins Baxter, a law professor and long-time colleague of Nelson’s at Saint Louis University School of Law. In recent presentations she has addressed the criminalization of mental illness in the African American community, homophobia in the Caribbean, and inequalities in health care viewed through the lens of critical race theory. In more than 20 academic journal and law review articles as well as





numerous symposium papers and book chapters, she has established herself as “an important scholar in the new wave of critical race theorists,” according to Dean Kevin Johnson of the University of California School of Law. In addition to her scrutiny of the impact of race on the criminal justice system, says Johnson, Nelson is also known for her transnational, comparative approach to legal and cultural studies. “She’s a phenomenal scholar,” agrees Onwuachi-Willig, citing Nelson’s “groundbreaking work on the intersection of race and disability.”

## BALANCING ACT

“Always make time for your family and loved ones,” Nelson told the entering Class of 2013 in her orientation address. “It will be hard, [but] striving for balance and well-being now” will pay dividends when students enter the work world.

Nelson knows what she’s talking about. As the mother of three children age 8 to 12, she constantly juggles her competing responsibilities at home and work. Seven days after her Suffolk Law deanship officially began on September 1, she blocked out time in the morning to walk them to their first day of school. “That was important,” she says.

After a couple of late nights in the office recently, she scrambled to get home in time to take her sons to soccer practice. “I was there with my iPad the whole time, I was doing all this stuff on my iPad and iPhone, but I was there to bring them, pick them up, and to make sure they had something to eat,” she says, laughing at this evocation of the multitasking professional parent on the sidelines. At the time, her husband was on a research assignment in Cairo, and her mother had flown in from Toronto to help take care of the family.

iPad aside, Nelson’s friends note her capacity for giving total attention to the people she’s with. “She has an ability to be completely focused on wherever she needs to be. When she’s with her kids, she’s with her kids,” says Teri

Dobbins Baxter, who remembered the fun she had with Nelson when they would go to cooking and wine-tasting courses together after their law school classes.

## DIVERSITY, DEVELOPMENT, AND ACCESS

A new dean faces a balancing act of another kind, notes Kent Syverud. She needs to signal decisive leadership and give colleagues a sense of direction, while at the same time showing sensitivity to the hopes, dreams, and fears of individuals already at the institution. “You

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have to just shut up and listen to people,” he says, noting that this does not come naturally to many professors.

Nelson, he says, was a star at what she herself laughingly called “Baby Dean School,” the annual intensive five-day training program for new law school deans run by the American Bar Association, which took place in Wyoming in May 2010. Among the new and prospective deans, says Syverud, Nelson was a notably “thoughtful, reflective, and personable” presence, and as a Canadian and a woman of color, she was often able to frame issues in ways that were novel to her colleagues.

Nelson’s early focus has been to seek input from all quarters while setting up structures that will support and carry forward her vision for diversity, development, and increased access to a Suffolk Law education. “I’m new, and we have many people here who have deep, committed relationships to this institution and to our alums, so it behooves me to start with them, to ask them their thoughts, and that’s what I have been busy doing,” says Nelson.

“She’s very inclusive,” says Dean of Admissions Gail Ellis, noting that Nelson invited administrators and staff to the first faculty meeting of the term. “She’s someone who likes to give everyone a voice, and their voice counts.”

In creating new committees, notably for teaching and for advancement and development, and in reviewing the personnel on existing committees, Nelson has given careful thought to the selection of co-chairs, with an eye to diversity and to “bringing new voices onto committees and empowering new voices within the school.” In the form of three new term-limited associate deanships, she has already introduced a new model of “rotating centers of power.”

Nelson, says Professor Ilene Seidman—one of her four newly appointed associate deans—has a compelling vision “for enabling the law school to realize its potential and bring-



DEAN NELSON: "I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A DEAN JUST ANYWHERE. BUT I HAPPEN TO LOVE THIS SCHOOL."

ing together all the strengths it already has in teaching, scholarship, and service to the community." At a time when the legal education establishment is grappling with technological, economic, and social challenges, Seidman believes that Nelson's deep and wide-ranging connections in the legal academic community, her laser focus on students, and her commitment to supporting faculty scholarship will serve Suffolk Law well.

Nelson sees a key role for Suffolk Law's approximately 23,000 alumni. "Our alumni base is the core of our strength," she says. "Only with their help will we get through these tumultuous times." Fundraising to alleviate the school's dependence on tuition revenues is high on Nelson's to-do list. "We cannot continue to increase tuition at the rate that we have seen

throughout the country," she says. "It's unfair to students who are graduating with mortgages and uncertain job prospects. To my sense of justice, that's just wrong."

Boosting alumni participation is a major plank in her strategy. "My biggest challenge is to figure out ways in which we can bring our alumni back to the school in ways that are meaningful both for them and for current students," she says. Her goal is one hundred percent participation, construed in a broad manner that includes everything from writing checks and helping students with networking and résumé-building to advising faculty about how best to prepare new lawyers for the demands of practice.

Still in the honeymoon phase of her deanship, when she is finding the challenges

"exhilarating," Nelson is wary of looking too far into the future. But when asked what changes she would like to see over the next five years, she is quick to respond: students graduating with less debt and better job prospects; greater alumni involvement; greater inclusivity in the decision-making process; and greater diversity in the student body, the administration, and the faculty. "And when I talk about diversity," she adds, "I'm talking about sexual orientation, race, national origin, religion, age, gender, class, and disability."

Being a dean, reflects Ellis, is "like being the conductor of an orchestra." With Dean Nelson on the podium, and the orchestra tuning up, the music is poised to move into a new key. 🎵



THEIR

SENSE

OF

DUTY

Driven by world events and a sense of purpose, Suffolk Law graduates are serving their country in ever-greater numbers, a commitment that stretches through the decades and around the globe.

**BY SEAN P. MURPHY**

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**J**ust as it has long been a tradition among Suffolk University Law School men and women to thrive in the legal field's public service positions of prosecutor, legislator, and judge, so too has it been a time-honored practice to serve in the armed forces.

Indeed, Suffolk Law is one of the most respected and prolific providers of officers serving as lawyers in the judge advocate general corps as well as other capacities, according to military officials, law school administrators, and alumni.

"Suffolk generates many excellent officers," says Commander Jason Baltimore, a Navy JAG special assistant. "There is a tradition of service at Suffolk."

"Suffolk Law has for many years had tremendous relations with the military," adds Gregory P. Noone JD '90, a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve and commanding officer of the Navy International and Operational Law reserve unit, who now helps recruit JAG officers.

## A History of Service

As much as anyone, a retired naval officer and lawyer named Anthony J. DeVico helped build Suffolk Law's connections to the military. DeVico arrived on Temple Street in 1972 as an associate professor of law and the school's first placement director.

The 1970s were marked by widespread disillusionment, as the Vietnam War dragged to its unhappy conclusion and the resignation of a president tarnished the highest office in the land. But DeVico remained focused on his mission: finding good men and women for the service. Other Boston-area law schools succumbed to pressure to ban recruiters from campus, but not Suffolk Law.

"That was a big deal, for Suffolk to do that," says Noone.

DeVico had been a young Boston College Law School graduate when Pearl Harbor was bombed, and his subsequent enlistment began a distinguished career that culminated in command of the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island, where Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard JAG recruits go for 10 weeks of legal training.

"This is one of the finest officers I have ever known," an admiral wrote of DeVico in a fitness report on file in the law school archives. "[He is] of impeccable integrity, superb leadership, uncommon common sense."

DeVico had been recruited to Suffolk Law by the former dean Donald R. Simpson, himself a former JAG officer well-acquainted with DeVico's military career.

"Tony DeVico knew everyone, all the senior officers across the spectrum: Navy, Army, Marines, Air Force," recalls longtime associate dean John Deliso. "He helped many young graduates get a good jump on their careers in the law by going through JAG."

By the time DeVico retired in 1979, Suffolk Law was a font of JAG officers. "The momentum Tony built up in the 1970s carried on in the 1980s and the 1990s, and it really hasn't let up," says Deliso.

Today, Suffolk Law also warmly welcomes veterans. As part of the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, it offers former servicemen and women up to \$25,000 in grant money annually. (The federal government provides additional assistance to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars). The university also offers an executive MBA program to military personnel in Arlington, Virginia, adjacent to joint base Fort Myer-Henderson Hall.

## Global Careers with Historical Implications

Marine Corps Colonel Jeffrey Colwell JD '94 represents the finest traditions in both military service and the law. He is chief defense counsel of the U.S. Department of Defense's Office of Military Commissions, which functions as a tribunal to try accused terrorists of war crimes.

"Not the most popular clients in the world," says the soft-spoken Naval Academy graduate of the detainees at the naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Nevertheless, Colwell directs a staff of about 90, including 40 lawyers in both Washington and Guantanamo, in service to the rule of law.

He briefly represented Ahmed Ghailani, who was accused in the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya. Those bombings killed 224 people, including 12 Americans, and brought to the attention of American terrorist experts a new and lethal group

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calling itself al-Qaeda. The government intended to try Ghailani before a tribunal of five officers that could result in a death sentence, and Colwell and Ghailani had an initial meeting about his pending hearing. But then, at the last moment, Washington decided Ghailani should be tried in a civilian court. In November, Ghailani was acquitted of all but one charge in connection with the embassy bombing and later sentenced to life in prison.

Colwell, a veteran of the 1991 Persian Gulf War, also represented Salim Ahmed Hamdan, Osama bin Laden's driver, in one of the first military tribunals set up by the Bush administration after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001. Colwell challenged the legal authority of the commission itself. The matter went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, and in 2006 the Supreme Court struck down such tribunals,

## HER BODY OF WORK

**S**ue Lynch BA '93, JD '99 was supposed to enjoy the perks and privileges of her senior year in college when the Gulf War broke out in 1990.

But instead of cruising from one party to another in her last semester, Lynch was activated by the U.S. Army and deployed to Saudi Arabia, where Scud missiles rained down on the compound at which she was encamped.

"I felt totally helpless, unsafe, just not knowing what would happen next," she says.

When she returned home, Lynch tasted the exhilaration of a nation grateful for a mission accomplished. But she soon realized something was wrong. She just didn't feel right. She would inexplicably get up from her desk at work and go into the bathroom and cry.

What was happening to her was post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), though she didn't know it at the time.

"I crashed—I crashed hard," she recalls during an interview in Charlestown. "I felt withdrawn, deeply depressed, suicidal. But I couldn't articulate what it was."

Lynch enrolled at Suffolk Law and, when she graduated, became an officer in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, but her depression continued. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, the feelings of fear and dread intensified.

It was then that Lynch began to practice yoga. "I was desperately searching for something that would help," she says. "When I started yoga, almost immediately I felt I could manage my symptoms."

A second deployment, this time to Kosovo, followed in 2004. When she returned to Boston, Lynch was ready for a major change in her life. She decided to buy a yoga studio.

"It was one of those decisions where you're saying, 'What am I doing?' But it just felt right," she says.

Lynch soon bid on a sun-filled space in the city and became certified as a teacher. For the last five years, she has been the owner of Charlestown Yoga, where she teaches classes as well.

Lynch is also the founder and executive director of There & Back Again: Navigating Life after War, a nonprofit that relies heavily on yoga to treat other veterans returning home from Iraq or Afghanistan with PTSD. She and a partner run their innovative program for vets from the studio in Charlestown and another one in Cambridge, letting veterans take classes for free. She has had more than 300 combat veterans in classes over the years; a few have gone on to become teachers.

Still a senior defense counsel in the Army, Lynch takes pride in helping veterans find the kind of relief that can turn lives around.

"The trauma is held in the body," she says. "You can talk, talk, talk, but you can't talk it out of your body. You have to give it a pathway out. Yoga lets you release it."

And it has healed her too. Lynch ultimately credits yoga with completely healing her PTSD.

"I am the healthiest I have ever felt," she says. —SPM

ruling them unauthorized by federal statute and in violation of international law. As a result, Congress overhauled the entire military commission system.

Colwell is proud of his service. "Without us, there is no rule of law," he says.

Captain Noone has been involved in international justice as well, having traveled to 75 countries and circled the world many times over in his Navy service. Last year, he led a mission to Brazzaville, the capital of the Republic of Congo, in one of most war-ravaged corners of the world. There, he convened a weeklong conference of high-ranking Congolese government lawyers on how to detect and root out official corruption.

"In Africa, they love Americans and America," he says. "We don't tell them what to do. We say, 'This is what's worked in the past; this is what's failed.' We talk lawyer to lawyer and military officer to military officer."

In his Navy career, Noone has trained members of the Iraqi National Congress, the post-genocide government in Rwanda, the post-Taliban government in Afghanistan, civil society in Sudan, and senior members of the Russian government.

"Not places you go on vacation," he says.

Noone, who in his civilian life is an assistant professor of political science and law and director of the national security and intelligence program at Fairmont State University in West Virginia, recalls fondly the late Suffolk Law professor Thomas Lambert Jr., who taught him torts. Lambert had been a prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials after World War II; in fact, Lambert was chosen to prepare the U.S. trial brief and trial address against Martin Bormann, the Nazi Party chief and personal secretary to Hitler.

"Every school-boy knows that Hitler was an evil man," Lambert told the court in Nuremberg, according to a yellowing typewritten transcript housed in the law school archives. "The prosecution emphasizes, however, that without chieftains like Bormann, prepared to use any methods to accomplish the aims of the conspiracy, Hitler would never have been able to seize and consolidate total power in Europe but would have been left to walk in the wilderness."

Before shipping out to post-genocide Rwanda, Noone put in a call to his old professor for some tips on approaching war crimes.

Lambert "implored us to make sure that the concept of individual accountability was paramount and that victims were able to see justice being done," he recalls.

For Noone, it has all been a very heady experience. "The Navy gave me everything they promised, plus more," he says. "I feel I have been very fortunate to have served my country."

### Unique Navy JAG Numbers

There are about 835 judge advocates in active service in the Navy (the Army and Air Force have their own JAG corps). Last year, the Navy selected about 60 new recruits out of an applicant pool of more than 1,300. (There are another 460 reserve JAG officers.)

And Suffolk Law, as it happens, is better represented in those ranks than any other law school in the nation—more than 10 percent of the officers are Suffolk Law alumni, according to Navy data. What's more, the third-highest ranking officer in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps is Captain Mark Lawton JD '85, assistant JAG for operations and management. Lawton, a Winchester native, joined the Navy during his second year at Suffolk Law and has served tours in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Naples, Italy.

"This is an amazing time to be in the JAG Corps," Lawton told *JAG Magazine* in 2009. "There is so much going on in the way of transformation."

At least three other Suffolk Law graduates are captains: Steven Barney JD '90, fleet judge advocate for U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Michael Palmer JD '88, commanding officer of Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic; and James Ryan JD '91, commanding officer of Naval Special Warfare Command. That number represents more than five percent of all captains, says Jennifer Zeldis, a Navy public information officer.

"From day one, Suffolk Law instilled peer camaraderie," says Palmer, citing a key ingredient for success in the military.

Lieutenant Courtney (Murphy) Lewis JD '05, for one, believes the Navy JAG was her destiny. Her grandfather was a Navy aviator and her father a Navy officer and merchant mariner, having graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

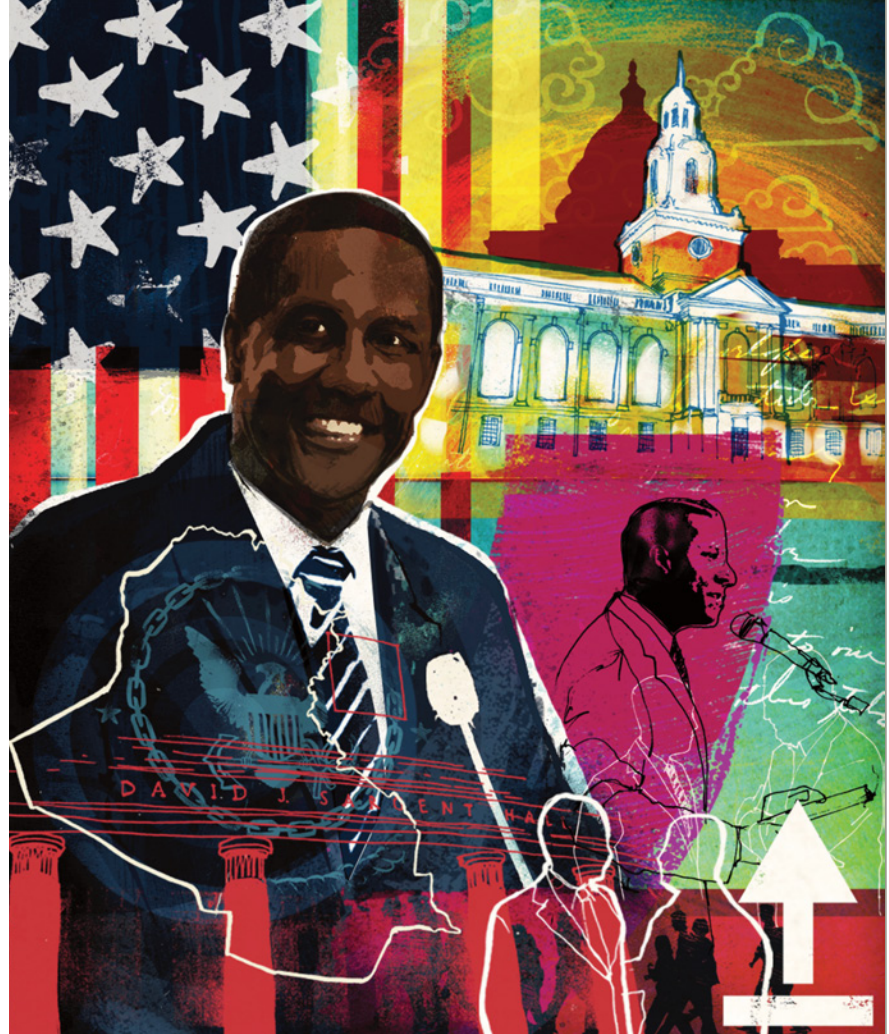
At the Naval Justice School in Newport, Lewis, like many fledgling Suffolk Law JAG officers before her, spent 10 weeks learning the Navy system of justice, including courts-martial for serious accusations, non-judicial punishments for lesser infractions such as failure to show up for work, the rules governing separation from service (honorable discharge or otherwise), and administrative law.

Lewis says she felt well prepared by her Suffolk Law professors and singles out the late professor Catherine Judge. "She was tough, and I struggled with contracts, but she really cared about you getting it, not just to pass the test, but to really get it," she says.

In her present tour, Lewis is the lawyer for the Naval Air Station in Fallon, Nevada, home of the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, which flies and maintains F-18 Hornet and F-16 Viper fighter jets as well as SH-60F Seahawk helicopters.

"I've handled cases involving everything from the Americans with Disabilities Act to state land use law to criminal law cases," she says. "It's a very broad practice."

Commander Jillian Morrison JD '93 had spent more than a decade honing her skills as a Navy environmental lawyer when a technically complex case involving underwater sonar and whales landed on her desk in 2006.



## SUFFOLK LAW IS BETTER REPRESENTED IN THE NAVY JAG RANKS THAN ANY OTHER LAW SCHOOL IN THE NATION.

The case had begun in San Diego when an environmental group claimed whales were beaching themselves and dying because of the sonar. A district court judge agreed. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals also agreed—to a point, ordering the Navy to put new limits on how and where to use sonar in anti-submarine readiness exercises.

That's when Morrison came into the case. There were dozens of highly skilled lawyers involved, from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of General Counsel to the Navy. But few if any had worn the uniform, been to sea, and knew intuitively the Navy point of view. Morrison's job was to make sure all the briefs right down to the fine details reflected the Navy's perspective.

By then, Morrison's skills were so well regarded that the Navy had plucked her from among hundreds of other JAG officers to attend George Washington University Law School for an LLM in environmental law.



“It [was] a great opportunity for me to become a specialist in environmental law, which is a field that I love,” she says.

The case made it to the Supreme Court in October 2008. When it did, Morrison was in the courtroom, watching the solicitor general present the case she had helped prepare. The Supreme Court ultimately ruled for the Navy, giving Morrison a strong sense of accomplishment for both the Navy and the environment.

“I feel like I am helping make the Navy better stewards of the environment and at the same time helping to allow the Navy to still get the mission done,” she says. “That’s my job.”

### Deepening a Commitment to Public Service

Harold P. “Hank” Naughton JD ’91 never intended to join the Army.

After graduating Suffolk Law and serving as an assistant district attorney in Worcester County, Naughton went into practice for himself as a criminal defense attorney. He also ran for public office and was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1994, representing the 12th district.

But after the events of September 11, 2001, Naughton, at the age of 43, felt a need to further serve and protect his country.

“I just wanted to protect America and protect our way of life,” says Naughton, the father of four.

He joined the Army Reserve, volunteering for a tour of active duty in Kuwait and Baghdad in 2005. There he handled about 125 cases a week, helping Iraqis prosecute arrested al-Qaeda members, insurgents, holdovers from Saddam’s regime, and common criminals.

“The work was exhausting but exhilarating, and there are very few other times in my life that I felt I was doing something so worthwhile,” Naughton says.

When he returned home, Naughton says, he was more committed than ever to giving back. He was reelected in November and currently serves as house chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Newton, Massachusetts, mayor Setti Warren JD ’06 credits his military service as giving him the kind of leadership experience that helped launch his political career.

“It gave me the capacity to make tough, critical decisions in a timely manner and under pressure,” he says.

Warren accepted an officer commission in the Navy Reserve in 2002. By then he had already served in the Clinton White House and as a regional director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He had also worked in a senior staff position at Boston College, his undergraduate alma mater.

But Warren was determined to follow in the footsteps of his father, who served in the Korean War, and his grandfather, who served in World War II.

“Public service has [always] been important to my family,” he says.

## THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

**I**n 2005 David Connolly JD ’02, an Army captain, died in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan. Connolly, 37, was an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County serving in the reserves. He had joined the Army’s elite Ranger Special Operations unit after graduating from Boston College. When he finished law school, he shipped out to Afghanistan in the Brockton-based 1173rd Transportation Battalion.

One of Connolly’s brothers, in a eulogy, recalled David Connolly as he grew up and into middle age grappling with these questions: “Can I do more, can I do better, can I make a difference?” The family has since founded the Major David S. Connolly Foundation to honor his spirit through educational scholarships, programs, and grants.

“All of his family and friends have tried to make a difference, inspired by David,” says Midge Connolly, David’s sister. “Today, when I see the flag or a soldier, I think what a wonderful country we live in, but what a tremendous price some have paid.” —SPM



Warren, a petty officer first class intelligence specialist, was deployed to Iraq in October 2007. During two weeks of leave, he returned home to learn his wife was pregnant with their first child.

“Of course, it was difficult to leave my family for a year to go to Iraq,” he says. “But I am honored to have served my county in uniform.”

When he returned home, he decided to seek public office, in part because he felt strongly that his life experiences had given him something positive to offer. Warren was elected the mayor of his hometown in 2008, the city’s first new mayor in 12 years and its first African-American mayor.

As for running the city of Newton, with its myriad interest groups and constant pressure, Warren says his training has come in handy.

“Being mayor has its own challenges,” he says. “But it’s great—it’s another kind of opportunity to do some good things.”

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Oil  
and  
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Carl Rosenblum JD '83 has spent nearly three decades working as one of the country's top oil and gas attorneys. It was a professional framework that would prove crucial to the biggest case of his career: fighting for small-business interests in the wake of the BP oil spill off the coast of his adopted hometown. BY SUSAN FINCH / PHOTOGRAPHY BY KATHY ANDERSON

**S**LIGHTLY MORE THAN A MONTH after an oil rig drilling a BP well exploded late last spring off the Louisiana coast, killing 11 crewmen and fouling the Gulf of Mexico with a seemingly unstoppable spew of crude oil, veteran New Orleans litigator Carl D. Rosenblum JD '83 began the highest-profile case of his career.

Serving as the lead plaintiff attorney in *Hornbeck Offshore Services v. Salazar*, Rosenblum represented nearly 40 Louisiana-based businesses in challenging the government's six-month offshore deepwater drilling moratorium. At a hearing in June, he told U.S. District Court Judge Martin L. C. Feldman that the ban was hastily and illegally adopted. What it amounted to, Rosenblum argued, was a complete shutdown of the Gulf of Mexico deepwater drilling industry.

"This was done with the stroke of a pen, without any rule-making, and it has far-, far-reaching implications," he said in laying out reasons why Feldman should stop the U.S. Department of the Interior from continuing to enforce the moratorium. Although the suspension was scheduled to last at least six months, Rosenblum said it had already prompted some owners of large, technically sophisticated drilling rigs to move their equipment to faraway oil fields.

That loss, he told Feldman, would be felt along the Gulf Coast by "an ecosystem of businesses" for far longer than six months.

"This is not a matter of being pro-oil and gas or anti-environment," Rosenblum said. "This is a case where we are asking Your Honor to make sure that the government here, the defendants, follow the law.... We are not asking you to write new rules."

Ruling a day after a hearing on the request for a preliminary injunction, Feldman said the government had gone too far. He issued a preliminary injunction that the government's move to suspend all deepwater drilling in the Gulf was "arbitrary and capricious" because it affected all drilling operations regardless of companies' individual efforts to operate safely. On October 12, the government announced an early end to the drilling moratorium it originally said would last until the

end of November (another related case is still pending).

Says the intensely confident Rosenblum, "Time will tell whether the saga continues."

## A Destined Career Path

To hear Rosenblum tell it, his dream was always to be a litigator.

The middle of three brothers, Rosenblum grew up watching episodes of *Perry Mason*, finding he liked "the impromptu-ness of things that happen in court," and reading about the legal careers of real-life big-name lawyers like Clarence Darrow and F. Lee Bailey.

"I enjoyed the intellectual ping-pong of a debate," Rosenblum says. "I was strong-willed and would try to put my points forth pretty aggressively, intensely, passionately, emotionally"—including when he and his brothers tried to convince their parents to do something.

"I remember vaguely that my mother would say, 'You ought to be a lawyer when you grow up,'" he recalls. To the young Rosenblum, now 55, that sounded like a good fit on several fronts. "I knew I would work hard," he says. "I thought I could help people. It wouldn't be a boring career."

But law school was not Rosenblum's first stop after he earned his undergraduate degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University, where he met his future wife, Katie. (Their daughters, 22 and 20, are now enrolled there.)

Instead, Rosenblum spent his first three years out of college working in New York City, handling employee compensation matters for the Philip Morris Company.

There were several reasons behind Rosenblum's detour into the corporate world.

"One was money, candidly," he says. He managed to save enough from his Philip Morris days to help, with loans, cover the later costs of going to law school.

Rosenblum also felt a breather was in order: “I wanted to take some time off from academia,” he says. “I thought I’d be a little older and more mature if I took a couple of years off.”

In 1980, it was on to Suffolk Law. Rosenblum says he chose the institution because of its location in Boston, “a great college town,” and its reputation of “having a very practice-oriented program—hands-on, not simply philosophical or theoretical.”

Rosenblum’s only paid employment during the school year was as a third-year research assistant. But he was heavily involved in activities related to his legal studies, serving on the law school’s international moot court team, participating in moot court competitions, and writing for the *Suffolk Transnational Law Review*.

His former civil procedure professor, Russell Murphy, recalls Rosenblum as a potent academic force.

“He was mature and sophisticated beyond his years when he was my student, and he was able to absorb the teaching I tried to offer,” Murphy says.

According to Rosenblum, it was Murphy who encouraged him to look for permanent job prospects outside the Northeast, which at the time suffered from a high concentration of lawyers and a poor economy.

But Murphy puts the credit back on his protégé: “He was willing to take the risk. I think the results are pretty obvious.”

## From the Big Apple to the Big Easy

Jones Walker, one of the largest law firms in New Orleans, first appeared on Rosenblum’s radar screen when recruiters from the firm interviewed him in Boston and offered him a clerkship for the summer of 1982.

“What appealed to me was that Jones Walker was at the time one of the top 100 law firms in the country and it was based in New Orleans, which I had not had any exposure to,” Rosenblum says.

Then there was the fact that in contrast to the then-flagging economy in the Northeast, “the

economy down here was booming,” he says. Rosenblum was also intrigued by the prospect of working for a large firm with sophisticated clients and experiencing a different part of America. “If I went to clerk for a firm in Manhattan, it wouldn’t have opened my eyes to different parts of the country and different cultures, and other things,” he says.

After signing on as a lawyer at Jones Walker the following year, Rosenblum began preparing for exactly what he’d dreamed about—the chance to get an early start on fighting for clients in court.

## A Man of Energy

How Rosenblum ended up representing energy companies like Freeport McMoRan, Anadarko Petroleum, Eland Energy, Sundown Energy, and Seismic Exchange, and earning a place in *The Best Lawyers in America* as one of the nation’s top oil and gas attorneys, began with his initial assignment to a team of lawyers in Jones Walker’s commercial and business litigation section.

“I guarantee two things: I’ll be prepared, and I’ll give it my best shot,” says Rosenblum.

“One of the partners on the team was doing bankruptcy work, so I learned about it,” he says.

That experience would later prove indelible. “When the oil bust happened in 1985 to 1987,” he recalls, “every day, on the front page of the local newspaper, another oil and gas company was going bankrupt, so doing bankruptcy work and oil and gas work almost became synonymous.”

Today Rosenblum’s bread-and-butter cases are high-dollar Oil Patch disputes, many of them contract-related, that don’t usually make big headlines.

“I’m not a blood-and-guts lawyer,” he says. “Dealing with personal injuries and explosions, that’s not normally what I do.”

The kinds of energy cases that keep Rosenblum busy—and interested—involve significant amounts of money at risk, and individuals who understand risk.

In one such case, a Dallas federal court jury this fall awarded Rosenblum’s client Sundown Energy \$8.5 million, including \$4.7 million in punitive damages, against an insurance company. Sundown accused the insurer of engaging in unfair claims-handling and settlement practices in connection with damage allegedly done to neighboring property when Hurricane Katrina toppled oil storage tanks at Sundown’s facility near Port Sulphur, Louisiana.

While Rosenblum doesn’t toot his own horn, clients haven’t hesitated to sing his praises in annual attorney-rating publications. They call him a go-to guy who’s smart, aggressive, ready to do battle—and capable of driving the opposition crazy.

Dallas attorney Buff Harrison Jr., who has

“We didn’t need the BP spill. We were just getting on our feet post-Katrina.”

worked alongside Rosenblum for 15 years, including on the Sundown Energy case, says Rosenblum’s exhaustive work before his cases get to court makes him “the most thoroughly prepared lawyer I’ve ever seen.”

“I’ve been practicing law for nearly 41 years, and I’ve been around a lot of good trial lawyers,” Harrison says. “But he’s intelligent; he knows the law and is the best-prepared. It’s the preparation that distinguishes him.”

Sundown vice president and general counsel Robin McGuire agrees. One of Rosenblum’s great strengths, he says, is “his attention to detail, knowing the case better than anybody else does.”

Rosenblum himself doesn’t guarantee his clients results.

“I guarantee two things: I’ll be prepared, and I’ll give it my best shot,” he says.

## Defending His Turf

While Rosenblum doesn’t make it a practice to chat publicly about his cases, he doesn’t hesitate to talk about how much he loves his adopted city.

“This is my home,” he says. “I like the culture, the feel of New Orleans. It’s not like living anywhere else. I like the music, I like the food, I like the architecture, I like the lifestyle.”

The transplanted Northeasterner is as passionate about issues affecting New Orleans as anyone born and raised there.

“We didn’t need the [BP] spill,” he says. “We were just getting on our feet post-Katrina.” When the storm forced them to evacuate in 2005, the Rosenblums went to Texas, where Carl worked out of the Houston office of Jones Walker and commuted to Dallas to visit his wife and daughters. They returned to their partially damaged home in the English Turn community of New Orleans at the end of that year.

While he’s optimistic about the future of New Orleans, Rosenblum admits he’s “frustrated that the federal government doesn’t fully appreciate the national and international importance of a lot of issues down here.... Fighting over levees and Category 5 [storms] ... it shouldn’t be that hard.”

As he contemplates the ongoing court cases resulting from the spill—the Hornbeck suit and a related one are still alive—Rosenblum remains “outraged that with the stroke of a pen, government can disregard the law and shut down an industry” and was happy to defend the rule of law to protect the oil and gas industry and benefit the seafood industry, both deeply affected by the moratorium.

“The moratorium was more devastating to the economy than the [oil] spill—and still is,” he says.

“The whole case was about putting people back to work. We’ve won, but I won’t be fully satisfied...until we get people back to work.”

# FacultyNEWS

## R. LISLE BAKER

R. Lisle Baker wrote “My Tree Versus Your Solar Collector or Your Well Versus My Septic System?—Exploring Responses to Beneficial but Conflicting Neighboring Uses of Land,” published in *37 Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review* 1 (2010).

## ANDREW BECKERMAN-RODAU

Andrew Beckerman-Rodau wrote *A Concise Guide to the Nuts and Bolts of Estates and Future Interests* (2nd edition, Carolina Academic Press, 2010); “Patents Are Property: A Fundamental but Important Concept,” published in *4 Journal of Business & Technology Law* 87 (2009); and “Identifying, Protecting, and Managing Intellectual Property,” materials prepared for a Suffolk Law Advanced Legal Studies/IP Law Concentration program titled “Transnational Strategies for Exploiting and Protecting IP—Doing Business in China and the EU,” held in April.

## ANDREW BECKERMAN-RODAU MICHAEL L. RUSTAD

Andrew Beckerman-Rodau and Michael L. Rustad received the Suffolk Law Charles P. Kindregan, Jr. Award for extraordinary contributions to Advanced Legal Studies and continuing legal education.

## WILLIAM BERMAN

William Berman, supervisor of the Suffolk Law Housing Clinic, and Visiting Professor of Law Esme Caramello received the Community Project of the Year Award from the Chelsea Human Services Collaborative for the clinic’s work on behalf of tenants facing eviction from foreclosed properties.

## KAREN BLUM

Karen Blum wrote *Police Misconduct: Law and Litigation* (3rd edition, Thomson West, 2009–2010) (with Michael Avery & David Rudovsky). She was appointed to the executive committee of the AALS Section on Civil Rights, the executive committee of the AALS Section on Federal Courts, and the state advisory committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. In June she received the Alumna of the Year Award from Wells College in Aurora, New York.

## ERIC BLUMENSON

Eric Blumenson wrote “Constitutional Kabuki: Fidelity and Opportunism in the Foreign Law Debate,” published in *43 Suffolk Law Review* 136 (2009); “Liberty Lost: The Moral Case for Marijuana Law Reform,” published in *85 Indiana Law Journal* 279 (2010) (with Eva Nilssen); and “No Rational Basis: The Pragmatic Case for Marijuana Law Reform,” published in *17 Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law* 43 (2009) (with Eva Nilssen).

## CHRIS DEARBORN

Chris Dearborn wrote “What Every Criminal Lawyer Needs to Know about Impeachment Law,” published in *12:1 Massachusetts Bar Association Section Review* 6 (2010).

## VICTORIA DODD

Victoria Dodd wrote *Practical Education Law for the Twenty-First Century* (2nd edition, Carolina Academic Press, 2010). Her article “The 2007 Roberts Court Education Law Cases: Reaffirmation or Cut-Back of Student Rights?” was selected for inclusion in the *University of La Verne Law Review’s Selective Bibliographic Index of Juvenile Law Publications* (2008–2009). She was recently nominated to be a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

## KATHLEEN ENGEL

Kathleen Engel wrote “The Subprime Meltdown: Who Knew What When?” published in *21:4 Communities and Banking* 16 (Fall 2010) (with Patricia McCoy). She was recently appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston’s Community Affairs Research Advisory Board and currently serves as chair of the Consumer Credit Committee of the Federal Reserve Board’s Consumer Advisory Council. She was appointed to the Massachusetts Bar Association’s Joint Foreclosure Legislative Task Force this summer.

## VALERIE EPPS

Valerie Epps wrote “Rejecting the Supposed Right of Anticipatory Self-Defence,” reprinted in *Right of Private Defence: Expanding Horizons* 50 (P.S. Prasad, ed., ICFAI University Press, 2009); and “The *Medellin v. Texas* Symposium: A Case Worthy of Comment,” reprinted in *Foreign Criminals: Consular Assistance* 90 (A. Sabitha, ed., ICFAI University Press, 2009). In November she was appointed to the board of directors of the Boston Committee on Foreign Relations.

## STEVEN FERREY

Steven Ferrey wrote *Unlocking the Global Warming Toolbox: Key Choices for Carbon Restriction and Sequestration* (PennWell Publishers, 2010); *Law of Independent Power* (27th edition, Thomson West, 2010); *Environmental Law: Examples & Explanations* (5th edition, Aspen Publishers, 2010); “The Failure of International Global Warming Regulation to Promote Needed Renewable Energy,” published in *37 Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review* 67 (2010); “Post-Copenhagen: The New Math, Legal Additionality, and Climate Warming,” published in *The Electricity Journal* (May 2010); “FIT in the U.S.A.,” published in *Public Utilities Fortnightly* (June 2010); “Restructuring a Green Grid: Legal Challenges to Accommodate New Renewable Energy Infrastructure,” published

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in 39 *Environmental Law* 977 (2010); and “Fire and Ice: World Renewable Energy and Carbon Control Mechanisms Confront Constitutional Barriers,” published in 20 *Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum* 125 (2010). He also wrote a chapter for materials compiled by the U.S. Agency for International Development’s project on carbon-reduction financing policies in developing countries.

### JOSEPH FRANCO

Joseph Franco wrote “A Consumer-Protection Approach to Mutual Fund Disclosure and the Limits of Simplification,” published in 15 *Stanford Journal of Law, Business, & Finance* 1 (2009).

### JOSEPH W. GLANNON

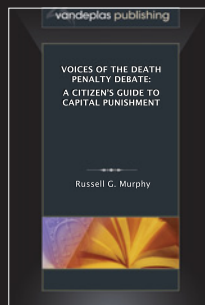
Joseph W. Glannon wrote *The Law of Torts: Examples & Explanations* (4th edition, Aspen Publishers, 2010).

### CHRISTOPHER GIBSON

Christopher Gibson wrote “A Look at the Compulsory License in Investment Arbitration: the Case of Indirect Expropriation,” published in 25 *American University International Law Review* 357 (2010); and “Latent Grounds for Investor-State Arbitration: Do International Investment Agreements Provide New Means to Enforce Intellectual Property Rights?” published in *Yearbook on International Investment Law & Policy* (Karl P. Sauvant, ed., Oxford University Press, 2009-2010). In September 2009 he was a presenter at the Düsseldorf International Arbitration School on a panel addressing “Arbitration of Intellectual Property Disputes,” and in June he served as co-chair of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration’s Annual Conference in Dallas titled “Commencing an International Commercial Arbitration: Fundamentals and Strategy.”

### JANICE C. GRIFFITH

Janice C. Griffith wrote *State and Local Government in a Federal System* and *Teacher’s Manual to State and Local Government in a Federal System* (7th



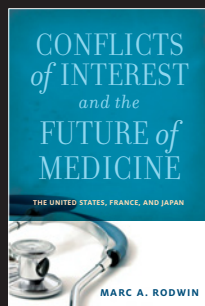
## Voices of the Death Penalty Debate: A Citizen’s Guide to Capital Punishment

By Russell G. Murphy (Vandepias Publishing, 2010)

Examining the multiple theoretical, ideological, sociological, and personal perspectives on the death penalty debate, *Voices* offers a comprehensive overview of the arguments for and against capital punishment, both in the United States and internationally. Using the testimony of witnesses at the historic 2004–2005 death penalty hearings in New York, Professor Russell Murphy delves into theoretical justifications for the death penalty (such as retribution and deterrence) as well as specific criticisms, such as costs, abuses of prosecutorial discretion, jury functioning, problems of race and mental illness, and execution of the innocent. To present as broad a range of opinion as possible, Murphy presents the testimony of more than 100 witnesses from diverse constituencies in the death penalty debate, including academics, scientists, public interest groups, lawyers, families of murder victims, exonerated death row inmates, writers, law enforcement and public officials, and ordinary citizens. Rather than advocate for a particular viewpoint, Murphy emphasizes citizen education; the volume ultimately serves as a reader’s guide that leads to an informed position on this highly controversial matter, “one of the most complex, emotional, controversial, and important public policy issues of our time.”

## Conflicts of Interest and the Future of Medicine: The United States, France, and Japan

By Marc A. Rodwin (Oxford University Press, 2011)



Conflicts of interest riddle the U.S. health care system. They result from physicians practicing medicine as entrepreneurs, from physicians’ ties to the pharmaceutical industry, and from investor-owned firms and insurers’ influence over physicians’ medical choices. The consequences of such conflicts are often devastating for the patients stuck in the middle. In *Conflicts of Interest and the Future of Medicine*, Professor Marc Rodwin examines the development of such conflicts not only in the U.S. but also in France and Japan. He shows that national differences in the organization of medical practice and the interplay of organized medicine, the market, and the state give rise to variations in the type and prevalence of such conflicts; he then analyzes the strategies that each nation employs to cope with them. Drawing on the experiences of these three nations, Rodwin demonstrates that we can mitigate these problems with carefully planned reform and regulation in both the private and public sectors to preserve medical professionalism.



edition, LexisNexis Matthew Bender, 2010) (with Daniel R. Mandelker, Dawn Clark Netsch, Peter W. Salsich Jr., and Judith Welch Wegner).

### CHARLES P. KINDREGAN JR.

Charles P. Kindregan Jr. wrote *Alabama Family Law* (Thomson West, supplement 2010) (with Judith S. Crittenden); *Massachusetts Family Law* (Thomson West, supplement 2010); *Massachusetts Domestic Relations Rules and Statutes Annotated* (Thomson West, 2010 edition) (with Patricia Kindregan); and “The Evolution of Same-Sex Marriage,” published in 32 *Family Advocate* 3 (2010). His analysis of issues relating to posthumous reproduction was published as part of a discussion titled “Case 21-2010—A Request for Retrieval of Oocytes from a 36-Year-Old Woman with Anoxic Brain Injury” in 363:3 *New England Journal of Medicine* 276 (July 15, 2010). In May he was reelected to the board of directors of the Massachusetts Family and Probate American Inn of Court, and in August he was reappointed to the publications board of the American Bar Association’s Family Law Section. In September he received the Suffolk University Heritage Medallion for his longtime commitment to the law school.

### RENÉE M. LANDERS

Renée M. Landers wrote “‘Tomorrow’ May Finally Have Arrived—The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: A Necessary First Step Toward Health Care Equity in the United States,” published in 6 *Journal of Health & Biomedical Law* 65 (2010). She was elected vice chairman of the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct in April 2009, and in September 2009 she became a member of the board of advisors of the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. In January she received the 2010 Pinnacle Award for Excellence in Arts and Education from the Women’s Network of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and was also appointed to the study panel titled “Developing Health Insurance Exchanges: Design Issues and a Model Statute for the States” by the National Academy of Social Insurance.

### JEFFREY LIPSHAW

Jeffrey Lipshaw wrote “The Epistemology of the Financial Crisis: Complexity, Causation, Law, and Judgment,” published in 19 *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal* 299 (2010); and “Disclosure and Judgment: ‘We Have Met Madoff and He Is Ours’,” published in 35 *University of Dayton Law Review* 139 (2009).

### RUSSELL G. MURPHY

Russell G. Murphy wrote “Executing the Death Penalty: International Law Influences on United States Supreme Court Decision-Making in Capital Punishment Cases,” published in 32 *Suffolk Transnational Law Review* 599 (2009); “‘Like Snow [Falling] on a Branch...’: International Law Influences on Death Penalty Decisions and Debates in the United States,” published in 38 *Denver Journal of International Law & Policy* 115 (2009) (with Eric Carlson); and “‘Just Trying To Be Human in This Place’: Storytelling and Film in the First-Year Law School Classroom,” published in 39 *Stetson Law Review* 247 (2009) (with Kate Nace Day).

### ERIK PITCHAL

Erik Pitchal wrote “Evaluation of the Guardian Ad Litem System in Nebraska,” a report for the National Association of Counsel for Children (December 2009) (project director and lead author; with Madelyn Freundlich and Corene Kendrick); and “The Swedish Approach to Children and the Law,” published in 33 *The Guardian* 24 (2010) (National Association of Counsel for Children newsletter). His article “Where Are All the Children? Increasing Youth Participation in Dependency Proceedings,” published in 12 *Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy* (2008), was a featured publication in the *Children’s Bureau Express* (December 2009/January 2010).

### MICHAEL L. RUSTAD

Michael L. Rustad was selected as the Hugh C. Culverhouse Visiting Distinguished Chair at Stetson University College of Law and delivered the annual Culverhouse Lecture, titled “The Joy of Torts,” in March.

### JESSICA SILBEY

Jessica Silbey wrote “Evidence Verité and the Law of Film,” published in 31 *Cardozo Law Review* 1257 (2010); “Reasoning from Literature,” published in 22 *Yale Journal of Law & Humanities* 339 (2010); and a book review of Jessica Reyman’s *The Rhetoric of Intellectual Property: Copyright Law and the Regulation of Digital Culture* titled “Language and Culture in Intellectual Property Law,” published in 1 *The IP Law Book Review* 27 (2010). She was recently elected chair of the AALS Section on Law and the Humanities.

### ELIZABETH TRUJILLO

Elizabeth Trujillo wrote “Consumer Protection in International Relations,” published in 58 *American Journal of Comparative Law* 135 (2010) (with Jacques deLisle); and “Disaggregating the Regional-Multilateral Overlaps: The NAFTA Looking-Glass,” published in 19 *Indiana International and Comparative Law Review* 553 (2009). She was appointed to serve on the Membership and Professional Issues Committee of the Law and Society Association as well as on the 2010 Society of American Law Teachers/Latina & Latino Critical Legal Theory Joint Faculty Development Workshop Planning Committee.

### DAVID YAMADA

David Yamada wrote “The Looming Twenty-First Century Generation Gap: Economic Challenges Facing Younger Workers,” published in *Perspectives on Work* (Winter 2010); and “Employment Law as if People Mattered: Bringing Therapeutic Jurisprudence into the Workplace,” published in 11 *Florida Coastal Law Review* 257 (2010). He was elected chair of the National Executive Committee of Americans for Democratic Action, a Washington, D.C.-based policy advocacy group; named to the Graduate Dean’s Advisory Board of Empire State College at the State University of New York; and elected secretary-treasurer of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Labor and Employment Relations Association.

# AlumniNEWS

## Meet the Dean Receptions

This fall, Dean Camille A. Nelson traveled the Northeast to meet alumni in Boston, Washington, DC, and New York.

BOSTON

More than 200 well-wishers packed Sargent Hall to welcome Dean Camille A. Nelson to Boston and Suffolk University Law School. Trustees and alumni embodying more than half of Suffolk's 104-year history celebrated the dean's appointment.



**BOSTON:** 1 President Emeritus David J. Sargent JD '54, LLD '78; Dean Camille Nelson; Chairman of the Board Andrew C. Meyer JD '74, LLD '99  
2 Crowd from 2nd floor | 3 Dean Nelson | 4 Esther Hopkins JD '76 | 5 Dean Nelson, Professor Eric Blumenson, Paul Mitchell JD '87, John DeSimone JD '87  
6 Lucinda Rivera JD '01, Adam Foss JD '08

WASHINGTON, DC

Also in October, members of the Washington, DC, alumni chapter gave Dean Nelson a warm welcome at a University Club reception.



NEW YORK

James Trainor JD '00, a partner in the New York office of White and Case LLP, hosted a reception to introduce Dean Nelson to area alumni in November.



**WASHINGTON, DC:** 1 Barbara Beccles JD '76, Dean Nelson | 2 Kathleen McDermott JD '86, Robert Serino JD '69 | 3 Kathleena Scarpato JD '02, Joe Galotta JD '03, Juliana Pape JD '08, Dhru Becharilal JD '08

**NEW YORK:** 1 Don Beauchesne JD '97, Andrea Eisenberg JD '79, Gerald DiFiore JD '84 | 2 James Trainor JD '00 | 3 Jennifer Porcaro JD '08, Ethan Ganc JD '00 | 4 Adam Himmelberger JD '10, Peter Marchetti JD '99, Kimberly Watson JD '94

## Alumni Weekend: June 10–12, 2010

Reunite, re-engage, celebrate! Each year Suffolk welcomes alumni back to campus to celebrate reunions, honor outstanding alumni leaders, participate in seminars, and just have fun.

### HALF-CENTURY CLUB LUNCHEON



Francis Harney BA '62, JD '65 and Thomas Decourcey BA '56, JD '58

### "EVOLUTION OF THE LAW FIRM" PANEL DISCUSSION



Left to right: Jody Newman JD '83, managing partner, Dwyer & Collora LLP; Russell Gaudreau Jr. JD '68, partner, Wagner Law Group PC; Professor Renée Landers

### 50TH REUNION



Left to right: Nancy Rogers; Ann der Marderosian BA '60, DHL '06; Mark Lichtenstein JD '60; and Arthur Rogers JD '60 reminisce while looking through the Class of 1960 yearbook.

### 25TH REUNION



Robert Pace JD '85 and David Rubin JD '85

**ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER**



Class of 1985



Classmates from 1985 reunite.



**Outstanding Young Alumni Award:** Nakisha Skinner BS '98, JD '03, general counsel for the Boston Public Health Commission, receiving the Young Alumni Award from classmate Jessica Massey JD '03, vice president of the Law School Board of Directors.



**Outstanding Alumni Service Award:** Michael Caljouw JD '91, senior director of public government and regulatory affairs for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, receiving the Outstanding Alumni Service Award from Susan Prosnitz, executive director of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service.



**Outstanding Alumni Service Award:** Patrick C. Lynch JD '92, Rhode Island Attorney General, receiving the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award from Thomas Madonna JD '80, president of the Law School Board of Directors.

## Alumni Leadership Day

Each year the Suffolk University Alumni Association hosts Alumni Leadership Day, an opportunity to say “thank you” to the university’s many alumni volunteers and provide them with the tools necessary to enhance their volunteer experience and develop their ambassadorship skills.



Alumni leaders listen to keynote speaker James Langley, principal of Langley Innovations and former vice president for development at Georgetown University, discuss the state of alumni relations and development today.



Dean Camille Nelson presents Suffolk Law plans to alumni leaders.

### Suffolk University Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors 2010–2011

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Goodwin, Procter LLP  
Boston, MA

## Night at Tanglewood

Seventy-nine alumni and guests enjoyed the fourth annual bus trip to Lenox to hear a concert and socialize at a post-concert dinner reception.



Left to right: Andrea Eisenberg JD '79, Martha Glantz, Paul Connolly, Anne Mitchell, Kathleen Mitchell JD '81



Old friends Patricia Scagnoli MPA '83 and Sonya Nersessian JD '79 unexpectedly met and renewed their friendship at the post-concert reception.

## Suffolk Alumni Weekend



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# save the date!

To keep the Suffolk Law network strong, please update your information. Go to the online community at [www.law.suffolk.edu/alumni](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/alumni) or call the Alumni Relations Office at 617.305.1999.

## Moot Court Reception

Moot Court alumni from the class of 1997 held a mini-reunion in Boston in April.



Left to right: Heather Lacey, Joanne Gulliford Hoban, Paula Clifford, Holly Broadbent, Jennifer Boyd Herlihy

## RI Alumni Chapter Reception

In June, alumni enjoyed an evening of socializing at the beautiful Castle Hill Inn overlooking Narragansett Bay.



Rene Pickett JD '09, Jonah Beckley JD '09

## Suffolk Law Goes to Washington

**CAREER PANEL:** Twenty-four alumni, as well as four Suffolk Law students interning in Washington for the summer, attended a career panel featuring alumni discussing job opportunities in government, nonprofits, and the private sector.



Left to right: Kenneth Gear BSBA '89, JD '95; the Honorable Richard Furcolo BA '86, JD '90; Jeff Carter JD '94; Alexandra Bogle JD '06; Sarah Amick JD '07; Thomas Sullivan JD '93

**SOCIAL NETWORKING PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION:** Alumni from the D.C. area attended a seminar to learn more about using social networking in the workplace.



Left to right: Ganiyu Raji MBA '81, Lucy Chmielewski BA '72, Stephani Hildebrandt JD '00, Derran Eaddy



FROM THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE |

## Opening Our Doors Wider

By Mary Karen Rogers and Christopher Teague

### WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

In this challenging job market, law school career development offices across the country are reporting an increase in demand for their services. In response, many law schools are discouraging or limiting alumni access to career services (and some are even considering requiring alumni to pay a fee for access). At Suffolk Law, we're doing things differently. At a time when students and alumni need our services most, we are determined to open our doors wider and cast as broad a net as possible in an effort to accommodate and support ALL members of our community.

Through extended office hours and phone and e-mail appointments, we strive to be available at your convenience. We have developed a series of new programs specifically geared towards alumni, including our popular Alumni Lunch and Learn series, and almost all of our career programs are recorded and made available to students and alumni on our website. If you need assistance with your job search or career transition, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our door is always open to you.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

As a graduate of Suffolk Law, you are part of one of the largest law school alumni communities in the country. We are known for our loyalty and congeniality, and because of that, our Suffolk Law network is a tremendous resource for students and alumni alike. You can help each other (and students) by:

- Activating your membership in the Alumni Online Community and signing up to be a career advisor on the Career Advisory Network. Go to [www.law.suffolk.edu/alumni](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/alumni) and click on "Enter the Online Community"
- Advertising postgraduate job opportunities
- Providing summer jobs for students
- Inviting a student or alumna/us to assist with projects
  - Hiring students part-time during the school year
  - Conducting informational interviews with students and graduates
- Networking



- Participating in career-related programs

We are grateful for all of the ways in which our alumni give back. For more information about how to post job and internship opportunities on Symplicity, please visit <http://law.suffolk.edu/offices/career/documents/JobPostingInformation.pdf> or call 617.573.8148.

### WE CAN HELP WITH YOUR RECRUITMENT NEEDS

Let us help you help our students and graduates. If you'd like us to assist in organizing your recruitment process, please let us know. In addition to advertising your position with our students, we can collect resumes for you, schedule interviews at Sargent Hall, and serve as intermediary between you and the applicants.

In addition, we are working to create an efficient, cost-free way for interested employers

to identify talented, bar-certified recent law school graduates. We have joined forces with the Northeast Law School Consortium, composed of nine nationally known law schools in the New England region, to roll out a new resume collection program that we hope will generate additional opportunities for the class of 2010. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Michelle Dobbins, our associate director for recruitment and marketing, at [mdobbins@suffolk.edu](mailto:mdobbins@suffolk.edu).

### KEEP IN TOUCH

As we work together to forge new connections for ourselves and for others in the Suffolk Law community, we're strengthening the bonds that unite us and building a brighter future for all of us.

We look forward to working with you.

# ClassNOTES

1967 |

**Martin Cosgrove** and **Richard Gargiulo** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

1968 |

**Russell Gaudreau Jr.** was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

1969 |

**Lewis B. April**, founding partner of the New Jersey law firm Cooper Levenson April Niedelman & Wagenheim PA, was named New Jersey state chair of the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society.

**Carmine M. Bravo** is secretary of the Florida Conference of County Court Judges and recently completed a two-year term as chair of the board of advisors for Barry University School of Law in Orlando, Florida. He is a county judge in Seminole County.

**Leonard F. Clarkin** of the Wellesley, Massachusetts, law firm of Clarkin, Sawyer & Phillips PC recently passed the Rhode Island Bar and was also included in the 2009 edition of *New England Super Lawyers*.

1970 |

**Thomas Dwyer** and **Francis Sally** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Steven A. Kressler**, who retired from the active practice of bankruptcy law in 2004, returned to school and received an MBA from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts. He is now CEO of Financial Diagnostics Inc.

1971 |

**Michael DeMarco** BA '68 was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Robert Moran Jr.** of the law firm Moran, Shuster, Carignan & Knierim LLP in Avon, Connecticut, was appointed an alternate attorney member of the Connecticut Judicial Review Council.

1972 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Richard Weiss**

Phone: 617.742.2900

**Edward Kalman**, **Edward Perlman**, and **William Troupe** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

1973 |

**Alan Cantor**, **Amato DeLuca**, and **Paul Farrell** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Kenneth C. Robbins** was named of counsel in the Chicago office of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

**W. Paul White** is a principal in The Karol Group Inc., a government relations firm in Boston. Previously he was associate vice president at Boston College.

1974 |

**David Gould**, **William Halmkin**, **Peter Knight**, **A. John Pappalardo**, and **Alan Pierce** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Andrew Meyer Jr.** LLD '99 (Hon.) was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

1975 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Richard Cuffe**

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**Ernest DeSimone**, **Paul Kelly**, **Paul Perocchi**, **Kevin Reddington**, and **Kenneth Vacovec** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

1976 |

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**Victoria Almeida**, president of the Rhode Island Bar Association and a shareholder in the law firm of Adler Pollock & Sheehan PC, received the first Rhode Island Bar Association's Victoria M. Almeida Servant Leader Award.

**Anthony Cardinale**, **William Kettlewell**, **Robert MacAulay**, **Edward Malik**, and **Michael Traft** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Robert Jauron** is general counsel of Velcro Group Corporation and Velcro USA Inc. in Manchester, New Hampshire.

**Thomas P. Gay**, partner at Gay Gay & Field PC in Taunton, Massachusetts, was elected president and general manager of the Wareham Gatemen baseball team, a member of the Cape Cod Baseball League.

**Neal Goldman** BSBA '73 was appointed chief legal and regulatory officer for Skype.

1977 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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**George Caruolo** was named president of Energy Efficient Systems of North America.

**William Koffel** and **John Moos** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Anthony Tarricone** BS '75 was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Frederic Ury** was named president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents.

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## 1978 |

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**Alden Bianchi, Joseph Doherty, Leo Dunn III, John Flemming, and William Levine** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Justine E. Wilcox**, a partner at the Washington, D.C., office of Nixon Peabody LLP, was included in the 2010 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

## 1979 |

**Kevin Berry**, a partner with Duane Morris LLP in Philadelphia, was appointed a hearing officer for the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

**William Doyle** and **John Hislop III** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Philip Murphy** was elected vice president of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

**Lynda Robbins** BA '77 was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Ellen A. Shapiro** formed Goodman, Shapiro & Lombardi LLC in 2009, concentrating in the representation of condominium associations. The firm has offices in Dedham, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island.

## NEWSMAKER | Mary Ellen Niles Howard, Justice David Sacks



## Have Suffolk Law JDs, Will Travel

LAST YEAR, TWO SUFFOLK LAW '74 CLASSMATES had their own reunion of sorts—in South Africa.

Mary Ellen Niles Howard (left), a private attorney in Northampton, and Justice David Sacks (right), a probate and family court judge in Springfield, joined other members of a family law delegation in traveling to South Africa last October as part of the People to People Ambassador Program.

Sacks and Howard, together with Sack's wife Deborah Leopold (center) and colleagues from the U.S., Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, and Australia, met with their South African professional counterparts to examine family law issues such as child trafficking, domestic violence, and mediation. The group visited schools and government offices, walked through villages, and met with a woman who runs a domestic violence clinic out of her home.

Both Howard and Sacks call it an interesting time for family law in South Africa.

"They can skip over a lot of steps because they are a newer democracy," says Howard. "They're taking a bit from The Netherlands, New Zealand, America, and England. They can pick the crème de la crème of policy."

Howard and Sacks have since traveled to Cambodia and Vietnam as part of the same program. —*Steve Macone*

## 1980 |

**Paul Keane** and **Edwin Wallace** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Jeanne E. LaFazia** was appointed chief judge of the Rhode Island District Court.

**Elizabeth A. Starrs**, a partner at Starrs Mihm Caschette LLP in Denver, has been elected president of the Colorado Bar Association.

## 1981 |

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**Patricia Annino, Mark DeGiacomo, Thomas Mackie, John Mulvey, Harold Murphy, Joyce Perocchi, and George Wakeman Jr.** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**David E. Cherny**, a partner in the Boston law firm Atwood & Cherny PC, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010* and the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Jennifer Snyder** was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

## 1982 |

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## ALUMNI PROFILE | MATT SELIG

## Attorney, Heal Thy State

ON THE DAY THAT HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE Matt Selig JD '97 sits down to speak with a reporter, champions of health law are celebrating a historic victory. September 24 marked the effective date of the Patient's Bill of Rights, the most recent legislative advance to take effect as part of the federal government's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Selig is cautiously optimistic. As executive director of Health Law Advocates (HLA) in Boston, Selig has witnessed firsthand the personal gains afforded by health care reform. But he's also learned that with every advance in health law comes setback, as more consumers are forced to do battle with insurers.

"The more people that are insured," he says, "the more work there is for us to do."

Selig credits his former boss, Senator Ted Kennedy, for setting him on the health care crusader path. After graduating from Washington University in St. Louis, the Newton native moved to Washington, D.C., and began working with Kennedy's Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"It was really just a thrill to be working for Senator Kennedy and working in Washington," says Selig, 41. "You are right in the middle of all the action." And with Congress then in the throes of the national health care reform debate of the early 1990s, Selig knew he was heading down the policy path.

"That whole debate was really interesting to me," he says.

Rubbing elbows with Washington's legal elite soon inspired Selig to tack a JD onto his own name by attending Suffolk Law. After graduating, Selig began working as the sole staffer for Massachusetts State Representative Kay Khan, where he helped Khan in an effort to increase insurance coverage for people with eating disorders. It was through this project that Selig met the lawyers at HLA, a public interest law firm that provides pro bono legal representation to low-income residents having difficulty accessing or paying for needed medical services, and in 2005 he joined their ranks as staff attorney.

HLA touts an impressive record of courtroom victories, from getting hefty medical expenses reimbursed to having coverage reinstated. Selig himself is



particularly proud of a program in the juvenile courts in which he and his colleagues serve as guardians ad litem to fight for access to mental health services for their young clients.

"These kids are among the most vulnerable in our state," Selig says. "That experience really brought home to me the difficulties that people have getting access to healthcare."

More recently, HLA has dealt with the harsh realities of the economy, which has led to gaps in employment—and, subsequently, insurance coverage—as well as state budget cuts.

"One of the cuts the state made last year was eligibility for about 40,000 legal immigrants from Commonwealth Care," notes Selig. "Most legal immigrants who were enrolled in that program lost their coverage." HLA filed a class-action lawsuit on the group's behalf and is preparing to argue the case before the state Supreme Judicial Court by the end of the year.

More than most, Selig understands that the current health care reform efforts do not guarantee access for all. But he also learned firsthand from the Lion of the Senate that the road to true health care equality is one worth embarking upon—with your heels dug in.

"Senator Kennedy had worked for decades to gradually improve the healthcare system," says Selig. "I take a ton of inspiration from that, and I want to be a part of the same efforts in the future." —Jeannie Greeley

**James Barretto** BS '77 was appointed a judge in the Brookline District Court.

**Robert Casby** and **Frank Libby** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Kevin M. Fitzgerald**, managing partner at the New Hampshire office of Nixon Peabody LLP, was included in the 2010 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

**Marsha V. Kazarosian**, managing partner of Kazarosian Law Offices in Haverhill, Massachusetts, was elected secretary of the Massachusetts Bar Association for 2010–2011.

## 1983 |

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**Jeanne Darcey, Robert Griffin, David McMorris, Elizabeth Mulvey, and Jody Newman** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**E. Macey Russell**, a partner in Choate Hall & Stewart's major commercial litigation group, was appointed vice chair of the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Commission.

## 1984 |

## CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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**Marcine Anderson** is the first Asian American woman appointed a judge in Washington state's King County District Court, Shoreline Division.

**Donald R. Bumiller** recently completed a two-year tenure as president of the Essex County Bar Association.

## ALUMNI PROFILE | JENNY MILANA

## Not Just Academic

MARREN SANDERS JD '04 has earned enough degrees to have almost as many letters after her name as she has in it. Yet, after years of advanced education, she points to one of the very first cases she read at Suffolk Law as the basis for her long-term academic pursuits.

The case was *Johnson v. M'Intosh*, an 1823 Supreme Court decision written by Chief Justice John Marshall that determined that Native American tribes did not possess sovereign property rights to their land, but merely occupied it.

"It's a case that now, almost 200 years later, is still one of the foundational cases for how Native Americans are treated in this country," Sanders says.

Sanders, an assistant professor at the Phoenix School of Law, knows the case all too well. She is, after all, the first person in the world to have received a doctor of juridical science degree in indigenous peoples law and policy.

Quick to note that she is not an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, Sanders's unique pursuit is driven in part by her own family history.

"My father was part Native American. He was born at a time when there were active eugenics programs that targeted Native Americans," she explains. "What he told me was that he never talked about being an Indian because it always caused trouble."

A graduate of the University of Vermont, Sanders enrolled at Suffolk Law in 2001 and later participated in a summer program at the Crow Reservation in Montana. In her second year she returned to Suffolk Law with renewed interest in indigenous law and soon helped form the Native American Law Students Association, serving as its vice president.

The association's first speaker was Professor Robert A. Williams Jr., director of the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law. Williams's dynamic nature and passion for indigenous law captivated Sanders. But she initially let pragmatism win out over passion.

"Originally my plan was to work for 10 years and get the student loans paid off," she remembers.



After graduating cum laude from Suffolk Law, Sanders continued working at her job in administrative management before answering academia's call by enrolling in a master's program at the University of Arizona under Williams's direction and earning three more letters—LLM. In 2006, she was awarded the prestigious Powell Fellowship and began blazing a path toward her next three letters—the SJD.

"The one thing I knew for sure when I started law school was that I did not want to be a litigator. I have always come more from the academic side," says Sanders. As adjunct professor of law at the University of Arizona, Sanders taught classes like "Who Owns Native Culture?" which focused on issues related to indigenous cultural property. Her publications and research address topics involving the natural and cultural resources of indigenous peoples.

Now, teaching tort law to first-year students at the Phoenix School of Law, Sanders hopes to be the type of professor who exposes aspiring lawyers to the other side of cases like *Johnson v. M'Intosh*.

"If I can open up the eyes of one student to what that side is and maybe chip away at some of the myths and stereotypes that are out there, I'm doing a good job," Sanders says. —Jeannie Greeley

Kim Marrkand, Diane McDermott, and George McLaughlin were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

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Victor G. Milione, a partner in the Boston office of Nixon Peabody LLP, was included in the 2010 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

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**Joseph Balliro BS '84, Thomas Hildreth, Kevin Kenneally, and Kevin Peters** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Jo Ann Rooney** was appointed sixth president of Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts.

**R. James Steiner** opened a law firm in Concord, New Hampshire, concentrating on civil litigation, personal injury, and family law.

1988 |

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**Karen Lynch Bernard**

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**Peter M. Casey** opened a law practice in North Andover, Massachusetts, specializing in business and commercial litigation, financial/accounting

related disputes and investigations, professional liability, and securities actions and enforcement proceedings.

**Theodore L. DiSalvo** of Kogan & DiSalvo PA in Boynton Beach, Florida, is the president of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. He was recently appointed to the Florida Bar Grievance Committee and was board certified by the Florida Bar in civil trial practice.

**Julie Ginsburg, Shari Levitan, David Rosenzweig, and Thomas Turano** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Craig Johns** retired as senior trial counsel for the Nationwide Insurance Group and opened a law office in Cranston, Rhode Island.

**Holly M. Polglase** was elected president of the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association. She is a shareholder in the Boston office of Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy PC.

**Stephen G. Roche**, president of The Victory Group in Boston, was reappointed to the Public Law Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

1989 |

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1990 |

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 Nathan Wald JD '65  
 Frederic A. Bearse JD '66  
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 John J. Canham JD '70  
 Thomas H. Fallon JD '70  
 Sarah Landis JD '70  
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 Susan M. Morrison JD '88  
 Christopher W. White JD '91  
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**John Concannon III, Richard Manley Jr., and Michelle O'Brien** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Elizabeth Foley** was named an attorney in the health care department of Donoghue Barrett & Singal PC in Boston.

**Melanie Gargas BS '86** was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Gary Saladino BS '87** received a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He is a colonel and military judge in the U.S. Army Reserves assigned as a civilian counsel with the Naval Sea Systems Engineering Station in Philadelphia.

#### 1991 |

##### CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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**Matthew Conway** is managing partner of Conway & Stoughton LLP, a general practice firm in West Hartford, Connecticut.

**Lisa Cukier** and **Robert Rivers Jr.** were included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Maria Durant BA '88** was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Samuel M. Furgang**, a partner in the Boston civil litigation firm Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen PC, was included in the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Jeanmarie Papelian** was elected chair of the Collaborative Law Alliance of New Hampshire. She is co-chairperson of the domestic relations practice group of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton PA. She also was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Eric E. Pizzuti EMBA '97** was appointed vice president and worldwide sales director of QuickLabel Systems for Astro-Med Inc. in West Warwick, Rhode Island.

#### 1992 |

##### CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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**Camille F. Sarrouf** was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Peter Scavongelli** joined The Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts as senior vice president and general counsel at its headquarters in Woburn, Massachusetts.

#### 1993 |

**John P. Beals**, a partner in the New Hampshire office of Nixon Peabody LLP, was included in the 2010 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

**Timothy J. McGann** is vice president and senior trust officer at US Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management, in Boston.

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## OBITUARY | SALLY LANDIS



SARAH "SALLY" LANDIS JD '70, a former Suffolk Law criminal law professor, died July 18, 2010.

A longtime resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Landis graduated from Radcliffe College in 1953. She co-founded North Shore Weeklies newspapers in 1958. After graduating from Suffolk Law, she went on to work for the state attorney general and then as an assistant district attorney in Middlesex County, serving in the state's first Consumer Protection Division.

In a 1977 *Lowell Sun* article, Landis recalled the challenges of working as a female criminal trial attorney in Boston in 1970.

"Miss, I think you're in the wrong courtroom," she recalled a bailiff telling her. "We already have a stenographer here."

Landis began to teach at Suffolk Law in 1980. Through the clinical programs, she championed improved legal protection from domestic abuse for battered women and in the early 1990s served on the defense team as a lead attorney for the Framingham Eight, a group of women serving time at MCI-Framingham for murdering their abusive husbands or domestic partners. Seven were eventually freed when their sentences were commuted by then Governor William Weld.

"Sally Landis and I shared a Radcliffe alma mater, and she was a wonderful colleague and friend," said Professor Victoria Dodd. "A former prosecutor, she contributed greatly to the development of the Suffolk Law Prosecutors Program. Always generous with her time, she mentored many students and worked on a number of public interest initiatives, both in Boston and in St. John in the Virgin Islands."

After retiring from Suffolk Law in 1993, Landis volunteered at the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project (PAIR) for several years, helping many asylum-seekers through the immigration process.

Landis is survived by her daughters, Ellen and Maria; her sisters, Alice and Mimi; and her two grandchildren, Abigail and Benjamin. Donations can be made in her honor to the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project, 254 Friend Street, Boston, MA 02114.

**Colonel Jeffrey Colwell** of the U.S. Marine Corps is the chief defense counsel for the Defense Department's Office of Military Commissions, which is responsible for representing Guantanamo Bay detainees for trial by military tribunals.

**Robert Higgins** was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**Ann Marie Maccarone**, an associate at Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP in Warwick, Rhode Island, was appointed to supervise the firm's real estate title examination department.

**Timothy W. Mungovan**, a partner in the Boston office of Nixon Peabody LLP, was included in the 2010 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

**Michael C. O'Loughlin**, an administrative attorney with the Boston Municipal Court Department, recently received

a Trial Court Excellence Award for his work with the court.

**1995 |**

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**Nancy Coughlin** was named interim executive director of the YWCA of Darien/Norwalk in Connecticut.

**Timothy Oyer** was included in the 2010 edition of *Boston's Best Lawyers*.

**1996 |**

**Judith Rowland** joined BNY Mellon Wealth Management as a vice president in its business development team for Boston and parts of New England.

**1997 |**

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**Kathleen C. Martucci** was appointed director of legal and administrative services for Endion Hospitalist Systems, based in Orchard Park, New York.

**1998 |**

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**John Mahoney** was elected senior vice president of East Cambridge Savings Bank, where he oversees consumer compliance and anti-money laundering/Bank Secrecy Act initiatives.

**2000 |**

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**Charlene A. DeLoach Oliver** was named program manager of the Federation of State Medical Boards Foundation.

**Elissa Flynn-Poppey** of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo PC was named to the *Boston Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 list for 2010.

**Matthew Valentinas** is developing a beta site for ScriptJobber.com, an online marketplace primarily for screenplays written by non-WGA screenwriters and other undiscovered content creators of books, graphic novels, video games, and other intellectual properties.

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**Christopher Glionna BS '98**, head hockey coach at Suffolk University, was named ECAC Northeast Coach of the

Year for the 2009–2010 season. He was also a finalist for the Edward Jeremiah Award for men's college division hockey coach of the year.

**Benjamin Tymann** was elevated to member at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo PC in Boston.

**2002 |****CLASS CORRESPONDENT****Shahan J. Kapitanyan**

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**Brian Buyniski** is an international pension specialist for the Employee Benefits Security Administration in the Department of Labor's Office of Policy and Research in Washington, D.C. He recently traveled to Paris and Brussels as part of an official U.S. delegation to discuss international pension issues with French and European Union officials.

**Alan W. Steele** joined the Boston office of Foley Hoag LLP as counsel. He is a patent attorney and former practicing physician, faculty member, and medical researcher at Harvard Medical School.

**Lefteris K. Travayiakis** was named to the 2010 list of 20 Up & Coming Lawyers by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.

**Frank Twarog** completed his term as president of the Vermont Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and was named a 2010 Rising Star by *New England Super Lawyers* magazine.

**Qadir Wahid** recently attended the program "Leading Professional Service Firms" at Harvard Business School Executive Education. He manages the intellectual property corporate practice at Ropes & Gray in Boston.

**Heath Walker** was named a partner at Jantzen & Associates PC in Boston.

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**Robert Reder**, an associate at Bryan Cave LLP, was honored by the Volunteer Lawyers Program for his pro bono efforts.

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**Marc Marsdale** was named chief compliance officer for MFS Investment Management in the firm's London office.

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**Sarah M. Gates** was elected a partner at Lando & Anastasi LLP in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Nicholas Keramaris** opened the law office Keramaris & Keramaris in Woburn, Massachusetts. He was recently a guest on the WBNW AM 1120 radio show "Money Matters Midday with Chris Findlen," discussing estate planning and the future of the estate tax.

**2006 |****CLASS CORRESPONDENT****Michelle-Kim Lee**

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**Carmen Arce-Bowen** was appointed to serve a three-year term on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

**Will Bernat** is an associate in the business department at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP in Boston and a member

of the firm's commercial finance and workout, restructuring, and bankruptcy practice groups.

**Christine Knox** joined the Long Island, New York, firm of Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone LLP as an associate.

**Jonathan Sparks** joined the Boston office of McCarter & English LLP as a partner in the intellectual property/information technology group.

**2007 |****CLASS CORRESPONDENT****Beth Keeley**

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## The Deficiency of the Supreme Court Nomination Hearings

BY PROFESSOR ROBERT SMITH

AS A PROFESSOR of constitutional law, I am generally quite happy that the public pays as much attention to the Supreme Court as it does. But the recent series of justice nominations and confirmation hearings (four in the last six years) have proven extremely frustrating.

Potentially, the confirmation hearings are a wonderful opportunity to educate the public about not only the particular candidate but also the role of the Supreme Court and its justices. But ever since Robert Bork's ill-fated hearings in 1987, the confirmation process has become a form of political theatre that perpetuates very misleading characterizations of the task of constitutional decision-making.

In the highly politicized and adversarial setting of the Senate hearings, nominees resist saying anything that might shed light on their views on judging or interpreting the Constitution. Before her nomination, Elena Kagan wrote a law review article criticizing the Senate for not insisting that nominees say more about their judicial philosophy and views on constitutional issues. But during her own hearings, she stuck to the standard nominee script, essentially dodging all questions about her approach to construing the Constitution.

To the extent that nominees do address their perspectives on judicial decision-making, they have presented simplistic, one-dimensional portrayals. One example is

Justice John Roberts's oft-cited analogy between a judge deciding a case and an umpire calling balls and strikes in baseball, implying that a judge, like an umpire, does not make up the rules of the game but merely applies them to specific cases. In a similar vein, then-nominee Sonia Sotomayor described her role as merely applying the law to the facts—"fidelity to the law"—without exercising judgment or discretion in the process.

Both the Roberts and the Sotomayor explanations of a justice's decision-making role were designed to play to the politically popular conception that judges should follow the law, not make the law. But the reality is that in many of the cases decided by the U. S. Supreme Court, there is no clear law to follow—rather, most of the cases could be decided either of two (or more) ways. The role of the justices is to decide which interpretation or ruling will become "the law."

The nature of constitutional questions often tends towards indeterminacy and requires judgment and choice in decision-making. Many key provisions in the constitution are purposely general and open-ended, like due process, equal protection, and cruel and unusual punishment. In addition, the most difficult and important cases before the Court involve constitutional values that are in tension with each other—for example, freedom of speech and national security—and the Constitution does not address or resolve these conflicts.

Added to that is the fact that the Supreme Court typically hears cases in which reasonable judicial minds may differ—that is, when there is disagreement among the lower courts about how to interpret a statute, constitutional provision, or precedent. Typically, more than one-half of the Supreme Court's decisions have two or more dissenters, and as many as one-third of the cases in a given year may be decided on a 5-4 vote.

What difference does this make for the process of appointing justices to the Court? If we want to make informed decisions about the qualifications of nominees, we need to know more about their approach to constitutional adjudication—to understand how they will use reasoning, judgment, and possibly ideology in their exercise of discretion in deciding what the law will become.

How to accomplish this? First, senators themselves should be more candid and realistic about the nature of judicial decision-making. Second, they need to change the format and content of the hearings to focus on a nominee's exercise of judicial discretion and judgment. And finally, nominees need to perceive that a negative vote, or non-action, may result if they fail to openly discuss things like the sources they would rely on and the methods of interpretation they would employ (for example, originalism vs. evolving constitution) in deciding constitutional cases. 🗳️

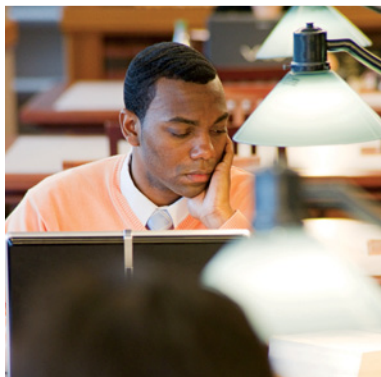
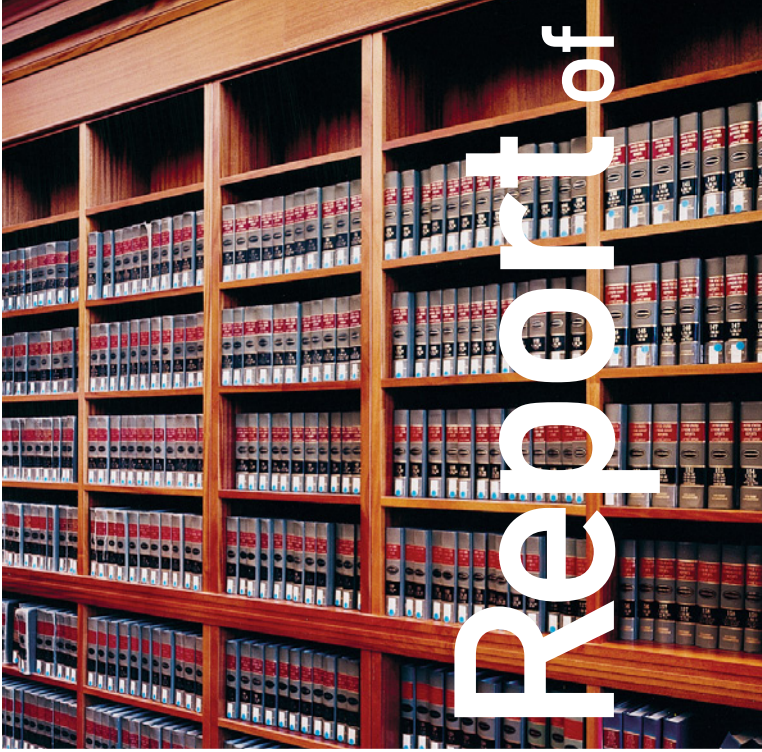
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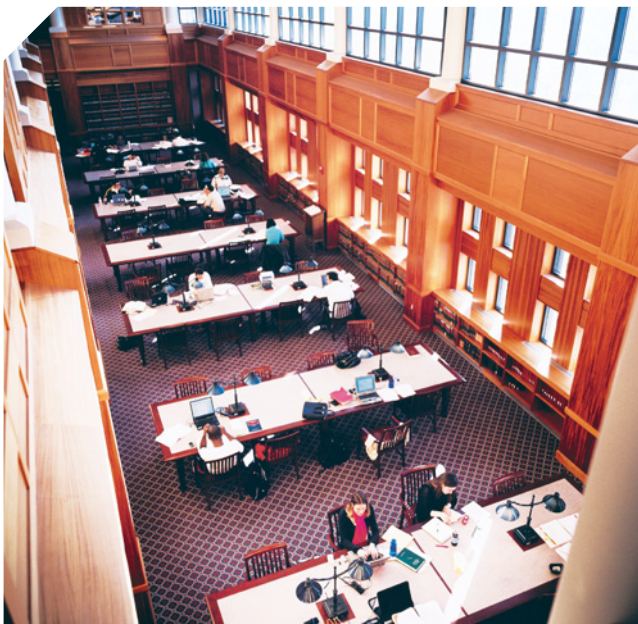


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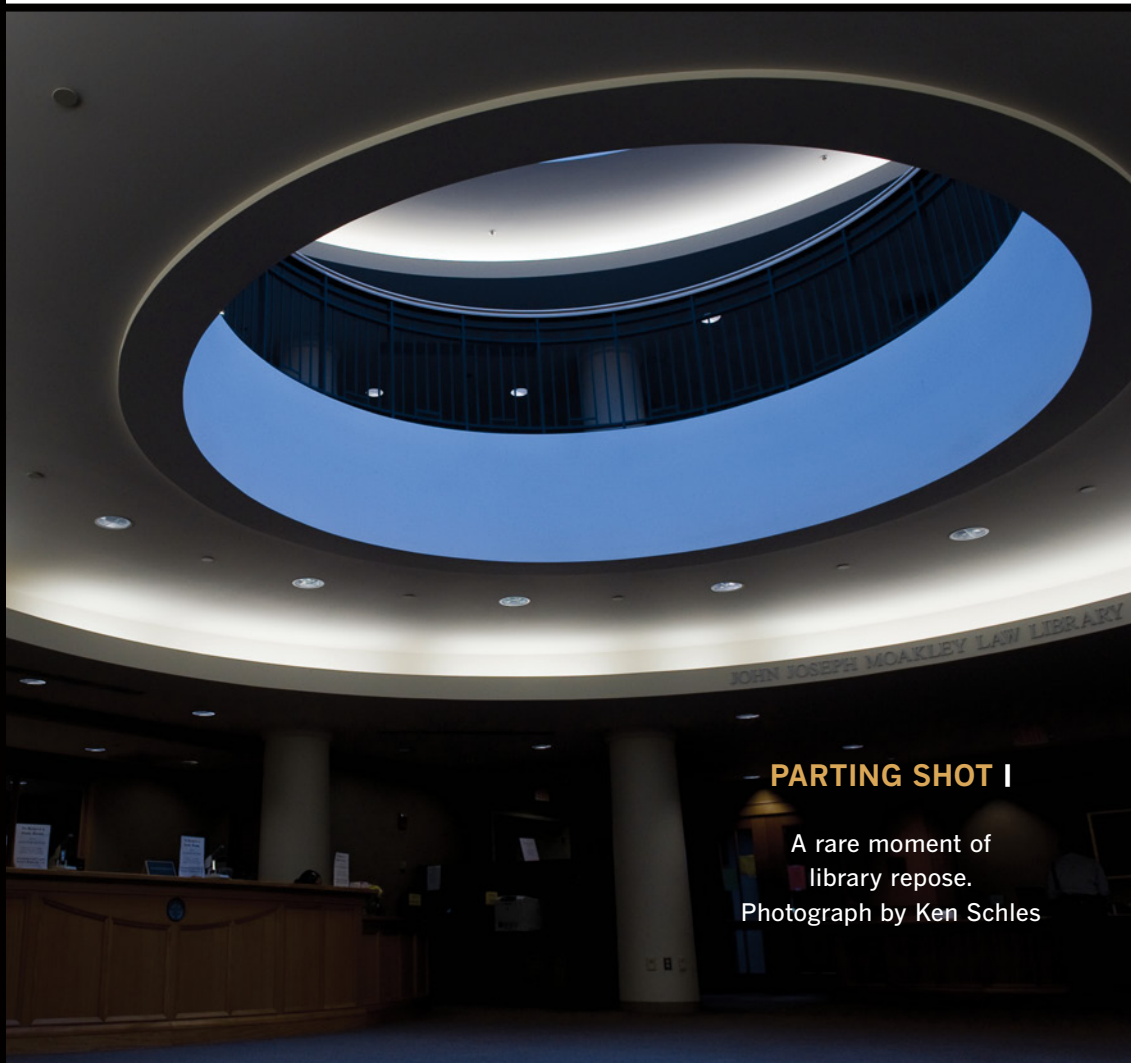
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