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FROM THE DEAN



Where were you when the moon passed between the sun and the earth in August to treat us to the solar eclipse? I was just outside the Law School's main entrance with my students and colleagues, gazing up (with glasses) at nature's wonder.

It was nice to share the event with some of the 253 1Ls in our J.D. program. A diverse group hailing from across the country and around the world, they range in age from 20 to 46, represent over 125 colleges and universities and 50 undergraduate majors, and bring a wealth of professional and life experience to their legal studies.

Joining them are 53 new LL.M. students, most of whom already have a law degree from their home countries of Canada, China, France, Ghana, Iran, Italy, Korea, Macedonia, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, and the United States.

Our newest students are now part of a close knit St. John's Law family that includes the talented alumni featured in the cover story of this edition of St. John's Law, who play leading roles in the entertainment industry (pp. 16–21).

Other stories spotlight alumni who are making their mark as business leaders, advisors, and educators (pp. 6, 22, 23, 24), and who are making a difference by carrying on the legacy of St. Vincent, advocating for refugee woman and children in crisis (p. 12).

You'll also meet our new deans (pp. 4, 5) who are enhancing the Law School's leadership, and you'll learn about our new Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy (p. 14), which offers a home base for PTAI and the Moot Court Honor Society, as well as for courses and programs in appellate and trial advocacy.

As you read about the activities and achievements of our outstanding students (p. 3), faculty (pp. 8, 10), and alumni (pp. 24–28), I hope you'll feel great pride in *alma mater* and in the exceptional legal education you received here.

The individual and collective pride of our loyal alumni community is evident in the pages of an expanded Report of Gifts (p. 31), which shares the strides you're helping St. John's Law make as generous donors.

I'm very grateful for your support, and I look forward to welcoming you back to campus or seeing you in my travels soon.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike".

Michael A. Simons
Dean and John V. Brennan
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ASHANA NANDRAM '18 WINS PRESTIGIOUS NYIPLA DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP



Ashana Nandram was 18 years old when she moved from the small South American country of Guyana to the United States in search of a better life.

Joining her parents in Queens—New York City’s most diverse borough and home to St. John’s Law—Nandram, the youngest of six children, became the first in her family to attend college. She earned a B.A. and M.A. in Chemistry from Queens College, and went on to teach as an adjunct instructor and to work full time at SUNY Maritime College.

Nandram enrolled in the evening program at St. John’s Law in 2014. And, recently, Dean Michael A. Simons presented her with the New York Intellectual Property Law Association’s (NYIPLA) Hon. Giles S. Rich Diversity Scholarship.

Each year, the NYIPLA selects one law school to receive this \$10,000 scholarship. The law school then awards it to one student on the IP faculty’s recommendation and based on the following criteria:

- ▶ Expressed interest in pursuing a career in intellectual property law
- ▶ Status as a minority student who represents a group that has been traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession
- ▶ Academic eligibility adhering to the law school’s standard internal merit-based scholarship requirements

This marks the fourth consecutive year that a St. John’s Law student has won the award, and Nandram is thrilled to be the 2017 recipient.

“My path to law school began when a work colleague told me about Patent Law,” she says. “I did some research and I realized that it would be interesting to merge my science background with a law degree.”

St. John’s Law was a natural choice, Nandram shares, given the flexible schedule the evening program affords and the school’s close proximity to work and home. “I taught in the Chemistry Department at St. John’s University, so it was also very nice to return to campus as a student,” she adds.

As she pursues a career as a patent attorney, Nandram has enjoyed her Introduction to Intellectual Property and Copyright Law courses with Professor Eva E. Subotnik, and she looks forward to taking Patent Law in the spring.

“Science, technology, and medicine are at the forefront of our society,” Nandram says. “I believe that, for our society to progressively evolve, we need people who are willing to experiment, create, and discover in the name of the greater good. I hope to use my science background and my law degree to defend and protect individuals who want to make those meaningful contributions.”

Q&A

with Associate
Academic Dean
Michael Perino



Michael Perino, St. John's Dean George W. Matheson Professor of Law, is at the start of a two-year tenure as the Law School's associate academic dean. Here, he talks with Assistant Dean for Marketing and Communications Trent Anderson about taking on this leadership role while continuing to teach and to produce notable scholarship.

TA: Your teaching, research, and writing have always kept you very busy. What compelled you to add on a demanding deanship?

MP: The usual—guilt and flattery. The truth is that Dean Simons and I both started at St. John's in 1998, and I consider him not only a good friend, but one of the best deans in the country. He has done an amazing job leading St. John's Law through one of the most challenging periods in legal education.

When he asked me earlier this year to help, I couldn't say no. After all, St. John's has been my academic home for nearly 20 years. It's done so much for me, so it was time for me to step up and do something more for it.

TA: What has been the biggest challenge of your new leadership role so far?

MP: As a faculty member, it's easy to remain blissfully ignorant about all the work it takes to keep the Law School running smoothly. In my first few months on the job, I've been exposed to so much that I never really appreciated before. Our administrative staff is unsung, but it does a tremendous job. As with any administrative position, the challenge is not to get so caught up in the day-to-day minutiae that you fail to save enough time to think about the bigger issues facing the institution you're helping to lead.

TA: What courses are you teaching at the Law School this year?

MP: This fall I'm teaching Business Organizations. It remains one of our most important upper-level courses and it's crucial to the success our students continue to have on the bar exam. In the spring, I'll be teaching one of my favorite courses—Securities Regulation. Over the years, my former students have told me time and again that it was the single most useful class they took. They've also told me that it was one of the toughest. I love the intellectual challenge the course entails. It's enormously satisfying as a teacher to lead students through hard material and to see them master it.

TA: What is your current research and writing about?

MP: I'm working on a number of projects involving insider trading. One that's nearly complete looks at how attitudes regarding the propriety of insider trading

began to change in the early part of the 20th century, decades earlier than legal academics had previously believed. Most people accepted the conventional wisdom that, before the SEC decided to bring insider trading enforcement actions, insider trading was considered an unobjectionable and natural feature of securities markets. My research shows that that was not the case.

TA: What makes St. John's Law special for you?

MP: The students. I've taught at a number of different law schools, and St. John's students are as good as, or better than, any other students I've encountered. And when they graduate, our students continue to give back. I've never seen a more loyal group of alumni anywhere.

TA: What are your primary goals as associate academic dean?

MP: My predecessors, Professors Marc DeGirolami, Larry Cunningham, and Peggy Turano, all did a great job strengthening our academic program, and I look forward to building on their successes. One important area of focus is our part-time program. Part-time legal education has been at the core of St. John's mission since its founding. I'm currently studying our part-time program and those at other law schools to gauge how we can best maintain a top flight and economically secure program well into the future. I also want to make sure that our students gain the knowledge and skills they need to compete in today's legal marketplace. To my mind, that comes from rigorous, doctrinal courses taught by our full-time faculty, experiential and skills-based offerings from our clinical and legal writing professors, and more specialized classes with our rich pool of adjuncts. All together it's a challenging curriculum that enables our students to succeed in the profession from the start.

Law School Welcomes Assistant Dean for Admissions and Recruitment

ALICIA BROOKS MEEHAN



auspices, we've made significant progress in transforming our admissions operation from one concentrated on screening—reviewing and acting on files—to one focused just as much on recruitment, marketing, and fostering a robust prospect-to-matriculant pipeline,” says Dean Michael A. Simons. “With applications up almost 30 percent, we’re making good progress.”

In the coming months, Hallet, Dean Meehan, and their entire admissions team will implement important changes in the Law School’s admissions and recruitment approach. “Our 2018 application launches in September, and we are gearing up to recruit another strong entering class,” Dean Meehan says.

For next steps, Dean Meehan and her colleagues are working on two new early decision programs for applicants who consider St. John’s Law their first choice. Planned changes to the Law School’s full-tuition St. Thomas More Scholarship will make the opportunity even more appealing to top applicants, and there will be a renewed focus on promoting the existing Intellectual Property Honors Program and International Honors Program. With the formal launch of the Law School’s Mattone Family Institute for Real Estate Law this fall, there are plans to start an affiliated honors program.

“Alicia is a great addition to our admissions team.” Dean Simons says. “She comes with high-level experience at a top 30 school that has one of the largest applicant pools in the country. She also has extensive experience in the highly competitive New York City market. We’re delighted to welcome her to the St. John’s Law family.”

Twin goals of academic excellence and student success anchor the Law School’s bold, five-year strategic plan. These goals are being met, in key part, with the hiring of seasoned professionals into key executive leadership positions.

In March, Alicia Meehan joined St. John’s Law as assistant dean for admissions and recruitment.

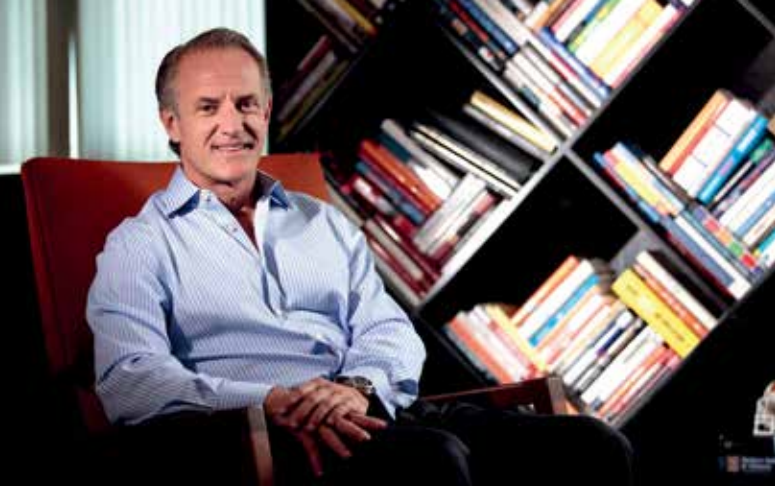
She comes to the Law School from Boston University School of Law, where she was director of J.D. admissions. Prior to that, she spent six years in the admissions office at Brooklyn Law School.

Dean Meehan received her J.D. *cum laude* from Brooklyn Law School and her B.S. in

Human and Organizational Development and Art History *magna cum laude* from Vanderbilt University. After college, she taught in Mississippi through Teach for America. And, between law school and the start of her admissions career, she was an attorney for the New York City Housing Authority.

With Dean Meehan’s arrival, Theresa Hallet has been promoted to senior director of admissions. Over her 14 years in the Office of Admissions, Hallet has risen from assistant director to associate director, to director, as her responsibilities have steadily grown. She brings a deep understanding of the law school marketplace and admissions process to her work at St. John’s.

“Our Task Force on Recruitment and Admissions launched last year and, under its



J. RICKY ARRIOLA '93 ON LEADERSHIP

If social media is a window to a company's soul, it offers a wonderfully clear view of Inktel Holdings Corporation, a leading business process outsourcer that specializes in creating personalized call center solutions.

In a recent post, Inktel employees smile broadly for a group photo while "putting in work on the weekend" to support a local hunger relief organization. Scrolling down the timeline, article after article on the customer experience evinces a corporate culture that values learning and knowledge sharing. Other posts congratulate Inktel's "Employee of the Month" and spotlight the company's free, on-site health screenings and fitness classes.

Strongly present is Inktel's founder and CEO, Ricky Arriola. He's there posting a heartfelt Father's Day message personalized with a photo of him holding his infant son. And that's him donning an iconic Tony Manero white suit at the *Saturday Night Fever*-themed Strive Awards, which are presented each quarter to outstanding team members who embody the company's values.

All of these words and images depict an approach to leadership that Arriola attributes to his father, a successful entrepreneur who taught him early on that, "to build a great company, you have to be employee-centric."

It's wisdom that Arriola carried forward as he earned his J.D. at St. John's, received an M.B.A. from Harvard, and embarked on his career path. Returning to his native Miami, he practiced law and spent some time with a global entertainment company and an internet startup.

As the e-commerce industry grew in the late 1990s, Arriola saw that companies were struggling to adapt their customer service to a new business model. Seizing the opportunity, he launched Inktel in 1997 to provide them with essential call center support.

Today, the company has 1,400 employees throughout South Florida as well as hundreds outside of Florida. With Arriola's management expertise in the areas of strategy, business development, marketing, finance, human resources, technology, and operations, Inktel has earned acclaim as one of the "Best and Brightest Companies to Work For" in the country, one of the "Top Workplaces in Illinois," and the "#1 Company to Work For" in Florida.

"The most successful CEOs know how to develop talent and build teams," Arriola says. "Their companies weather the storms and thrive in good times and bad." He also sees corporate leadership as a continuous learning process. "Stagnation is a death knell," he explains, noting that he makes a habit of studying high performance individuals, companies, and organizations.

To build and maintain Inktel's competitive advantage, Arriola focuses on finding and retaining top talent. "Passion for People is more than just a tagline for us," he says. "It's a company-wide philosophy." Inktel uses an "exhaustive vetting process" called TopGrading, developed by author and industrial psychologist Bradford Smart, to hire and keep only the highest performers. It also offers the Inktel Direct Excellence Academy, or IDEA, an employee development program led by in-house executives and outside experts who teach time management, goal setting, and other professional skills.

Arriola, an avid sportsman and athlete who competes in triathlons and enjoys yoga, boxing, SCUBA, spearfishing, shark diving, bungee jumping, and skydiving, also leads by example in making physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing an integral part of Inktel's culture. In addition to offering voluntary health screenings, he brings nutritionists in several times a year, hosts the internal Inktel Olympics competition, and sponsors employees who participate in 5Ks, walk-a-thons, and other local charity events.

As Inktel has grown and thrived, Arriola has applied his corporate leadership principles to a range of local and national civic roles. He was chairman of the board of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, and President Barack Obama appointed him to the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. He has also volunteered his time on numerous boards and committees, including the Young Presidents Organization, the Pérez Art Museum Miami, and the Orange Bowl Committee.

Coming home to St. John's Law, Arriola was a panelist at a recent CLE program for general counsel and CEOs. Addressing the alumni audience, he shared that his St. John's legal education serves him well. "As a St. John's-trained attorney, I'm very comfortable working with other lawyers, weighing the advice they offer, and adopting it as it best advances my business and civic ventures," he says.

Since 2015, Arriola has served his hometown as commissioner of the City of Miami Beach. "A lot of things we're doing at this local city level are at the cutting edge of civic leadership," he says. "We're at the forefront of civil rights and human rights reform, and we're an innovator in combatting climate change. Miami Beach recently hosted the United States Conference of Mayors, which approved a resolution to urge the federal government to rejoin the Paris climate agreement."

As it is at Inktel, being accessible is a top priority for Arriola and his team in the commissioner's office. "Whether you're a business leader or a community leader, keeping an open door and listening to your customers, to your team members, or to your constituents is key," he says. "Their needs are the bottom line, and taking care of them is the 'secret sauce' of success. Seeing their growth, and by extension, the growth of the entire company or community is my greatest reward."



On Sunday, June 4, 2017, 215 J.D. and 57 LL.M. candidates joined family, friends, faculty, and alumni to celebrate the Law School's commencement exercises.



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2017 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER HON. JANET DIFIORE '81, '17
HON CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND THE STATE OF NEW YORK



TRENDS

CONTRACT

A close-up photograph of a fountain pen with a gold nib and silver accents, resting on a document. The word "CONTRACT" is printed in large, bold, black serif letters across the middle of the page. The background shows faint, repeating text from a contract, such as "This Agreement contain the entire agreement of the parties with respect to" and "All parties shall act to complete the work described within".

Consumers and Class Actions: The Road Ahead

—By Professor Jeff Sovern

Judge Posner has written, “The realistic alternative to a class action is not 17 million individual suits, but zero individual suits, as only a lunatic or a fanatic sues for \$30.”

Recently, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) published a regulation prohibiting the use of class action waivers in arbitration clauses. Research conducted at St. John’s Law contributed to that regulation.

First, some background.

As you may have learned in Civil Procedure (we teach class actions in CivPro now), class actions offer the only sensible way to assert many similar small claims against the same defendant. But businesses don’t like being sued in class actions. So they put up a barrier by inserting arbitration clauses in consumer contracts stating that consumers can’t join or lead class actions.

The recent Wells Fargo account scandal illustrates the problem.

Starting in the early 2000s, Wells opened millions of consumer accounts without authorization. Wells charged some consumers fees for these unauthorized accounts, damaging their credit reports. When consumers filed a class action, Wells got it dismissed on the ground that the accounts were covered by an arbitration clause enumerating that even the issue of whether the claims were arbitrable was for the arbitrator to decide. (And, as I discuss in a forthcoming article in the *Rutgers Law Review*, the arbitration clause may have exacerbated the problem by enabling Wells to get away with its misconduct for so long and eliminating the deterrence that class actions provide.)

In a typical case, at that point the smaller claims would likely have been dropped. That’s because, when consumers are victimized by businesses in small amounts and their only recourse is arbitration, they usually respond by . . . *doing nothing*.

This is the finding of three separate studies: one by the CFPB; another by Professors Andrea Cann Chandrasekher and David Horton of UC Davis School of Law (for which they received the 2017 Mangano Award from the Law School’s Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution); and a third by the *New York Times*.

Ultimately, the Wells case ended with a consumer victory. Wells drew national attention when regulators fined the company

\$185 million. That led to the introduction of legislation to bar Wells from using its arbitration clauses to block class actions. Wells concluded that it was better off waiving its arbitration clauses and settled the matter for \$142 million.

Putting Wells aside and citing the rules you learned in Contracts, you might say that consumers who freely agree to these kinds of arbitration clauses should be bound by them. But that’s where the St. John’s research comes in.

Professor Elayne Greenberg, Professor Paul Kirgis (now dean at Montana Law) and I, along with Yuxiang Liu, former director of institutional assessment at St. John’s University, wanted to know whether consumers understand what they’re doing when they enter into contracts with arbitration clauses.

As we report in our *Maryland Law Review* article, “Whimsy Little Contracts’ with Unexpected Consequences: An Empirical Analysis of Consumer Understanding of Arbitration Agreements,” consumers not only don’t understand arbitration clauses, but many consider them to be nothing more than “whimsy little contracts” that can’t prevent them from suing in court or banding together in class actions.

In its 2015 study that led to the new rule, the CFPB discussed our article for two pages. It also conducted its own survey, which largely replicated our findings.

Unfortunately, the CFPB regulation is now in jeopardy.

As of this writing, the House of Representatives has voted to block the rule under the Congressional Review Act. If the U.S. Senate and president go along, the regulation will be voided, and consumers will effectively lose their right to sue when financial institutions defraud them in small amounts. That, in turn, will eliminate the deterrence that class actions provide.

And arbitration clauses with class action waivers will continue to undermine consumer protection.



Jeff Sovern teaches Civil Procedure, Consumer Protection, and Introduction to Law at St. John’s. His essays have appeared in the New York Times, USA Today, the Boston Globe, Fortune, Politico, the New York Daily News, and elsewhere. Professor Sovern is also a coordinator of the Consumer Law & Policy Blog sponsored by the Public Citizen Litigation Group.

FACULTY FOCUS

The latest achievements and activities of our outstanding faculty

{ BARRETT }

Professor **John Q. Barrett** lectured recently at the Superior Court of Justice (Ontario) Spring Education Seminar, at the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, CT, and at a Robert H. Jackson Center conference on Immigration, Security, and American Values. A former Iran/Contra investigation associate counsel and U.S. Department of Justice attorney, the media look to Professor Barrett regularly for expert commentary on a range of topics related to Russian efforts to interfere with the 2017 U.S. presidential election. He has been quoted in the *New York Times*, the *Globe & Mail*, the *Economist*, the *Financial Times*, the *Atlantic*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *TIME* and has appeared on CNN, NPR, KPCC Radio, and the Voice of America, among other media appearances and mentions. Professor Barrett's "The Nuremberg Trials: A Summary Introduction," an edited version of a keynote lecture he delivered at a symposium in Krakow, Poland, appears in the 2017 *Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Review*.

{ BOYLE }

Professor **Robin A. Boyle** contributed a chapter on "Human Trafficking and Cults" to *Human Trafficking: Emerging Legal Issues and Applications*, a book co-edited by Nora Cronin '06. Professor Boyle presented on topics of undue persuasion and human trafficking at the Federal Bar Association's New York Diversity Forum, at the Garden City Community Church Sunday Forum, and at the International Cultic Studies Association annual conference in Bordeaux, France. She also participated on the Program Committee for the Empire State Legal Writing Conference.

{ CALABRESE/GOLDWEBER }

Professor **Gina M. Calabrese** and Professor **Ann L. Goldweber** helped to organize the Statewide Law School Access to Justice Conference at St. John's Law. Themed The Role of New York's Law Schools in Helping Meet the Essential Civil Legal Needs of Low-Income New Yorkers, the conference brought together law school clinical professors, legal services providers, not-for-profits, judges, and court administrators to foster collaboration in working towards access to justice for all New Yorkers. Professors Goldweber and Calabrese led a workgroup that explored models of collaboration to expand access to justice between law school clinics and local communities, legal service providers, community organizations, and courts. All of the recommendations of the workgroup will be memorialized in the Annual Report of the Permanent Commission on Access to Justice.

{ CUNNINGHAM }

Vice Dean **Larry Cunningham** presented about assessment in legal education at the ExamSoft Assessment Conference and was on the planning committee for the American Bar Association's 2017 Associate Deans Conference. He also published an op-ed in the *Washington Post* on access-to-justice and was interviewed by NPR, AFP, *People*, and *USA Today* about a variety of high-profile criminal cases.

{ DEGIROLAMI }

Professor **Marc O. DeGirolami** is working on two chapters for books on law and religion to be published by Cambridge University Press. The first, "The Two Separations," discusses the separation of church and state. The second concerns the uses of Christian identity politics and explores the historical controversy involving Article XI of the Treaty of Tripoli.

{ GREENBERG }

Professor **Elayne E. Greenberg** co-presented When Yes Means No: Rethinking Informed Consent to Dispute Resolution Procedures at the 2017 ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The presentation was based, in large part, on her article, "Because 'Yes' Actually Means 'No': A Personalized Prescriptive to Reactualize Informed Consent." The article questions the *status quo* practices of party informed consent to dispute resolution procedures and proposes a more client-centered approach that includes information relevant to each party's personal decision-making approach. Professor Greenberg's innovative work in dispute resolution contributed to *Best Lawyers in America* naming her, once again, one of the Best Lawyers in Mediation and one of three New York Women of Influence in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

{ JOSEPH }

Professor **Lawrence Joseph's** eighth book, *So Where Are We?*, his sixth book of poems, has been published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. His article, "Wallace Stevens and Law," appeared in *Wallace Stevens in Context*, published by Cambridge University Press.

{ KRISHNAKUMAR }

Professor **Anita S. Krishnakumar's** article, "Textualism and Statutory Precedents," has been accepted for publication in the *Virginia Law Review*. The article exposes a little-noticed trend in recent U.S. Supreme Court statutory interpretation cases: The Court's textualist justices—or at least some subset of them—have proved remarkably willing to abandon *stare decisis* and to argue in favor of overruling established statutory interpretation precedents. Professor Krishnakumar also debated Josh Blackman about the Affordable Care Act Litigation at a recent Federalist Society program at St. John's Law, and she presented on a panel at the Northeast People of Color Conference at Brooklyn Law School.

{ MCGUINNESS }

Professor **Peggy McGuinness** presented her research for a paper on "Non-Recognized Entities and Immunities in International Law" as part of an author's conference convened at the Polish Institute of Scientific Research in Warsaw. The completed paper will be published together with other contributors in a volume on *Non-Recognition in International Law*. Professor McGuinness's book chapter, "Treaties, Federalism and the Contested Legacy of *Missouri v. Holland*," was published by Cambridge University Press in the volume titled *Supreme Law of the Land?* She also gave a talk on U.S. Human Rights Policy in the Era of Trump, on a panel addressing contemporary human rights at a joint meeting of the Bar of Ireland and the New York State Bar Association in Dublin.

{ MOVSESIAN }

Professor **Mark L. Movsesian** presented a paper, "The Limits of *Doux Commerce*," at a symposium at the William and Mary Center for the Study of Law and Markets. His paper, a review of Professor Nathan Oman's new book, *The Dignity of Commerce*, will appear in a forthcoming symposium edition of the *William and Mary Business Law Review*. Professor Movsesian participated in a recent conference on Tradition and Traditionalisms Compared at the Fondazione Bruno Kessler in Trento, Italy. Co-sponsored by the Tradition Project at St. John's Center for Law and Religion, the Fondazione, and the Postsecular Conflicts Project at the University of Innsbruck, the conference gathered scholars and commentators to consider the use of tradition in contemporary American and Russian law and politics.

{ SALOMONE }

University World News published Professor **Rosemary Salomone's** commentary, "Linguistic Battle Sparks Revolt Against Globalisation," discussing the Italian Constitutional Court's decision striking down the Polytechnic University of Milan's plan to teach all graduate courses in English. Professor Salomone chaired a panel on educational access and presented a paper on "Global English, Vulnerable Populations, and Educational Access: Lessons from the Courts in Three Countries" at the Symposium on Language, the Sustainable Development Goals, and Vulnerable Populations sponsored by the Study Group on Language and the United Nations, of which she is a member.

{ SOVERN }

"Free-Market Failure: The Wells Fargo Arbitration Clause Example," an article by Professor **Jeff Sovern**, will appear in a *Rutgers Law Review* symposium. Professor Sovern has recently published op-eds in the *New York Times DealBook* and in the *American Banker* and has been quoted by *Politico*, *Bloomberg*, and *Law360*. His latest speaking engagements include the University of California Irvine Law School's Civil Justice Institute, Rutgers Law School, and the New York City Consumer Advocates Task Force.

{ SIMONS }

Dean **Michael A. Simons** spoke at the American Bar Association's 2017 Associate Deans Conference. He gave a presentation on the basics of law school budgeting and finance, and then led a session—along with Vice Dean Larry Cunningham—on making strategic budget decisions in challenging times.

{ SUBOTNIK }

Professor **Eva Subotnik's** article, "Artistic Control After Death" (published in the *Washington Law Review*), was well reviewed in *Jotwell: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*. She was quoted in a *New York Times* article on renowned playwright Edward Albee's will on the basis of her expertise in intellectual property and estates law. Professor Subotnik also presented her work at Stanford, Michigan State University, University of Kentucky, New York University, Chicago-Kent/Loyola University Chicago, and University of Toronto law schools.

{ TODRES }

The *New York State Bar Journal* published Professor **Jerry Todres's** article, "Return to Fundamentals? Tax Malpractice Damages-Recovery of Additional Taxes."

A FOND FAREWELL

At the close of the 2016–2017 academic year, the St. John's Law community wished a fond farewell and Godspeed to three esteemed faculty members: (counter clockwise from top) Vincent C. Alexander, Jane E. Scott, and Andrew J. Simons. They will be missed by the many students and alumni who had the privilege of calling them "Professor."



"I can't emphasize enough the value of working directly with these clients. It's a life-changing experience."

KATHRYN SHEPHERD '09

**FIGHTS FOR WOMEN
AND CHILDREN
SEEKING ASYLUM**

Travel about 80 miles southwest from San Antonio by way of Interstate 35 and you'll get to the small city of Dilley, the self-proclaimed watermelon capital of Texas and the site of the South Texas Family Residential Center (STFRC), the largest family immigrant detention center in the United States.

The facility, one of three family detention centers in the country, houses hundreds of mothers and their minor children, most of whom have made the perilous journey to the United States from Central America's Northern Triangle of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Placed in a fast-track deportation process called "expedited removal," nearly all are seeking asylum to escape pervasive gang violence and domestic abuse in their home countries.

Between 2015 and 2016 alone, over 180,000 children and families were apprehended at southern U.S. border crossings. "This is a humanitarian crisis," says Kathryn (Katie) Shepherd, an attorney at the pro-immigrant American Immigration Council. For almost 10 years, the Texas native has worked to advance and protect the rights of noncitizens seeking humanitarian relief in the United States.

It's a career path that unfolded right after college, when Shepherd spent a year volunteering at the Texas Civil Rights Project, helping undocumented women prepare self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act. "It was a rewarding experience that solidified my desire to go to law school and to practice immigration law," she says. At St. John's Law, Shepherd participated in the Refugee and Immigrant Rights Litigation Clinic, run in partnership with Catholic Charities, and founded a chapter of Amnesty International.

Returning to Texas soon after her Law School graduation, Shepherd worked as an associate in private practice and then started her own firm to focus exclusively on asylum cases. "While in private practice, I started volunteering with the CARA Pro Bono Project in Dilley, which brings volunteers from across the country to STFRC and the other family detention centers to provide detained mothers and children with *pro bono* representation," Shepherd shares.

In 2015, Shepherd became the managing attorney of the CARA Pro Bono Project, overseeing a team of lawyers, advocates, and volunteers. "In Dilley, we work around the clock knowing that every deportation we stop, every mother and child we pull off a plane, is a life saved," she says. "It's incredibly high stakes lawyering. For these detainees, having competent representation from the start of the asylum process can literally mean the difference between life or death."

The following year, Shepherd was tapped for a one-year fellowship at the American Immigration Council in Washington, D.C., where she worked on legal advocacy and policy related to asylum-seeking women and children. "The fellowship allowed me to continue advocating for this most vulnerable group at the national level," she says. "I helped to build litigation to protect due process rights for noncitizens and to preserve this country's proud legacy of offering humanitarian aid to those in need."

In July, Shepherd and her American Immigration Council colleagues joined with the Center for Constitutional Rights and Latham & Watkins LLP to file a class action lawsuit challenging the Customs and Border Protection's practice of turning away asylum seekers who present themselves at ports of entry along the Mexico-United States border. "The suit was the culmination of many months of hard work, and one of the primary focuses of my fellowship year," Shepherd says. "It was so gratifying to be part of this concerted effort to right a wrong."

Shepherd is continuing her vital work on behalf of detained noncitizens in her new role as National Advocacy Counsel for the American Immigration Council. "When people ask me why I became an immigration attorney, I tell them it's because I don't like bullies," she says. "Among other major obstacles, asylum seekers are forced to overcome language barriers, health issues, and terrible trauma in making their case to immigration officials and the courts. The importance of having access to counsel every step of the way can't be overstated. There are boundless opportunities right now for attorneys to gain hands-on experience in the field, and I can't emphasize enough the value of working directly with these clients. It's a life-changing experience."

CENTER PIECE



*A New Home for
Hands-On Learning*

**THE CENTER FOR TRIAL AND
APPELLATE ADVOCACY LAUNCHES**



Center for

TRIAL AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY

It all began with the Practice Court, which convened in 1928 under the advisement of Professors Frederick A. Whitney and Edward J. O'Toole. "The student gains from it in proportion to the work he puts into it," the 1931 St. John's Law yearbook, *Res Gestae*, said about the new student organization. "If he is earnest, he will gain a great deal; for it is in the Practice Court that he learns to accustom himself to the trial courts in which he later hopes to appear."

After World War II, the Practice Court evolved into the Law School's Moot Court Program, with its focus on appellate advocacy competitions. Next came the Criminal Law Institute and the Civil Trial Institute, through which students participated in internal and external trial advocacy competitions. The two institutes merged in 2002 to form the Frank S. Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute, or PTAI, named in memory of esteemed Professor Frank S. Polestino.

Students in today's Moot Court Honor Society and PTAI continue to enjoy a wide range of opportunities to build essential lawyering skills hands on in competition and in the classroom—opportunities that prepare them well to join the thousands of Law School alumni who practice in courtrooms in New York, across the country, and around the world.

Now, to further advance its reputation as a leader in the field, St. John's Law is launching the Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy.

Located in updated, spacious quarters just across the hall from the award-winning Belson Moot Court Room, the Center provides a home base for PTAI and the Moot Court Honor Society, and for courses and programs in appellate and trial advocacy.

"This is an exciting new forum for students who are interested in careers in advocacy, as well as for alumni and other

distinguished practitioners in the field," says Vice Dean Larry Cunningham, the Center's inaugural director and PTAI's faculty advisor. "It's truly a collaborative effort. In the classroom, our students learn from a great core of professors with extensive courtroom experience and, to prepare for competitions, they're coached by dedicated alumni who are seasoned advocates." Assistant Dean Susan Landrum and Professor Christine Lazaro also support the Center as faculty advisors to the Moot Court Honor Society.

The Center's academic offerings include a number of foundational and upper level courses, such as: Criminal Law; Evidence; Legal Writing; Criminal Procedure: Investigation; Criminal Procedure: Adjudication; Trial Advocacy; Advanced Trial Advocacy; Appellate Advocacy; and New York Practice.

"By design, our curriculum is a bridge to real-world practice," Dean Cunningham says. "We regularly add new courses and revamp existing ones so our students graduate with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed as advocates in diverse settings. For example, we're one of the few schools to offer Advanced Trial Advocacy, which focuses on defined topics. Last spring, two judges co-taught a section on argumentation, and a homicide prosecutor taught one on direct and cross-examination. This fall, we're offering Advanced Trial Advocacy: Jury Selection."

The Center operates in collaboration with the Law School's Career Development Office, where career counselors with experience in criminal and civil advocacy provide individualized guidance. From the start of the 1L year, they help students identify courses, clinics, externships, and other opportunities for acquiring and honing their skills as courtroom advocates.

It's a successful approach, as evidenced by recent job outcomes. Twenty-two members of the Class of 2016 are working as ADAs in New York City and on Long Island. Following in their footsteps, 19 members of the Class of 2017 started as ADAs this fall. Recent graduates also employ their advocacy skills as public defenders, as government lawyers, and as private practitioners.

"In terms of employment outcomes and other key success measures, our students benefit from the Law School's integrated approach to legal study and career development that encourages them to focus on a legal discipline, to gain experience in the field, and to network with alumni and others through our co-curricular activities, programs, and events," Dean Cunningham says. "The new Center for Trial and Appellate Advocacy is a natural extension of this approach, and we look forward to making it a welcoming home and a vital resource for our students, for our alumni, and for the entire St. John's Law community."

ST. JOHN'S LAW GOT TALENT

*Alumni Play Leading Roles in the
Entertainment Industry*



St. John's Law alumni and friends at the recent Webster Hall meetup

WALKING INTO WEBSTER HALL, the iconic concert and nightclub venue in Manhattan's once gritty, now trendy East Village, is a bit of a time warp. There's the just-right musty smell of a 120-year-old landmark whose Grand Ballroom and smaller stages have showcased a range of talent—from Julie Andrews, Elvis Presley, Ray Charles, Eric Clapton, and Tina Turner to U2, Beastie Boys, Metallica, Wiz Khalifa, and LCD Soundsystem.

And, on a recent sultry summer evening, the historic performance space played the fitting host to a group of St. John's Law alumni in the entertainment industry, who come together regularly in New York City.

It's an eclectic ensemble of veterans and newcomers working in house or in law firms under the "entertainment law" umbrella. They represent creative or performing artists in film, television, theater, music, sports, online media, and other industries, or counsel the business people and businesses who collaborate with those artists.

The group is the brainchild of **MICHELLE JOHNSON '05**, director of production legal at the television, global-based format, and digital production company Embassy Row.

Johnson's career in entertainment has taken her from MTV to ABC, where she provided counsel on *Good Morning America*, *The Chew*, and *The View*, to her current role handling a range of business and legal affairs for industry-acclaimed shows, including *Watch What Happens Live*, *Cutthroat Kitchen*, and *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*.



Michelle Johnson '05

"My work at Embassy Row is fast-paced and mentally stimulating, which are two essentials for me to be fulfilled in my professional life," says Johnson. "On any given day, I might handle First Amendment matters, close the terms of a construction contract, negotiate an on-camera appearance, and draft a music licensing agreement." The idea for the alumni group, she explains, grew out of a desire to connect with other St. John's Law graduates who share her enthusiasm for this special line of work.

"I started with contact information for about seven alumni in the industry," Johnson says. "With help from fellow alumni like Christina Kim Constantine '13, director of legal affairs at Bustle, and Joseph Delerme '10, a business and legal affairs attorney at Monami Entertainment, in less than a year, the group has grown to over 45 participants. I believe that, as word spreads, many more alumni will join us."



Teronse Miller II '16

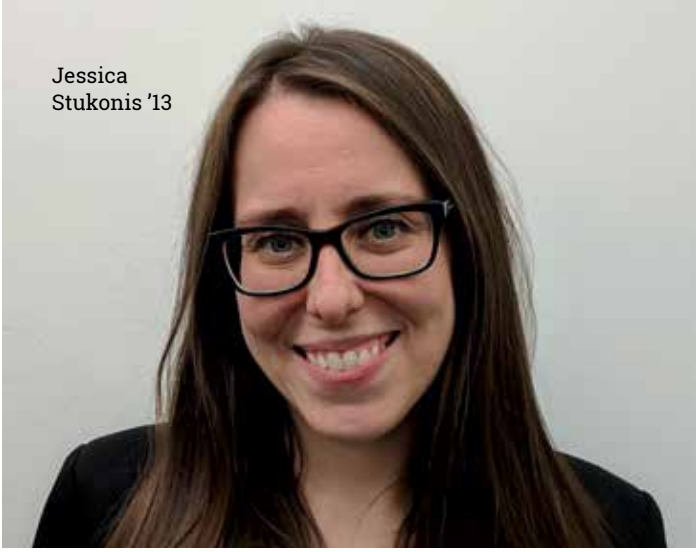
Just a year out of St. John's, **TERONSE MILLER II '16** and **PEDRO G. ALVARADO '16** welcome the support and camaraderie that the alumni group offers. "As someone relatively new in my career, I appreciate the opportunity to hear about other people's experiences, and to learn from them while having a good time fellowshiping," says Miller, who works at the intersection of technology and entertainment as staff counsel—programming for the U.S. cable carrier Charter Communications Inc.

"Whether I'm drafting content acquisition agreements, analyzing FCC regulations for compliance, or assisting our general counsel, it's rewarding to help bring excellent media and television content to millions of people across the country," Miller adds. "This is often called the 'Golden Age of Television,' and I get to influence and contribute to it."



Pedro G. Alvarado '16

Jessica
Stukonis '13



James E.
Waller '07C, '15L

Alvarado shares his classmate's delight in using his law degree to contribute to the popular culture. As an associate at Vogel Bach & Horn LLP, he works with several companies within the entertainment industry handling a wide range of intellectual property matters. He's also senior consultant for a South African fashion line, Deep Settle Movement. In that role, he oversees the brand's expansion into new markets, negotiates with potential buyers, drafts apparel distribution and sponsorship agreements, and ensures that the company's intellectual property is fully protected.

Miller and Alvarado also cite similar experiences at St. John's Law as particularly formative on their career paths. Both built their practical knowledge and skills taking Intellectual Property courses taught by Professors Jeremy Sheff and Eva E. Subotnik, co-directors of the St. John's Intellectual Property Law Center (IPLC). They also benefitted from multiple internships in the entertainment space, and they expanded their professional aptitudes and connections as members of the Law School's student-run Entertainment, Arts, and Sports Law Society (EASL).

EASL receives high praise from others in the alumni group as well. "It was a terrific resource, especially as a 1L who was passionate about IP Law and looking for every opportunity to explore that practice area," says **JESSICA STUKONIS '13**, senior manager, legal and business affairs at AMC Networks, where her responsibilities include content licensing for television and subscription-video-on-demand platforms, and intellectual property enforcement and protection.

Pursuing a legal career in the entertainment industry was a natural fit for Stukonis, who enrolled in St. John's evening program after working for a pop-culture-influenced retail store. "I regularly talked to customers about their media interests," she says of her duties at the store. "If our conversations led us to anything new and buzzy, or if we experienced any common threads or requests, we'd channel that information to our licensing team, and they'd coordinate with their business contacts and our legal team to see if they could bring related merchandise into the store," she explains. "There was something about that process that always intrigued me."

In addition to being active in EASL at St. John's, Stukonis was a two-time summer extern at Sony Music Entertainment. Those externships led to full-time work after graduation, and Stukonis spent over two years in Sony's contract administration department, analyzing, summarizing, and advising on a variety of music industry agreements, among other responsibilities.

"Even though my career is only just beginning, I feel like I've come full circle from the days when I was working at that retail store," Stukonis says. "I'm actually doing what I set out to do, and it's exhilarating." She's also excited to be part of the alumni group organized by Johnson. "It's so important for alumni in the same career space to have opportunities to network and connect, and I can't applaud Michelle enough for taking the initiative to bring us all together," she says. "It's interesting to see how the same baseline—a legal education at St. John's—has taken all of us down similar, yet unique career paths."

Like Stukonis, **JAMES E. WALLER '07C, '15L** launched his career in the entertainment industry with a Law School externship. Describing himself as "intimately engaged with music since his days as a student in the Boys Choir of Harlem," Waller came to St. John's Law after working as a project manager at Def Jam Enterprises with a "very clear vision" of the type of law he wanted to practice.

During his two-year externship at Warner Bros. Records, Waller drafted and reviewed personal service agreements, appearance releases, and other entertainment related contracts. Today, as an attorney in the company's business and legal affairs department, he handles traditional record industry matters for a roster of 30 artists, including drafting and negotiating recording agreements, third-party license agreements, and technology services agreements.

Waller finds the work fulfilling. "It's all about the music," he says. "Sometimes the days are long and frustrating, but when a record is released, and I know I played a role in getting it to market, there's no greater feeling. I have the opportunity to work on something I'm passionate about every single day."

While **NEIL J. DUDICH '01** didn't chart a direct professional path to the entertainment industry, like Waller he finds great fulfillment in his work. As eastern executive director for the Directors Guild of America (DGA), Dudich helps to guide the world's foremost labor organization protecting the creative and economic rights of directors and their teams working in film, television, commercials, documentaries, news, sports, and new media.

Dudich came to the DGA from New York State United Teachers, where he served as in-house counsel specializing in the representation of professionals on a wide range of labor and employment matters. While he left the active practice of law with the move, Dudich says he has no regrets. "The opportunity presented an interesting and exciting challenge, so I accepted.



Neil J. Dudich '01



Jeffery Fannell '92C, '96L

Someone once told me, 'you can do anything you want with a law degree, you can even be a lawyer.' I've definitely found that to be true."

Tracing his career path back to his days at St. John's Law, Dudich shares: "There were many influences of course, but Professor David Gregory stands above the others. I took his Labor and Employment Law courses, and served as his research assistant. He was instrumental in me landing my first job with the teachers' union, which led to my current position. He's not just a wonderful mentor, he's a friend, and my career path would have been drastically different without him."

Now, as a participant in Johnson's alumni group, Dudich is happy to connect with alumni in the entertainment field. "I've always been proud to be a St. John's Law graduate, and it's been a nice homecoming of sorts," he says. "After all, it's people, and the relationships we build with them, that make work meaningful."

When it comes to people and relationships, **JEFFERY FANNELL '92C, '96L** couldn't agree with Dudich more. "Serving others and helping them reach their goals drives me," he says, referring to his work overseeing all operations and leading client representation as president of Jeff Fannell & Associates (JFA). "Getting to do this in the sports industry is an added bonus."

Fannell launched JFA after 10 successful years as counsel, and then assistant general counsel, of the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA). As a key figure at the MLBPA, he managed grievances on behalf of players and advised them and their agents in matters of salary arbitration, contract negotiations, and other issues arising under collective bargaining agreements and individual player contracts.

Prior to working in sports, Fannell was a field attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in New York City and served as an associate general counsel to the AFL-CIO. "I made the connection between labor and employment law and the career I envisioned in sports law during my 1L year at St. John's," he explains. "There had been labor stoppages in professional baseball and football and, that year, hockey was experiencing one. So I set out to get well-grounded in labor law with the hope that it would lead me to a career in sports."

Fannell is quick to connect the steps along his career path. "My early work in labor law was great preparation for my work at

the MLBPA, which is a labor union," he says. "My work at the MLBPA, in turn, placed me in increasingly challenging situations, dealing with complex legal issues and extraordinarily high stakes, financial and otherwise. Without question, those challenges made me a better lawyer and gave me the confidence to go out on my own with JFA."

Fannell also easily connects the practice of sports law to the wider entertainment industry. "For me, it all starts with an understanding that professional athletes and entertainers are extraordinarily talented individuals," he says. "They're able to play and perform at a level that the majority of us simply cannot achieve. Their supreme talents are drivers of entire industries and deserve to be protected and compensated accordingly."

Over the years, Fannell has brought his time and talents home to St. John's Law as an adjunct professor and as deputy director of the former LL.M. in Sports Law. He's continuing this tradition of giving back to *alma mater* by sharing his interests and insights with the entertainment law alumni group. "Michelle has been terrific in fostering the connection among us, and giving the group deeper meaning for us all," he says.

Another industry veteran sharing his experience and expertise with the group is **JOSEPH P. SALVO '89**, executive vice president and general counsel of Sesame Workshop, home to Sesame Street and the beloved Muppets.

"I'm at a point in my career when I'm in a position to look back, give back, and do what I can to help make this world a slightly better place before I leave, and I'm incredibly grateful for that opportunity," Salvo says about his current job overseeing all business, legal, and government affairs at Sesame Workshop. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the position, gained as a high-profile copyright and IP litigator at Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP; as in-house counsel at Sony Music, Arista Records, and Sony BMG Music Entertainment; and as general counsel at HiT Entertainment and Mattel, Inc.

Salvo has also served as president of the Copyright Society of the USA (CSUSA), an organization he became acquainted with as a student at St. John's Law. "One of my extremely important Law School mentors was Professor Joseph (Joe) Beard," he shares. "He taught me Copyright Law, got me involved in the CSUSA, encouraged me to join EASL, and invited me to guest lecture in his class after I graduated, which led to my current adjunct professor position at St. John's."

The valued mentorship has come full circle. A number of alumni in the group that Johnson assembled say that their Entertainment Law class with “Professor Salvo,” and their interactions with him as EASL’s faculty advisor, fueled their desire to pursue a career in the entertainment industry.

“I tell my students that their legal education at St. John’s provides them—as it has provided me—with all the tools necessary to work, succeed, and excel in this field,” Salvo says. “I’ve worked side-by-side with, as opposing counsel to, and as the manager of lawyers from ‘the best law schools,’ and St. John’s graduates can go toe to toe with any of them. I also remind my students that the Law School stands less than 10 miles from one of the true epicenters of the entertainment industry, providing opportunities that are unparalleled in almost any other part of the country.”

Joseph P. Salvo '89



At the heart of the industry epicenter that Salvo mentions is Manhattan’s theater district, where curtains rise and fall on Broadway shows daily. It’s a creative enclave that **LOREN H. PLOTKIN '66** knows especially well.

For over 40 years, as a partner at Levine Plotkin & Mennin, LLP, he has represented individuals and entities primarily involved in the arts, principally legitimate theater, photography and visual arts, and fashion. Plotkin’s diverse clientele includes authors, composers, lyricists, librettists, producers, models, and celebrities. He and his firm have done legal work for such notable Broadway productions as *Hamilton*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *In the Heights*, *Avenue Q*, and *Rent*.

“Working in the theater industry is unique because the community is so small,” he notes. “It doesn’t permit, in most cases, aggressive zero sum negotiations, since most of the agreements result in relationships that have to work for the artists and the business people in order for them to create live theater. There are some exceptions, but they represent a minority. I prefer working in an environment that encourages ‘win-win’ results. That’s not to say that negotiations aren’t spirited, but the representatives are usually sensitive to the fact that the clients will have to work together in the future.”

Plotkin, who returned to St. John’s Law recently to be honored by EASL, the Intellectual Property Law Society, and the IPLC, describes his work as “joyful.” That joy, he says, comes from helping people bring their artistry to the world, seeing the positive impact that has, and having the opportunity to play

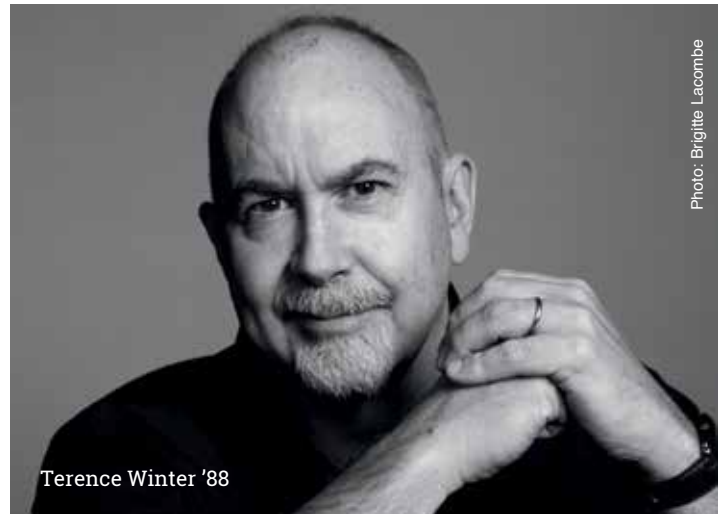
a small part in the process. “Artists see things that aren’t there,” he says. “I love working with people who see things that aren’t there.”

Artistry takes many forms. Great storytelling is one of them, as evidenced by the creative output of **TERENCE WINTER '88**, the award-winning writer and producer for television and film.

After graduating from St. John’s, Winter practiced law in New York City before moving to Los Angeles to pursue a screenwriting career. He is the creator and executive producer of *Boardwalk Empire*, HBO’s critically acclaimed drama series. He also co-created and was the executive producer of HBO’s *Vinyl*.



Loren H. Plotkin '66



Terence Winter '88

Photo: Brigitte Lacombe

Prior to those shows, Winter was one of the writers and executive producers of *The Sopranos*, for which he was honored with four Emmy Awards and three Writer’s Guild Awards. His screenplay for *The Wolf of Wall Street* earned Winter an Academy Award nomination, and he’s now developing a biopic on the life of artist Andy Warhol, to star Academy Award winner Jared Leto.

Although Winter started his writing career at age 33 and had some bumps along the way, he says he wouldn’t change a thing. “Because of what I do, I get to meet people from all walks of life and hear their incredible stories. In doing the research for my scripts I get paid to read and learn about things I would never have had the exposure to in any other field. And I get to entertain people, making them laugh, cry, and think, which is incredibly rewarding.”

Winter, who was honored at the Law School's 90th Anniversary Gala, is also grateful for his legal education. "I draw on everything I learned at St. John's—analytical thinking, how to present both sides of a story effectively, my work ethic—every single day," he says. "I firmly believe that law school is great preparation for literally any job."

And some jobs, and passions, are great preparation for law school. Just ask **RICHARD PAWELCZYK '96**, the Webster Hall Entertainment Corp. executive who hosted the alumni group meetup at Webster Hall this summer. "This industry is populated by frustrated musicians," he says. "I played in bands, and music has always been a passion, even the business side—like when I was young and studying the liner notes on an album (when there were albums)."

At St. John's Law, Pawelczyk took his interest in music to Professor Beard's Intellectual Property classroom. "He was the entertainment law guy at the Law School and provided the foundation of much of what I do today," he says.



Richard Pawelczyk '96

Pawelczyk started his career in private practice, representing companies and artists in a broad spectrum of intellectual property and entertainment law transactions and litigation. His clients included Isaac Hayes, Yoko Ono, and the Marley family.

He then went in house, devoting his talents to turning Webster Hall Entertainment Corp. into a successful concert promotion and marketing entity throughout the Northeast. "As chief operating officer, I enjoy the diversity of the work and the diversity of styles," says Pawelczyk. "I bring in business, co-produce events, oversee all transactions and litigation, and counsel on my company's various ventures and properties."

While live music still flourishes, Pawelczyk acknowledges that success in the music business, as in the larger entertainment industry, comes from anticipating trends. "Technology and the world itself change quickly, and the law can barely keep up," he observes. "You need to be the person, respectful but assertive, who provides knowledge that's absent from a particular situation."

To learn more about the entertainment industry alumni group featured here, please contact Michelle Johnson '05 at sjulawseipalumni@gmail.com.



Joseph Jerome '93

JOSEPH JEROME '93 shares a similar view from his vantage point as senior vice president, legal and business affairs at CBS Television Distribution. "Practitioners need to be aware of the ever-changing platforms and players who comprise the entertainment universe from all realms," he says.

Jerome pursued film studies as an undergraduate, but found himself working full time in his family's insurance business after college. "I always wanted to be in the entertainment industry, and enrolling in the evening program at St. John's Law provided a bridge to achieving that dream," he says. "But it wasn't until taking Professor Beard's Copyright Law class in my third year that I fully realized I could marry my passion for entertainment with the practice of law."

After starting his career in New York working at both a boutique law firm, representing clients in the independent film world, and as counsel for various Viacom and Paramount divisions, including Simon & Schuster, Showtime, and Madison Square Garden, Jerome moved to the West Coast for his work with CBS. While currently the production attorney for *Entertainment Tonight* and *The Insider*, over the years he's worked on multiple other shows including six seasons of *The Montel Williams Show*.

"I've been directly involved in the production of an hour of daily television for nearly two decades," says Jerome. "To be a part of a show's collaborative team, advising on and vetting broadcast and digital content throughout the day, and then seeing it all come to fruition immediately is extremely gratifying."

Gratification in entertainment work well done is a tie that binds Jerome to Michelle Johnson, to the Law School alumni group she started, and to the many St. John's Law alumni who have made—or are making—their mark in the field. "I feel that we've only started to scratch the surface," Johnson says. "There's so much individual and collective insight and wisdom we can tap and share, and I look forward to facilitating that exchange for the benefit of our industry, our profession, and our *alma mater*."

HIRING

ST. JOHN'S LAW

John J. Poklemba '75 Builds a Successful In-House Legal Team



Hon. Mario M. Cuomo (left) and John Poklemba

Ever since the first gas-powered fleet took to the streets in 1907, for-hire vehicles have been an indelible part of the New York Cityscape. From iconic yellow medallion taxis, to neighborhood livery cars, to app-based rides like Uber and Lyft, the industry has grown and evolved to meet the daily needs of hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors.

Standing behind the companies and the drivers who provide this vital New York City transportation is American Transit Insurance Company (ATIC), where John Poklemba has served as general counsel since 2012.

It's a leadership role that taps the wealth of lawyering experience and insight that Poklemba has gained as a managing partner and principal attorney in private practice and as a dedicated public servant in New York.

Poklemba's early legal career path took him from the Bronx District Attorney's Office upstate to Albany, where he was law secretary for Hon. Robert J. Sise and deputy counsel for the Office of Court Administration, and on to Rochester, where he was chief appellate law assistant to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.

When the late Hon. Mario M. Cuomo '53C, '56L, '75HON was governor, he appointed Poklemba to serve as New York's top criminal justice official. Then, in 2014, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo appointed Poklemba to the New York State Gaming Commission, where he continues to serve.

Through the years, Poklemba has kept close ties to St. John's Law. "I had two professors in law school who were great mentors to me," he says, referring to the elder Cuomo and to Hon. Joseph W. Bellacosa '59C, '61L, '87HON, former judge of the New York Court of Appeals and past dean of the Law School. Early on, Poklemba worked on Cuomo's New York City mayoral campaign. And, as Bellacosa's research assistant, he helped to produce the practice commentaries to *McKinney's Criminal Procedure Law*.

Naturally, Poklemba says, St. John's Law was top of mind when he moved in house at ATIC. "The company was a longtime client of my private practice, so I was already very familiar with its business structure and practices when I came on as GC," he says. "I saw an opportunity to enhance operations by building a team of lawyers in the no-fault department and set out to fill those positions."

Poklemba contacted Tom Blennau '02, who works in the Law School's Career Development Office as associate director of employer and externship program outreach. The two met at ATIC's offices in downtown Brooklyn, where Blennau toured the facilities and learned more about the company from its executives. A few days later, Blennau returned to ATIC to hand deliver application materials for qualified St. John's Law candidates.

"We're committed to providing a highly personalized service to our alumni," Blennau says of his office. "We strive to build lasting relationships that enable our alumni to fulfill

their hiring needs and that help our students and graduates find right-fit job opportunities. So it's mutually beneficial."

Since Poklemba's initial outreach to Blennau, ATIC has hired seven St. John's Law graduates full time in its no-fault department. Spurred by a follow-up meeting with Blennau, the company has expanded its summer program to include law students and, in the last two years, has welcomed seven summer interns from St. John's. The collaboration with the Law School continues to grow today as ATIC looks to fill openings in its in-house law firm.

"We've been very pleased with our St. John's hires," says Poklemba. "Really, they've exceeded our expectations. They're capable, they're open to learning from our claims adjusters, and they're very productive in a fast-paced environment. Also, their fresh perspective on our no-fault operations has helped us to make improvements that benefit everyone."

Despite his busy schedule, Poklemba takes time to mentor the "young St. John's lawyers" at ATIC as well as current St. John's Law students. He participated in a recent panel program organized by the student-run Corporate and Securities Law Society. He also hosted a Law School Alumni Association event at the Barclays Center. "I've enjoyed it all: being back in New York City, working for a great company, and giving back to St. John's," Poklemba says. "It's been a great experience."

HENRY J. KUPPERMAN '82

A Sleuth of a Different Stripe

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olmes and Spade. Marlowe, Magnum, and Monk. From pages and screens, these characters enthrall and entertain millions. But, for Henry Kupperman, fact soundly trumps fiction when it comes to “private eyes.” Over 25 years and 200 cases, he’s earned a stellar reputation working at the intersection of law and investigations.

Kupperman traces his career back to his college days. “I started at

Johns Hopkins one month after President Nixon resigned and vowed I would never become a lawyer,” he says. “But I had the opportunity to intern in the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office, where I assisted with the prosecution of violent crimes. I stayed on there part-time through college, and worked full-time



after graduation. I loved the legal challenges of the work and decided that law school was for me after all.”

The New York City native returned home to attend St. John’s Law, where he excelled and earned a position on the *St. John’s Law Review* editorial board. “Three of my Law School professors greatly influenced me: Andy Simons, David Siegel, and Richard Leon,” Kupperman shares. “Professor Simons was always challenging me in a way that expanded my critical thinking. Professor Siegel’s immense legal intellect helped prepare me for my federal clerkship. And Professor Leon, now a D.C. federal judge, has helped guide my career from my first year in law school until now.”

After clerking for the late Hon. James L. Latchum, then chief judge of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, Kupperman served as a litigation partner at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP. “While at Brobeck, I worked on the investigation of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, collaborating closely with federal law enforcement and regulators to track its global money-laundering operations. When that case wrapped up, I decided to focus my career entirely on investigations.”

Kupperman left the law firm to serve as director of west coast operations and general counsel for Investigative Group International. He then went to Kroll Associates as regional managing director and regional counsel. For the last 10 years, he’s been executive managing director and general counsel at Applied Facts Group, an international investigative and security consulting firm.

Kupperman’s work—at times in coordination with law enforcement agencies—has encompassed investigations of financial crimes, including fraud, embezzlement, money laundering, and kickbacks. He has investigated many violations of intellectual property law, including misappropriation of trade secrets, patent, copyright, and trademark infringement, and product diversion.

Transactional clients call on Kupperman regularly to conduct investigative due diligence on prospective merger and acquisition candidates and joint venture partners. “Every case is unique, and the work is challenging and interesting,” Kupperman says. “I make tremendous use of the skills I learned at St. John’s. Since so much of my work is international, I have to keep up with constantly changing laws throughout the world, particularly as they relate to privacy and money laundering. Rules of evidence are also key (thank you, Professor Shea) as much of the information we gather is used by our clients in litigation and has to be admissible.”

Reflecting on a career that he enjoys tremendously, Kupperman says: “Most of our clients are law firm partners or in-house counsel, so I often work with fellow Law School alumni. It’s one of the nice benefits of my job, and it brings home that the rigors of the St. John’s program train graduates for all kinds of rewarding opportunities, both within and outside of traditional legal practice.”

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Friends,

It's my great pleasure to serve as your alumni association president for 2017–2018.

My husband, Mark, and I met at St. John's Law 25 years ago and our daughter, Stephanie, is a 2016 graduate. The Law School is near and dear to our hearts, and we're very proud to be part of this wonderful alumni community.

As the parent of a recent graduate, I've had the opportunity to see how today's St. John's Law compares to the Law School I knew and loved as a student. It's clear that it remains a close and congenial community where a diverse student body learns the fundamentals of the law from an exceptional faculty.

But, under the leadership of Dean Michael A. Simons, St. John's Law students now benefit from innovative courses, programs, and initiatives that position them for success in our global profession.

These opportunities include in-house and partner clinics and externship placements where students learn the law hands on. The Law School is also home to a range of academic centers, and to the new Mattone Family Institute for Real Estate Law, where students engage with the profession and hone practical and networking skills.

These advances, and many others, wouldn't be possible without the support of our close-knit and loyal alumni family. And it's my mission as president to continue this proud tradition of helping *alma mater* thrive.

Please join me.

Participate in Alumni Association events and CLE programs, volunteer to mentor current students and recent graduates, participate in programs sponsored by the Law School's student organizations and Career Development Office, hire St. John's Law, and—last but certainly not least—please financially support our Law School.

A strong St. John's Law benefits us all!

I look forward to working with you,

Lourdes Martinez-Cipolla '92

1 | On February 22, 2017, the Law School Alumni Association presented **What's Keeping Today's General Counsel and Business Leaders Up at Night**, a CLE program hosted by Robert J. Nobile '84 at Seyfarth Shaw. Ronald Palmese '03, senior vice president and general counsel at Shake Shack, moderated a panel of experts that included: J. Ricky Arriola '93, CEO of Inktel Holdings Corp; John Martinez '97, vice president and general counsel at Raytheon Intelligence, Information and Services; Elizabeth D. Moore '78, '89HON senior vice president and general counsel at Consolidated Edison Corporation of New York, Inc.; and Mark Ricca '91, president and CEO at First American International Bank. The panelists discussed cyber-security, the impact of the new presidential administration, and talent management in a changing workplace, among other timely topics.

2 | St. John's Law hosted its inaugural **Diversity & Inclusion Gala** at Manhattan's elegant Tribeca Rooftop on April 3, 2017. Some 230 alumni, students, faculty, administrators, and guests came together to celebrate an unwavering commitment at the heart of the Law School's founding and living mission. Addressing the Gala attendees, Dean Michael A. Simons said: "I often talk about how strong St. John's Law is—with our rising rankings, top employment rates, increasing fundraising, and so on. Tonight, though, we celebrate something less quantifiable, but equally important: our diversity."

3 | The Staten Island Chapter and the Titone Tigers held the **Hon. Vito J. Titone Roast and Toast** on May 11, 2017 at The Vanderbilt at South Beach on Staten Island. St. John's Law alumni and other esteemed members of the bench and bar joined in the festivities honoring Dennis W. Quirk, president of the New York State Court Officers Association.





4 | Manhattan's iconic Metropolitan Club was a fitting backdrop to the **Law Review Alumni Reception** on May 16, 2017. Dean Michael A. Simons started things off with the ceremonial farewell to the journal's graduating members. The celebration continued with tributes to the evening's honorees: Lisa Schreibersdorf '84, founder and executive director of Brooklyn Defender Services, and Peggy Turano '77, the Law School's George F. Keenan Professor of Law.

5 | Alumni gathered for the **Brooklyn Chapter Spring Dinner** at Marco Polo Ristorante on May 31, 2017. Dean Michael A. Simons, Chapter President Joseph Sorrentino '05, and Chapter Founder Hon. Reinaldo E. Rivera '76, '06HON welcomed the honorees: incoming Alumni Association President Lourdes Martinez-Cipolla '92, her husband Mark Cipolla '86SVC, '92L, and Hon. Frank R. Seddio '90. As a highlight of the evening, Stephanie Cipolla '16 offered remarks with great love and pride in recognition of her family's special connection to St. John's Law.

6 | On June 6, 2017, over 300 alumni and friends were on hand at The Carlton in East Meadow, NY for a very special **Dinner Celebrating Vice Dean Emeritus Andrew J. Simons '65** on the occasion of his retirement. It was a fun-filled evening of jokes, songs, and wonderful stories about the student, editor-in-chief, lawyer, professor, scholar, colleague,



dean, family man, musician, and friend who is dear to so many in the St. John's Law family.

7 | The Alumni Association hosted the **Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. '72, '07HON Memorial Golf Outing** on June 13, 2017 at the award-winning Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle. It was a beautiful day to honor Hon. Reinaldo E. Rivera '76, '06HON, justice of the Appellate Division Second Department, and Elizabeth D. Moore '78, '89HON, senior vice president and general counsel at Consolidated Edison Corporation of New York, Inc. Once again, Philip McManus '68C, '72L did a wonderful job as event chair, helping to raise funds for the Law School's Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. '72 Memorial Scholarship.

8 | The Manhattan Chapter hosted the **Hon. John E. Sprizzo Reception** at the historic New York Athletic Club on June 27, 2017. Dean Michael A. Simons welcomed alumni, friends, and members of the judiciary who came to celebrate United States Bankruptcy Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil '83, who presides in the Southern District of New York. The presentation of the Hon. John E. Sprizzo Award to Judge Vyskocil was particularly special because she was a founding member of the Manhattan Chapter and served as its president. The award, which recognizes individuals for their commitment to the rule of law, is named in honor of its first recipient, the late Hon. John E. Sprizzo '56C, '59L, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.



At the **Alumni Association Annual Meeting** on May 17, 2017, Dean Michael A. Simons presented outgoing president Richard F. Hans '93 with an award in recognition of his dedication and leadership over the past year.



Here is the Alumni Association's new slate of officers and directors:

OFFICERS

President

Lourdes Martinez-Cipolla '92

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Michael Mattone '91

Rachel Paras '04

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James Herschlein '85

Treasurer

Eun Chong (EJ) Thorsen '08

DIRECTORS

Second Three-Year Term (Expires in 2020)

Darryl Gibbs '00

Robert O'Hare Jr. '93

First Three-Year Term (Expires in 2020)

David Eskew '04

Eugenie Cesar Fabian '04

Andriana Mavidas Georgallas '12

Masai Lord '14

Bari Nadworny '15

Jessica Giambrone Palmese '05

Queenie Paniagua '12

Troy Rosasco '89

Edda Santiago '14

Francis Scahill '84

Alyssa Zuckerman '13

Term Expires in 2018

Michele Johnson '05

Kevin Khurana '09

Max Patinkin '13

CLASS NOTES

'65 *Continental Who's Who* has recognized **Bernd Allen** as a 2017 Attorney of the Year. Allen is co-founder of, and a senior partner at, Allen, Morris, Troisi & Simon, LLP, where his practice focuses on real estate law.

'66 *Seaford Herald Citizen* has named **Charles Wroblewski** its 2016 Person on the Year in recognition of his dedication to the community.

'76 *Super Lawyers Magazine* has named **Ronald Fatoullah** a 2017 Super Lawyer in the field of elder law. Fatoullah is a partner at Ronald Fatoullah & Associates.

'78 **Marty Kane** has retired after 37 years of federal service and has been named chair of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, a non-profit working to protect and improve New Jersey's largest lake.

'79 **Jon Zuckerman** has joined Colliers International as executive managing director.

'82 **Michael Byrne**, a partner with Byrne & O'Neill, LLP, has been invited to join the prestigious CLM, the largest professional association in the insurance industry.

Janice Robinson received the Columbia University Alumni Association-Black Alumni Council Heritage Award.

In its 2017 edition, *Chambers USA* recognized **Arthur A. Rouse**, senior counsel at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs LLP, as a leader in real estate.

'83 **Hon. Robert Spolzino** has joined the Yonkers law firm of Smith, Buss & Jacobs LLP, where he concentrates his practice in municipal, environmental, and land use law.



'84 ▲ Always Dreaming: **Anthony J. Bonomo** and his son, Anthony, Jr. '18, celebrate their horse's 2017 Kentucky Derby win.

'85 *Med Ad News*, the leading pharmaceutical business and marketing publication, has named FCB Health CEO and President **Dana Maiman** its Industry Person of the Year.

'86 **Hon. Stanley L. Pritzker** has been designated an associate justice on the Appellate Division Third Department.

Super Lawyers Magazine has named **Scott M. Ratchick**, a shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, a 2017 Georgia Super Lawyer. Ratchick focuses his practice on complex commercial, franchise, and securities litigation and shareholder and business disputes.

Thomas Seaman has been appointed general counsel of Hometeam, a company that is revolutionizing in-home senior care.

'89 **Alan B. Hodish** received an Award of Special Recognition from the East Meadow School Board and the entire East Meadow school community in recognition of his many years of child advocacy and exceptionally dedicated service to the children of East Meadow.

► **James M. Wicks** and **Beth Jacobowitz** met 30 years ago in Professor Jacob Todres's Income Tax class. "We've been telling our kids that story for years," Wicks says. "So when we saw the matchmaker at a recent Law School event, we had to get a photo with him."

'91 **Hon. Joseph L. Calabrese** has been appointed the associate village justice for the Incorporated Village of Amityville, NY.

Fairfield University presented its Alumni Professional Achievement Award to **Doug Hammond**, chairman and chief executive officer at NFP.

Peter F. Lane was honored at the annual dinner of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County.

'92 **Kathy Ryan** has joined Keller Williams Realty in Wilmington, NC as a broker/realtor.

'93 **Thomas J. Foley** has been elected the 24th dean of the Nassau Academy of Law, the educational arm of the Nassau County Bar Association. Foley is a partner at Foley Griffin, LLP, where his practice concentrates in personal injury law.

Salvatore G. Gangemi is a partner in the litigation department of Murtha Cullina LLP and is a member of the firm's labor and employment practice group, where he advises clients with respect to state, federal, and local employment laws.

'95 **Laurence Grayer**, a top strategic counsel and executive with expertise in government contracting, has joined Creative Associates International as vice president, general counsel and chief compliance officer. He will oversee the company's legal affairs and corporate compliance in addition to providing support to local counsel.



'96 **Pamela McCormack** has been promoted to president of Ladder Capital Corp, an internally managed real estate investment trust that is a leader in commercial real estate finance. A co-founder of the company, she has been with Ladder since its inception in 2008.

'98 **Paul V. Prestia** was featured on Spike TV's docuseries *TIME: The Kalief Browder Story*. In addition, he has addressed law students across the country in his candid lecture series, Kalief Browder and The Extraordinary Quest for Justice.

'99 BMG Production Music has promoted **Keith Hauprich** to general counsel/SVP, its most senior legal and business affairs role in North America.

Pauline Yeung-Ha, a partner at Grimaldi & Yeung LLP, was featured in the *Brooklyn Daily*. In addition to her elder law practice, Yeung-Ha serves as a co-chairwoman of the Asian Bar Association of New York's Pro Bono Committee, as well as the secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of CaringKind. She is also a co-chairwoman of the Diversity Committee and Membership Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Elder Law Section, as well as a member of the board of trustees of the Brooklyn Bar Association. Yeung-Ha has been named one of New York's Best Lawyers, Super Lawyers, and Best Under 40 by the National Asian-Pacific American Bar Association, and one of New York's Women Leaders in the Law.

'01 *Hispanic Executive* featured **Juan C. Gonzalez** in the article, "Patent Improving: Mastercard's Juan Gonzalez hopes his journey into patent law will inspire the next generation of Latino lawyers."

Asaad K. Siddiqi was included in the *New Jersey Law Journal's* New Partners Yearbook. He is a partner at McCusker, Anseimi, Rosen & Carvelli, P.C., focusing his practice on business and commercial litigation, white collar

defense, corporate, non-profit, labor and employment, and shareholder disputes.

'02 **Katy Carney Cole**, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., has become a Certified E-Discovery Specialist. In addition, she is the recipient of Hofstra Law's Outstanding Woman in Law Award.

Brian Levine has been named manager at Long & Foster Real Estate's Center City, Philadelphia office.



'03 ▲ **Robert J. Sein** has returned to *alma mater* as director of the Law School's new Mattone Family Institute for Real Estate Law.

'04 **Ryan Goldberg** has been named a partner at Rivkin Radler LLP, where he concentrates his practice in complex insurance fraud litigation.

'05 **Sean R. Kelly** has joined Ariel Property Advisors as senior director in its investment sales division.

'06 **Nora Cronin** testified recently before the New York State Assembly on the topic of human trafficking victim services.

New Jersey Law Journal has named **Robert Epstein**, a partner in the Family Law Practice at Fox Rothschild LLP, a 2017 New Leader of the Bar.

Annmarie Giblin has joined Chubb as senior counsel-cyber liability attorney.

'07 **Hon. Krzysztof Lach** has been named a housing court judge in the Bronx.

'08 **Sheryl P. Giugliano** has been named a partner at Diamond McCarthy LLP, where her practice focuses on representing debtors, creditors' committees, and secured and unsecured creditors in all aspects of bankruptcy cases. She also assists with non-bankruptcy corporate matters, including financial restructuring and advising clients on their rights and remedies in contractual disputes, and with bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy commercial litigation matters.

Christopher A. Manion has rejoined Blank Rome LLP as an associate in the firm's finance, restructuring, and bankruptcy group, where he concentrates his practice in the area of commercial finance, with an emphasis on secured lending transactions.

'09 **Meyer Jacobson** has joined PepsiCo as a director and tax planning counsel.

Matthew S. Mulqueen has been named a shareholder in Baker Donelson, where he is a member of the firm's Financial Services Litigation Group, focusing his practice on complex financial and business litigation, including class actions, derivative actions, and appellate work. He also maintains an active *pro bono* practice, and has handled a number of immigration matters, including representing refugee children seeking protected status and permanent residence through the Special Immigrant Juvenile process. Mulqueen serves on the board of the Community Legal Center and received the 2016 Pro Bono Award presented by Baker Donelson's Memphis office for his service.

'10 **Christine Gulino** has joined the Westchester District Attorney's Office as an ADA.

CLASS NOTES

'10 **Craig Lutterbein** has joined HSBC as a vice president in the Loan Management Unit.

Danelco Moxey has joined AstraZeneca as counsel.

'11 **Nicole P. Aldridge-Henry** has joined Black Marjeh Leff & Sanford LLP. She focuses her practice on general liability, premises liability, and construction related matters.

Rosemary Harnisher has joined the Trusts and Estates Department at Farrell Fritz, P.C.

'12 **Ross J. Kartz** is an associate at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., where he is a member of the firm's litigation department.

'13 **Megan Quail** has joined VALE Insurance Partners, where she is underwriting reps and warranties insurance policies and other transactional risk solutions.

'14 **Andrew S. Mello** has joined the banking/commercial lending practice group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP as an associate.

'16 **Jessica Goldberg** has joined Reisman Peirez Reisman & Capobianco LLP as an associate.

We'd like to hear from you! Please send your Class Notes submissions to Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations Claire C. McKeever '80SVC, '93L at mckeevec@stjohns.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

Louis Alesi '32UC, '35L
Vincent Caccese '38

Hon. Pauline
C. Balkin '44

Robert W. Corcoran '47
Thomas A. Bolan '52UC,
'50L, '85HON

Margaret (Peggy)
Corcoran Re '50

Hon. Milton
Mollen '50, '78HON

Peter Pietrucha '50

Harry Conostas '51

Robert J. Pallone '53

Arthur G. Supon '53

Joseph LoRusso '54

Charles Mayernik '55

Hon. Philip
Waylonis, Sr. '56

Ralph Alio '63CBA, '66L

Edward Hammock '66

Neil Murphy '66

Barry G. West '66

Peter Zullo '63C, '66L

John L.

Antonas '64UC, '67L

Vincent D. Farrell '68

James Joseph Powers '68

Robert Melillo '69

Michael Stanco '69

Robert Marotta '70

Peter Branti '71

Harold Higham '71

James L.
Dowd '67C, '74L

Kate Walsh O'Beirne '76,
'97HON

Michael G. Flanagan '78

Michael Virgadamo '86

Frederick
Sembler '85C, '88L

Bruce Wenger '92

Abhay Kotwal '15

Eugene Ubawike, Jr.
'07C, '15L

Michael Luckow '17

BIRTHS



▲ **Ross Kartz '12** and wife Deanna welcomed Benjamin Alexander in June 2016.



▲ **Anthony Ametrano '99C, '02L** and wife Laura welcomed Grace Ann in May.



▲ **Marcus Cheung '08** and wife Chialin Tsai '08MBA welcomed Chloe in March.

Thomas M. Hogan '06 and wife Liz welcomed Kelsie Lia in May.



MARRIAGES

♦ **Ryan Adams '12** and **Corinne Donohue '12** were married in August 2016. Their celebrants included St. John's Law classmates Kyle DiGangi, Dean McGee, Brigitte Rose, and Christian Van Buskirk.



Chanteé Dempsey '13 and **Nicholas J. Morin '13** were married in October.

Melissa King '09 and Peter Savitsky were married in June.

♦ **Jonathan Bartov '09** and **Michelle Wiederman '16** were married in April.

Hon. Pauline C. Balkin '44 (1922–2017)



Hon. Pauline C. Balkin passed away in June. One of just 24 full-time students when she attended St. John's Law during WWII, she proudly retained a letter from Dean George W. Matheson informing her that she had earned a \$100 scholarship based on academic

merit. She worked in the Nassau County Attorney's Office before being elected to Nassau County Family Court, where she presided until she reached the mandatory retirement age. Not quite ready to retire, Judge Balkin served as a special assistant to a U.S. Congressman, as a member of the Nassau County Commission on Government Revision, and as a trustee of the Long Island Power Authority. She was a frequent participant in programs on family law, and was the recipient of the Nassau County Bar Association's Distinguished Service Medallion. Throughout her life, Judge Balkin treasured St. John's Law, and she was privileged to pass that legacy on to her children, Jules Balkin '77 and Hon. Ruth C. Balkin '76. She will be missed.

Heather Butts '97

Working at the Forefront of Public Health and the Law

Heather Butts wears many hats, and that suits her just fine. She devotes her time as an adjunct professor of Health Law and Bioethics at St. John's Law; as a lecturer and student adviser at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; as the co-founder of the college readiness nonprofit H.E.A.L.T.H. for Youths, Inc.; as a twice-published author; and as the non-identical member of a set of triplets.

"I'm a big proponent of pursuing dreams relentlessly," she says. "From my parents and sisters to professors, friends, and colleagues, I've been very fortunate to have people in my life who have supported me and helped me reach my goals—even when I've needed a little prodding."

As a senior at Princeton University, Butts didn't know what she wanted to do with the rest of her life. "I thought I'd just hang out for a while," she says, "but my parents wisely gave me two options: get a job or go to graduate school."

The Queens native got the message, applied to St. John's Law, and never looked back.

"I don't know where I'd be without my legal education," she shares. "At St. John's, I learned to challenge my beliefs and to consider situations from all angles. At the same time, I became interested in global issues that affect people's health outcomes. I wanted to be part of figuring out solutions to those problems. Professor Peggy Turano, my Law School mentor, encouraged me to look at public health schools, and I applied and was accepted to Harvard."



After getting a master's degree in public health, Butts worked for the government for two years before taking a job as an administrator at Columbia University Medical Center. She then earned a master's degree in education at Columbia.

"All my education and experience finally came together," she says. "I knew I wanted to teach public health ethics and law, and to disseminate public health to young people in a meaningful way. I reached out to Professor Turano, who was the Law School's associate academic dean at the time, and it turned out she was looking for someone to teach a basic Health Law class."

In her courses at St. John's Law, Butts covers current legal trends in health care, public health, and end of life, among other topics. "It's an exciting time to go into health law," she says, referring to current health care reform attempts, shifts in the health care ethical landscape, and certain public health law changes. "And St. John's is a great place to teach students about this vital practice area. There is a social justice component to the Law School's Vincentian mission that's squarely in line with much of what health care law stands for."

Working for the betterment of others is the cornerstone of Butts's professional pursuits and career outlook. "If we look at violence as a health care issue, education as a health care issue, natural disasters as a health care issue, and poverty as a health care issue, then we can see how health care laws, policies, and organizations can have a far-reaching, positive impact on individuals, on communities, and on the world," she says. "It's very gratifying for me to be a part of it all."



#GI  ING TUESDAY™

11.28.17

Join us for a very special scholarship fundraiser
to mark Giving Tuesday 2017, a national day of giving.

We're calling on our alumni and friends

to give in honor of:

- Vincent C. Alexander
- David L. Gregory
- Jane E. Scott
- Andrew J. Simons

Your \$100 gift to our #ThankYourProf campaign will be matched dollar for dollar
to help us fund a full-tuition scholarship for a deserving St. John's Law student.

**Show your appreciation for a beloved professor, build on his/her legacy at
St. John's Law, and help a needy student graduate with less debt.**

We'll share more details soon!

A photograph of a large, multi-story brick building, identified as the St. John's University School of Law. The building features a prominent entrance with a canopy and a large crest on the facade. The text "ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW" is visible on the brickwork. The building is set against a clear blue sky, and a green lawn with several wooden benches is in the foreground.

REPORT *of* GIFTS

(JUNE 1, 2016–MAY 31, 2017)

This Report of Gifts acknowledges the generosity of alumni and friends who supported St. John's Law during the past fiscal year (June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017). If you have a question or comment about the report or a particular listing, please contact Associate Dean for Law School Advancement and Strategy Brian J. Woods at (718) 990-5792 or brian.woods@stjohns.edu.

FROM BRIAN J. WOODS

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR LAW SCHOOL ADVANCEMENT AND STRATEGY



Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to share the Report of Gifts for the Law School's 2016–2017 giving year. These pages depict the many ways that you, our alumni, continue to support St. John's Law so generously.

Indeed, alumni giving has risen significantly over the past three years, driven in large part by the Brennan Family Scholarship Matching Program. The number of endowed scholarships has almost doubled since the Program's inception, to the benefit of some 150 deserving students.

The following pages illustrate the impact of the Brennan Match and list our 2016–2017 endowed scholarship recipients.

And our ability to offer more scholarship support has enabled St. John's Law to attract stronger students who graduate with one of the lowest debt burdens in New York.

While this Report of Gifts focuses on monetary gifts, St. John's Law would not be the thriving institution it is today without the countless hours alumni spend recruiting and mentoring our students, delivering guest lecturers, teaching as adjunct professors, conducting mock interviews, hiring graduates, and more. This service to *alma mater* echoes the Vincentian spirit that animates St. John's and our alumni community across the globe.

Each and every one of your gifts of time and treasure is being put to good use as we prepare our students to continue our proud tradition of leading the legal profession, bettering their communities, and uplifting the world.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'B. Woods'.

Brian Woods
Associate Dean for Law School Advancement and Strategy

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CASH GIFTS
2016–2017

1758

DONORS
12% of alumni

148

**ENDOWED
SCHOLARSHIPS**
doubled in four years

73

**NEW ENDOWED
SCHOLARSHIPS**
via Brennan Match

\$36M

**LAW SCHOOL
ENDOWMENT**
72% four-year growth

10%

**OF LAW SCHOOL'S
BUDGET**
*is funded through gifts and
endowment income*

ABOUT JOHN V. BRENNAN '63C, '66L, '93HON

After four years of active service in the military, John V. Brennan began his college education at St. John's College as an evening student on the G.I. Bill in 1957, earning his baccalaureate degree in English in 1963. In 1960 he joined United States Aviation Underwriters, the largest aviation insurance organization in the world. He never left, assuming positions of ever-increasing responsibility within the corporate structure.

Brennan earned his J.D. from St. John's Law in 1966 and became a specialist in products liability law, publishing numerous scholarly articles and actively participating in many aviation insurance and legal seminars. In 1990 he was appointed to the position of chairman and chief executive officer of U.S. Aviation Underwriters and served as its leader until his retirement in 1994.

Brennan's professional responsibilities involved him in numerous cases that received worldwide attention, including the tragedy of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Such involvement created in him an acute concern for airline safety, and he served on the boards of several foundations concerned with this issue.

He received the Federal Aviation Administration's Distinguished Service Medal in 1991 and the Flight Safety Foundation Presidential Citation in 1992.

Yet, despite his enormous professional responsibilities, Brennan remained committed in true Vincentian fashion to serving God and those of God's family who have special needs. He served on the board of trustees of the Papal Foundation, the organization charged with assisting in the financial support of the Holy See and is a Steward of St. Peter, as well as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. In 2012 the Brennans were received into the spiritual family of St. Vincent de Paul.

In 1982 the Brennan family took a leading role in establishing The INN (The Interfaith Nutrition Network) on Long Island. In 2000, they became the primary benefactor in building the St. Thomas More Church and became major contributors to the Carnesecca Arena. They are pleased to continue their support of St. John's today.

Brennan and his wife, Anita, a 2008 recipient of the St. John's University St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal, have five children, two of whom, like their father, are alumni of the School of Law.

St. John's recognized in John Brennan one who combined the ideas of education with the ideals which are a special part of Vincentian education and, in 1993, proudly conferred upon this loyal and illustrious alumnus, *honoris causa*, the degree of Doctor of Laws and awarded him the Medal of Honor in 1995.



ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHOSE GENEROSITY ESTABLISHED THE BRENNAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING PROGRAM

John V. Brennan '63C, '66L, '93HON
Nicholas M. Cannella '75 and Joanne Welty '76
Estate of Robert J. Dixson '29, '69HON
Hon. Mary Kay Vyskocil '83
Arthur Wiener (Parent)

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE BRENNAN MATCH

Vincent C. Alexander '75 and Anne D. Alexander '76C, '80L
Andrea M. Alonso '78C, '81L
Leonard D. Andrew '68
Anthony F. Barbiero '92
Roberta Marie Beary '78
Kenneth J. Bornstein '85SVC, '88L
and Thomas R. Califano '84SVC, '88L
Nicholas M. Cannella '75 and Joanne Welty '76
Hon. P. Kevin Castel '72SVC, '75L, '04HON
Patricia A. McLernon Castel '74Ed, '77L, '04HON
William F. Cavanaugh, Jr. '77SVC, '80L
Hon. Alfred C. Cerullo, III '83NDC, '86L
Lisa Yoon He Chun '00
John P. Clarke '55CBA, '57L
Daniel A. Clivner '88
Anthony J. Colletta '88
Michael P. Conboy '86
Kerry B. Connors '82
Joseph G. Dell '88CBA, '91L and Christopher R. Dean '91
Daniel A. DeVito '87
Rose F. DiMartino '81
Ijeoma Ekwueme-Okoli
Jeff Fannell '96
Erica B. Fine '82
Jonathan I. Friedman '95
William A. Gallina '67 and Ronnie Gallina
Elisa D. Garcia C. '85 and John J. Hasluck '85
Steven J. Gartner '84
Thomas P. Giuffra '94, Robert J. Giuffra, Jr.,
and Lisa M. Giuffra de Diaz
Michael H. Goldsmith '91
Paul A. Golinski '60CBA, '63L
Juan C. Gonzalez '01
Frank H. Granito III '87
Therese M. Haberle '77
Adam S. Hakki '97

Richard F. Hans '93
James D. Herschlein '85
Brian A. Jarmain '98 and Francesca M. Sena Jarmain '97
Thomas J. Keegan '77 and Maureen A. Keegan '85
Christopher J. Keller '97
Edward M. Kelly '74 and Kathleen M. Kelly, M.D.
Shephard Lane '66
Thomas M. Laquercia '69
Bernard London, Jr. '77
Bryan and Leslie Lorber
Family and Friends of Lauren Nicole Marcus
Joseph M. Mattone, Sr. '53C, '55L, '94HON
Michael X. Mattone '91 and Denise Melillo Mattone '90
John P. McConville '62
Philip J. McManus '68C, '72L
Marie Kaiser Napoli '89C, '93L and Paul J. Napoli '92
National Grid Foundation
Kenneth E. Newman '71 and Michele Newman
Rachel R. Paras '04
Anthony P. Piscitelli '88
Estate of Richard J. Power '52CBA, '60L
James L. Purcell '52 and Regina B. Purcell '55UC, '61L
Hon. Richard G. Ramsay '58CBA, '63L
Mark L. Regante '78
Thomas C. Rice '78C, '81L
Hon. Reinaldo E. Rivera '76, '06HON
Courtney R. Rockett '98 and Patrick J. Rohan, Jr.
Philip A. Russotti '73
Andrew J. Simons, Sr. '65 and Eileen Simons
Richard A. Spehr '86
Evan J. Spelfogel
George J. Tsunis '92
Michael Van Aken '99
Douglas G. Vetter '88C, '91L
The H.W. Wilson Foundation
Terence P. Winter '88

2016–2017 St. John's Law Endowed Scholarships and Recipients

Alexander-Dillon Fire, Police and Military Scholarship

Established by Vincent C. Alexander '75 and Anne Dillon Alexander '76C, '80L to provide partial scholarships to Law School students. Preference is given to a current or retired member of the Fire Department of the City of New York, the New York City Police Department or the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines, or to the son or daughter of a current or retired member of those government organizations.

Recipient: **Brendan Gibson '19**

Manuel and Dolores Alonso Scholarship

Established by Andrea M. Alonso '78C, '81L to provide partial scholarships to students at St. John's Law.

Recipient: **Lindsay Lersner '17**

Leonard and Helen Andrew Scholarship

Established by Leonard Andrew '68 to provide partial scholarships to students at St. John's Law.

Recipient: **Natalie Ko '17**

Joseph V. Angiolillo Scholarship

Established by Joseph V. Angiolillo '50CBA, and a proud member of the "Great Law School Class of '52," this fund provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students to help defray the tuition associated with a fine legal education.

Recipient: **Parm Partik Singh '18**

Bernard and Frances Babb Scholarship

Established by Frances Babb to honor her husband Bernard J. Babb '53C, '58L, the fund provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students in need who have a 3.0 or higher GPA.

Recipient: **Colleen Angus-Yamada '18**

Elsie Morris Bailyn, Esq. Scholarship

Established by Robert and Inez Bailyn in honor of Elsie Morris Bailyn '28, a member of the first graduating class, to provide partial scholarships to women at St. John's Law.

Recipient: **Cristina Giappone '18**

Bartlett, McDonough & Monaghan Scholarship

Established by Anthony F. Barbiero '92 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to current or past members of the police force, U.S. military, or allied health profession.

Recipient: **Eugene Dirks '17**

Marie A. Beary '44 Esq. Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Marie A. Beary '44 by daughter Roberta Marie Beary '78, and supported by family and friends, the fund provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to women law students and if feasible, recent immigrants or daughters of immigrants.

Recipient: **Sumaya Restagno '18**



"The scholarship that we endowed is our way of saying thanks for all the benefits and opportunities alma mater has provided us. We hope that more St. John's Law alumni will consider creating scholarships. It's a great way to honor the memory of a loved one, or to recognize a particular cause, while helping the Law School continue its tradition of educating the best and brightest."

—Vincent C. Alexander '75

Charles M. Sparacio Professor of Law (ret.)

Anne (Nancy) Dillon Alexander '76C, '80L

Alexander-Dillon Fire, Police and Military Scholarship

Peter S. Bedrossian Scholarship

Established by Peter S. Bedrossian '49CBA, '54L to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Recipients shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Recipient: **William Accordino '18**

Honorable Joseph W. Bellacosa and Mary T. Bellacosa Scholarship

Established in honor of Hon. Joseph W. Bellacosa '59C, '61L, '87HON, New York State Court of Appeals (Ret.) and former dean of St. John's Law (2000–2004), and his wife Mary T. Bellacosa to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Nicholas D'Angelo '17**

Maggi Pasquale Berry Scholarship

Established in memory of Maggi Pasquale Berry '86 by husband, Kevin Berry '82C, '85L, and Thomas J. Murphy '85, and supported by family and friends, the fund provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students in their final year of study who have expressed an interest to work as a prosecutor.

Recipient: **Nicole Strout '17**

Kenneth L. Birchby and John D. Birchby Scholarship

Established by Kenneth L. Birchby '49, '88HON and John D. Birchby '73, '13HON to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipients: **Brian Auricchio '18, Kathryn Baldwin '18, Alexis Casamassima '17, Molly Daugherty '17, Nicholas DiMarco '18, Matthew Freeze '17**

Borrelli Family Scholarship*

Established by Michael John Borrelli '01 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students who have an interest in labor and employment law.

**Will be awarded Fall 2019*

Harry Brodbar Scholarship

Established by Judy Brodbar to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Christopher Arcitio '17**

Brooklyn Alumni Chapter Scholarship

Established through the generosity of the Brooklyn chapter of the Law School Alumni Association to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to residents of Brooklyn.

Recipient: **Alexander Youssef '17**

Califano/Bornstein Scholarship

Established by Thomas R. Califano '84SVC, '88L and Kenneth J. Bornstein '85SVC, '88L to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Michael Manzo '18**

Arthur B. Carton Scholarship

Established in 1992 by the Greater Washington, D.C. alumni chapter to honor Arthur B. Carton, a member of the Law School's first graduating class, the fund provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Recipients are selected from the pool of participants of the Alumni Insider's View...U.S. Capital Program, or its successors, based on the submission of an essay in conjunction with the Washington, D.C. alumni chapter, or its successor, and the Office of Student Financial Services.

Recipient: **Claudia Carbone '17**

Hon. P. Kevin Castel '72SVC, '75L, '04HON Scholarship

Established by Hon. P. Kevin Castel '72SVC, '75L, '04HON to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Deirdre Farrell '18**

William F. Cavanaugh, Jr., Esq. Scholarship for Intellectual Property Law and Policy

Established by William F. Cavanaugh, Jr. '77SVC, '80L to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students with demonstrated interest in intellectual property law.

Recipient: **Amanda Hoffman '17**

Cerullo Family Scholarship

Established by Alfred C. Cerullo, III '83NDC, '86L to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students who received undergraduate degrees from St. John's University. Preference is given to residents of Staten Island.

Recipient: **Meaghan Dunigan '17**

Chun Family Scholarship

Established by Lisa Chun '00 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Dong Hyun Min '18**



"Receiving a full merit scholarship for all three years of St. John's Law gave me freedom to choose a career path without financial issues playing a major role in my eventual choice. My family and I wanted other deserving students to have that same opportunity and freedom."

—Lisa Yoon He Chun '00
Senior Vice President, Paulson and Co.
Chun Family Scholarship

John P. Clarke School of Law Scholarship

Established by John P. Clarke '55CBA, '57L, in a desire to continue the Vincentian tradition of helping others and in acknowledgment of the talented and dedicated lawyers who have graduated from St. John's Law. The partial scholarship helps offset the tuition expense for academically gifted evening students with financial need as they pursue their legal education.

Recipient: **Christine Durant '18**

Class of 1982 Scholarship*

Established by alumni from the law school class of 1982 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

**Will be awarded Fall 2018*

Daniel Clivner '88 Scholarship

Established by Daniel A. Clivner '88 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to the most academically qualified students who might receive substantial scholarship offers elsewhere.

Recipient: **Nicole Strout '17**

Colletta Family Scholarship

Established by Anthony Colletta '88 to provide partial scholarships to incoming 1L St. John's Law students. First preference is given to graduates of St. Regis High School; second preference is given to graduates of Archbishop Molloy High School. In the absence of the aforementioned criteria, the scholarship may be awarded to a student from any New York City Catholic High School.

Recipient: **Alexandra Woods '19**

R. Kevin Conboy Memorial Scholarship

Established by Michael P. Conboy '86 in memory of his brother Kevin to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students in good academic standing who are enrolled in the part-time evening program.

Recipient: **Michael Farinacci '17**

John L. Conners, Esq. '39 Scholarship

Established by Kerry B. Conners '82 in memory of his father John L. Conners '35UC, '39L, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Lisa Strejlau '18**

J. Gordon Cooney '51C, '53L Scholarship

Established in memory of J. Gordon Cooney '51C, '53L by his wife, Patricia, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Andrew Brown '18**

Frank and Ellen Corrigan Memorial Scholarship

Established by John F. Corrigan '68, the son of Frank and Ellen Corrigan, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Special consideration is given to students who are immigrants or the children of immigrants to the United States.

Recipient: **Christopher Arcitio '17**



"I wouldn't have been able to go to law school without the generous scholarship that St. John's Law gave me. It goes without saying that I am beyond lucky to be starting my legal career without overwhelming debt."

—Asena May '17

Ben and Stella DiMartino Scholarship Recipient

Crescimanno Trust Scholarship

Established in memory of Marianna Crescimanno by William F. Bianco '59C, '62L as trustee of the Crescimanno Trust, the fund provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Jennifer Thomas '17**

Vincent J. Crowe '47L and James J. Crowe '57CBA Scholarship

Established by Veronica Regan to provide scholarships to a senior enrolled in the College of Business Administration and to a third-year student enrolled in St. John's Law.

Recipient: **Jacqueline Wild '17**

Dean Mary C. Daly Memorial Scholarship

Established by faculty, administration, family, and friends in memory of Mary C. Daly, who served as dean of St. John's Law from 2004 to 2008, and provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Meghan Lombardo '18**



I couldn't be more grateful for the scholarships I was awarded at St. John's. They illustrate that the Law School puts students first. Being a scholarship recipient brought me closer to the St. John's Law family, and gave me the opportunity to meet, and network with, many alumni donors.

—Thomas Rossidis '17
Thomas Michael Laquercia Class of '69 Scholarship and
Armand D'Angelo Scholarship Recipient

Armand D'Angelo Scholarship

Established by Carl D'Angelo '58 in honor of his father Armand to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students, with preference given to students demonstrating an interest and proficiency in labor law.

Recipient: **Thomas Rossidis '17**

Elsa deCaro Napolis Scholarship*

Established in memory of Elsa deCaro Napolis '28, and provides financial assistance to a St. John's Law female student of Italian-American descent.

**Will be awarded Fall 2017*

Dell and Dean Scholarship

Established by Joseph G. Dell '88CBA, '91L and Christopher R. Dean '91, who are friends and law partners, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students whose attendance at the Law School is judged by the dean or faculty to enhance the student body, and for whom the scholarship provides an incentive to attend.

Recipient: **Jason Pachter '17**

Arthur S. Devins Scholarship

Established by Judith W. Devins in memory of her husband, Arthur S. Devins '36L, '43CBA, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Recipients are (a) honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces; (b) presently serving members of the Reserve or National Guard or (c) students with relatives who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserve, or National Guard or who are honorably discharged veterans.

Recipient: **Matthew Roberts '19**

Michael DeVito Memorial Scholarship

Established by Daniel '87 and Gina DeVito in memory of their son, Michael, a student at Boston University at the time of his passing. The fund provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students interested in intellectual property law.

Recipient: **Stephen Kulhanek '17**

Ben and Stella DiMartino Scholarship

Established by Rose F. DiMartino '81 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to a female student with demonstrated financial need who has enrolled in law school after having worked post undergraduate.

Recipient: **Asena May '17**

Irene V. Diver and James C. Diver Award

Established at the bequest of James J. Diver to provide a three-year scholarship award annually to a St. John's Law student.

Recipients: **Mary Curry '19, Michael Fufidio '18, Kristy Stanislawcz '17**

Hon. Joan Marie Durante Scholarship

Established by Hon. Joan Marie Durante '61 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students in order to support and foster opportunities for students of Italian-American descent.

Recipient: **Matthew La Sorsa '17**

Fannell Family Scholarship*

Established by Jeff Fannell '96 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to African-American students with financial need and academic excellence, with a further preference for students with demonstrated interest in labor and employment law who are active leaders in the law school and/or other community.

**Will be awarded Fall 2017*

Fields Family Foundation Scholarship

Established by Cary Fields '86HON and his wife, Kathy, in honor and memory of Maxine Belson '98HON. Through this scholarship, Mrs. Belson's legacy of generosity to St. John's Law and her community continues to assist countless law students. It provides partial scholarships to students who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and have achieved veteran status.

Recipient: **James Drew '19**

Fine Family Scholarship

Established by Erica Fine '82 in memory of her mother, Ruth W. Fine, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students, with preference given to students with a demonstrated interest in public interest law.

Recipient: **Anjelica Mantikas '18**

William J. Fitzpatrick Scholarship

Established in memory of William J. Fitzpatrick '49C, '56L, by friends and colleagues in the securities industry. The scholarship is awarded to St. John's Law students with consideration given to New York City residents with evidence of community service, high moral and ethical standards, and some commitment to post-law school *pro bono* or not-for-profit work.

Recipient: **Caroline Fish '18**

Flushing Lawyers Scholarship

Established by the Flushing Lawyers Charitable Trust to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law Students.

Recipients: **Nicholas D'Angelo '17, Michael Galati '17, Gerard Geisweller '19, James Kerins '17, Matthew Moore '18, Avery Nagy-Normyle '18, Daniel Quinn '18**

Jonathan Friedman Scholarship

Established by Jonathan Friedman '95 to provide partial scholarships to students at St. John's Law. Preference is given to students whose attendance at the Law School is judged by the dean or faculty to enhance the student body, and for whom the scholarship provides an incentive to attend.

Recipient: **Daniel Gilpin '17**

William A. Gallina '67 Scholarship

Established by William '67 and Ronnie Gallina to provide partial scholarships to students at St. John's Law with preference given to incoming 1L students in the evening division. The scholarship is renewable annually provided student maintains a 3.0 or higher GPA.

Recipient: **Patrick O'Connor '20**

Garcia-Hasluck '85 Family Scholarship

Established by Elisa D. Garcia C. '85 and John Hasluck '85 to provide partial scholarships to students at St. John's Law. Preference is given to female Hispanic first generation college graduate candidates who have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to serving their community.

Recipient: **Ashley Cardenas '18**

Samuel Garsky Memorial Scholarship

Established by Joyce Gellis in memory of her father, Samuel Garsky, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Grant Bercari '17**

Gartner Family Scholarship

Established by Steven Gartner '84 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipients: **Daniel Morris '18, Gabrielle Schwartz '18**

Robert J. Giuffra '53 Scholarship

Established by Thomas P. Giuffra '94, Robert J. Giuffra, Jr., and Lisa M. Giuffra de Diaz in honor of their father, Robert J. Giuffra, Sr. '53, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to a deserving law student of Italian descent from Brooklyn who has demonstrated excellence in both the civil procedure and torts academic courses.

Recipient: **Michael Farinacci '17**

Florence M. Glaser Scholarship

Established through the Florence M. Glaser Gift Giving Trust to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students who show exceptional writing skills, as evidenced by superior achievement in an advanced writing course.

Recipient: **James Paulson '17**

Michael H. Goldsmith '91 Scholarship*

Established by Michael H. Goldsmith '91 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students with preference given to students interested in tax law and who are the first in their family to attend law school.

**Will be awarded Fall 2018*

Goldstein Scholarship

Established by Barry S. Goldstein '72 in memory of Solomon Goldstein and Ella Goldstein and in honor of their son, Barry S. Goldstein, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students who are in the top 25 percent of their class and who are enrolled in the evening division.

Recipient: **Christine Durant '18**



"When Dean Simons asked my husband and me to consider establishing a scholarship for the Law School, we were thrilled to give back to our alma mater in such an important way. I hope many others join us in giving students an opportunity to receive the education and practical skills we received."

—Elisa D. Garcia C. '85
Chief Legal Officer, Macy's Inc.
Garcia-Hasluck '85 Family Scholarship

Paul A. Golinski Polish and Slavic Heritage Scholarship

Established by Paul A. Golinski '60CBA, '63L to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students, with first preference given to students who have at least one Polish or Slavic ancestor, and second preference to those who have an interest in pursuing international law.

Recipient: **Anna Menkova '17**

Juan C. Gonzalez '01 Family Scholarship

Established by Juan C. Gonzalez '01 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students with demonstrated financial need and academic excellence who are of Latino heritage and have an interest in intellectual property law.

Recipient: **Jonathan Presvelis '18**

Betty Granito Memorial Scholarship

Established by Frank H. Granito III '87 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students who received a Catholic school education in the Bronx, NY.

Recipient: **Matthew Freeze '17**

Robert and Patricia Gunther Scholarship

Established by Robert '81C, '84L and Patricia Gunther to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students with preference given to students who excelled in the STEM disciplines or who demonstrate an interest in intellectual property law.

Recipient: **Jonathan Presvelis '18**

Therese M. Haberle '77 Scholarship*

Established by Therese M. Haberle '77 to provide partial scholarships to students at St. John's Law. Preference is given to students who are overcoming significant personal circumstances that make it challenging for him or her to afford a legal education.

**Will be awarded Fall 2017*

Adam S. Hakki, Esq. '97 Scholarship

Established by Adam S. Hakki '97 to provide partial scholarships to students at St. John's Law. Preference is given to students with an interest in either securities litigation or public interest law.

Recipient: **Naffie Lamin '17**

Hans Family Fire, Police, and Military Veterans Scholarship

Established by Richard F. Hans '93 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students, with strong preference given to students who are veterans of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines. If no military veterans are available to receive the scholarship, it may be awarded to active or retired members of the Fire Department of the City of New York or the New York City Police Department.

Recipient: **Eugene Dirks '17**



"My scholarship was life changing. Instead of doubting if I could go to law school at all, or wondering if I would need to keep my job and earn my J.D. part time, I was able to choose to come to St. John's Law full time and focus on being active in school life and successful in class."

—Caroline Fish '18
William J. Fitzpatrick Scholarship Recipient

Herschlein Family Scholarship

Established by James D. Herschlein '85 to provide partial scholarships to students at St. John's Law. First preference is given to graduates of Boston College whose attendance enhances the student body and for whom the scholarship provides an incentive to attend; second preference is given to graduates of Chaminade High School. In the absence of the aforementioned criteria, the scholarship may be awarded to a member of the *St. John's Law Review*.

Recipient: **Michael Russo '17**

Richard S. Hoffman Scholarship

Established in memory of Richard S. Hoffman '48 by his wife, Elsie, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **James Kerins '17**

Brian A. Jarman '98 and Francesca Sena Jarman '97 Scholarship

Established by Brian Jarman '98 and Francesca Sena Jarman '97 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: **Jessica George '17**

**Honorable Theodore T. Jones, Jr. '72
Memorial Scholarship**

Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. '72, '07HON was elected to the New York State Supreme Court in 1990 and was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2007. He was a devoted and valued member of the St. John's family, serving on the University's Board of Trustees and on the Law School's Alumni Association Board of Directors. The fund established in his memory provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students of color who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces or have demonstrated interest in public service.

Recipient: Naffie Lamin '17

Samuel and Elyse Kadet Scholarship

Established by Samuel Kadet '77, a Law School evening division graduate who served as associate managing editor of the *St. John's Law Review*, and his wife Elyse, the fund provides partial scholarships to St. John's Law students in the evening division.

Recipient: Thomas Kaufman '18

John Edward Kaiser, Esq. '53 Scholarship

Established by Marie Kaiser Napoli '89C, '93L and Paul Napoli '92 in memory of Marie's father, John Edward Kaiser '53, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: Rachel Houle '17

Presvytera Xanthi and Fr. Alexander Karloutsos Scholarship

Established by George J. Tsunis '92 in honor of Presvytera Xanthi and Fr. Alexander Karloutsos to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students of Greek descent.

Recipient: Kally Konstantinidis '17

Bernard Kaufman Memorial Scholarship

Established by Gladys Kaufman to provide partial scholarships in honor of the Law School's first graduating class and in memory of Bernard Kaufman '28, a member of that class.

Recipient: Kaitlin Decker '17

Tom and Kitty Keegan Scholarship

Established by siblings Thomas J. Keegan, Jr. '77 and Maureen A. Keegan '85 in honor of their parents, Thomas J. Keegan, Sr. '53 and Kitty Keegan, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: Stephen Kulhanek '17

Christopher Keller Esq. '97 Scholarship

Established by Christopher Keller '97 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: Philip Leggio '17

Kelly Family Scholarship

Established by Edward Kelly '74 and Kathleen Kelly, M.D. to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students who come from outside the tri-state area.

Recipient: Mary Cunningham '18

Boris Kostelanetz Scholarship

Established by Boris Kostelanetz '36, '81HON to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: Sumaya Restagno '18

Shephard Lane Intellectual Property Scholarship*

Established by Shephard Lane '66 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students with demonstrated interest in intellectual property law.

**Will be awarded Fall 2017*

Robert S. Langer Humanitarian Scholarship

Established by Major A. Langer '66 in honor of his brother, Robert S. Langer, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students who are from Southern California and who exhibit an interest in public service.

Recipient: Morgan Cline '17

Thomas Michael Laquercia Class of 1969 Scholarship

Established by Thomas Michael Laquercia '69 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students of Italian descent and/or students who demonstrate an interest in Italian cultural studies.

Recipient: Thomas Rossidis '17

Joseph Licitra Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Joseph Licitra '53 by the law firm Shaw, Licitra, Esernio & Schwartz, P.C. to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students.

Recipient: Michael DeRosa '18

Richard Lieb Scholarship

Established by Richard Lieb, research professor of law, distinguished scholar in residence and director of the St. John's Institute for Bankruptcy Policy, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students enrolled in the LL.M. in Bankruptcy program.

Recipient: Andrew Butler '17

London Family Scholarship

Established by Bernard London, Jr. '77 to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students with preference given to first-generation Americans.

Recipient: Rafael Badalov '18

Carl H. Madsen Scholarship

Established by the family of Carl H. Madsen '46 to provide partial scholarships to African-American students, preferably from the Virgin Islands.

Recipient: Adina Phillips '18

James V. Mangano Scholarship

Established by James V. Mangano '64UC in appreciation to the employees of the Supreme Court of Kings County, who worked to maintain the high standards of the Court. It is given to children of employees of the Supreme Court, Kings County, or to a resident of Kings County.

Recipients: Jessi Maduro '19, Bryant Gordon '18



I wanted to go to St. John's, but didn't want to take on graduate school debt in my early 30s, while trying to save for my own children's educations. Fast-forward three years and I'm starting at Winston & Strawn this fall. I'm positive that my future wouldn't be as bright without the scholarships that made my St. John's legal education possible.

—Jason Pachter '17

Philip J. McManus, Esq. Scholarship, Dell and Dean Scholarship, and Michael and Karen Simons Scholarship Recipient

Vincent J. Mangano III Class of 1969 Scholarship

Established by Thomas M. Laqueria '69 in memory of Vincent J. Mangano III '66UC, '69L, to provide partial scholarships to St. John's Law students. Preference is given to students of Italian descent and/or students with an interest in Italian cultural studies.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

The St. John's Law Alumni Association hosts and participates in many events throughout the year. Below is just a sampling of the slate of upcoming events. Please visit our online events calendar at stjohns.edu/law/events for full event details and updates as they come in.

October 17, 2017

Suffolk Chapter Golf Outing
The Vineyards, Riverhead, NY

October 18, 2017

ABI Law Review
25th Anniversary Celebration
New York Athletic Club, New York, NY

October 19, 2017

Nuremberg Lecture
by Professor John Q. Barrett
*Museum of Jewish Heritage
New York, NY*

October 25, 2017

WilmerHale Auction for Public Interest
WilmerHale, New York, NY

November 1, 2017

Center for Trial and Appellate
Advocacy Launch
New York Athletic Club, New York, NY

November 4 & 5, 2017

Fall CLE Weekend
School of Law, Queens, NY

November 8, 2017

Mattone Family Institute for
Real Estate Law Grand Opening
School of Law, Queens, NY

November 13, 2017

Armed Forces Society Reception
School of Law, Queens, NY

November 16, 2017

Class Reunions and
Bar Passage Reception
New York Athletic Club, New York, NY

December 6, 2017

Nassau Chapter Holiday Luncheon
and Toy Drive
The Carlton, East Meadow, NY

December 6, 2017

Brooklyn Chapter Holiday
Party and Toy Drive
Floyd NY, Brooklyn, NY

December 10 & 11, 2017

Washington Weekend
and Group SCOTUS Admission
Washington, DC

December 13, 2017

Westchester Chapter Holiday Luncheon
*Westchester Hills Country Club
Mamaroneck, NY*

January 26, 2018

Alumni Association Luncheon
*New York Marriott Marquis
New York, NY*

February 10 & 11, 2018

Spring CLE Weekend
School of Law, Queens, NY

March 21, 2018

Public Interest Auction
School of Law, Queens, NY

April 13, 2018

Diversity & Inclusion Gala
Tribeca Rooftop, New York, NY

May 15, 2018

Law Review Alumni Reception
Metropolitan Club, New York, NY

May 23, 2018

Alumni Association Annual Meeting
School of Law, Queens, NY

June 2, 2018

Class of 1968 50th Reunion
School of Law, Queens, NY

June 6, 2018

Hon. John E. Sprizzo Reception
New York, NY

June 12, 2018

Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. '72, '07HON
Memorial Golf Outing
*Wykagyl Country Club
New Rochelle, NY*

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