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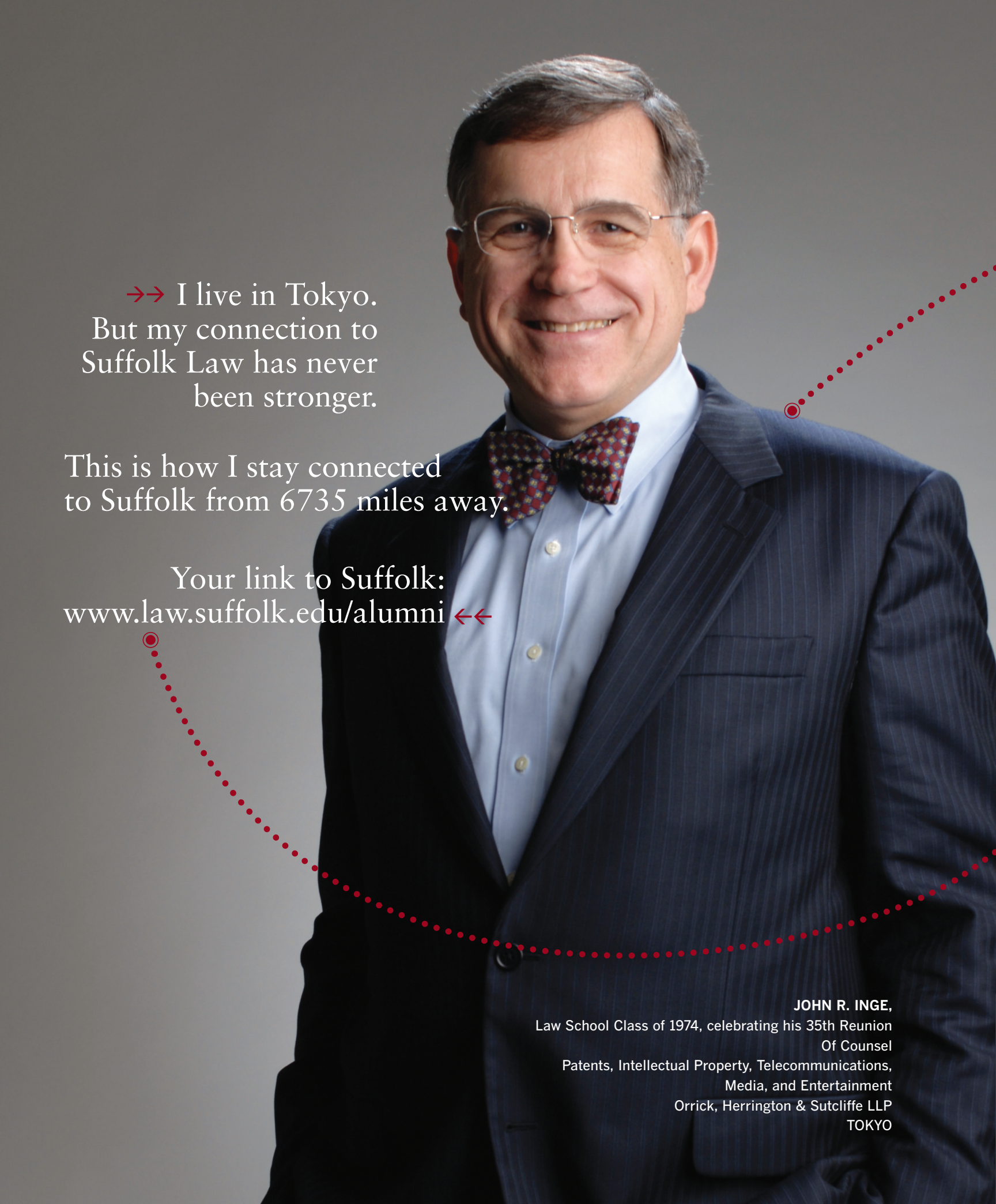
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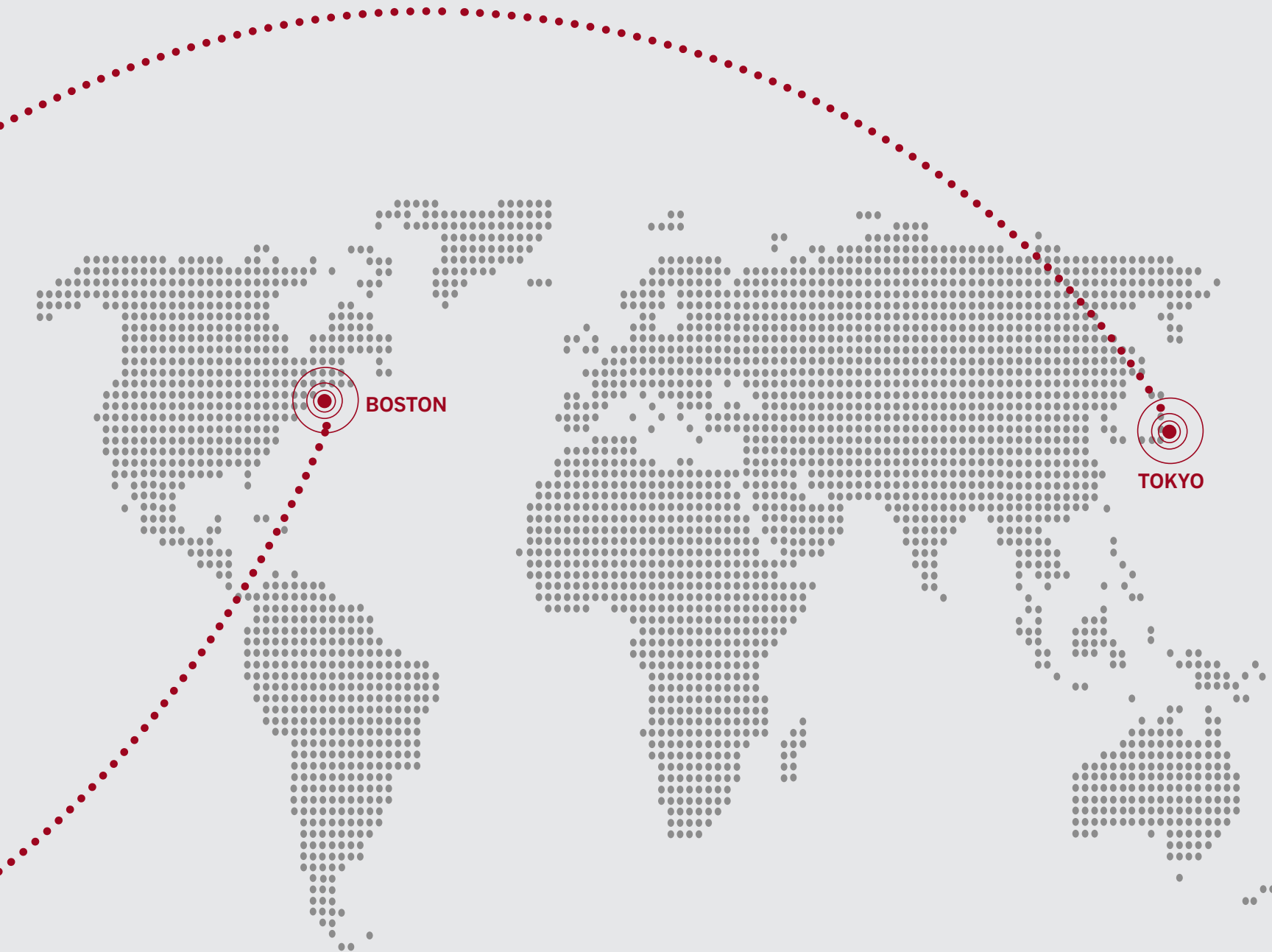
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## Looking Ahead

THIS IS THE SEASON when we look ahead to the next academic year, taking stock of goals and needs. Suffolk University Law School is thriving, even in these challenging economic times. We have made stellar faculty appointments and have promoted our own superb colleagues. We have a new scholarship program in place, and our student body has never been stronger. The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service continues to make enormous contributions to our school and our community. Our international programs are healthy, with vital programs in place and new initiatives poised to take us in exciting directions. Our concentrations, clinics, writing program, journals, and trial and moot court programs, as well as our technological capabilities, energize our school and provide great learning opportunities for our students. The scholarship of our faculty has grown in quantity, quality, and recognition. Faculty governance is effective, and we have excellent and mutually supportive relations with the university. As I look toward the future, I am confident in the law school's strength and promise.

My message is also personal. I have been given the opportunity to return to Indiana University at Bloomington to serve as the Roscoe C. O'Byrne Professor of Law, and I have decided to accept it, resigning the deanship effective June 30, 2009. Given

the likely new developments in administrative law and other fields in which I work, I feel strongly the pull of full-time teaching and research.

It has been an honor to be your dean. I enjoyed meeting so many of you and benefited directly from your support and encouragement. I believe that the true measure of Suffolk Law's greatness lies in the success and distinction of its alumni. Your professionalism, wisdom, energy, and dedication have been and will continue to be vital to the success of this great law school and law school community.

I am happy to announce that one of our associate deans will become interim dean next fall. Suffolk University President David Sargent and Provost Barry Brown have appointed Associate Dean Bernard Keenan as interim dean effective July 1, 2009. He has been a faculty member for 35 years and an associate dean for the past nine years. We all have great confidence in his leadership ability.

Best wishes,

**ALFRED C. AMAN, JR.**  
Dean and Professor of Law



# LAW Briefs



Clockwise from top: the Honorable Nancy Gertner, Joan Venocchi JD '84, and Professor Alasdair Roberts participate in a panel discussion; keynote speaker Anthony Lewis (right) and Edward Masterman JD '50, LLD '90; Professor Karen Blum and Lewis.

## MASTERMAN INSTITUTE HOSTS INAUGURAL EVENT I

**THE RISE** of Internet journalism, often conducted via blogs and YouTube postings, has put enormous pressure on the already strained relationship between freedom of the press and personal privacy rights.

In March, the Masterman Institute at Suffolk Law held its first symposium, titled "Freedom of the Press and Individual Privacy" and featuring a keynote address from former *New York Times* columnist and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Anthony Lewis.

Speaking to a luncheon audience of more than 50 legal experts, Lewis said that when presented with a decision between publishing and withhold-

ing sensitive information, his vote has always been for "preserving human dignity."

"I believe the press is strengthened if it understands its limits and the responsibility that goes along with its freedom," said Lewis. "This will become a coarser and less humane society if we trample on personal privacy. However, my view has not been widely embraced by the journalism community or its lawyers. In fact, it is seen by many as heresy."

The daylong symposium also featured a panel discussion moderated by Alasdair Roberts, the Jerome L. Rappaport Professor of Law and Public Policy.

"What is American journalism at this point?" asked panelist John Reinstein, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. "The same technology that allows ever-increasing invasion into our privacy is the same technology that is killing the American newspaper."

*Boston Globe* columnist Joan Venocchi JD '84 said the situation is exacerbated by the enormous financial pressure on newspapers at a time when circulation is shrinking and advertising is migrating to the Web.

"The other big change is the desperation of the mainstream media," she said. "This is causing them to cave and let the Internet set the agenda. Editors serve as watchdogs, but they are losing control of the process as they desperately try to save their jobs."

Scott Armstrong, a former *Washington Post* reporter who co-authored *The Brethren* with Bob Woodward, made the case for a more aggressive press corps.

"I get dizzy when people start to talk about balancing acts," he said. "My job is to invade your privacy. The problems we are facing right now are because there hasn't been enough invasion of privacy. The press certainly did not do enough invasion of Wall Street's privacy."

The Masterman Institute at Suffolk Law was founded in 2008 by Edward Masterman JD '50, LLD '90 and his wife Sydell to explore the competing interests of press freedom and individual privacy. Professor Karen M. Blum JD '74, who teaches in the areas of federal courts and civil rights and liberties, serves as director.

"The inaugural symposium was everything we hoped it would be," says Blum. "It brought together people who have given much thought to the tension between freedom of the press and privacy concerns and provided a forum for a provocative and educational exchange of ideas."

Planning for next year's symposium is already underway. Philip Balboni, founder of New England Cable News and president and CEO of online start-up GlobalPost, will serve as keynote speaker, with television and radio commentator Callie Crossley serving as panel moderator.

—Bill Ibelle

## RAPPAPORT CENTER HOSTS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON ECONOMY |

**WITH THE FATE** of education, health care, and public safety hanging in the balance, the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service brought together 50 of the state's most influential decision-makers and economic experts in January to brainstorm about how to address the state's current budget crisis.

"We can't solve the problems of the world in 90 minutes, but we can help set the terms of a discussion that will roll on for months to come," said Alasdair Roberts, Rappaport Professor of Law and Public Policy, at the start of the discussion.

The roundtable came two days after Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick announced his proposal to address a \$2.5 billion budget shortfall in the current fiscal year and a \$4 billion gap in the budget that begins in July. Among the attendees were state senator Steven Panagiotakos JD '89, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, who said that the state's situation may be even worse than the governor's projections indicate.

"The governor is predicting a 59 percent decrease in revenues from the capital gains tax this year, but I think our exposure could be even greater—it may be as high as 70 percent," said Panagiotakos (pictured bottom). "This may not

be the Great Depression yet, but it certainly is the Great Recession."

Panagiotakos also expressed concern that the governor's plan will use half of the state's rainy day fund in one year, even though the current eco-



nomics crisis is likely to affect state budgets for at least four more years.

State comptroller Martin Benison agreed.

"If we rely on the stabilization fund and the stimulus package—if we plug in this money without making fundamental structural changes—we will just be delaying disaster," he said. "We need to think about what we can stop doing and what we can do differently."

James Stergios (pictured top), executive director of the Pioneer Institute, a public policy think tank in Boston, said the only way to develop a long-term solution to the fiscal challenges facing the state is by operating more intelligently.

"Our view is that every private sector company has reduced staff but gained efficiency through technology—with no loss in service," he said.

The roundtable was the second in a series of topical dialogues held at the Rappaport Center; the first, held in October, addressed the ramifications of the nation's financial meltdown.

"Our goal is to get groups of people together who might not normally get together," said Roberts. "If we make some connections or help shape the debate, then we have accomplished our goal." —*Bill Ibelle*

## SUFFOLK LAW FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN ABA MIDYEAR MEETING |

**THE ECONOMIC BAILOUT**, education law, and globalization were some of the issues on the table at events featuring Suffolk Law faculty at the American Bar Association (ABA) 2009 Midyear Meeting, held in Boston in February.

"Managing the Bailout: Execution and Oversight of the Federal Response to the Financial Crisis," a panel discussion sponsored by the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, brought together local and national economic experts to address last year's financial meltdown and the federal government response.

"People are looking for accountability," said Cornelius Hurley, director of the Morin Center for Banking and Financial Law at Boston University. "There is enormous frustration at the lack of indictments. We have all seen crises

much smaller than this where people went out in handcuffs."

Professor Victoria Dodd moderated an education law panel, which covered topics ranging from student free-speech issues in public schools to the *Parker v. Hurley* case from the First Circuit concerning gay rights issues and public school curricula.

Dean Alfred Aman gave a talk titled "The Domestic Face of Globalization: Administrative Law in a Public/Private World" at a section lunch held at the Fairmont Copley Plaza.

Other programs covered health care reform, legal issues surrounding virtual worlds, and lawyering. The ABA Midyear Meeting brought together more than 3,000 lawyers from across the country.

## READY, WILLING, AND CABLE |

**SUFFOLK LAW** is ready for its close-up.

This spring, the law school launched a weekly television segment on New England Cable News (NECN) called "Sidebar." Airing every Monday at 4:15 p.m., the segment features a Suffolk Law professor discussing a recent law topic in the news.

The inaugural episode featured Professor Carter Bishop discussing the controversial AIG bonuses.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to showcase our faculty and share our collective legal expertise," says Associate Dean Linda Simard, who helped to develop the program.



## GLOBAL INITIATIVE, LOCAL SOLUTION I



**SINCE HIS PRESIDENCY** ended in 2001, Bill Clinton has helped millions around the globe through his nonprofit Clinton Global Initiative. Now third-year Suffolk Law student Caroline Conway has made a commitment to the former president to do public service work of her own. A proposal she wrote to help raise awareness of human trafficking won her a chance to participate in the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) meeting in February.

“The experience was great, with thought-provoking panels on a variety of progressive topics,” says Conway. “I was so happy to be selected, and I’m very motivated to take action with the knowledge that CGI U thought my proposal was worth supporting.”

Held at the University of Texas at Austin, the second annual meeting focused on real solutions to global challenges and consisted of panel discussions, workshops, and other sessions designed to help students bring their proposals to life.

Conway’s proposal advocated for educational models for local youth to raise awareness about the sexual exploitation and trafficking of women and children. Conway has since launched the Shamatha Campaign against Sex Trafficking, a fundraising and outreach project based on her proposal. (Shamatha is a form of Buddhist meditation.) She is currently working to set up a website and to plan her first fundraising event. Conway also plans to work closely with the Boston Initiative to Advance Human Rights, a nongovernmental organization started by Alicia Foley-Winn JD ’06.

Conway’s interest in the subject first crystallized last fall when she took Professor Kate Nace Day’s course International Human Rights: A Women’s Model. Conway later helped organize a screening and discussion of *The Day My God Died*, a documentary on Nepalese women and children being sold into sexual slavery. The Suffolk Law community response sparked the inspiration for her CGI U proposal.

“I started getting emails from people asking to donate and help out,” she says. “It made me think, if we can get that response just at Suffolk, what happens if we reach out?”

—Dan Tobin

## SYMPOSIUM ADDRESSES NEW DISABILITY LAWS I

**WHEN PRESIDENT** George W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act on September 25, 2008, it was an anxious moment for many in the higher education community. “Some educators and legislators were saying, ‘You’re going to have a flood of new people with disabilities on your campuses,’” says Erin Evans, disability compliance officer and associate director of the Dean of Students Office at Suffolk Law.

In an effort to allay these concerns, Evans recently brought national Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) expert Salome Heyward—a civil rights attorney with 35 years of experience in disability discrimination law—to speak at the Disability and Education Laws Symposium, held at the law school in February.

“Some people see the new amendments and think that the barbarians are at the gate—they’re storming the castle, and they’re coming after the princess,” Heyward told the crowd with a laugh. “It’s not that bad.”

Heyward began her talk by reviewing disability legislation, starting with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973—the first piece of federal legislation to address discrimination against people with disabilities—and tracing its legal evolution to the present day. To explain the need for the new amendments, Heyward walked through rulings and laws that came in the wake of the original ADA in 1990, when subsequent decisions restricted and complicated the rules to a point at which the original protections were almost lost. “Over a 10- to 15-year period, it just became absurd,” Heyward said. The new amendments, she explained, were a reaction to this convolution—a return to the broader interpretation of disability permitted under previous law.



While the law puts new responsibilities on colleges and universities—possibly demanding increased funding for student assessments and stretching disability services staff—Heyward noted that institutions of higher education aren’t powerless. Individuals still must prove and document disabilities to be protected, she told the crowd, and institutions can decide which accommodations are most effective and reasonable.

The audience of 125 (plus an additional 25 who watched the program via webcast) included college administrators, faculty, and staff from schools across the region and throughout the country.

“Salome appealed to a broad audience, which is exactly what we had at the symposium,” says Evans. “And her message is applicable to all higher academic institutions—if your business is retaining students and providing high-quality student services, you have to be prepared to include students with disabilities.”

—Dan Morrell



## GREEN DAYS |



### SUFFOLK LAW IS GOING GREENER.

Earlier this year, Suffolk Law became the third law school in the country to participate in the American Bar Association-Environmental Protection Agency (ABA-EPA) Law Office Climate Challenge.

The pilot project, currently scheduled to run through March 2010, is designed to encourage the conservation of energy and resources as well as to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants.

Thus far, Suffolk Law has recycled 22 percent of its waste stream during the 2008 fiscal year, compared to 15 percent for the same period last year.

*Suffolk Law Alumni Magazine* has also partnered with Royle Printing in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, to begin printing on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified recycled paper containing 30-percent post-consumer waste. Audited and certified to the FSC's Chain of Custody Standard, Royle guarantees that its FSC-certified paper flows through a supply chain made up of companies that harvest wood legally and responsibly.

## PREDATORY LENDING LEGAL EXPERT JOINS SUFFOLK LAW |

**KATHLEEN C. ENGEL**, a nationally recognized legal expert in the fields of predatory and subprime lending, will join Suffolk University Law School in July as professor of law.

"Kathleen Engel's trailblazing scholarship identified the subprime crisis and promising avenues for reform long before the crisis became a regrettable reality in the United States," says Suffolk Law professor Joseph Franco, who teaches Securities Regulation and related courses. "We are excited about welcoming her as a colleague and know that her ideas will continue to influence public discourse in this area. She will inspire students by demonstrating a genuine connection between the world of ideas and legal reform."

Engel comes to Suffolk Law from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University, where she is the Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Associate Professor of Law.

Engel has been a vigorous advocate for a number of consumer-oriented reforms pertaining to abusive lending practices associated with residential mortgages. She served on President Barack Obama's Housing Policy Committee during his presidential campaign and is a member of the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors; was an advisor to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's Academic Advisory Council on Subprime Lending; and is a member of the Americans for Fairness in Lending board of directors.

She has published extensively on the law and economics of predatory lending, mortgage discrimination, financial services reform, and the subprime and foreclosure crises. Her award-winning research and analyses of financial services markets and the laws that regulate them have been cited in *Business Week*, *The*



*Economist*, *Newsweek*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. She is working with Professor Patricia McCoy of the University of Connecticut School of Law to complete the book *The Subprime Virus*, to be published by Oxford University Press in 2010.

She is an honors graduate from Smith College and the University of Texas School of Law. Following graduation from law school, she clerked for Judge Homer Thornberry of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Austin, Texas. She then practiced law at Burnham & Hines in Boston, where she primarily represented plaintiffs in civil rights and housing and employment discrimination cases.

"I am excited to join the Suffolk Law community and to participate in the school's innovative programs, like the concentration in Business Law and Financial Services," Engel says. "I also look forward to meeting my new students and exchanging ideas with the outstanding faculty who will be my colleagues at the law school."



## BY THE NUMBERS | 2008 SUFFOLK LAW BAR PASSAGE RATE

The Suffolk Law pass rate for first-time takers of the July 2008 Massachusetts bar exam was **94.3%**, the law school's highest rate in more than 20 years. Among the nine Massachusetts law schools, Suffolk Law was ranked **third** in student pass rates, tied with Boston College Law School. The top two schools were Harvard Law School and Boston University School of Law.

## INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT |

**MEXICAN STUDENTS** enrolled in the Suffolk Law LL.M. program in Global Law and Technology now have an alternative way of becoming an “abogado,” or lawyer, in Mexico.

Building on an existing student exchange agreement, Suffolk Law and Universidad Panamericana (UPG) in Guadalajara, Mexico, recently signed an exclusive pact that allows UPG graduates to practice law in their home country upon completion of the Suffolk Law LL.M. program.

Previously, UPG graduates could not practice solo or appear in court in Mexico until they had served a five-year apprenticeship and either completed a Continuing Legal Education program or written a lengthy dissertation.

“This succeeds in both advancing the internationalization of legal education and furthering the reform of the legal profession in Mexico,” says Professor Stephen Hicks, academic director of graduate programs. “It is also important because Mexico is our second biggest trading partner, and our programs need to grow in the direction of our future global business and political partners.”

## TWO SUFFOLK LAW STUDENTS WIN WRITING AWARDS |

**DAN RYAN AND MELISSA SIKORSKI** know the power of the pen.

In March, third-year student Ryan was chosen as one of two winners of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of International Law 2009 Student Writing Competition, and in January, newly minted graduate Sikorski won first place in the annual writing competition sponsored by the Boston Patent Law Association (BPLA).

Ryan’s essay, “The Bush Doctrine of Pre-emption under President Obama,” was originally an assignment for the Law of War course taught by Professor Valerie Epps. The win netted Ryan \$1,000 and a trip to the ABA Section of International Law 2009 Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. His essay will also be published in the summer edition of the *International Law News* and on the ABA Student Headquarters web page ([www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/students/home.html)).

“I hope it will contribute to the dialogue on the use of preemptive force under international law,” says Ryan, president of the International Law Society at Suffolk Law and a member of the *Transnational Law Review* and the Jessup International Law Moot Court Team.

Sikorski’s inventive paper—on trade secret protection as viewed through the lens of Roald Dahl’s children’s book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*—won her accolades from the BPLA, which presented her with the \$1,000 award for her “well-written, creative” paper at their annual meeting in December. Earlier this year the ABA Section of Science and Technology Law also published the paper in its *SciTech E-Merging News* quarterly electronic newsletter.

Sikorski, who graduated in January, was inspired to write the paper after she noticed an odd similarity between the elements a court considers in cases of trade secret misappropriation and Dahl’s description of Willy Wonka’s magical chocolate factory.

“I used details from the book and the movies as a sort of fact pattern to illustrate what to consider in creating a trade secret protection plan for my eccentric ‘client,’ Mr. Wonka,” says Sikorski, who focused on intellectual property through the IP Law Concentration. “I wanted to have fun explaining in an interesting way what makes a trade secret protection plan effective.”

—Dan Tobin

## IN MEMORY: Judge John Irwin Jr. |

**JUDGE JOHN J. IRWIN JR.**, former director of the Suffolk Law Macaronis Institute for Trial and Appellate Advocacy and former Massachusetts chief judge for administration and management, died December 25, 2008. He was 78.

“For nine years, Judge Irwin tirelessly served the Suffolk community, raising the profile of the Macaronis Institute and advancing its mission to offer specialized programs to both law students and practicing attorneys,” said Suffolk University president David Sargent.

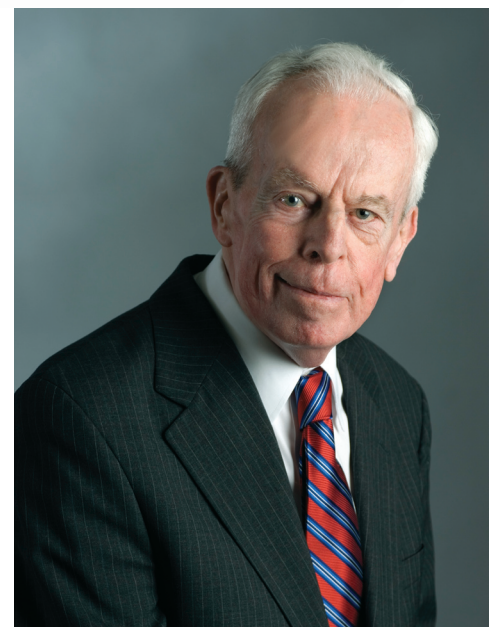
Irwin became director of the Macaronis Institute when it was first founded in 1998, its mission to provide specialized programs for practicing attorneys and law students on trial and appellate advocacy. He also taught Criminal Law, Evidence, and Constitutional Law at Suffolk Law. He retired as director of the institute in 2007.

After graduating from Boston College in 1952, Irwin served in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps

and in an Army detachment in Germany. Upon returning to the U.S., he attended Boston College Law School, graduating in 1957. He then served as an assistant district attorney and first assistant district attorney in Middlesex County. Among his most famous cases was prosecuting Albert DeSalvo, the Boston Strangler.

In 1970, he became chief of the criminal bureau in the office of the Massachusetts Attorney General for six years, setting investigative policy. He was appointed to the Massachusetts Superior Court in 1976 by Governor Michael S. Dukakis and, in 1977, was a finalist on President Jimmy Carter’s short list for director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1993, Irwin was appointed chief justice of the Superior Court. The following year, he was appointed chief justice for administration and management, overseeing all Massachusetts trial courts and working in conjunction with the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and Massachusetts Appeals Court.



## NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM SWEEPS TWO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS |

**THE SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY** Law School National Trial Team won its eighth straight New England Regional Championship in the American College of Trial Lawyers' National Trial Competition (NTC) in February, and then swept the American Association for Justice (AAJ) Student Trial Advocacy Competition Boston Regionals two weeks later for the second year in a row.

This marks the first time that Suffolk Law has captured all four top spots in New England in the two open national tournaments.

At the NTC competition, third-year day student Gail Ryan and fourth-year evening student John Martin defeated Yale Law School in the final round while second-year day students Patrick Driscoll and Katie Bagdis and third-year day student Gretchen Sherwood prevailed over Franklin Pierce Law Center in the finals. Driscoll also won the competition's Best Advocate Award.

The regional win marks the eighth consecutive trip to the NTC national championships for Suffolk Law, a record surpassed by only one other law school

in the nation. This is also the second time in four years that two Suffolk Law teams have swept the NTC regionals. The five teammates traveled to San Antonio, Texas, in March to compete in the national competition.

In the AAJ competition, third-year student Cailin Campbell, third-year evening students Mike Cyr and John Sares, and second-year student Christine Hammer defeated nationally ranked Washington University at St. Louis in the semifinals. The other Suffolk Law team, made up of third-year students Ben Farrell, Jon Marlin, Elle Rackemann, and J.J. Wellemeyer, beat Marquette Law School in the semifinals, and then ultimately defeated the other Suffolk Law team for the championship.

This is the second year in a row that the team has captured the top two spots in the AAJ competition. The teams attended the national championship in West Palm Beach, Florida, in April.

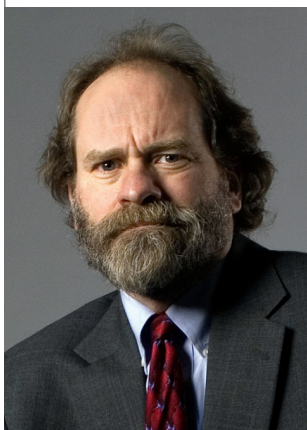
The Suffolk Law National Trial Team is coached by Professor Timothy Wilton as well as alumni



coaches Jason Drori JD '05, Erin Harris JD '06, and Paul Caruso JD '07.

"The Suffolk Law National Trial Team has developed the most effective law student trial advocacy training program in New England," says Wilton. "Our success is due to the National Trial Team alumni, themselves all New England regional champions, who come back every year to coach and to shape the program, and to the incredibly dedicated students whose talent and hard work inspire their coaches."

## SUFFOLK LAW PROFESSOR JOINS JUVENILE COURT |



**IN JANUARY**, Kenneth J. King, former associate professor of clinical law with the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) at Suffolk Law, was appointed to the Middlesex Juvenile Court.

King served as a supervising attorney in the JJC from 1998 to 2007 before being appointed visiting associate clinical professor and then associate professor. Before joining Suffolk Law, he worked as both a private practitioner and a government lawyer

representing youth in a variety of matters, including youthful offender and delinquency, care and protection, and termination of parental rights cases.

"Over the course of his career, Ken King has demonstrated an unflagging commitment to juvenile justice," said Governor Deval Patrick in announcing the nomination. "There are few as qualified and well suited to adjudicating these most sensitive and important of matters."

## TAX MOOT TEAM WINS BEST BRIEF AWARD |

**THE SUFFOLK LAW** National Tax Moot Court team captured the Best Brief award at the annual National Tax Moot Court Competition held in St. Petersburg, Florida, in February, beating out 15 other law schools for the honor.

"This is the preeminent tax moot court competition in the country," says Professor William Corbett, the team's advisor. "To come away with this honor is an outstanding recognition for the team members, and for the law school."

Third-year day student James Ellison, second-year day student Elisa Filman, and fourth-year evening student Kimberly Patwardhan wrote a brief considering whether an exchange of property qualified for nonrecognition treatment under the Section 1031 like-kind exchange provisions, and whether the Internal Revenue Service could apply the step-transaction doctrine to the exchange.

"The problem was very sophisticated and complicated," says Professor Meredith Conway, who served as practice judge and together with Corbett mentored the team. "To win Best Brief, they not only had to be very bright, but they also had to have a mastery of the tax issues. I was very proud of these students."

The team was eliminated in the second round of the oral advocacy portion of the competition by the University of Florida Levin College of Law, which lost to Louisiana State University Law School in the finals.

Peter Panuthos JD '69, chief special trial judge of the United States Tax Court, served as chief justice for the moot court's final round and met with the Suffolk Law team at a dinner during the competition.

"The team had a wonderful time speaking with him," says Corbett.

# SHOWING THEIR BONO FIDES

Since its launch last August, the Suffolk University Law School Pro Bono Program has offered law students the chance to give back to underserved communities while gaining invaluable hands-on professional training.

**By Jeri Zeder**  
**Photography by Kathleen Doohar**

## **AS SECOND-YEAR SUFFOLK LAW STUDENT**

Tiffany Michael commands her blue Jeep Cherokee through the streets of Dorchester, Massachusetts, she and fellow second-year student Morris Singer debate driving directions and identify street names. Michael turns down a narrow one-way road populated by multifamily homes; Singer watches for house numbers. A parking spot materializes, and Michael squeezes in.

Michael and Singer decide to dispense with their bright red “No One Leaves” t-shirts—the shirts don’t fit over their winter coats, and today is a cold Saturday morning in February. In warmer weather, the tees would signal that Michael and Singer belong to an army of neighborhood canvassers known as the Foreclosure Task Force, a project of the Boston community organizing group City Life. But today the duo makes do with another prop: a stack of flyers, translated in both Spanish and English, with a blaring headline: IF YOU ARE A TENANT IN A BUILDING THAT IS BEING FORECLOSED, YOU HAVE RIGHTS!

Now on foot, they approach a two-story stucco apartment building painted aqua blue. A fat yellow cat stalks the yard while a cranked car radio blares across the street. Four mailboxes, four buzzers. The buzzers all go unanswered, so Michael, a veteran canvasser, tries the front door and walks in. Singer, her trainee, follows.

Clockwise from top left: Suffolk Law students Tiffany Michael, Morris Singer, Sarah Wilkens, and Michael Marshall. All four have been active participants in the Pro Bono Program since its launch last fall.



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## **MICHAEL KNOCKS AT THE FIRST APARTMENT UNIT.**

A YOUNG WOMAN IS ON HER CELL PHONE WHEN SHE OPENS THE DOOR BUT ENDS THE CALL TO ATTEND TO THE TWO STRANGERS AT HER DOORSTEP. MICHAEL CUTS TO THE CHASE. THIS BUILDING IS IN FORECLOSURE, MICHAEL EXPLAINS, BUT TENANTS DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE.

"Don't take cash for keys," Michael instructs, referring to a practice mortgage lenders often employ to empty the foreclosed properties of tenants. "Take these packets and read them. You can stay in your home, even if your landlord is foreclosed on." The woman calls to her brother, with whom she shares the apartment. He throws on a shirt and darts upstairs to alert his fellow apartment dwellers. They're not home, so he and his sister take extra flyers for them.

As Michael records their names and phone numbers, the woman explains that she and her brother received a notice three months ago that said the bank now owns the building. The landlord, meanwhile, has continued collecting rent, accepting only cash. He's coming by this afternoon to collect again. "Don't pay him," Michael says. "Call City Life." Michael tells her someone will be back to check up on them next week. The woman, wiser now to her predicament, thanks them profusely.

Michael and Singer came into this outreach effort through the Suffolk Law Pro Bono Program, the law school's latest public service endeavor. Launched in August of last year, the program aims to fulfill a number of objectives: to offer students extraordinary learning experiences that prepare them for the workforce; to fill serious, unmet community needs; and to bring aspiring lawyers to their profession's highest calling—offering assistance to the poor, underserved, and disenfranchised. With a vision of eventually serving the community on a grand scale, the program boasts a full-time director, access to 1,600 law students and 21,000 alumni, and a location that can't be beat: close to city and state offices, state and federal courthouses, legal services, nonprofit agencies, and neighborhoods in need.

"We are positioned to have an extraordinarily vibrant program with large numbers of students partici-

pating," says Susan Prosnitz, executive director of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, which administers the program. "We have a goal to instill in every graduating student this sense of responsibility to give back, not just while they're in school, but following graduation."

The Pro Bono Program grew out of a confluence of factors. Students interested in pro bono opportunities and public interest careers, along with supportive faculty members, were speaking out for more coordinated support within the law school. At the same time, Jerry Rappaport, the donor behind the Rappaport Fellowship program, was considering the funding of a center dedicated to pursuing policy and public service. With support from the Rappaport family and the Jerome and Phyllis Rappaport Charitable Foundation, the Rappaport Center was established in 2007; Michelle Harper JD '04, who had a professional background in public interest law and pro bono management, was hired as director of public interest and pro bono programs in August of that year.

"I think we are in the minority [of law schools] in that we have a director of pro bono programs," says Harper. "What that shows is institutional support and institutional backing and a real commitment. This isn't lip service. We put our money where our mouth is."

Dean Alfred Aman carries Harper's point a step further. "We're at a point in history where I sense in the student body a real ethos of service and giving back," he says. "When you institutionalize opportunities, and the institution backs it up, that says to students, 'Your instincts are really right.' That's a fantastic way of teaching. When students graduate, they will have a broader sense of what their degree is about."

Before launching the program, the law school sought guidance from the American Bar Association Center for Pro Bono. In the past 20 years, as federal funding

for legal services has dwindled, law school pro bono programs have proliferated across the country, with a significant uptick occurring since 2005. That's when the ABA issued new accreditation standards that made it mandatory for law schools to offer students substantial pro bono opportunities.

Suffolk Law applied for and was selected to participate in a visit by the ABA, which issued a report. The report acknowledged the challenges of building a pro bono program at a law school with a large student body in an urban setting, and set forth comprehensive recommendations on everything from staffing to development of opportunities; recruitment of students, faculty, and alumni; supervision; tracking of hours; placement and evaluation; and visits to participating organizations. A central point, which Harper and Prosnitz strongly endorsed, was the recommendation that the program offer a broad range of placements, varied by subject matter, venue, skills, timing, and clientele. The ABA report also noted that Suffolk Law's program was already moving in the right direction, thanks to Harper, who was reaching out to students, faculty, nonprofits, and the courts even before the ABA team arrived.

"Ms. Harper's energy, enthusiasm, and creativity were visible to the team," says Melanie Kushnir, assistant staff counsel with the ABA Center for Pro Bono.

With the ABA recommendations in hand, Harper and Prosnitz set forth to create a well-organized, central infrastructure to which students could turn for support, advice, and resources. All Suffolk Law students interested in participating go through a registration process under which they sign a pledge and are advised of their professional responsibilities. (Students who enroll in the Pro Bono Program are expected to complete a minimum of 50 hours of pro bono service before graduation and to track, verify, and report their hours.) As pro bono positions become available, Harper vigilantly posts them on the program's website and issues weekly email updates to Suffolk Law's public service listserv, comprised of more than 600 students. To easily match enrollees to opportunities related to their interests, Harper stores student information in a database.

A database is a decidedly mundane entity, but it's worth pausing to consider what the student database means to the Pro Bono Program. Developed, pro bono, by second-year student Tom Beauvais, the database helps Harper and Prosnitz be nimble in their work.

With a few keystrokes, Harper can quickly call up a student's areas of interest, availability, willingness to work in the summer, and any specialized skills. "I don't know how many schools have a comparable database," says Prosnitz. "It's crucial to what we do." And sometimes it even yields unanticipated benefits. Just four months into the program, Harper was contacted by a clinical professor in urgent need of a Polish speaker to prevent the deportation of a client. Among the data Harper collects is information on students' foreign language skills. A quick search of the database revealed a Suffolk Law student fluent in Polish; with a single call to Poland, the student was able to come up with the information needed to keep the client in the U.S.

The acquisition of pro bono opportunities is an art in itself. Harper and Prosnitz actively network in the community to build a set of pro bono offerings that cover a broad range of legal fields and require the exercise of the full range of legal skills. They attend local and national conferences, meet with individual community leaders, and reach out to government

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offices and nonprofits. In the course of doing so, Harper explains, they not only discover existing opportunities but also help organizations identify service gaps and create new projects suitable for law students. It's a strategy that builds the capacity of underfunded organizations that are working for the greater good while also generating new pro bono positions that might not have existed otherwise.

Participating students have already benefited substantially from the program. Last year, third-year student Sarah Wilkens tried unsuccessfully to secure a summer internship with the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee (MHLAC), a group of judges and lawyers within the Massachusetts executive branch who advocate for the legal rights of persons with mental disabilities. When Wilkens returned to Suffolk Law this past fall, she made an appointment with Harper. "She made me feel so comfortable about the process and the program, and made me excited



Professor Richard Perlmutter: "The Pro Bono Program is as good for me and the students as it is for the people we're helping."

Canvassers Singer and Michael out in the field.



Since the launch of the Pro Bono Program in August 2008, approximately 35 organizations have been aided by Suffolk Law volunteers. Some of the groups benefiting from the outreach effort include:

- ACLU of Massachusetts
- Anti-Defamation League
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
- Boston Bar Association
- Cambridge Election Commission
- Chelsea Restoration Corporation
- Child Advocacy Clinic, Suffolk Law
- City of Boston Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign
- Committee for Public Counsel Services
- Detention Watch Network
- Disability Law Center of Massachusetts
- Domestic Violence Institute at Boston Medical Center
- Boston Area Colleges Election Improvement Project
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs
- Federal Reserve Bank of Boston/NOAH Foreclosure Prevention Project
- Health Law Advocates
- International Detention Coalition
- Jane Doe, Inc.
- Juvenile Justice Center, Suffolk Law
- Legal Advocacy and Resource Center
- Massachusetts Transgender Legal Advocates
- Medical-Legal Partnership for Children
- Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
- Domestic Violence Unit, Middlesex District Attorney's Office
- National Lawyers Guild
- National Law Center for Children and Families
- New Orleans Legal Assistance
- No One Leaves, Foreclosure Task Force
- Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts
- Real Estate Bar Association
- Senior Partners for Justice
- Shelter Legal Services
- The Spangenberg Group
- Victim Rights Law Center
- Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association
- Walk to the Hill for Civil Legal Aid

about what I can do for the community," Wilkens says. Harper made a phone call, and now Wilkens is volunteering with one of MHLAC's senior attorneys. Among her responsibilities is conducting research on a major case involving insurance benefits in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Wilkens realizes that she'll be graduating into a depressed economy, when legal employment opportunities will be scarce. She sees the Pro Bono Program as a way to give back, grow professionally, and avoid gaps in her resume. "We're all apprehensive about what will happen when we graduate," Wilkens says. "[Michelle Harper] gave me a list of options. Worst case: I take an unrelated job but do pro bono work to keep my foot in the door. The Rappaport Center has been a beacon, because I felt like I had no direction and they pointed me in the right direction."

As a second-year law student, Michael Marshall is hoping his pro bono service will help him become a better prosecutor. Marshall is currently volunteering at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, where, under the supervision of the head of legal advocacy and a special projects coordinator, he is helping to update a law enforcement curriculum for police officers who handle sexual assault cases.

"I thought it would be good to see things from a victim's perspective," Marshall says. The project puts him out in the field researching the work of other individuals and organizations, compiling the best information, and interviewing police officers. When the project is completed this spring, Boston-area police will have an up-to-date curriculum on investigating sexual assault and preserving evidence for trial.

Marshall feels the experience has educated him in ways his coursework never could. "It has given me a lot more background information on sexual assault in general, more information on the law and how the crime affects the victim," he says. "I don't think a lot of students get that."

It's not just students who are benefiting from the program's resources. Suffolk Law is one of only a handful of law schools in the country to have a formal policy encouraging annual pro bono service by faculty and attorney administrators. The law school is in an even smaller minority of institutions that provide liability insurance coverage for faculty and administrator pro bono work. These administrative steps, says Harper, demonstrate the institution's deep commitment to pro bono work and distinguish Suffolk Law as a leader in this area.



Professor Richard Perlmutter is one faculty member who has borne witness to the Pro Bono Program's unique value. Perlmutter's colleague, Professor William Berman, supervises Suffolk Law's Housing Clinic and works closely with the Chelsea (Massachusetts) Restoration Corporation (CRC), a community-based nonprofit focused on housing for low- and moderate-income families. Berman recently asked CRC's executive director if there were any gaps in its service that pro bono law students might be able to fill. He learned that CRC needed lawyers to review the work-out agreements the organization negotiates between lenders and homeowners, and to explain the agreements to the homeowners. Berman then approached Perlmutter, an expert in transactional matters, to see if he'd be interested in supervising several students on a pro bono basis to do the work. Perlmutter, who had never taught in a clinic before, agreed, leaning heavily on Harper to help him recruit and interview students.

"The Pro Bono Program gave us structure," Perlmutter says. He is currently overseeing four law students as they help people stay in their homes and says he loves the work: "It's as good for me and the students as it is for the people we're helping."

Harper is determined that the value of the Pro Bono Program extend not just to current students and faculty but to alumni as well. To that end, she and Prosnitz have recently embarked on a major new initiative: the Pro Bono Partners Program, which aims to pair up alumni and students. "We've got 21,000 alumni out there. If everybody did one small thing in terms of participating in pro bono work, it would make one big difference," says Prosnitz.

Gillian Fisher JD '05 can attest to the benefits of such a partnership. A court-appointed defense attorney for indigent clients in Middlesex County and a solo practitioner, Fisher welcomed Harper's email offering the pro bono services of law students. She now has a recent Suffolk Law graduate volunteering in her office, doing legal research and assisting on court-appointed cases. "The fact that they formalized a program and made it a fairly easy process to get hooked up to someone is great, and has certainly helped my practice," says Fisher.

If Harper and Prosnitz have any frustration about the Pro Bono Program, it's that they want everything done yesterday. "The Pro Bono Program is one of our many missions, and we're just a couple of people," says Prosnitz. Agrees Harper, "It would be great if

we could grow the program even faster, but there are practical limitations that affect our work. That for me is the greatest challenge."

But their eagerness to do more cannot mask the great strides Harper and Prosnitz have already made in growing a program that has been up and running less than a year. More than a hundred students are officially enrolled; 35 organizations are being served by Suffolk Law students, and more than a dozen are seeking placements.

Looking ahead, Harper and Prosnitz have a number of growth areas in mind. They plan to increase services for new alumni. They'll be reaching out to student organizations to help attract more students to the program. And by helping legal service organizations shape new projects and increasing the number of projects overseen by faculty members, they'll continue to add to the number and diversity of opportunities, especially in the areas of transactional work and international law.

"Our aim is to make Suffolk Law's Pro Bono Program a national model, with tangible impact on our surrounding community," says Prosnitz. Adds Harper, "We also hope to engage a new generation of lawyers committed to promoting access to justice."

There's certainly no shortage of need out there, as

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Tiffany Michael and Morris Singer well know. Having informed the tenants of the foreclosed blue stucco building that they can continue living there, the law students return to Michael's car. These tenants have been unwittingly paying rent to the wrong party and will probably never recover their losses. But thanks to the law students' intervention, things are about to get better.

"Even if you see only one family in a day, it makes you feel like you've made an impact," says Michael.

Now, on to the next foreclosed building. 🏠

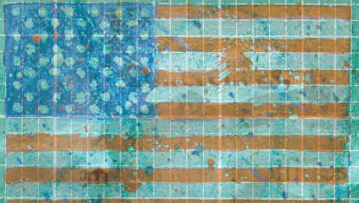
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Pro Bono Director Michelle Harper (left) and Rappaport Center Executive Director Susan Prosnitz

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# CA ANSWERING THE

**Staring into the cold eyes of an accused war criminal inside a Rwandan jail was the last scenario in which self-proclaimed computer geek Onyen Yong JD '93 ever expected to find himself.**

But circumstance beat out planning for the young attorney, who was plucked out of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in 2000 and dropped in the middle of a country ravaged by tribal war and stumbling blindly toward democracy. Along with only a handful of other volunteers, Yong was assigned the Herculean task of helping restore a justice system in the fractured land.

"You don't go to [law] school saying, 'I want to go to Africa to do this!'" Yong says.

With degrees in both economics and law and a knack for computers, Yong's career path has never been conventional. It includes everything from stints pumping gas at his family's Boston-area service station to working as a systems analyst to computer forensics. But it was in 1999 that truly monumental change came into Yong's life—the year Michael Johnson, former New Hampshire County Attorney, first came knocking.

At the time, Yong was working as a prosecutor and director of information technology under Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph Martin, helping to develop the office's strategic technology vision. Johnson, meanwhile, was fresh from a trip to The Hague, where he had worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). He returned to the United States determined to help more countries establish systems of justice. Johnson had convinced IBM to donate a computer system for this endeavor, but he didn't have a location in Boston to host a press conference. Johnson reached out to Martin, who in turn enlisted Yong's help.

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JOHNSON IMMEDIATELY SAW PROMISE IN YONG'S BLEND OF TECHNICAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SKILLS.

"He goes, 'Boy, do I have a job for you!'" says Yong, recalling his conversation with Johnson. "'Would you like to go to Africa?' Not believing he was serious, I said, 'Sure, whatever. Call me when you need me.'"

Yong's dismissive attitude quickly changed, however, when his phone rang nearly six months later. Johnson was on the other end of the line, telling Yong to get his immunizations. Johnson was going to Rwanda under the auspices of his newly formed nonprofit organization, the International Criminal Justice Resource Center, and he wanted Yong to join him as project director for the Rwandan Genocide Automation Project, establishing a case management system that would be used to track defendants accused of war crimes.

Yong readily agreed—and, luckily for him, he had a supportive boss willing to allow extended leaves of absence for the task. But he had little conception of what the trip might actually entail.

"I thought I was going on an African adventure," says Yong.

Instead, he arrived to find a country with the smell of death still lingering in the air, a country populated by limbless children, skeletons, bullet-riddled buildings, and execution fields.

"You can read all about it," says Yong, "but until you see it, you can't get the full impact."

The ramshackle Rwandan prisons were overflowing with defendants awaiting trial in a defunct legal system. Holes in the facility gates and a lack of guards betrayed an even more depressing reality.

"No one escaped," says Yong. "You know why? Where were they going to go?"

This was the fallout from the 1994 Rwandan genocide, in which hundreds of thousands of Tutsis were murdered by the Hutu Power in a period of about a hundred days. At the time of Yong's arrival, an estimated 100,000 people were in legal limbo. Many of the country's judges had been killed in the genocide, and the destroyed courthouses needed rebuilding.

"They have all these people they believe were part of the genocide," says Yong. "They're a country basically forming a new government. They didn't even have a constitution yet. Rwanda was saying, 'How can we try these people if we don't even have rules of law?'"

From a technical standpoint, Yong faced tremendous challenges. "They didn't have anything," he says, noting that the country needed a soup-to-nuts technological solution to help get its legal system up and running. But he was undeterred. "When you start with nothing, it's much easier to do it the right way than if you're trying to change existing culture," he says.

Yong stayed three weeks in Rwanda, doing everything from visiting prisons to meeting with local officials in order to understand the country's legal needs. Upon his return to the U.S., Yong wrote an assessment of the country's technological needs and began outreach to collect funds and supplies. Donations of everything from office equipment to toothpaste poured in, and the money raised allowed Yong to purchase servers and have case management software translated for Rwandan users.

But once home, Yong was afflicted with a bit of cynicism, wondering how people could fret over a Starbucks order when such suffering existed in other parts of the world. So he made a decision.

"The best thing was to go back," Yong says. "You don't choose where you are placed in this world. The best I can do is *help* them. I can't *be* them." Yong returned to Rwanda for a month in May 2001, this time to help Johnson's organization implement the technology system he had designed.

A "very hectic" scenario awaited Yong. Shipments of equipment and supplies were delayed and nearly lost in customs. With planes arriving in Rwanda only once or twice a week, Yong and his colleagues—Roman Vichr, a technical systems expert, and David Akerson, a war crimes prosecution expert—were "waiting on pins and needles," Yong recalls. Despite the chaos, everything finally arrived safely, and the group went about setting up the case management system and then training local Rwandans to manage it in the Rwandan Attorney General's Office.

"Our goal was not to do it ourselves, but to train the locals to do it," Yong says. "The crowning achievement was training a local worker within 24 hours who then conducted the presentation in Kinyarwanda to the heads of the other state agencies." Thanks to the work of Yong and his teammates, the system was up and running later that year, logging defendants and tracking the progress of cases resulting from the genocide.

Several years passed, during which time Yong returned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and became chief of operations. Then, in 2004, Yong's phone rang again. Once more Johnson was on the other line, and this time he wanted Yong in Sarajevo.

Working with the United Nations and the ICTY in the wake of the Bosnian war, Johnson had become frustrated with the bureaucracy hindering the legal process. He knew the ICTY was likely to prosecute only





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a few hundred cases resulting from the war, despite the thousands that hung in limbo. In response, Johnson had launched the second iteration of his nonprofit, the Institute for Justice Sector Development (IJSJ), and began work to build the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina War Crimes Chamber in Sarajevo to handle the overflow from The Hague and to serve as a domestic court to transition war crime cases from the international tribunals. Inspired by the success Yong had experienced training local Rwandans, Johnson wanted Yong to implement another case management system, this time on a far wider scale.

Even though he had recently left the DA’s office to join a friend’s computer forensics start-up company, Yong couldn’t resist the opportunity.

“I was less apprehensive,” Yong says of his decision to go to Sarajevo. “After having gone through that [Rwandan] experience, it made me stronger.”

Again, Yong managed to juggle the responsibilities of his full-time job while taking unpaid leaves to devote time to philanthropy. Over the next two years, Yong took a half-dozen trips to Sarajevo, each lasting a month.

In Sarajevo, Yong found a technological infrastructure far more advanced than that in Rwanda. But the city still bore the scars of war: whereas Yong was shown fields in Rwanda where executions had

taken place, the fields in Sarajevo were too littered with mines to risk exploration.

His professional challenge this time was to train local Bosnians to run the entire justice operation on their own turf, which ran counter to the system in place at the UN.

“This is the first time in which they were actually building the court in the sovereign nation where the conflict occurred,” says Yong, who served as both an IT and judicial consultant on what was known as the War Crimes Chamber Project. “The crimes were committed in Yugoslavia. Why shouldn’t the cases be heard there? The public should be able to see justice in action.”

With an initial budget of only \$15 million over five years and a requirement to start trials in the yet-to-be-established chamber within a few months, Yong and his colleagues were both under the gun and going against the grain.

“There were a lot of people wishing that we would fail,” says Yong. But despite the international community’s reservations, Yong and his colleagues persevered. On March 9, 2005, an inauguration ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of the massive facility, which included a courthouse and a jail and today employs hundreds of Bosnian nationals.

Despite taking part in these revolutionary missions, Yong is self-effacing, giving credit to others at every opportunity.


“I’m lucky that I have a skill that lends itself to help in these projects,” he says. “But I’m also humble enough to know that what I do is just a

small part of what is being done by others on a daily basis.”

He credits his time as a student at Suffolk Law for nurturing his public service ambitions.

“When I went to Suffolk, I never wanted to be a civil attorney. I wanted to be in a courtroom. I wanted to be a prosecutor,” he says. “I wanted to perform public service. What greater way to serve the public than on this level internationally? This just takes it to a whole different level.”

Now an assistant district attorney and the director of information technology for the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office under Gerry Leone JD ’89, Yong recently received another call from Johnson, this time from East Timor, where he is working to create an attorney general’s office. Johnson had a familiar message for Yong: “We’re going to need you over here.”

Yong, once again, will answer the call. 

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# SUFFOLK'S OWN Stimulus Plan

A MESSAGE FROM DEAN ALFRED C. AMAN, JR.

EVERYONE AT SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW School recognizes that these are challenging times for members of the legal profession. All lawyers are seeking ways to distinguish themselves in the marketplace, whether they are employed or not. As dean, I know that our law school can offer significant help to our alumni as they seek to prepare themselves for new challenges, including exploring new areas of law in which to work. If you are currently employed but looking to retool, or not working and have time to devote to education, we want to help you fine-tune your skills, expand your knowledge base, update your knowledge of the law, and explore new service opportunities.

To these ends, I have asked the law school administration and faculty to address the employment challenges of our younger graduates, with a focus on the classes from 2004 to 2009. What follows are the first three component parts of what we are calling Suffolk's Own Stimulus Plan, a multifaceted course of action designed to provide support and opportunities for our recent graduates. We are relying initially on the resources and creativity of our Center for Advanced Legal Studies, the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, and our Career Development Office. We hope that what follows will be of use to some of you; we also wish to solicit your feedback and ideas regarding other kinds of support we might be able to provide in the months ahead.

Illustration by Stephen Webster

## CENTER FOR ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES

The Center for Advanced Legal Studies (ALS) has provided cutting-edge continuing legal education to the practicing bar for 25 years. The center is making its wealth of programming available to all alumni to assist in this stressful time. ALS is also offering career development seminars specifically geared to recent alumni.

### Tuition for ALS Programs

As of April 1, 2009, there will be no tuition charged to alumni from the graduating classes of 2004 through 2008 for any programs offered by ALS. Programs scheduled for fall 2009 will be made available to 2009 graduates as well. This offer includes the following upcoming programs:

- The Impact of Fraud: Madoff and Beyond
- New Data Security Rules and Best Practices
- Dramatic Revisions in Guardianship Law under the New Uniform Probate Code

For a complete list of programs, go to [www.law.suffolk.edu/academic/als/](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/academic/als/).

### ALS Course Materials

All course materials from prior programs and conferences in the ALS inventory will also be made available at no charge to alumni. A complete list of materials is available at [www.law.suffolk.edu/als](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/als); to obtain course materials, please call 617.573.8627 or email [als@suffolk.edu](mailto:als@suffolk.edu). Sample courses include:

- Business Planning: Starting and Succeeding in Your Own Practice
- Fundamentals of Special Education Advocacy
- Less Guilty by Reason of Adolescence: Children on Trial
- eDiscovery
- Sweeping Changes in Corporate Tax Law
- Wrongful Convictions: Litigating and Preventing
- Mastering the Science of OUI Cases
- Best Practices in Guardianship Cases
- Dealing with the Changing Landscape in Patent Law

- Fundamentals of Collaborative Practice Skills
- Immigration Law Practice: Annual Symposium
- Intellectual Property Essentials for Business Decision-Makers

### iTunes U Downloads

Free downloads from prior programs are now available on the Suffolk Law iTunes U site. Included in these audio recordings are the following programs:

- Fundamentals of Special Education (5 segments)
- Fundamentals of Elder Law Practice (10 segments)
- Fallout from the Subprime Lending Crisis
- Health Care Reform

The link to the site is [www.law.suffolk.edu/als](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/als).

### Survival Skills for Success

All alumni from the graduating classes of 2004 to 2008 are invited to attend a free intensive, multiday session, Survival Skills for Success, to be held June 22 to 26. The program will cover the following topics:

- Getting Started in Employment Law
- Reviewing and Renegotiating Contracts
- Bankruptcy for the Nonspecialist
- How to Handle Mediation
- Nuts and Bolts of Better Writing

### Jumpstarting Your Practice

In December 2009, ALS will offer a free intensive program, Jumpstarting Your Practice, specifically designed for 2009 graduates.

If you would like more information about any of these programs, please go to [www.law.suffolk.edu/als](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/als), or contact Peniey McClary at [pmccclary@suffolk.edu](mailto:pmccclary@suffolk.edu) or 617.305.1655.

## RAPPAPORT CENTER FOR LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service will play a pivotal role in Suffolk's Own Stimulus Plan.

Since opening in August 2007, the Rappaport Center has served as a centralized resource and support system for students interested in pursuing careers in public service. Many recent graduates have also taken advantage of the center, seeking advice about transitioning to public service from the private sector or otherwise changing their career paths. The Rappaport Center is led by highly experienced attorneys who are deeply committed to helping current students and Suffolk Law graduates obtain rewarding positions in government and with nonprofit organizations.

The center administrators are keenly aware that the economic downturn has affected the availability of jobs not only in the private sector but also in the public and nonprofit sectors. In light of these difficult times, the center has developed an action plan specifically geared towards helping recent graduates better position themselves in the increasingly competitive job market.

Much of the model for providing assistance is based on an extension of the relatively new but already thriving Pro Bono Program. The Rappaport Center plan allows new and recent graduates the chance to (1) develop legal skills, (2) gain relevant experience, (3) expand professional networks, and (4) provide meaningful support to agencies and organizations in need.

### State and Local Government Agencies

The Rappaport Center will identify state and local government agencies that have announced hiring freezes as well as any agencies for which hiring freezes are anticipated. The center will then contact those agencies that had made full-time employment offers to Suffolk Law students and ask whether they would be willing to hire these individuals on a volunteer basis.



Students will fill gaps in service created by these agency hiring freezes, providing a tremendous resource to the agencies while simultaneously ensuring that Suffolk Law graduates are in the best possible position to secure paid employment.

### Nonprofit Organizations

As with agencies in the public sector, many legal services and other nonprofit organizations have imposed hiring freezes. The Rappaport Center will meet with leaders in the nonprofit community who have been most severely affected by budget cuts and significant decreases in Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) funding. Through this process, the center will seek to identify those organizations in greatest need of support and determine whether they would be willing to hire recent graduates on a volunteer basis. By volunteering at these organizations, Suffolk Law graduates will be playing a critical role in supporting organizations whose ability to ensure access to justice has been greatly diminished by severe drops in funding.

### Training

To further enhance graduates' positioning in the job market, the Rappaport Center will reach out to its pro bono partners—the Volunteer Lawyers Project, the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS), Health Law Advocates, and the Victim Rights Law Center—as well as other pro bono referral entities to request that they offer exclusive free training sessions to Suffolk Law students and recent graduates. These training sessions will provide students and graduates with added skills that can be used immediately and will enhance individual marketability.

### Federal Government Jobs

One of the few employers likely to continue and even expand hiring is the federal government. The Rappaport Center currently offers students and recent graduates many resources designed to assist with federal government job searches. In this time of exceptional need, the center plans to supplement these resources by reaching out to Suffolk Law alumni currently

employed in various federal government agencies and seeking their support in finding jobs for Suffolk Law graduates. Alumni who are working for federal agencies or have connections to opportunities within the federal government are encouraged to contact the Rappaport Center.

If you are an alumnus/a interested in taking advantage of postgraduate volunteering or free training, or are considering federal government employment, please contact Susan Prosnitz, executive director of the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, at sprosnitz@suffolk.edu or 617.573.8644. To learn more about the Rappaport Center, please visit [www.rappaportcenter.org](http://www.rappaportcenter.org).

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Career Development Office (CDO) offers career-long job search advice and support to all alumni, from the recent graduate looking for that first position to the senior professional looking to make a career transition.

The CDO is staffed with a group of experienced and compassionate career advisors, all of whom hold law degrees or graduate degrees in counseling. These career experts are eager to meet with alumni both in person and over the telephone. In addition to personalized, one-on-one coaching, the office offers such resources and services as assessment testing, access to a web-based job listing database, mock interviews and interview preparation sessions, an extensive career library, facilitated reciprocity access to a career office in another geographic location, networking connections to fellow alumni who work in a similar practice area and/or geographic location, and advice on alternatives to practice.

The CDO has launched a blog that includes periodic chat room sessions to allow alumni pursuing a job search to access timely and real-time resources, ideas, and connections. This summer, a curriculum of job-searching workshops geared specifically to the challenges of the current economy will position our graduates to adapt to and navigate the complex job market.

For additional information about CDO services for alumni, please visit [www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/career/service.cfm](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/offices/career/service.cfm) or contact the CDO at 617.573.8148 to make an appointment.

The CDO welcomes ideas and suggestions on additional ways in which to support Suffolk Law graduates. Please contact Executive Director Mary Karen Rogers ([marykaren.rogers@suffolk.edu](mailto:marykaren.rogers@suffolk.edu)) or Director of Employer Relations Betsy Armour ([earmour@suffolk.edu](mailto:earmour@suffolk.edu)) with your thoughts. ☺

# FacultyNEWS

## DEAN ALFRED AMAN

Dean Alfred Aman wrote “Privatization and Democracy: Resources in Administrative Law” in *Government by Contract: Outsourcing and American Democracy* (Martha Minow and Jody Freeman, eds., Harvard University Press, 2009); “Politics, Policy and Outsourcing in the United States: The Role of Administrative Law” in *Administrative Law in a Changing State* (Linda Pearson, Carol Harlow, and Michael Taggart, eds., Hart Publishing, 2009); and “Globalization from the Ground Up: A Domestic Perspective” in *The Impact of Globalization on the United States: Law and Governance* (Beverly Crawford, ed., Praeger Publishers, 2009).

## MICHAEL AVERY

Michael Avery wrote “Book Review: *The Rise of the Conservative Legal Movement* by Steven M. Teles,” published in 42 *Suffolk University Law Review* 89 (2008); “The Constitutionality of Warrantless Electronic Surveillance of Suspected Foreign Threats to the National Security of the United States,” published in 62 *University of Miami Law Review* 541 (2008); a supplement to Mark Brodin and Michael Avery’s *Handbook of Massachusetts Evidence* (8th Edition, Aspen Publishers, 2008); and the supplement to Michael Avery, David Rudovsky, and Karen Blum’s *Police Misconduct: Law and Litigation* (Thomson West, 2008). He also authored an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court in support of the petition for certiorari in *Campa et al v. United States*, on behalf of the Senate of Mexico, the National Assembly of Panama, and legislators from the European Parliament and the countries of Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Scotland, and the United Kingdom.

## ANDREW BECKERMAN-RODAU

Andrew Beckerman-Rodau wrote “Patents Are Property: A Fundamental But Important Concept,” published in 4 *Journal of Business & Technology Law* 87 (2009). He gave two presentations on using the Blackboard course management system as part of the Suffolk University Center for Teaching Excellence orientation program in August. In October he gave a presentation at Suffolk Law titled “Overview of IP Law: Patent, Copyright, Trade Secrets, and Trademarks” for a program sponsored by the Center for Advanced Legal Studies and the IP Law Concentration. He also created a podcast for the Suffolk Law iTunes U site discussing the new Patent Law Specialization.

## KAREN BLUM

Karen Blum wrote “The Qualified Immunity Defense: What’s ‘Clearly Established’ and What’s Not,” published in 24 *Touro Law Review* 501 (2008); “Recent Developments in the Use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement,” published in 24 *Touro Law Review* 569 (2008) (with John J. Ryan); “Section 1983: Qualified Immunity,” Chapter 17, Volume Two, published in *Practising Law Institute: 25th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation* (2008); and “Local Government Liability under Section 1983,” Chapter 5, Volume One, published in *Practising Law Institute: 25th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation* (2008). She provided extensive written materials and made presentations at the following programs: the Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges in Washington, D.C., in October; the 25th Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program at the Practising Law Institute in New York in October; “Qualified Immunity Under Section 1983: Recent Developments” at the 23rd Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983 for ICLE Atlanta in Georgia in December; and the Workshop on Section 1983 for the Legal Advisors Section of

the National Sheriffs’ Association in Washington, D.C., in January.

## CHRIS DEARBORN

Chris Dearborn was recently appointed to the Massachusetts Bar Association’s Criminal Justice Section Council. In July he served as a panelist for a continuing legal education program titled “Anatomy of a Criminal Case” and gave a presentation titled “Discovery Issues and the *Brady* Doctrine in Massachusetts.” Last summer he served as an expert analyst for New England Cable News on the Neil Entwistle trial. He was appointed the prisoner’s rights advocate for Suffolk University’s Institutional Review Board and was also appointed to the board of Suffolk Lawyers for Justice. He recently chaired and presented at a Suffolk Law Advanced Legal Studies program titled “Bail: Back to Basics.”

## SARA DILLON

Sara Dillon wrote “The Missing Link: A Social Orphan Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,” which was published in 1 *Human Rights and Globalization Law Review* 39 (2008). In October she served as a panelist for an AALS/National Law Journal Roundtable, “Preparing Law Students for Global Practice,” at Boston College Law School. In January she was inducted into the Saint Michael’s College Alumni Academic Hall of Fame.

## VALERIE EPPS

Valerie Epps wrote “*The Medellin v. Texas* Symposium: A Case Worthy of Comment,” published in 31 *Suffolk Transnational Law Review* 209 (2008); “Evolving Concepts of Self-Determination and Autonomy in International Law: The Legal

Status of Tibet,” published in 1 *Journal of East Asia and International Law* 217 (2008); “Rejecting the Supposed Right of Anticipatory Self-Defence,” published in 2 *Northeast Asian Law Review* 1 (2008); and “Opposing Armed Attacks,” an op-ed published in *The Korea Times* in June. She gave the following presentations: a lecture on immigration, refugee, and asylum law, with accompanying CLE materials, at “US/UK/EU: The Protocol to the Convention on Refugees and Its Relation to the Torture Convention” at the Suffolk Law/University of Missouri-Kansas summer program in Oxford, England, in August; “The Case Method and *Medellin v. Texas*” to the faculty at Yonsei University College of Law in Seoul, South Korea, in April; “Assessing the Legality of the US/Coalition Invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq” at a conference co-sponsored by Hongik University and the Korean Society of International Law at Hongik University College of Law in Seoul in May; “The Death Penalty and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations” at Seoul National University Law School in May; and “International Criminal Courts: The Pinochet and Erdemovic Cases” at Yonsei University College of Law in Seoul in May. She served on the panel “Prosecuting and Judging Genocide Before International Tribunals” at Understanding Genocide, the International Law Students Association conference at Vermont Law School in October and as chair of the panel “*Medellin v. Texas*: U.S. Compliance with ICJ Judgments and Treaties” at the International Law Association’s annual conference in New York in October. In August she was appointed a member of the resource group of advisers to the American Bar Association Section of International Law/American Society of International Law Joint Task Force on Treaties in U.S. Law.

### STEVEN FERREY

Steven Ferrey wrote “Corporate Responsibility and Carbon-Based Life Forms,” published in 35 *Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review* 419 (2008); “Carbon Regulation in the United States” in Paul Watchman (ed.), *Climate Change: A Guide to Carbon Law and Practice* (Globe Law and Business, 2008); and *The Law of Independent Power* (Thomson West, 2008). He gave presentations on carbon control and global warming in Houston in

July; New York City in August; Palo Alto, California, in September; and Los Angeles in October. In July he gave a symposium presentation on renewable energy law in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### SHAILINI GEORGE

Shailini George, together with Stephanie Hartung, presented “Beyond Apples and Oranges: Methods of Demystifying and Critiquing Analogical Reasoning” at the 13th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, held at Indiana University Law School in July.

### LORIE GRAHAM

Lorie Graham wrote “Cognition, Law, Stories,” which was published in 10 *Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology* 255 (2009) with Stephen McJohn. She currently participates in the International Law Association’s Rights of Indigenous Peoples Committee, which is preparing a commentary on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

### MARC GREENBAUM

Marc Greenbaum spoke at the Boston Bar Association’s Annual Workshop for Public Sector Labor Relations Specialists in May. He recently served as one of the regional co-chairs of the Employment Law Trial Competition sponsored by the Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association, the first time the competition included a New England region. In September he spoke on several topics involving discipline and contract interpretation cases at a program sponsored by the Labor Arbitration Institute.

### STEPHANIE HARTUNG

Stephanie Hartung wrote “Using Legislative Intent as Reasoning in Legal Analysis,” which was published in *The Second Draft* (fall 2008).

### BERNIE JONES

Bernie Jones wrote “Southern Free Women of Color in the Antebellum North: Race, Class and a ‘New Women’s Legal History,’” which was published in 41 *Akron Law Review* 763 (2008). In October she served as an organizer of the symposium “Women and Work: Choices and Constraints” and as a panelist on “The Opt-Out Revolution: Women’s Legal History and Employment Discrimination Law,” both held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

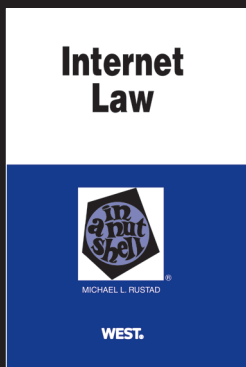
### CHARLES KINDREGAN

Charles Kindregan wrote “Collaborative Reproduction and Rethinking Parentage,” which was published in 21 *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers* 43 (2008). He is the co-author of the two-volume *Alabama Family Law* (Thomson West, 2008) and *Massachusetts Domestic Relations Rules and Statutes Annotated* (Thomson West, 2009) with Monroe L. Inker and daughter Patricia Kindregan JD ’94. He wrote the 2009 supplements to the four-volume Massachusetts Practice Series books on family law (Thomson West). He was a principal speaker at the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court 2008 Fall Judicial Conference, held in September in Bolton, Massachusetts. In October he served as moderator and presenter at an ABA conference on ethical issues in the practice of assisted reproductive technology (ART) law in Arizona; as keynote speaker at the 7th Annual Family Mediation Institute sponsored by the Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation; and as moderator and program faculty member at the Suffolk Law Center for Advanced Legal Studies program on ART law and practice.

### RENÉE M. LANDERS

Renée M. Landers wrote “Massachusetts Health Insurance Reform Legislation: An Effective Tool for Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care?”; the paper was published in 29 *Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy* 1 (2007). She also published an essay in *Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters: Strategies for Success from Multicultural Women*

## Book Shelf |



### Internet Law in a Nutshell by Michael L. Rustad (Thomson West, 2009)

A primer for students and practitioners alike, *Internet Law in a Nutshell* is the first short treatise on Internet law. The unique text covers a broad array of Internet law topics in enough depth for the practicing attorney but in language clear enough for the more casual reader. It examines issues such as jurisdiction, cyberbullying, online contracting and licensing, the protection of online intellectual property assets, cybertorts, First Amendment rights in cyberspace, and criminal liability for Internet activity. Rustad, who has taught Internet law at Suffolk Law since 1994, traces the rise of the Internet through the rapidly evolving Web 3.0 (the next generation of the web) before summarizing key legal cases and statutes that have helped to shape laws surrounding cyberspace activity. Rustad also takes a look at global Internet law, examining European Community directives such as the Electronic Commerce Directive, the Brussels Regulation, and the Rome I Regulation. “A decade ago, Internet law was an esoteric specialty,” Rustad writes, “but today it is a mainstream field of study. We are all Internet lawyers now.”

*Attorneys* (ABA, 2009). In April she was the keynote speaker for the Combined Black History and Women’s History Month Celebration of the U.S. Census Bureau’s Boston regional office. She also served on the panel “Does the Roberts Court Represent a New Jurisprudential Era?” as part of the Suffolk Law Donahue Lecture series; her talk, “The New Federalization Movement and the Roberts Court,” was published in 42 *Suffolk University Law Review* 77 (2008). Also in April, she participated on the trustee panel of the Boston Bar Association’s Nonprofit Board Service Training Program. In July she received a Citation of Distinguished Service to the Legal Profession from the Boston Bar Association for her role in founding a summer program for law students of color on the occasion the program’s 10th anniversary. In November she chaired a program on health care reform sponsored by the Suffolk Law Center for Advanced Legal Studies, the Health and Biomedical Law Concentration, the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, and Health Law

Advocates; for the program, she moderated two panels, one on implementing health care reform in Massachusetts and the other on the impact of health care reform on the delivery of services, including racial and ethnic disparities. In January she spoke with Frank Williams, retired chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, about the legal career of Abraham Lincoln at the combined meeting of the Boston American and Suffolk Law School Inns of Court. She served as co-chair of the 21st Annual Conference for the National Academy of Social Insurance in January in Washington, D.C., titled “Social Insurance, Fiscal Responsibility, and Economic Growth” and moderated a panel on the role of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs in health reform. In February she served as co-chair of programs for the ABA’s Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice at the organization’s midyear meeting in Boston, moderating a panel on the lessons learned from the recent Massachusetts experience with health care reform.

### SAMANTHA MOPPETT

Samantha Moppett gave a presentation titled “Wiki While You Work: Incorporating Wikis in the Classroom” at the New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Regional Conference, held at Suffolk Law in December. An article of the same name that was the basis for the presentation was published in *The Second Draft* (January 2009). In January she served as the chair of the poster committee for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research.

### RUSSELL MURPHY

Russell Murphy delivered a lecture titled “Executing Capital Punishment: International Law Influences on the Death Penalty Debate in the United States” at Lund University in Lund, Sweden, in May; the lecture will be published in *Suffolk Transnational Law Review* this spring. In November he and Kate Nace Day gave a presentation titled “Just Trying to Be Human in This Place: Storytelling and Film in Legal Education in the United States” at “Socio-Legal Studies and the Humanities,” a conference sponsored by the Socio-Legal Studies Association and held in London. Their talk will be published in the spring in a special issue of *Stetson Law Review*. He has also been contracted to write a book on the death penalty, tentatively titled *Voices of the Death Penalty Debate: A Citizens Guide to Capital Punishment in the United States*.

### ANDREW PERLMAN

Andrew Perlman wrote *Regulation of Lawyers: Statutes and Standards* (Aspen Publishers, 20th edition, 2008) (with Stephen Gillers and Roy Simon); “Post-Trial Juror Contact in Massachusetts: A History, Some Problems, and a Proposal for Reform,” published in 11 *Massachusetts Bar Association Section Review* 28 (2009); and “The ‘Torture Memos’: Lessons for All of Us,” an op-ed published in *The National Law Journal* in May. He served as a panelist at “The Dangers of Electronic Documents and Communications,” a symposium on ethics and professionalism in the digital age at Mercer Law School in Macon, Georgia, in November,

and was a presenter at “Lawyers Following Orders: Ethical Pitfalls and Practical Solutions,” a program sponsored by the Suffolk Law Center for Advanced Legal Studies in January.

### ERIK PITCHAL

Erik Pitchal wrote “Thickening the Safety Net: Key Elements to Successful Independent Living Programs for Young Adults Aging Out of Foster Care,” which was published in 23 *St. John’s Journal of Legal Commentary* 447 (2008). He also gave the following presentations: “The Role of ‘New’ in Risks, Opportunities, and Mistakes” at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Tucson, Arizona, in May; “Collaborative Advocacy: How Attorneys Can Put Words into Action for System Reform” (with Martha Mathews, Corene Kendrick, and Dorothy Murphy) at the 31st National Juvenile and Family Law Conference sponsored by the National Association of Counsel for Children in Savannah, Georgia, in August; “Aging Out: The Disconnect Between Law and Reality” at Cambridge Family & Children’s Service in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in October; and “Careers in Clinical Teaching” at Yale Law School in December.

### MARC RODWIN

Marc Rodwin organized and moderated the session “Health Care Complaints: Due Process, Spurs to Change, and Evaluation of System Performance” and presented a paper titled “Patient Appeals as Policy Disputes” at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association in Montreal in May. In June he organized and moderated a panel titled “Comparative and International Health Law” and participated in the Liability and Patient Safety Update plenary session with a paper titled “The Shrinking Medical Malpractice Insurance Crisis: New Evidence from Massachusetts” at the Health Law Professors Conference at Drexel University College of Law in Philadelphia.

### MIGUEL SCHOR

Miguel Schor wrote “Judicial Review and American Constitutional Exceptionalism,” published in 46

*Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 535 (2008); and “An Essay on the Emergence of Constitutional Courts: The Cases of Colombia and Mexico,” published in 16 *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* 173 (2009). He presented the paper “An Essay on the Emergence of Constitutional Courts” at the Law and Society Association’s annual meeting in Montreal in May and the AALS Conference on Constitutional Law in Cleveland in June. In January he presented the paper “The Strange Cases of Marbury and Lochner in the Constitutional Imagination” at the Symposium on Constitutional Design, held at the University of Texas School of Law. He was recently elected to the executive committee of the Constitutional Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

### RAGINI SHAH

Ragini Shah’s article, “Sharing the American Dream: Towards Formalizing the Status of Long-Term Resident Undocumented Children in the United States,” was published in 39 *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* 637 (2008) and will be reprinted in the University of Cincinnati’s *Immigration and Nationality Law Review* later in 2009. In May 2008 she served as a plenary panelist on a panel titled “Our Collective Identities: Approaching Cross-Cultural Issues in the Classroom” at the 2008 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Arizona. In October she submitted an amicus brief to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of plaintiffs applying for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in *Perez-Olano v. Mukasey*. She also recently joined the board of the Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association.

### JESSICA SILBEY

Jessica Silbey gave three presentations: “A History of Law and Film” at the Second Circuit Bar Conference in September; “Cross-Examining Film” at the Practising Law Institute’s 25th Anniversary Conference in New York City in October; and “Interrogating Film at Law: Pitfalls and Promises of Filmic Evidence” at the Northeastern Law and Society Association in Amherst, Massachusetts, in October.

### LINDA SIMARD

Linda Simard wrote “An Empirical Study of *Amici Curiae* in Federal Court: A Fine Balance of Access, Efficiency, and Adversarialism,” which was published in the University of Texas’ 27 *The Review of Litigation* 669 (2008).

### ELIZABETH TRUJILLO

Elizabeth Trujillo served on a panel addressing the integration of scholarship, teaching, and service during the 2008 New Faculty Orientation at Suffolk University Law School in August. Her 2007 article, “Mission Impossible: Reciprocal Deference Between Domestic Regulatory Structures and the WTO,” was excerpted in a recent casebook by Kevin Kennedy titled *International Trade Regulation* (Aspen Publishers, 2009). In January she presented her latest article, “From Here to Beijing: Public/Private Overlaps in Trade and Their Effects on U.S. Law,” at a faculty workshop luncheon at Suffolk Law.

### KATHLEEN VINSON

Kathleen Vinson wrote “Watch, Listen, and Learn,” which was published in the fall issue of *Suffolk Law Alumni Magazine*. In July she gave a presentation, “Podcasting in LRR&W: Downloading the Greatest Hits,” at the Legal Writing Institute Conference at Indiana Law School. She also served on the panel “Our Place on the Continuum: Re-Envisioning the Way We Prepare Law Students for Practice,” held at St. John’s University School of Law in December.

### DAVID YAMADA

David Yamada wrote “Human Dignity and American Employment Law,” published in 43 *University of Richmond Law Review* 523 (2009), and “Workplace Bullying and Ethical Leadership,” published in 1 *Journal of Values-Based Leadership* 48 (2008). In December he launched a blog, “Minding the Workplace,” containing commentary on work and workplaces, which can be accessed at <http://newworkplace.wordpress.com>.

# Advancement



## Suffolk Law Focuses on Annual Fund Participation

The Connection Between a Legal  
Education and the Annual Fund  
for Access and Excellence

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL has more than 21,000 alumni living throughout the United States and in more than 40 countries around the world. Over the course of the school's history, our graduates have proven to be a solid networking resource for students and fellow alumni seeking job opportunities and job placement. They also strengthen the philanthropic base that is critical to both current and prospective students at Suffolk Law.

Tuition alone does not provide all of the funding necessary to support the more than 1,600 students, 100 faculty members, and 300,000 square feet of learning space that make up our institution. The Suffolk Law School Annual Fund for Access and Excellence is an important source of revenue

that provides essential support to the law school in many forms.

"Every graduate of Suffolk Law can continue to impact the legal education of our students," says Shelagh Foley O'Brien, senior development officer for the law school. "The annual fund is critical to our overall success as a law school, and every gift matters."

The Annual Fund for Access and Excellence supports some of the law school's most important programs. For example, it helps fund the five law journals, all of which are cited on a regular basis by scholars nationwide. The annual fund also supports the law school's clinical programs and its Legal Practice Skills program, which were ranked 20th

and 17th in the nation, respectively, by the 2009 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings.

Gifts directed to the Alumni Scholarship Fund support financial aid for students who may not otherwise be able to attend Suffolk Law. This year, a new program was established to provide financial aid resources that the law school can use immediately. Supporting the Suffolk Law Alumni Scholars Program allows donors to make a gift in direct support of a student's financial aid package. The funding will create a named, one-year scholarship that will be awarded to an academically talented student with financial need.

"I believe in what Suffolk Law has done for its students and graduates over the years, and I know the role it has played in my life and career," says Thomas W. Madonna JD '80, chair of the development committee for the Alumni Board. "The Scholars Program was the way I chose to make a difference and designate my annual fund gift."

Gifts to the annual fund also support Suffolk Law's moot court program, made up of 14 student teams that compete against other law schools all over the country in areas such as health, consti-

tutional, tax, international, securities, and patent law; and the Moot Court Board, which publishes the *Suffolk Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy* and organizes four annual intrascholastic trial and appellate competitions.


"My experience with the moot court has prepared me for my upcoming career as a lawyer," says Margaret Caulfield JD '09, president of the Moot Court Board.

The Pro Bono Program within the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service is another beneficiary of annual fund gifts. The law school challenges entering students to complete 50 hours of law-related volunteer hours during their time in law school. The program has already become a leader among similar programs at other law schools. (To learn more about our Pro Bono Program, please turn to page 10.)

Thousands of Suffolk Law alumni have already been very generous to their alma mater, but we need more help. Last year, 12 percent of alumni made a gift to the law school. If you can give back to the institution that has opened doors for so many graduates, you will be making a big difference for

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the next generation of Suffolk Law students as they meet their own challenges. Your gift will help ensure the continuous improvement of this institution and enable us to provide today's students with every opportunity that you had.

"I have come to appreciate at an even greater level the importance of the annual fund and the powerful impact that we as alumni can have on our alma mater by supporting the annual fund," says Madonna. "Success is measured not only by the dollars raised but also by the number of alumni who participate." 

Gifts can be made online by going to [www.law.suffolk.edu/giving](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/giving)

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# AlumniNEWS



## FROM THE LAW SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS I

DEAR LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES,

AS THIS MONTH marks the beginning of my seventh year as alumni director at Suffolk University Law School, please allow me some personal musings about a career and a school that I have come to cherish.

In Suffolk Law terms, I am still very much a newcomer. I am surrounded by faculty and staff who have spent decades serving this school. This speaks volumes about not only their love and dedication to Suffolk Law but also how special an institution Suffolk Law has been and continues to be.

I view my job as a matchmaker of sorts: reconnecting alumni to their alma mater, building a Suffolk Law alumni community based in New England but one that stretches across the country and the world, and bringing alumni together with students who can benefit from their wisdom and experience.

When I began my career in alumni relations (more years ago than I care to admit), my outreach was done by snail mail, telephone, and occasionally fax. Today my job is made so much easier and faster by the many pathways of the web. I revel in the immediate pleasure of e-mailing alumni in Japan and receiving their responses within hours instead of days or weeks.

Over the past six years, I have also had the honor of working with an army of alumni volunteers who aid our admissions efforts, career services, and regional chapters. The alumni who serve on our Alumni Association Board of Directors, Dean's

Advisory Committee, University Alumni Council, and the myriad of subcommittees are the most committed and dedicated people I have ever had the privilege to work with. Between weekend and evening meetings and the many hours spent marshalling the efforts of others, I have watched these boards grow into active, effective, and tireless advocates and ambassadors for our school. Our board members are energetic, enthusiastic, smart, and just plain fun to work with.

Every year, members of our Alumni Association Board of Directors cycle off after serving their terms, thus making room for new volunteers. I encourage you to volunteer your time with the Alumni Association and, in time, ascend to service on the board of directors.

I look forward to growing the Suffolk Law community even more in the months and years ahead.

Warm regards,

**DIANE FRANKEL SCHOENFELD**  
Director of Alumni Relations  
Suffolk University Law School

## Florida Alumni Attend Musical

In March, alumni from the east coast of Florida met for Sunday brunch in downtown Fort Lauderdale before enjoying a production of *A Chorus Line* at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.



David LaValle JD '98 and Margaret Wright JD '00

## Naples Chapter Attends Concert

Alumni from Naples, Florida, enjoyed an evening of classical music and a post-concert reception with symphony conductor Jorge Mester at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts.



Left to right: Thomas Roche AA '50, JD '53, Patricia Roche, John Marman, Kathleen Blackburn JD '72, Alumni Director Diane Schoenfeld, Conductor Jorge Mester, Jennifer Toussaint JD '92, Joan Fellow, and Robert Nelson BSBA '61



## Leadership Weekend 2008

Richard Scheff JD '81 (right), president of the University Alumni Council, presented the Alumni Cup to Hal Leibowitz JD '85, president of the Law School Alumni Board, and Lori Atkins BS '01, JD '04, president of the College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Board, at the annual Leadership Weekend, held in September at the law school.



## Young Alumni Holiday Party

Matthew Baumann JD '07 was the lucky raffle winner of Celtics tickets at the Young Alumni Holiday Party, held at the Rattlesnake Bar and Grill in Boston in December.

## Queer Law Alliance Hosts Reception

The Suffolk Law Queer Law Alliance hosted its first annual networking reception for students and alumni in January at Sister Sorel in Boston.



Philip Andrews JD '09 and Brian Gnadtt JD '07

## New Hampshire Chapter Annual Dinner

The New Hampshire Alumni Chapter hosted its annual dinner in January. Chapter president Jennifer Parent JD '95 (center) gave Loan Assistance Awards to (left to right) Daniel Tencza JD '07, Christine Lavallee JD '01, Christine Elston JD '08, and Anthony Naro JD '08.



## Washington, D.C., Chapter Reception for Accepted Students

Alumni from the D.C. Alumni Chapter mingled with prospective law students at the law offices of Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP in March.



Left to right: Parvathi Kpta, Andrea Geiger JD '00, and Caitlin Holt

## Atlanta Chapter Meets with Dean Aman

Alumni from the Atlanta region gathered for dinner with Dean Alfred Aman at Maggiano's Restaurant.



Left to right: Associate Dean John Deliso JD '72, Sandra Clodomir JD '97, Dean Alfred Aman, and Ilene Gormly JD '78

## National Women Law Students' Association Reception

Multiple generations of Suffolk Law alumnae and students came together in March for an evening of celebration, connection, and community to honor Suffolk Law's alumnae judges.



Left to right: Kelly Doherty JD '06, Amie Tracia Geary JD '08, Jenna Marshall JD '09, the Honorable Bonnie MacLeod Mancuso JD '72, Carlotta Patten JD '98, and Barbara O'Toole JD '07

## Journal of High Technology Law Award Reception

In March, the Suffolk Law *Journal of High Technology Law* hosted alumni and students for an evening of networking and celebration as they presented Mark Solomon JD '97 with the first annual Alumni Award for Excellence in IP Law.



Left to right: Amy Solomon, Leonard Solomon, Mark Solomon JD '97, Barbara Solomon, and Gary Solomon JD '97

## Boston Law Firm Hosts Business Law Reception

Prince Lobel Glovsky & Tye LLP partners Patricia Annino JD '81, Robert Maloney JD '86, and Craig Browne JD '78 spoke at a student/alumni reception for the Business Law Students Association, hosted by the law firm in March.



Left to right: Craig Browne JD '78, Robert Maloney JD '86, Suffolk University Provost Barry Brown, Patricia Annino, and Walter Prince

## Suffolk Law Alumni Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar

Forty-eight Suffolk University Law School alumni recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to be sworn in to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

On April 6, the alumni appeared before the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court during the court's Monday morning session. Dean Alfred Aman presented the motion to admit the Suffolk Law alumni to the Supreme Court Bar. The motion was allowed, and the 48 Suffolk Law alumni took an oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution. All are now admitted to practice and argue cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The two-day program began on April 5 with a welcome reception at the Hyatt Regency Washington. Many members of the local alumni chapter joined in the festivities. An early-morning breakfast for participants and their families preceded the walk through Capitol Hill to the court. A celebratory luncheon honoring the new members of the bar and their families took place on the 11th floor of the Hyatt, overlooking the Capitol building.

The following alumni were admitted to practice before the nation's highest court:

John Anthony Acampora JD '69	Haroula Kesaris JD '98
Roger Ally JD '99	Rachael Lea Leventhal JD '04
Karen W. Ames JD '93	Lauren Candace MacDonald JD '02
James Henry Bartolomei III JD '05	Joshua David Mansfield JD '05
Hodges Brown, Jr. JD '02	Jessica A. Massey JD '03
Raymond J. Cannon, Jr. JD '75	Virginia McCarthy JD '84
Michael Robert Connors JD '02	Loretta M. McClary JD '05
Claire McLaughlin Cronin JD '85	Patricia E. McKee JD '02
John C. DeSimone JD '87	Samantha R. Meckler JD '99
Amie DiGiampaolo JD '04	Paul E. Mitchell JD '87
Peter Dini JD '03	Rachel Elizabeth (Schloth) Moynihan JD '05
Nancy Farias JD '02	Richard Moynihan JD '05
Carol-Ann Tardanico Fraser JD '89	Eileen M. Murphy JD '91
John Charles Fraser JD '89	Michelle Rosana Nadaban JD '01
Suzanne M. Gorman JD '05	Michael A. Poulos JD '94
Mary Ellen Grover JD '94	Donna Quinn JD '88
Garrett Harris JD '86	Peter J. Radulski JD '98
Bobby Hazelton JD '02	Stephen A. Roach JD '83
Keith Hirschorn JD '01	Jonathan Marc Slawsby JD '04
Carol J. Holahan JD '88	Lucy K. Snyder JD '03
Bryan W. Hudson JD '05	Nicola Tegoni JD '02
Nancy Keating JD '84	Qadir A. Wahid JD '02
Sheila Creaton Kelly JD '00	Patricia Sarah Wicks JD '94
Andrew M. Kennedy JD '02	Onyen Yong JD '93



Andrew Turley

## Boston Chapter Alumni Speaker Series

In November, the Boston Alumni Chapter welcomed Brigadier General F. Andrew Turley JD '84 (above) as their as their guest speaker. Turley described his journey from Suffolk Law to his position as acting general counsel in the Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, under President Bush.

# ClassNOTES

1964 |

**Gary L. Fialky**, chairman of the corporate department at Bacon Wilson PC in Springfield, Massachusetts, was recently named a New England Super Lawyer.

1969 |

**Bennett Gallo** was recently appointed an associate justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

**James Hilliard** was the first recipient of the President's Award from the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society.

**Stephen B. Monsein** of Bacon Wilson PC in Springfield, Massachusetts, was recently named a New England Super Lawyer.

**Vincent F. Sabatini** was honored at the 225th anniversary celebration of the Hartford County (Connecticut) Bar Association for his service as past president.

1970 |

**Joseph Keough** recently retired as Rhode Island Superior Court magistrate.

1972 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Richard Weiss**  
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1973 |

**Michael F. Edgerton** LLM '77 was appointed chief justice of the Massachusetts Juvenile Court Department.

**Paul H. Granger** was appointed vice president and general counsel at

Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Robert S. Heppe Jr.** joined the firm of Haddleton & Associates PC in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

**Francis R. Mirkin** of Bacon Wilson PC in Springfield, Massachusetts, was recently named a New England Super Lawyer.

1974 |

**John L. Bonee III** and **James J. Szerejko** were honored at the 225th anniversary celebration of the Hartford County (Connecticut) Bar Association for their service as past presidents.

1975 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Richard Cuffe**  
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**John Dugan**, a partner at the Franklin, Massachusetts, law firm of Doherty, Ciechanowski, Dugan & Cannon PC, was named chair of the Probate Law Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

**Andrew Palmer** opened Palmer Lugo & Olea PA in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**William Simmons** is retiring as superintendent of schools in Easton, Massachusetts, after a 32-year career with the town's school system.

**Richard T. Tucker** was named a Massachusetts Superior Court justice.

**Kenneth Vacovec** was appointed chairman of the board of trustees of the Crossroads Community Foundation,

a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of family life in the communities west of Boston.

**Steven L. Wollman**, a partner at Davids & Wollman in Swampscott, Massachusetts, was named chair of the Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

1976 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Virginia Bonesteel**  
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1977 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Robert Turner**  
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**Nicholas W. O'Keefe** was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2009* in the area of banking law.

**Daniel A. Procaccini**, associate justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the University of Rhode Island in October.

**Robert K. Sheridan**, president and chief executive officer of the Woburn-based Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts, received the 2009 Rose Pessin Memorial Award from The Arc of Greater Boston, a nonprofit organization serving children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

1978 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

**Daniel Russo**  
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**Nancy Tierney**  
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**Larry Wheatley**  
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**Paul Evans**, former commissioner of the Boston Police Department, was appointed counsel for the Boston office of GardaWorld, an international security consulting and investigations firm.

1979 |

**Michael Donnelly**, assistant professor of criminal justice and director of the master in public administration program at Anna Maria College in Worcester, Massachusetts, was named co-chair of the Juvenile and Child Welfare Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

**Steve Kramer** is practicing law in Wellesley, Massachusetts. He can be contacted at sekramer88@aol.com.

1980 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Edwin Wallace**  
Phone: 617.729.4941

**Frank J. Bailey** was named a judge in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts.

**Thomas B. Farrey III**, managing partner at Burns & Farrey, was included in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**Mary Ann Sahagian**, first justice of the Essex Probate and Family Court, was appointed to the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct for a six-year term.

### 1981 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENT

##### Sheila Tracey

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**Kevan J. Cunningham**, presiding justice of the Taunton District Court, received the St. Thomas More Award for dedicated service from the diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts.

**Patricia A. Day** was appointed the first vice president of human resources for the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania.

**Thomas R. Gerarde** and **Philip T. Newbury Jr.** of Howd & Ludorf LLC were both named 2009 Connecticut Super Lawyers.

### 1982 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENT

##### Edward L. Wallack

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**Marsha V. Kazarosian** was elected vice president of the Massachusetts Bar Association for 2008–2009.

**Mark G. Patrick** was recently named president of CMEA The Employers Association in Worcester, Massachusetts.

### 1983 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENT

##### Philip Mulvey III

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**Joseph R. Fleming** was named co-chairman of the Investment Companies & Advisers Committee of the Business Law Section of the Boston Bar Association.

### 1984 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENT

##### Mario Iglesias

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**Melanie O'Brien** was appointed to Connecticut's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women.

### 1985 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENT

##### Michael Callahan

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**Mary T. Feeney**, a partner at Bowditch & Dewey LLP in Framingham, Massachusetts, was named co-chair of the Public Law Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

**Karen Michaud Moran** was elected to the board of trustees of Lincoln Academy in Newcastle, Maine.

**Frank J. Riccio** of Braintree, Massachusetts, was named co-chair of the Health Law Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

**David S. Rubin** joined Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP in Boston as a partner in the labor, employment, and benefits practice.

**Carolyn Sullivan** recently opened New Chapter Coaching in Columbia, Missouri.

**Wendy Wolf**, coordinator of the Juvenile Defense Network of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, was named

co-chair of the Juvenile and Child Welfare Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

### 1986 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

##### Mark Barnett

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##### Doug Sears

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##### Joe Wadland

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**Eric J. Parker** was elected president of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Massachusetts chapter. He is a managing partner at Parker Scheer LLP, a civil practice law firm with offices in Boston, Providence, and Las Vegas.

**Kevin P. Walsh** of Williams, Walsh & O'Connor LLC was named a 2009 Connecticut Super Lawyer.

**Paul E. White**, a partner at Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen PC in Boston, was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation.

### 1987 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

##### Mark Darling

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##### Michael F. Walsh

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**James J. Eccleston** of Shaheen, Novoselsky, Staat, Filipowski & Eccleston PC in Chicago, Illinois, was named a 2009 Illinois Super Lawyer.

### 1988 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENT

##### Karen Lynch Bernard

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**Richard Alpert** joined Cohn & Dussi LLC in Woburn, Massachusetts, as of counsel and co-heads the firm's personal injury and estate planning departments.

**Ron Bergamini** is chief executive officer of Action Carting Environmental Services, a waste management service based in Newark, New Jersey.

**Lewis Cohn** has relocated his law firm, Cohn & Dussi LLC, to the Trade Center Building in Woburn, Massachusetts. He also recently opened Cohn Dussi & Bilodeau LLC in Warwick, Rhode Island.

**Kathryn O'Leary** was appointed chair of the Massachusetts Clients' Security Board of the Supreme Judicial Court.

**Stephen J. Prunier** was elected second vice president and counsel of the board of directors of Berkshire Life Insurance Company of America in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

### 1989 |

#### CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

##### Meaghan Barrett

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##### Chad Kindregan III

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##### Laila Maalouf

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##### Timothy McCrystal

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**Roberta Feather** was named a Partner in Philanthropy by Butler Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island.

## ALUMNI PROFILE | MAUREEN MCKENNA GOLDBERG

## Engendering Equality

JUST OUTSIDE THE JUDGE'S CHAMBERS at the Rhode Island Supreme Court, portraits of past chief justices line the hallway. The pictures date all the way back to 1751 when the position was first occupied by Stephen Hopkins, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

"Two hundred and fifty-eight years, and they are all men," says Acting Chief Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg JD '78 as she leads a visitor through the building. But as the first woman to fill the Rhode Island chief justice seat on even an interim basis, Goldberg has already diversified those ranks.



Goldberg is no stranger to firsts. She is one of only three women to serve on the Supreme Court bench in the entire history of the state (Victoria Lederberg JD '76 was another). She was also a member of the first graduating class at Providence College to include women. And earlier this year, she swore in Teresa Paiva-Weed as the first female president of the state Senate.

Although she is profoundly aware of her historic position, Goldberg does not see herself as a crusader.

"I don't remember ever being at a disadvantage because of my gender," she says. "The legal profession was one of the first to open up access to women because it is, after all, the legal profession."

But Goldberg is also aware of the inequities that still exist in her field. She notes that while the number of women in the law is now roughly equal to the number of men, the numbers don't always translate to the highest legal ranks.

"The judiciary in this state has not kept pace with these changes," she says. When asked why, she states with a slight grin, "The boys like to appoint boys."

After graduating from Providence College, Goldberg taught elementary school in Providence's inner city schools for two years before pursuing her lifelong dream of becoming a lawyer. Her time at Suffolk Law, she says, helped steer her towards a career in prosecution.

"During school, I learned that I had an aptitude for evidence," she says. "I liked it because the rules are based on reason, and if you understand the reason for the rules, you can appreciate the rule and its application."

Upon graduation, Goldberg returned to Rhode Island and spent five years as a prosecutor, rising to lead the criminal division before she left to enter private practice. In 1990 Governor Edward DePrete appointed her to the Superior Court bench, and seven years later Governor Lincoln Almond appointed her to the state Supreme Court.

Goldberg believes the ultimate responsibility of the next chief justice will be to maintain public confidence in the legal system.

"This is a very unsettling time, and people look to the courts as a refuge for justice and fairness," she says.

But if Goldberg is eventually appointed to assume her position on a permanent basis (at press time, the selection process was still ongoing), one thing is assured: that wall of fame will be graced with its first female portrait.

—Bill Ibelle

**John P. Noyes** joined Adorno & Yoss LLP of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as a partner.

**George M. Thompson Jr.** of Westborough, Massachusetts, was named co-chair of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Health Law Section.

## 1990 |

## CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Joel R. Davidson**

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**Alan J. Klevan**, managing partner at Klevan & Klevan LLP in Wellesley, Massachusetts, was appointed co-chair of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Law Practice Management Section.

**Anthony J. Natale** was honored at the 225th anniversary celebration of the Hartford County (Connecticut) Bar Association for his service as past president.

**Ernest Pelletier Jr.** opened Friendly Neighborhood Comics on Mechanic Street in Bellingham, Massachusetts.

## 1991 |

## CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Gary Merken**

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**Robert A. D'Amico II** was recently named a Rhode Island Lawyer of the Year.

**Veronica J. Fenton** of Lenox, Massachusetts, was named co-chair of the Family Law Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

## 1992 |

## CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Jeff Padwa**

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## ALUMNI PROFILE | RICHARD BURKE

## No Place Like Home

WHEN RICHARD BURKE JD '97 was a judge advocate in the Marine Corps, he lived for the excitement of trials. Now the director of the plans division in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Operations Coordination, Burke is getting job satisfaction in a decidedly different manner: leading the development of national contingency plans for potential terrorist attacks and natural disasters.

"We've built an operational planning system in DHS that is now being utilized by all of the departments and agencies in the federal family," says Burke. "It's essentially been a government start-up effort, which has made it simultaneously challenging and rewarding."

After graduating from Colgate University in 1992, Burke held several jobs, including a yearlong stint as a professional football player in Europe. After suffering a serious knee injury, he came to Suffolk Law, where as a student he participated in the Voluntary Prosecutor Program and the *Suffolk Transnational Law Review*. He also continued a family tradition by joining the Marine Corps in his first semester.

"I come from a family where public service and military service are held in high regard," he says. "Being a Marine was an experience I didn't want to miss out on." While at Suffolk Law, Burke also met his future wife, Jacqueline Bussière Burke JD '97, who worked in private practice and as an assistant U.S. attorney in New Hampshire and Washington, D.C., before launching a successful jewelry design business, jbb jewels. Today they have four children ranging from 7 years to 4 months.

Burke loved his first job after law school: Marine Corps JAG. "I was in court trying cases all the time and traveled extensively," he says. The realization that a pending promotion meant ascending to a management position and less trial work spurred his next move. He left the Pentagon on September 1, 2001, and took a job in Boston as a litigator with Cooley Manion Jones LLP.

Ten days later, his plans changed.

"I really enjoyed working at Cooley Manion Jones and was fortunate to work with great people, but 9/11 changed the long-term direction I wanted to go in," says Burke. "The country was awakened to the impact of global terrorism, and I wanted to contribute to fighting it."

Burke initially joined a Marine reserve unit as a lo-



Richard Burke (right) stands with former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff.

gistics officer and was later recalled to active duty for one year and deployed to the Philippines. After returning home, he worked at Cooley Manion Jones again for a short time before accepting a position coordinating the production of the report *The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned*, DHS's after-action assessment of the federal response to the storm. He's been with DHS ever since.

Burke often jokingly refers to himself as a "recovering lawyer," but in more serious moments extols the far-ranging skills afforded him by his alma mater and former legal career. "I never imagined I wouldn't be practicing law," says Burke, "but not a day goes by that I don't rely on many of the advocacy and trial practice skills I honed at Suffolk Law and as an attorney. Now my client isn't a plaintiff or a defendant, it's my country and the Department of Homeland Security." —Dan Tobin

**Patrick C. Lynch**, attorney general of Rhode Island, was honored by Women's eNews at the group's 21 Leaders for the 21st Century annual event in May 2008.

**Patricia Keane Martin** was named a partner in the estate planning practice group of Bowditch & Dewey LLP of Worcester, Framingham, and Boston.

**Maureen Pomeroy** joined the Salem, New Hampshire, firm of Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward & Loughman PLLC.

**Anastasios Savvaides** was named a partner at Tooher Wocl & Leydon LLC in Stamford, Connecticut.

## 1993 |

**Sean J. Cleary** was elected president of the Hampshire County (Massachusetts) Bar Association.

**Neil K. Sherring** was named to the General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

**Jill E. Sugarman** was named an associate at McLaughlin & Quinn LLC in Providence and Boston.

## 1994 |

## CLASS CORRESPONDENT

**Judy Crowley**

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**Sheila Renner Grace** has joined the Lebanon, New Hampshire, office of Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC in the firm's public utilities group.

**Marybeth McInnis** was appointed to the board of trustees of Merrimack College in Andover, Massachusetts.

**Timothy W. Mungovan**, a partner at the international law firm of Nixon Peabody

LLP, was named to head the firm's financial services and securities litigation practice group.

1995 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

**Gary Murad**

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**Holly L. Cini** was appointed a partner at Jackson Lewis LLP in Hartford, Connecticut.

1996 |

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**Douglas J. Wenners**, president and general manager of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in New Hampshire, was appointed to the board of directors of the Greater Manchester YMCA.

1997 |

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**Jessica A. Graf** joined the Boston office of Greenberg Traurig LLP as a shareholder in the environmental, energy, and project finance practice groups.

1998 |

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**Mary Ellen Manganelli** was promoted to counsel in the firm of Bulkeley, Richardson & Gelinas LLP in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Frank O'Donnell** MPA '98 was promoted to assistant vice president in the mission integration business unit of Science Applications International Corporation in San Diego, California.

1999 |

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**Stephani Hildebrandt** was promoted to of counsel in the Washington, D.C., office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP.

**Daniel Maranci** joined the Boston office of Verrill Dana LLP as counsel in the firm's immigration and global migration group.

**Mark C. Rogers** was named co-chair of the Communications Committee of the Health Law Section of the Boston Bar Association. He is an associate at The Rogers Law Firm in Boston and co-editor of *The Boston Health Law Reporter*.

**Michael Zabowsky** was elected a partner at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP in Boston.

2001 |

CLASS CORRESPONDENTS

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**Konstantinos Andrikopoulos** was named vice president, legal counsel,

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Charles Griffin JD '32  
Francis X. Martin JD '40  
Donald J. Scott JD '41  
August M. Stiriti JD '49  
Robert Murphy JD '50  
Robert J. Wilkinson JD '50  
Frank J. Drummond JD '51  
Francis J. Joyce JD '52  
Frederick W. Kawam JD '53  
James H. Burns JD '54

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John Evans JD '58  
Charles S. Roffman '56, JD '58  
Francis A. Coughlin JD '61  
Emile E. Morad JD '63  
Robert E. Larkin JD '64  
Arnold J. Lovering JD '64  
Joseph F. Hurley JD '66  
William A. Brown JD '69

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M. Joseph Barrett JD '74  
Bayard W. Heath JD '75  
Philip A. Tupper JD '75  
Paul D. Swirbalus JD '76  
Ralph A. Connolly JD '78  
Grantley A. Michell JD '78  
Patrick M. Butler JD '79  
James C. Spanos Jr. JD '90



## OBITUARY | LAWRENCE O'DONNELL

**L**LAWRENCE F. O'DONNELL JD '50, a longtime Boston-area defense attorney, died February 18, 2009, of complications from an infection. He was 87.

After graduating from Jamaica Plain (Massachusetts) High School, O'Donnell joined the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Discharged as a sergeant in 1945, he became an officer with the Boston Police Department and later with the Capitol Police at the Massachusetts State House. It was his time spent in courtrooms, he later said, that inspired him to attend Suffolk Law in the evening.

His most celebrated case involved the shooting of James Bowden, a 25-year-old black man killed by two white Boston police officers during a robbery investigation in 1975. Even though internal police investigations exonerated the officers, O'Donnell represented Bowden's widow in a wrongful death lawsuit and twice prevailed, the second time after the first verdict was appealed.

In 1989, he won the first personal injury verdict in the nation in which damages were assessed on a defendant outside of the medical community and awarded to a plaintiff with AIDS.

In an examination of the Bowden case, published in 1978, the *Boston Globe* wrote that O'Donnell "has been called 'an indefatigable defender of the oppressed' and 'a good, tough, brawling lawyer.'"

In March he was posthumously awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award, the second time he received the honor.

He practiced law with his three sons and his daughter and kept an office in Quincy.

O'Donnell is survived by his sons, Lawrence Jr., Michael, Kevin, and William; his daughter, Mary; his former wife, Frances; his sister, Patricia; and nine grandchildren.



**Bret J. Francis** became an associate with Harnish, Jenney, Mitchell & Resh LLP in Waltham, Massachusetts.

**Sean R. Higgins** joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Boston as an associate.

**Nicole R. McCain** joined Beisel & Dunlevy PA in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as an associate.

**Julio A. Negron**, a major in the U.S. Air Force, deployed to Southwest Asia at a forward operating base assigned to a unit within the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing.

**Nakisha L. Skinner** was named general counsel for the Boston Public Health Commission.

## 2004 |

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## Our First Unisex President

BY PROFESSOR FRANK RUDY COOPER

PEOPLE OFTEN TALK ABOUT the significance of Barack Obama's status as our first African American president. During the 2008 Democratic presidential primaries and the general election, however, there was another discourse in the media, one concerned with Obama's femininity. Journalist Carol Marin expressed that point of view in an editorial in the *Chicago Sun-Times*:

If Bill Clinton was once considered America's first black president, Obama may one day be viewed as our first woman president.

I would argue that Obama was more feminine than most mainstream presidential candidates precisely because he is both black and male—an argument I base on my theory of the bipolarity of media representations of black men.

My theory of the bipolarity of black masculinity says that the media tend to portray black men as either the threatening Bad Black Man or the

assimilated Good Black Man. Obama, an almost preternaturally calm politician who favors negotiation over imposition, clearly falls into the latter category. In his autobiography, *Dreams from My Father*, Obama suggests that he learned to be calm in order to assimilate. Obama's calmness has roots in the general need of black men to avoid confrontation and conflict in order to achieve mainstream success. Black men are often warned to be non-threatening, for instance, in order to avoid police brutality, which is disproportionately visited upon young black males. Similarly, they are urged to adopt a patient and cooperative demeanor in the workplace in order to put others at ease.

Yet these same qualities—calmness, inclusiveness—are ones often perceived to be feminine traits: women are more often seen as nurturers than bullies. Thus Obama's desire to avoid the Bad Black Man stereotype during the 2008 election is

precisely what earned him his nominal status as the first female president.

Obama's feminization strategy was potentially dangerous, however, since femininity is still a slur in our male-dominated culture. In fact, during the primaries, Hillary Clinton went out of her way to appear tough and hawkish, apparently in a bid to downplay her own femininity. Obama's calmness and inclusiveness led some to worry that he was not tough enough to be president. The title of one editorial captures the spirit of this criticism: "Where's His Right Hook? Barack Obama Seems Refreshingly Decent. Can He Survive Hardball Politics?" (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, March 5, 2007).

Obama resolved that dilemma by being masculine enough to pass the commander-in-chief test yet feminine enough to make people comfortable with his blackness. He gave a tough-guy acceptance speech at the Democratic convention in Denver, yet was comfortable playing feminist folk songs at his rallies. He sharply criticized absentee fathers during a Father's Day speech, yet openly expressed affection towards his wife and children while on the campaign trail. The appropriate term for such a variously inflected style is "unisex." Accordingly, I argue that Obama was not our first female presidential candidate, but our first unisex presidential candidate—and is now our first unisex president.

What are the implications of Obama's unisex style? In light of his election, many people's dominant understanding of black maleness will be of calmness rather than anger. For black men, therefore, Obama stands as a redemptive figure; this is the racial payoff of Obama's success. The gender payoff is that it could remove some of the stigma from femininity. As a result, Obama's example may allow both men and women greater movement along the gender continuum.

I never imagined I would live to see our country elect a black president—and I am not especially old. Nor did I ever expect to see anything but a macho man (or woman) win the presidency. In a small but fundamental way, Obama's refusal to assume a hyper-masculine style challenges our assumptions of both race and gender. If the president can be both black and unisex, maybe we are all freer to embrace our identities as we see fit. ☪

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Suffolk Law Professor Frank Rudy Cooper writes on both popular culture and criminal procedure from the perspectives of critical race theory and masculinity studies.

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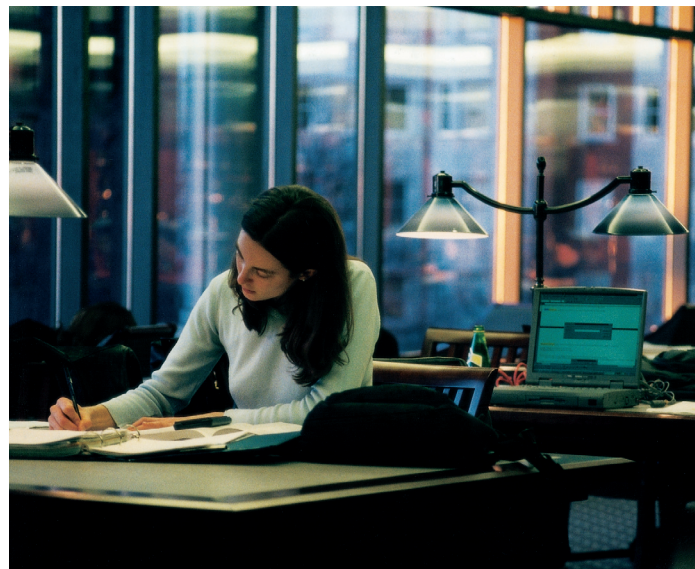
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