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The Hallmarks of Leadership

Leadership is a predominant theme in this issue of BC Law Magazine. That’s because, in ways bold and subtle, so much of what defines Boston College Law School has to do with leadership.

Leadership is embedded in Boston College’s commitment to train students to do good in the world, a mission requiring that its graduates have the courage of their convictions and the will and know-how to act upon them. It is rooted in the emphasis on excellence in the classroom and beyond. And it is manifest in our photo feature “Leadership” (page 22) where we present portraits of sixteen of the Law School’s high-achieving alumni.

The same chemistry of dedication and purpose can be found in the essays of law school applicants. BC Law’s admissions officers are tasked with selecting, from thousands of aspirants, the ones who possess leadership qualities in the BC mold. “Writing Their Way into Law School” (page 32), the personal statements of five first-years from the Class of 2017, offers insight into the depths from which those qualities spring.

The launch last September of the Center for Experiential Learning demonstrates how the Law School is playing a leading role in legal education itself, as the academy adds to its clinical programs to meet market demands. When Dean Vincent Rougeau acted promptly last summer to offer supervised legal student services to Smarter in the City, an incubator for start-ups in Boston’s Dudley Square (page 40), he was making good on his promise to be among the first to innovate in experiential programming.

BC Law is also poised to have significant impact on public policy, thanks to Phyllis and Jerome Lyle Rappaport’s choice of the Law School as the new home of its renowned law and public policy center (page 56).

On nearly every page of the magazine, there are similar examples.

Take Professor Diane Ring’s down-in-the-trenches analysis of how to protect the tax base of developing countries and reform an international tax regime that’s unfair to them (page 14). Consider Professor Ray Madoff’s call for better regulation of philanthropy, which instigated both a convention at the Law School and a reform movement (page 9), or alumnus Catalina Girald’s inspired decision to turn her lingerie company into a means to lift women in her native Colombia out of poverty (page 52).

The impulsive to dream big dreams and to realize them, to recognize need and offer a hand— that sounds a lot like leadership at Boston College Law school.

VICKI SANDERS, Editor
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I am writing to thank and congratulate you on the most recent edition of the magazine (Summer 2014). It was an inspiration to an alumnus like me who graduated four decades ago.

I was particularly impressed with the breadth and depth of the reporting and especially liked the articles on the Innocence Project (“I’ve Already Forgiven You”), the Ninth Circuit Appellate Project (“May It Please the Court”), and the Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project (“Cell Shocked”). These clinical programs are vitally important for the law students, the professors who supervise and create them, and the clients whom they serve.

As a student, I spent a lot of my time doing moot court and clinical programs. I was proud of the work that others and I did at the Legal Assistance Bureau in Waltham and the Urban Legal Laboratory. I had the privilege of working with experienced trial lawyers from firms like Goodwin, Procter & Hoar on housing issues and then-emerging stars like Max Stern at the American Civil Liberties Union on prison conditions. All of the programs contributed to my understanding of the significant limitations of the appellate case method as a teaching tool.

One who has experienced trial work as a law student quickly understands that evidentiary rulings and strategic decisions form the bedrock of the development of an individual case, and, frequently, the outcome in the trial court. Unfortunately, reading appellate cases—or, more often, merely passages from them—does not give the reader the understanding or flavor of how the case got to the appellate court in the first place and why one party or the other prevailed or lost.

The Boston College Law Ninth Circuit Appellate Project is instrumental in bringing moot court appellate arguments to real life for both students and clients, as the report and colloquy contained in that article revealed. It is far too often the case that lawyers out of law school for ten years or more still have discomfort making any significant argument on their feet. These pivotal clinical experiences during law school—like public speaking and debate in high school and college—immeasurably improve an individual’s capacity and ability to persuade orally whether one is talking to a judge, colleague, or child.

So, my hat is off to these programs that the Law School is running and to the ingenuity and creativity of professors like Kari Hong, Paul Tremblay, and Francine Sherman, who designed and are now supervising these terrific programs.

David Reich

Hats Off to Clinical Programs

Redesign Kudos

The magazine contains ten times as much information as it did before. You’re doing a wonderful job, and it is much appreciated.

Andrew T. Colanaria ’80
Wellesley Hills, MA

Looks good! Congratulations on the redesign.

Ian Marinoff ’02
Auburndale, MA

Looks like a great new publication for BC Law.

David Donohue ’71
Wellesley Hills, MA

We’d like to hear from you. Send your letters to BC Law Magazine, 885 Covins St., Newton, MA 02459-1163, or email to vicki.sanders@bc.edu. Please include your address, email, and phone number.
When judged by its legislative accomplishments, the 113th Congress was one of the least productive in modern memory, eclipsed only by the session that immediately preceded it. The 113th Congress passed around 300 pieces of legislation.

The “do-nothing” Congress of 1947–1948, the only one other than the 112th Congress to come anywhere close in terms of legislative inactivity, managed to pass 900. So, it is not at all inaccurate to say that during the last four years, Congress did essentially “grind to a halt.” It certainly has ceased to function in the way the American people have come to expect since at least the Second World War. All this despite the fact that the nation faces extraordinary challenges in the environment, the economy, healthcare, immigration, infrastructure, and education, just to name a few areas of pressing concern.

As Congress concludes a period of historic inaction, we at BC Law are poised to make a more positive impact on law and public policy.

In December, we received a $7.53 million gift—the largest in our history—from the Phyllis and Jerome Lyle Rappaport Foundation to establish the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy at Boston College Law School (page 56). The Rappaport Center will position BC Law as one of the nation’s premier venues for research and dialogue on critical issues in our nation’s public life.

The center will administer the highly successful Rappaport Fellows program, which provides summer internships and stipends to twelve students from Boston-area law schools for work with leaders in public service and public policy throughout Greater Boston. An exciting new addition to the center’s work at BC Law will be the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professor in Law and Public Policy. We plan to bring prominent figures in government and public policy to BC to teach, write, and speak on critical issues that draw upon their interests and expertise. We hope to announce our first Rappaport Visiting Professor this spring and anticipate that he or she will join us for the 2015–2016 academic year.

Given the growing cynicism and dysfunction we are witnessing in our country related to government, most notably at the national level, this is a particularly auspicious time for BC Law and the Rappaport Foundation to launch this program. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is fortunate to have a strong tradition of engaged citizens and skilled public servants, as well as an admirable history of public policy innovations that often have served as models for the rest of the nation. Both BC Law and the Rappaport Foundation have long played important roles in educating and nurturing men and women for leadership positions in both the public and private sectors in Massachusetts, and we will continue to add to this cadre of leaders in the years ahead.

Professor Mike Cassidy will lead the center as its faculty director. As he has said on a number of occasions, educating lawyers for service and leadership is part of our DNA at BC Law. Our Jesuit Catholic mission compels us to recognize the responsibilities the legal profession has to the community at large, and as a consequence, BC Law alumni have long been at the forefront of addressing important public policy questions through their work as lawyers and as public servants. Our partnership with the Rappaport Foundation is a natural outgrowth of this history of engagement, and we are proud to begin a new chapter of this work.

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Dean Vincent Rougeau
THE LAW IN POSTCARDS


To view the postcard exhibit catalog, go to www.bc.edu/lawpostcards.
In Brief

The prosecution of James “Whitey” Bulger in 2013 may have been the first postmodern criminal trial in which questions of guilt and innocence were drowned out by a battle over who would control the narrative. Led by J.W. Carney ’78, the defense, all but conceding that their client had committed many grievous offenses, labored mightily to buff up an image of Bulger—some would say a fantasy image of him—that the gangster himself had been polishing for years. Essentially, they argued that he might have been a crook and maybe even a killer, but he didn’t kill women and, above all, he never ratted anyone out. The government labored equally hard to show the opposite.

A September 16 panel about the trial co-sponsored by CNN and Boston College Law School and headlined by Carney and prosecution team member Brian Kelly, reargued the question of whether Bulger measured up to his own code of honor, and also dug into weightier matters that had gotten less scrutiny during the trial. The panel, led by CNN’s John King, immediately followed a screening of the documentary film Whitey: The United States of America vs. James J. Bulger, directed by panelist Joe Berlinger.

The panel discussion had hardly begun when Brian Kelly mentioned that Bulger had “met with about a half a dozen FBI agents over the years and gave them information.” And that, Kelly said, obviously made him an informant. Carney countered that information from his client had never “led to a prosecution,” that Bulger had never been “processed properly as an informant by the FBI,” and that he’d never been paid for information. Indeed, as Carney pointed out, it was Bulger who had paid FBI agents for information. (This included information on people who had offered to inform on him, and though Carney didn’t mention it, several of those people had ended up dead.)

While filmmaker Berlinger declared himself agnostic on the question, David Boeri, who covered the trial for WBUR radio, agreed with Kelly that Bulger was, of course, an informant; he just didn’t give very good information.

“He was not a great informant,” Kelly admitted. FBI agents like John Connolly, later convicted for his role in a few of Bulger’s crimes, had tolerated Bulger’s subpar performance as a tattletale “to advance their own careers,” explained the prosecutor, “because they could tell their superiors, ‘I have a top-echelon informant.’ It’s like being in a law firm when you have a big client.”

As to whether Bulger really had been granted immunity from prosecution for any crime up to and including murder by the late prosecutor Jeremiah O’Sullivan—a narrative US Judge Denise Casper had prevented the defense from unscrolling at trial—Kelly said, “It’s always easy to blame the dead guy.”
Why, then, Carney wondered, would O’Sullivan have removed Bulger’s name from proposed indictments? If he’d been allowed to talk about the deal, his client, Carney said, would have taken the stand and unveiled the juicy details, presumably including how O’Sullivan believed it would benefit the justice system.

Bulger “would have been savaged under cross-examination,” retorted Boeri. “We would have walked him through every informant report. We would have walked him through every crime,” agreed Kelly. “We would have brought up the fact that he was ratting people out since the ’50s.”

He would also have been asked to produce a copy of his agreement with O’Sullivan, a point raised by both Kelly and Boeri. Robert Bloom ’71, a BC Law professor, agreed, saying that “it’s...on the defendant” to prove the existence of an immunity agreement.

Still, Carney’s question resonated: Why had Bulger been left to kill and plunder for twenty-five years without “even so much as a traffic ticket”? “He corrupted numerous [FBI] agents,” Kelly said. “Agents who at first began handling him as an informant became infatuated with him, he started paying them off, and that’s why [Bulger’s crime spree] went on for so long.”

This explanation was straightforward enough, but it brought up a number of other questions, some of them equally troubling. What, for instance, did it say about the FBI that so many agents had succumbed to the charms of a cold-blooded killer? Is the agency any cleaner now than back in the days when Bulger ran wild? And why was only one agent, John Connolly, ever charged with involvement in Bulger’s misdeeds? (Kelly mentioned the burden of proof and the statute of limitations as barriers to prosecution, at least at this late date.)

Another hard question came from David Boeri: Had the FBI really put heart and soul into finding Whitey Bulger during his sixteen years on the lam? Or had the bureau hoped he would be forgotten, along with its own history as his serial enabler? Boeri noted that the TV show America’s Most Wanted had reported Bulger sightings “two blocks away, three blocks away, four blocks away” from the spot in Santa Monica where he was nabbed some years later, after having been identified by a former neighbor. “I came closer to him than [the FBI] did,” said Boeri, who himself had gone to California to report on Bulger’s whereabouts. The FBI’s failure to track Bulger down “was an embarrassment for years and years,” Boeri said. “Was it simply incompetence, or was there some design?”

The question hung in the air as the panel ended.

— Andrew Hamilton

**Just Reward**

For her single-minded dedication to immigrant youth since she was eighteen years old, Shannon Johnson ’15 was one of two law students nationwide to receive a Merit Distinction for the PSJD Pro Bono Publico Award last October. As the inaugural student in BC Law’s hybrid Crime Immigation clinic, she helped her clinical supervisors develop the program into an official course at Boston College. Johnson’s recommenders spoke of her “enormous respect” for her clients, and her “incredible ability” to serve them in a holistic fashion.

**Applause**

Business Insider has placed Boston College Law School at 17 among the 50 best law schools in America.

**Rest Insured**

Ethan Marks ’14 won first place in the 2013-2014 ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section’s Law Student Writing Competition for “Federalism in an Era of International Free Trade: The General Agreement on Trade in Services and the Regulation of Insurance in the United States.” Marks wrote the paper for Professor David Wirth’s International Organizations class. Professor Thomas Bancro ’80, who helped Marks present the paper, said it offers “a very interesting treatment of the impact of Dodd-Frank and international trade agreements on the business of insurance in the US.”

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**AROUND THE ACADEMY**

**John Fabian Witt** The Legal History Roundtable series opened the academic year with a lecture by Witt, the Allen H. Duffy Class of 1960 Professor of Law at Yale University. In honor of Constitution Day, he presented the talk, “Two Humanitarianisms.” Witt’s most recent book, Lincoln’s Code: The Laws of War in American History, was awarded the 2013 Bancroft Prize, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, and was selected for the ABA’s Silver Gavel Award.

**Michael E. Capuano ’77 and Kent Greenfield** In October, the US Congressman and Somerville native, left, joined Professor Greenfield for Conversations@BCLaw, the second in a new BC Law series featuring alumni who are leading figures in politics. Capuano is serving his ninth term as a representative for Massachusetts’ Seventh District, which includes 75 percent of Boston. He was named to the House Ethics Committee in 2013.

**Lynne Stewart** The former civil rights lawyer known for representing unpopular defendants and who was herself incarcerated for her overzealous defense of her client, 1993 World Trade Center bombings suspect Omar Abdel-Rahman, spoke in November. She received a compassionate release in 2013 after eight years in prison following a terminal cancer diagnosis. She still advocates for representation of defendants, no matter how despicable the charges against them.

**Charlotte Whitmore and Eugene Gilyard** Released from prison in 2013 after serving fifteen years for a murder he didn’t commit, Gilyard owes a special debt to Professor Whitmore of BC Law’s Innocence Program, whose investigative efforts while a staff attorney for the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, helped secure his release. Gilyard, speaking without bitterness or rancor and carrying a message to never give up hope, told his story to a rapt BC Law crowd in October.

**Michael Dukakis** The former Massachusetts governor, an early advocate of accessible healthcare, is still calling for improvements. In a November visit, he championed a fully implemented Affordable Care Act, more community health centers to provide free care, and a dramatically simplified system. Boston hospitals employ hundreds of workers whose only job is to argue with insurance companies, he said. “If we just simplified, we’d save billions.”
In Brief

THE CLOWH CENTER: ASKING THE BIG QUESTIONS

Legal philosophers, historians, constitutionalists, and other specialists contributed last fall to a series of thoughtful presentations by BC’s Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, including to its Distinguished Lectures in Jurisprudence at the Law School. Professor Vlad Perju is the center’s director.

- NYU law professor Mattias Kunn on “Cosmopolitan Legitimacy in Constitutional Democracy.”
- Harvard law professor Roberto Unger on “The Prophetic Task of Legal Thought.”
- Panelists Tom Ginsburg of the University of Chicago, Tokujin Matsudaira of Kanagawa University, and Franziska Seraphim of Boston College on “The War on Japan’s Pacifist Constitution.”
- Yale law professor Peter H. Schuck on “Why Government Fails So Often and What Legal Education Can Do to Address the Problem.”
- University of Toronto law professor Ran Hirsch keynote the Symposium on Constitution-Making and Constitutional Design convened by BC law professor Richard Albert.

BULLETIN BOARD

Entity Taxation Conference Boston College Law School partnered with nonprofit publisher Tax Analysts to host a conference in October that examined proposed reforms in the taxation of business profits from around the world. The conference brought together experts on entity taxation from academia and various Tax Analysts publications. Lee Sheppard, contributing editor of Tax Analysts’ Tax Notes and one of the nation’s most widely read tax commentators, was the keynote speaker. The conference was held in three sessions. The first addressed the corporate entity, its potential for reform and the partnership. Amy Elliott of Tax Notes moderated the last, the moderated by Worldwide Tax Daily editor Sam Young, discussed the difficulties in taxng multinational entities. BC Law Professors Diane Ring, James Repetti, and Brian Galle acted as commentators. The conference was funded, in part, by the Boston College Law School Paulus Endowment for Tax Programs.

An Emotional Day for Attorney and Client

Guantanamo detainee released with the help of Michael Mone Jr.

The fourth Guantanamo client of Boston attorney Michael Mone Jr. ’96 is finally free.

Ali Hussein Al Shaaban, 32, a Syrian national unable to return home because of concerns for his safety, landed in Uruguay on December 7, 2014, with five other Guantanamo prisoners. His release comes after thirteen years in prison with no charges ever filed against him, five years after he was cleared to leave, four years after a plan to resettle him fell through, and ten months after the government of Uruguay agreed to accept him.

Mone credits Uruguayan President José Mujica, a former revolutionary who himself once spent thirteen years in prison, for Al Shaaban’s change of fortune. “I may practice for another twenty or thirty years, but I know that this is the best thing that I will ever do as a lawyer,” Mone says. “I’m so happy that I got involved.”

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A career Uruguayan military officer who witnessed the men deplane told Mone, “in all his years in the military he had never seen six men so happy, and it brought him to tears,” Mone said.

The Uruguayan government is setting up a residence and support services to help the men transition.

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To view the tax conference, go to bc.edu/lawmagvideos.
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Professor Ray Madoff

Where Has All the Money Gone?
Exposing systemic problems, BC Law convention sets its sights on philanthropic reform. BY JERI ZEDER

What are the implications when we think the law is doing one thing, but it’s really doing another? That question runs through much of Professor Ray D. Madoff’s scholarly work.

She says that an area to which it particularly applies is philanthropy: The law does not guarantee that monies eligible for the charitable tax deduction reach those in need.

“We grant the charitable deduction, which is expensive for the country and also has a social imprimatur that this is something that’s worthy of doing, but we don’t ensure that the money actually goes to charitable purposes,” she says.

That’s a significant indictment of this sector of the American economy, which gave more than $335.17 billion to some one million nonprofit organizations last year.

Madoff is at the forefront of efforts to remedy the situation. Those efforts took a giant step forward when she, with Adjunct Professor Bill Bagley and Associate Professor Brian Galle, organized the Convention on Promoting Meaningful Reform in Philanthropy, held at the Law School September 18 and 19.

Underwritten by the Ford Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, the Barr Foundation, the Rhode Island Community Foundation, and the Lewis B. & Dorothy Cullman Foundation, the invitation-only conference was quite possibly the only time that more than thirty leading economists, historians, legal academics, practitioners, philanthropists, and foundation leaders were engaged together in high-level discussions on the question of philanthropy reform. They discussed the many ways that the current legal regime causes charitable dollars to get stuck in non-charitable coffers, and the pros and cons of various solutions. The talks culminated with participants starting to strategize ways forward.

Setting the tone was Stanley Katz, president emeritus of the American Council of Learned Societies and director of the Princeton University Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, who delivered the keynote address. He traced the history of philanthropy from its origins at the turn of the twentieth century to today, and focused his critique on the time-honored concern that foundations empower wealthy individuals to influence public policy without public accountability.

Today, with the rise of mega-philanthropists in this era of unprecedented concentrations of wealth in America, that concern may be more pungent than ever, Katz implied. Yet historically, Congress has been reluctant to meaningfully regulate the philanthropic sector.

To the extent that Congress has looked at philanthropy, critics say it has done so rather superficially. At the convention, participants discussed a more substantive set of issues that are ripe for congressional review. Madoff sees two major problems with the status quo: “The money that charities are not paying in taxes and that are eligible for the charitable deduction are resulting in less money for the federal government, which requires the rest of us to pay more taxes on our wages and other forms of income,” she says. “We rely on the charitable sector, and to the extent that we have charities that we believe in and we support, those charities are being deprived of resources when we grant the charitable deduction to funds that don’t have to actually make their way to charity.”

In closed door sessions, Madoff reports, “We got a lot of feedback from people being very interested in continuing this work,” a sign that a major conference goal will be achieved: the formation of the Forum on Philanthropy and the Public Good. It will be a think tank and its work will consist of convening public forums, producing research papers, and educating members of Congress.

Madoff is undaunted by Congress’s neglect of this area of law. “Every issue has its time,” she says. “Given the roles of wealth inequality in this country, the low tax regime, and the reliance on philanthropy to do so much of the basics in our civic society, this is a time when these issues are ripe and ready for attention.”
A Mind Without Borders
To Hannah Marie Farhan ’16, the whole world is home.
INTERVIEW BY JANE WHITEHEAD

When you have been given something, it is no less than a duty to give back as much as you can. I come from a family of immigrants, and there is that sense that service is not an option, it’s part of what makes you a human being.

Home has always been about the people, not the location. I’ve spent time with family in Toronto, Munich, London, and Paris. I’ve lived in northern England, New York, Washington, DC, and Los Angeles, and any one of those is just as much home to me as Atlanta. That international sense of the world is something very important to me.

You find what you love and you find what drives you. I must be the only person on the planet whose parents thought it was a great idea when I switched from pre-med to history.

The best year of my life before coming to BC was studying medieval history in Sheffield, England. I spent my Easter holiday in the British Library doing research, and we went on field trips to York to see the Viking ruins and help with the excavations.

Working for Teach For America, I loved my students, but I did not enjoy the act of teaching. I spent hours fighting with the legal department of the school district for better special education services for an autistic student, and I decided fairly early on that I was going to go to law school afterwards.

We live in a day and age where even the national scale isn’t really sufficient for most issues any longer. So in the long run I see the International Law Society as a forum for people in different substantive areas of law to come together and broaden their horizons and as an avenue for the affinity groups to find common ground. There is one thing we have in common, that we all come from somewhere else.

The work that I really want to do is public sector work. I want to have that sense of purpose that I had while I was teaching. And with a field that’s as driven by people and society as law, there’s no reason for me not to have an even larger sense of purpose here.

STUDENT SNAPSHOT

Provenance Farhan’s parents immigrated to Atlanta, Georgia, after the 1979 Iranian Revolution. “They lost everything. They came with my dad’s student visa and a suitcase. The mantra was education.” Learning BS in history, technology, and society, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2011; MEd in elementary education, University of Missouri–St. Louis, 2013. Languages Farsi, English, French. Pre-Law For Teach For America, taught 2nd and 3rd grade French immersion classes in Kansas City Public Schools. At BC Law Clough Center academic law fellow; president, International Law Society; coordinator Haiti Spring Break service trip. March 2014; research assistant to Professor Kent Greenfield, working on corporate citizenship. What Her Friends Know “I am one of the clumsiest people on the planet. The last time I rode a bike, in one trip I crashed into a wall and an electric fence.”
In the Field

Brian Knez ’84 CEO of Neiman Marcus and other top retailers turned private equity investor; founder Castanea Partners. Specialty Building, growing, and managing small to middle market companies in branded consumer products and service industry sectors. Location Newton, Massachusetts. Passion His four children, triathlons, and serving on a variety of nonprofit boards.

The Canny Investor

When Brian Knez sees opportunity, companies thrive.

BY MAURA KING SCULLY

He ran Neiman Marcus. Harcourt Brace, too. And, though he claims to have found his niche just by “casting about,” it’s clear Brian Knez ’84 has a head for retail and a knack for picking solid investments.

“I never aspired to run a company,” says Knez, who grew up in Tucson and decided to get a JD because his father was a lawyer. After graduating from BC Law School, he headed to Choate Hall & Stewart. “I loved the intellectual challenge and critical thinking, but I came to realize I was on the wrong side of the table,” he recalls. He went to General Cinema Beverages and then on to senior roles in the consumer products, retail, professional publishing, and education sectors.

Today, he’s a founding partner of Castanea Partners, a private equity firm that invests in companies that specialize in everything from apparel and fashion to health and wellness. Castanea typically invests between $15 and $75 million of equity capital in companies that are ready to take the next step in growth.

Knez decided to name the company Castanea, which means “chestnut” in Latin, because he set up shop in Chestnut Hill and he and other family members lived on Chestnut Street.

“We tend to work directly with company founders who are looking for partners,” explains Knez, who founded the firm with his brother-in-law. Together, they invested $75 million when the firm launched in 2001. The firm now has twelve other institutional investors and more than $1 billion in assets.

“We tend to look for companies
where we can find two or three operating opportunities that, if implemented correctly, can help that business reach a new level of success and create significant additional value,” he says.

A case in point is Drybar, the hair care company that pioneered the “blow dry bar” concept: No cuts. No color. Just blowouts for $40. Founded by a brother and sister team, Drybar had eight shops when it partnered with Castanea.

“Drybar wanted to expand nationally and build out its own product line,” says Knez. “We helped them create a branded product line as well as a wholesale business from scratch. Drybar now has 50 shops and a robust business selling its products in its own stores, in Sephora retail stores, and on QVC,” he says. “They’re off to an incredible start.”

Other companies in the Castanea portfolio include 4moms, a robotics company that makes high-tech baby gear, and Essentia, a robotics company that makes high-tech baby gear, and Essentia, a robotics company that makes

The Mother of All Jobs
Kristen Dang Han ’00 As the mother of three boys, it might seem that Kristen Han gravitated to her position as vice president and general counsel of Destination Maternity Corporation for the employee discount. But, that’s hardly the story. Han, who oversees the legal department for the world’s largest designer and retailer of maternity apparel, says the variety of work she tackles as in-house counsel is the real allure.

“All day is a different issue,” says Han, who joined the $500 million company as assistant general counsel in 2005 and was promoted to deputy general counsel in 2007. In 2013, she was elevated to her current position, the same year Forbes recognized Destination Maternity on its list of the “100 Most Trustworthy Companies.”

“We have 1,900 retail locations and over 4,000 employees so there is a constant stream of legal issues involving everything from intellectual property to employee relations to real estate to corporate governance,” she says.

Han began her legal career practicing corporate and securities law with Holland & Knight in Boston. When she and her husband, David Han ’99, decided to move to Philadelphia to be closer to their families, Han joined Klehr Harrison Harvey Blander and, with her second son on the way, she decided to leave the partner track for Destination Maternity, which operates predominantly under the trade names Motherhood Maternity and A Pea in the Pod.

“Because the work is so varied and challenging, I feel rewarded every day,” says Han. “Even though I may not be wearing maternity apparel right now, I believe in the business and its goal of delivering fashionable and stylish apparel to women during this wonderful and special time of their lives.” —MKS
Making International Tax Laws Just

Professor Diane Ring gives voice to emerging nations’ concerns. BY JERI ZEDER

The Idea: The international tax regime is broken. Among other things, it allows the erosion of the tax base of developing countries and undermines their capacity for growth. These countries need access to tax-relevant information from multinational corporations that is now hidden from view. Thomas F. Carney Distinguished Scholar Diane Ring is analyzing proposals to improve the situation. Her guidance will help developing countries advocate for their interests in efforts to reform international tax laws.

Global Impact: Current international tax rules allow multinational corporations like Cadbury, Starbucks, Apple, Google, and General Electric to lower their taxes or avoid paying taxes altogether by shifting their profits from countries where their profits are made to countries with lower tax rates. Consequently, some multinational corporations pay as little as 5 percent in corporate taxes, even as smaller domestic businesses pay up to 30 percent.

The result is what’s known as base erosion and profit-shifting, or BEPS. BEPS deprives all countries of tax revenues. But poor countries rely heavily on tax revenues from multinationals, so BEPS hits them especially hard. For example, 70 percent of Rwanda’s tax base and 88 percent of Nigeria’s comes from multinationals. BEPS undercuts the ability of developing countries to build infrastructure, provide social services, and open opportunities for their people.

The G20 and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) have organized the BEPS Project to address the problem on a global scale. In 2013, the OECD issued a plan to stem BEPS through substantive law reform. But all the law reform in the world won’t matter without transparency. Unless multinational corporations disclose
tax information to the governments of developing countries, those nations cannot adequately assess and collect the taxes that are owed them. The BEPS Project, therefore, includes action items related to transparency and disclosure.

Enter Professor Diane Ring.

She was recruited to work on the BEPS Project for the United Nations by BC Law Professor Emeritus Hugh J. Ault, a consultant to the UN’s Financing for Development Office. A chapter she is contributing to a UN volume on protecting the tax base of developing countries analyzes the BEPS action items related to transparency and disclosure in the context of resource-strapped nations. As the BEPS Action Plan moves forward, these countries will be able to use Ring’s work to advocate for reforms that better address their needs.

It’s a complicated task. India, China, Brazil, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Sierra Leone are among the world’s developing nations. But they clearly differ widely in, as Ring describes it, “their domestic infrastructure, their economic position, their existing network of tax agreements and tools, and their substantive tax system.” So the point isn’t to make recommendations, Ring says; it’s to provide developing countries with the information and analysis they need to make decisions about how best to approach the issues that the BEPS project raises.

Within the BEPS Project’s fifteen-step action plan, Action Items 11, 12, and 13 pertain to disclosure and transparency. Together, they call for: developing ways to ascertain and monitor the scope and impact of the BEPS problem and of attempts to solve it; requiring corporations to disclose their aggressive tax planning arrangements; establishing reporting standards and cross-border information sharing; and using a common template for corporations to report on their country-by-country economic activities.

Developing countries often lack adequate financial reporting requirements, so they can’t legally demand information on a corporation’s assets, accounts, transactions, and business activities. They need to reform their own domestic laws as part of solving their BEPS problems. The disclosure and reporting requirements and mechanisms contemplated in the action items can be helpful guides to developing countries as they reform their laws, Ring writes.

These countries don’t always have the human, technological, and systemic resources to enforce disclosure laws and to audit multinational corporations operating within their borders. The reforms proposed under the BEPS Project will help only insofar as they can ease these constraints, Ring concludes.

Finally, some important tax information can only come from other nations—but developing countries often have few treaty relationships through which such information would be exchanged. Ring writes that transparency and disclosure reforms that contemplate more global, as opposed to country-to-country, solutions will be of greater benefit to developing nations.

“International tax law itself has always been fascinating,” Ring says. “But I have very much appreciated the opportunity to take my research and knowledge in this field and use it to help tax policy makers and tax administrators in developing countries make more informed choices about their tax laws, tax administration, and tax policy options as they too seek to secure their tax base.”

**NOTABLE FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

**Professor Brian Galle** goes against popular wisdom when he argues that “nudges,” a form of behaviorally inspired regulation, are economically efficient. *Writing in the Texas Law Review article, “Tax, Command…or Nudge?*, Evaluating the New Regulation,* Galle makes the point that some “command and control” regulations are superior to tax or subsidy alternatives.

**Professor Sanford Katz,** the Darald and Juliet Libby chair emeritus, ends his scholarly career on a high note with the publication of the second edition of *Family Law in America* by Oxford University Press. Katz includes new material on same-sex marriage, the impact of reproduction techniques on adoption, protecting children from clergy sexual abuse, and other family law developments.

**Matalya Sznitser,** the inaugural David and Pamela Drohoje Assistant Professor in business law, is publishing “Funding Discipline for US Public Pension Funds: An Empirical Analysis of Institutional Design” in *Iowa Law Review*. She uses new data on state-administered pension plans to show that differences in institutional design create striking variations in pension plan funding disciplines.

**Professor George Brown’s** article, “Notes on a Terrorism Trial—Preventive Prosecution, Material Support, and the Role of the Judge after United States v. Mehanna,” was published in the *Harvard National Security Journal*. Brown is a specialist in the field of federal-state relations and government ethics. His current research focuses on the role of the courts in the War on Terror.

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**BC LAW FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

**A Valued Voice** Professor Thomas C. Kohler, an internationally recognized authority on labor and employment law of the US and other western nations, was part of a 2014 delegation to Brussels. They met with the American Ambassador to the European Union and many EU officials to discuss the consequences of the proposed US-EU Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Treaty (TTIP). Kohler was also invited to become founding editor of the journal, *International Labor Law*, in the new Brill Research Perspectives Series.

**Dead to Rights** Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly named Professor Ray Madoff among its “Top Women of Law” in 2014, which places her among women deemed by the publication to be “pioneers, educators, trailblazers, and role models.” Madoff teaches courses in trusts and estates as well as a seminar on the subject area of her most recent book, *Immortality and the Law: The Rising Power of the American Dead* (Yale).

**The Writing on the Wall** Scholarship by Professor R. Michael Cassidy proved prescient when the US Department of Justice announced a new policy last October, requiring federal prosecutors to stop seeking waivers from criminal defendants of their rights to claim ineffective assistance of counsel in negotiated plea agreements. As early as 2011, Cassidy, a critic of these waivers, wrote in the *San Diego Law Review* that “insisting on so-called ineffective counsel waivers impresses me as overreaching of the worst sort.”

**Ask the Experts** BC Law faculty have been much in demand by the media for their expertise on a number of news events. Several have published op-eds in the *New York Times* and *Boston Globe*: others have been widely quoted. Among them are Kari Hong on eliminating grand juries after the Ferguson shooting; David Olson on the not guilty verdict in the Apple iPod trial; Daniel Lyons on TV programming blackouts; and Robert Bloom on the murder trial of former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez.
“Being on a steering committee with members of NGOs is a big task. It’s more a work of hope than optimism as we try to find common ground about economic justice and inequality.”

—GASSON CHAIR FRANK BRENNAN, SJ
Comparing Notes
What can we learn from another nation's laws?

**VR:** It’s wonderful to host someone from the Jesuit community from abroad because it furthers BC Law’s global engagement goals. The faculty feel they’re part of a broader discussion and students benefit from hearing about issues from a different perspective. For example, the fact that Australia doesn’t have a bill of rights certainly provides another point of view about jurisprudence.

**FB:** I had a Fulbright at Georgetown University twenty years ago and sat in on a course with Father Bob Drinan. He used to turn to me and say, “How are things done in Australia?” because we didn’t have a bill of rights. It’s good to come to the home of the Bill of Rights and reflect on your jurisprudence here. Sometimes I think it’s good that the judges don’t always have the final say. But we definitely do have a deficit, where the issues don’t get agitated with the same sort of determination.

**VR:** Do you notice issues that might be the same in both countries but come to the fore differently in the legal system of each? How typically might the lack of a bill of rights affect that?

**FB:** One of the live issues in the United States is physician-assisted suicide. In the US, you expect that the Supreme Court will give the definitive decision. In my country, we recently had a Senate inquiry into physician-assisted suicide. It will be politicians, rather than judges, who have the final say. But the good thing about turning to jurisprudence in countries like the United States and Canada is that the refined arguments reached in the courts will eventually be fed into the political process.

**VR:** Another prominent issue in both our countries is immigration. I have spent some time down at the border. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to be with those men, women, and children who are risking everything to come to this country. But within the legal, cultural, and political debate here, it’s been challenging to say how this nation is going to handle what is really a humanitarian crisis.

**FB:** We found the same in Australia. Even though we are an island nation continent and don’t have any land borders, it’s become a very toxic debate in Australia. Refugee advocates will say what government is doing is contrary to the spirit of the UN 1951 Refugee Convention. Government will reply it’s complying with the letter of the convention. ‘The spirit’ versus ‘the letter’ becomes a proxy for what is really required, which is a mature debate about what’s decent and indecent in terms of dealing with people who present at our borders. Public morality is not the exclusive province of international lawyers.

**VR:** The United States has a tradition of surges of immigrants throughout our history. But I know that diversity in that sense is relatively new to Australia. How has that affected the debate?

**FB:** We’ve become a multicultural society, and that’s a good thing, but, sadly, because we have a very organized migration program, where there are quotas on various parts of the program, that means that for every person who presents successfully seeking asylum at the border without a visa there is one less place in the humanitarian quota for people in need who could never access Australia on their own.

**VR:** The huge influx of unaccompanied children to America in 2014 has changed the legal debate over immigration here. Even in Massachusetts, a state that has typically been welcoming and open to immigrants, there’s been push back to the idea of unaccompanied minors staying here. That’s evidence as to how complex and emotionally toxic the issue has become.

In the case of children, everyone can usually find common ground to take care of these kids. But the reality is, it’s expensive and there are no resources to do the job properly. At some point, people throw up their hands and act badly.

**FB:** Justice of all kinds is hard to achieve these days. I served on the C20, the organ for engagement by civil society with the G20, that met recently in Australia. We were exploring the real impact that civil society has on such a meeting of world leaders, especially when their agenda is so tightly focused on economic growth and taxation reform.

To spend a year on a steering committee with members of NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] is a big task. It’s more a work of hope than optimism. But the members are trying to find common ground about economic justice and inequality.
Witness to an Evolution
How Professor Quinn has influenced the economic emergence of Vietnam since the 1980s. BY DAVID REICH

Among his many distinctions, Professor Brian Quinn can probably claim to be the only American academic, let alone the only corporate law expert, to have published a law review article about the Vietnamese pomelo trade. The story of how he came to write it is more or less the story of his adult life, from an undergraduate intern to an innovator in Vietnamese higher education.

The internship, during his sophomore year at Georgetown, took him to the Philippines, where he worked with Vietnamese refugees. “When a boat arrived,” he says, “I organized the retrieval of refugees and bussed them or trucked them to the camp. I learned a little Vietnamese, things like ‘Get off the truck’ and ‘Who are your parents?’”

After his return, Georgetown agreed to student exchanges with the University of Hanoi. Quinn spent his senior year there, steeping himself in Vietnamese culture and history. It was 1989, and many Americans still saw Vietnam as an enemy; the countries lacked diplomatic relations, and a US trade embargo was in effect. Yet Vietnam was changing internally, moving rapidly away from central planning toward a market economy.

With few Americans in the country, Quinn acted as a citizen-diplomat, practicing his Vietnamese on everyone he met, gratefully accepting dinner invitations. He picked up enough of the language and culture that, after his return home, Harvard’s Institute for International Development
him to fly to Europe, meet up with Vietnamese diplomats, and escort them to the US. “I had a suit and a passport,” he recalls, “and that’s what was required.”

In the early 1990s, the beginning of a US-Vietnamese thaw, Quinn, then a student at Harvard’s JFK School, was again pressed into service, this time to accompany Americans like Edmund Muskie, the former secretary of state, to Vietnam.

During that time, Senators John Kerry ’76 and John McCain, both Vietnam veterans, were urging Vietnam to share information on missing American servicemen, in return for which the US would move toward ending the embargo and re-opening diplomatic relations. Vietnam, Quinn recalls, “let the US have all the information that existed, and the US response was nothing. Internal US politics made it difficult for the US to move.”

As a sort of consolation prize, the US agreed to fund an economics school for Vietnamese officials. In its first years, the Fulbright Economics Teaching Program (FETP), in Ho Chi Minh City, was led by Brian Quinn. “The Vietnamese leaders were all educated in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe,” he says. “The only tools they had were tools related to central planning. The idea was to educate them about institutions and how they could change to adapt to new environments.”

Some Vietnamese saw FETP as a plot against their political system, and during its early days, Quinn’s mail was opened, his phone calls tapped. He says, “I had a bad habit of speaking quickly on the phone….One time I went to a monthly meeting with the ministry of foreign affairs, and they said, ‘When you speak on the phone, slow down. We can’t keep up with you.'”

The diplomatic freeze and trade embargo had ended by 1995, but the Fulbright educational program endured. “We have had very good students who went back to their [agencies] and enacted good policy,” says Quinn.

After six years at FETP, he felt the program needed a law component, and he enrolled in Stanford Law School. He liked it a bit more than he had expected. After graduation, he spent two years at a California law firm, working on mergers and acquisitions. Then he went into the teaching of law, arriving at Boston College Law School in 2008. He teaches corporate law—an area in which he has published extensively—in addition to courses on business transactions and corporate mergers and acquisitions.

Quinn stayed engaged with FETP, though, frequently returning to Vietnam to help the staff with teaching and research. His pomelo article comes from the post-Stanford period. While visiting Vietnam, he says, “I got roped into a wedding party and ended up on a pomelo farm. It struck me as an interesting question: How do the farmers organize their business relations in the absence of law—law in the strictest sense.”

The article, “Farmers, Middlemen, and the New Rule of Law Movement,” published in 2010 in the Boston College Third World Law Journal, is one of four articles on Vietnamese law that he’s published in the last dozen years or so. It describes the informal mechanisms by which the farmers protect themselves from dishonest fruit brokers in a country where courts are slow, ineffective, and sometimes corrupt. Its subtext, he says, is his skepticism about the “rule of law” movement.

Next summer, Quinn plans to return to Vietnam, this time with twelve Boston College undergrads. Under the auspices of BC’s Office of International Programs, the students will take classes, taught by Quinn, and visit local factories, farms, and law courts. “We’re hoping,” he says, “that they begin to appreciate the challenges of development and the role that institutions, soft and hard, can play in making sure development happens.”

Meanwhile, Quinn serves on the board of a nonprofit that aims to turn the one-year Fulbright program into a full-fledged university. That means raising money and combing Vietnam for able instructors and administrators. Quinn’s vision for the new school reflects the existing school’s emphasis on market competition. “We want to establish a center of excellence,” he explains, “to push competing universities to be better—to create the mental space for them to consider how their institutions could be run more effectively.”

**GLOBE-TROTTING**

**Freedom Fighter** Visiting scholar Juan Carlos Portilla has used the resources of several BC Law faculty and students to secure the release of a Venezuelan student activist detained by her government, and is working to free a second one. His efforts have included petitions to the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations. A panel discussion he led in November highlighted the pattern of injustices that peaceful activists have endured because of what he calls “the government’s large-scale plan to…" silence political opposition.”

**A Meeting of Minds** The global initiatives program welcomed a delegation of the Court of the Jurisdictional Disputes of the Republic of Turkey in October. Professors Frank Garcia and Joan Blum have made several trips to the country recently to give talks on the US legal system and international law. Hon. Robert J. Cordy of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court selected BC Law to host the visiting judges.

**Eyes Wide Open** David Libardoni ‘14 and Kevin Finnerty ’14 were among a select group of law review editors invited to Israel last year for a week-long cultural exchange. One of Libardoni’s favorite meetings was with Professor Uzi Rabi of Tel Aviv University: “He painted a picture of the Middle East that challenged us to look at it from a different perspective. It took in thousands of years of history as well as alerted us to the many different attitudes and perceptions that exist in the region.”

**Clinical Strides** BC Law’s Ninth Circuit Appellate Project, under the direction of Professor Kari Hong, has been recognized as one of the nation’s “most innovative” by National Jurist/PreLaw. Four students in the clinic recently argued the cases of a Dominican woman and a Mexican man before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.
The Times They Are A-Changin’
Casting an amused look at how different a law student’s world was in 1968 compared to 2014. BY VICKI SANDERS

To find out how much law school has changed in the last half century, BC Law Magazine went on a research mission, scouring old records, surveying the innards of students’ backpacks, and, most notably, tapping the memories of Professor Sanford Katz. Why Professor Katz? Because he’s retiring after forty-six years at the Law School. What better authority than he to jumpstart our inquiry into BC Law, past and present? This visual representation of our findings, placed in the context of the social, cultural, political, and professional realities of 1968 and 2014, spans Katz’s tenure and alerts us to the impact of diversity and technology on learning.

THE AGELESS PROFESSOR KATZ’S JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

When Professor Sanford Katz, now on the eve of retirement, joined the law faculty at Boston College in 1968, he was thirty-five years old and a new dad. His office was in More Hall, he paid 35 cents a gallon to gas up his green Plymouth Valiant, wrote on a manual typewriter, used carbon paper to make copies, and generally found students to be more radical than they are today. In his legal specialty of family law, palimony, no fault divorce, and gay marriage were unheard of.

In today’s classroom, students expect more from their professors. “There’s no more going in and emoting with lofty thoughts,” Katz says. “You’ve got a syllabus to follow and you’d better follow it.” Students are graded on a curve. The curriculum is increasingly tailored to job opportunities, and professors must be responsive to market realities. The days of ivory tower academics are numbered, he says.

Still, he took his role on the appointments committee seriously. “My legacy is having added truly great scholars to our faculty,” he says. And some things remain fundamentally unchanged, he observes: “Our students have always been special, wonderful people.”

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**CULTURE**

**Popular Films**

- *Planet of the Apes* 1968
- *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* 2014

**Hit Music**

- “Hey Jude” The Beatles 1968
- “Happy” Pharrell Williams 2014

**Cost of Living**

- 1968: $130
- 2014: $1,896

**Voluntary Programs**

- Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau, cornerstone of Law School’s new clinical education program, opens; handles 160 cases in its first semester

**Centre for Experiential Learning**

- Opens in 2014

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Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy '80, heralded as a strong leader in a crisis and whose signature achievement in his first term was historic gun-control legislation in the wake of the Sandy Hook school shootings, was re-elected to a second term in November.

In January 2013, Boston College trustee and former appeals court judge Marianne D. Short '76 was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at UnitedHealth Group in Minnetonka, Minnesota, a Fortune 500 company that provides health benefits and services nationwide and internationally.
Jonathan W. Painter ’85 is President and CEO of Kadant, Inc., in Westford, Massachusetts, one of the largest paper products companies in the world with 1,800 employees in 17 countries. Kadant supplies innovative energy-efficient products, technology, and services to the paper, plastics, textiles, and tire industries.

Recently noted among “Women Worth Watching for 2015” by Profiles in Diversity Journal, Theres Pritchard ’78 is the first woman Chair of 140-year-old Bryan Cave LLP, an international law firm based in Washington, D.C. She has been cited as one of America’s best lawyers by various publications.

Secretary of State John Kerry ’76 has served as the nation’s top diplomat since January 2013 following twenty-eight years in the US Senate, four of them as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. He was the Democratic Party presidential candidate in 2004.

Leadership is a team enterprise at Holland & Knight. Steven H. Wright ’81 (front, seated) Executive Partner at the firm’s Boston office, also serves as a director of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and was named to the 2014 Boston Business Journal’s “Power 50.” Wright underlines his debt to colleagues he calls “role models and supporters”: (from left) Mark C. Michalowski ’85, former Executive Partner for Boston, James E. McDermott ’80, firmwide Section Leader for Business, and Ralph T. Lepore ’79, Chairman of the Director’s Committee and Practice Group Leader for New England litigation.
As Executive Director of Global Zero, Derek Johnson ’06 helms a movement to eliminate nuclear weapons worldwide. The Washington, DC-based organization has built an international community of influential celebrities and political, military, business, civic, and faith leaders—matched by a powerful grassroots movement.

Recognized by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the “100 Most Influential US Hispanics,” Brigida Benitez ’93 is a Partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP and President of the Washington, DC, Bar Association.
A veteran defender of First Amendment rights, the multilingual poet, translator, and scholar Hon. William P. Robinson III ’75 has been a Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice since 2004.

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Identified as a leader in US and European antitrust law by many publications, including Chambers Global and The Best Lawyers in America, Mark Leddy ’71 has been Managing Partner of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP since 2011.

Veteran prosecutor Peter F. Neronha ’89 was appointed by President Obama as United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island, his native state, in 2009.
Following a career in public service and private practice, Francis X. Spina ’71 served on both the Massachusetts Superior Court and the Appeals Court before his appointment as Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 1999.
Walking into a dusty and seemingly abandoned courtroom in Tuz, Iraq, I thought to myself that Iraqis could not possibly understand the law. My naïve perspective blinded me to the truth - I was the one who did not understand law. This realization turned the corner and saw a long line of locals standing outside of the judge's chambers, waiting for their moment with him. They carried with them a list of grievances, complaints to land and property disputes. In Iraq, the judge’s ruling was the successful application of rule of law.

During my deployment to Afghanistan, I found myself serving as a judge, helping to settle disputes and cases involving the military. It was there that I learned the importance of developing evidence, and working with my Iraqi partners, I was able to develop evidence to prove that those who were responsible for the attack against my soldier, who was responsible for the attack against my soldier, later sentenced to jail, it occurred to me that the most powerful weapon in prison has exposed several flaws in their legal system. Establishing an effective legal system was not a fact, but a desirable outcome of the rule of law.
Grade point averages and LSAT scores, extracurricular activities and past achievements are all part of the mysterious mix of talent and potential that admission officers must weigh in selecting the members of each incoming class. But perhaps no single item provides as much insight into the hearts and minds of applicants as their personal essays, 800 simple words that endeavor to capture a lifetime on a single page. Reprising a feature published five years ago, BC Law Magazine presents voices from a new incoming class, five 1Ls who will graduate in 2017. They write about the horrors of war in Iraq and Afghanistan or overcoming the loss of a father to become the first in the family to go to college—and law school; about enduring racial slurs or throwing off the mantle of communist oppression to seek a brighter future in a free society. Their experiences reveal a common aspiration, a moral imperative to make a difference. Here are their stories.
Most nineteen-year-old men do not find themselves with the responsibility of selecting someone else’s wedding cake, but then most sisters would not assign the task of planning a 500-person Pakistani wedding to their younger brother. And yet, there I was. I had never been in a real bakery before, and the woman running the shop eyed me warily, suspecting, I think, that she was in the middle of a prank. When she asked why I was there, I explained that I was picking out a cake for the bride, my sister. She asked with clear disdain if my bride was my sister. Thus began the wedding planning that would control my life for several months. I settled on a five-tiered cake with vanilla frosting and strawberry filling, reflecting the respective favorite flavors of my sister and her fiancé; then it was on to centerpieces, aisle decorations, choreographed dances, and decorators.

Nothing went according to plan on the wedding day. The cake, when it arrived, was a mess. The rose petal number I ordered showed up as a slightly lopsided pile of icing, and the South Asian bride and groom cake topper was conspicuously absent. The florist brought artificial flowers for the aisles instead of real ones and the stage decorator was three hours late. When the banquet hall’s fire alarm went off an hour before guests were scheduled to arrive, I nearly stayed inside to continue setting up, but thought the better of it given the small but real possibility that there was actually a fire. And yet, when my sister walked down the aisle, I had tears in my eyes, as did everyone else. When she and her groom fed cake to each other, the vanilla frosting and strawberry filling were perfect. In her eyes, and the eyes of the guests, the wedding was a rousing success.

My family often looks to me to implement solutions to difficult problems, and just as often, I volunteer. To me, the most interesting problems are intricate and multidimensional, and they allow for similarly multidimensional and innovative solutions.

In roles ranging from brother to student to paralegal, I have had opportunities to pursue solutions of that sort. As a high school senior, I wrote and directed a play about differences and commonalities in South Asian communities, recruiting students of both Indian and Pakistani heritage to perform it. As the chair of my university’s allocation board, I used my position to spark collaborations among various religious and cultural organizations. From bridging structural and cultural barriers to planning a wedding, I thrive on designing and implementing solutions to the issues I care most about.

I was in sixth grade when 9/11 happened. My identity as both an American and a Muslim changed the day the towers fell, and my nation’s subsequent response, both domestic and international, highlighted a need for dialogue and creative thinking. From that point forward, I began to look in earnest for a means of addressing the structural problems I saw around me.

I have come to see law as a means of creating concrete solutions and as a skill set to advocate for change. I can think of no better platform than law from which to address the challenges facing my community and my country, and no better place to start than with an excellent legal education.
Walking into a dusty and seemingly abandoned courtroom in Tuz, Iraq, I shook my head, thinking to myself that Iraqis could not possibly understand the law. My naïve prejudices had blinded me to the truth—I was the one who didn’t understand law. The realization came as I turned the corner and saw a long line of local nationals standing outside the judge’s office, patiently waiting for their moment with him. They carried with them a list of grievances, ranging from criminal complaints to land and property disputes. In Iraq, the judge’s ruling was the embodiment of law.

Understanding the successful application of the rule of law was a critical component of my mission in Iraq, as well as during my deployment to Afghanistan. During one bleak winter’s day in Iraq, I remember watching helplessly as an injured soldier limped out of his damaged vehicle. With the assistance of my Iraqi partners, I was able to develop evidence and secure a warrant for the person responsible for the attack against my soldier. Later, as the suspect was driven to jail, it occurred to me that the most powerful weapon in my arsenal to be used against terrorists was not a rifle, but the proper application of the rule of law.

During my deployment to Afghanistan, the Afghans’ inability to keep insurgents in prison has exposed several flaws in their legal system. Establishing an effective judicial system that holds insurgents criminally liable for their actions was essential to the legitimacy of the Afghan government. The attorney and I helped accomplish this by merging our efforts in intelligence and law to redesign the arrest and search warrant forms. Under the system we put into place, Afghan security leaders had to demonstrate to the Afghan prosecutors that there was sufficient evidence to support an indictment. On several occasions, the progress we had made was jeopardized by others who were advising the Afghan police to obtain a warrant with little regard to ensuring the evidence would support a conviction. Their efforts in the end proved futile since they could not successfully prosecute any of their targets, thus demonstrating the importance of respecting local laws.

My studies at West Point and my experiences as an army officer have significantly altered my perception of the application of international law. During one of our final missions in Iraq, our convoy rolled past a series of villages that appeared to be frozen in time. Unlike the vast majority of villages we had traveled through, there was no group of eager children running to the vehicle hoping to get candy from soldiers, and there were no farmers in the fields or herders watching their livestock. The provincial mayor explained that these villages had been abandoned after Saddam Hussein’s regime launched a gas attack that killed hundreds of local Kurds. I could see the pain in his eyes as he recounted the horrors of watching his fellow Kurds desperately running away from the village. From my high school history class to my law classes at West Point, I have always been fascinated with the implementation of international law to prevent and deter acts of genocide. Witnessing the remnants of genocide had taken the subject from words in textbooks to real life experience.

Because of these profound encounters, I have developed an unbreakable determination to use the law to prevent acts such as genocide. Through my studies in law school, I wish to continue to serve my country as an attorney.
The path that has led me to this essay, at this university, has been anything but easy. I am the son of a truck driver and a homemaker, and the day that I arrived at Tulane University as a terrified eighteen-year-old boy broke a tradition, or, perhaps more fittingly, a curse, that had clung to my forefathers’ backs since time immemorial. The particular line of Levesques whose very blood flows in my veins represents a fiercely loyal, hardworking tradition. Yet, it is a line of soldiers and carpenters, of men making a living with calloused hands and sweaty brows. It was with these vocations in mind that I entered the world, and I would’ve followed these paths were it not for the fact that my father wanted more for his son. On a blistering August afternoon in 2010, he and I together moved a Levesque into a college dorm room for the first time.

I feel that I represent a type of person who is few and far between. My soul has been nourished by a rigorous Catholic upbringing and education. My hands have been calloused by many a hard day’s work in the ancient art of carpentry. My mind has been sharpened by my education. My backbone has been straightened by the United States Army. My story is one of perseverance, of carrying on when everything around me came undone. I have clawed and scratched my way through classes that students of my major are not supposed to take. Sometimes, I succeeded, and sometimes, I failed. But no matter the result, I regret nothing of these struggles, for they make me who I am today. We do not know who we really are until we have looked ourselves in the mirror and realized that despite our best efforts, we lost. Our best simply wasn’t good enough. Life is filled with these little battles, and it isn’t how we react when we win, but who we are when we lose, that defines us.

Looking back on my four years as an undergraduate, I recognize that those long nights on field training exercises in the Mississippi wilderness studying chemistry by the soft red glow of an Army flashlight gave me more than any letter on a transcript can possibly convey. I learned to fail, and I am stronger because of it. I am what I am, and what I am not.

The battles in the classroom could never prepare me for the trials I would face in August of 2011, however. On the 11th, I parted ways with my father as he made his way to work on his motorcycle. He waved, and in my heart I can’t remember if I did too. I awoke on the 12th to find out that my dad was never coming home. To use an old cliché, everything changed in the blink of an eye. I went to sleep a boy and woke up with the responsibilities of a man thrust into my hands. I wrote an obituary. I carried my father down the aisle of a church. I gave a eulogy. Less than a week after saying my final goodbyes, I was back at school. Family and friends told me I wasn’t ready, and to be completely honest, they were right. I was, for lack of a better description, completely broken. But, I knew it was then or never. That year, I found within myself more strength than I ever thought possible.

No matter what I face in my life, law school included, I will succeed. This is not to say that I’ll be without failure, however. I know that I’ll struggle, and at times my best just won’t be good enough. But this will not, and cannot, stop me. I will be the first Levesque, or O’Donnell, for that matter, to graduate from law school. And when I receive my diploma, I will do so with the knowledge that my father is smiling down on me with pride.
When I declined my former law firm’s generous offer to return to them after completing my LLM degree at Harvard Law School, my boss said, “Someday you will regret this. Vietnam is your turf. America is brutal.” He may have been right both about me and about US legal practice, but having been a fighter for almost all my life and career, I am determined to start my legal career from scratch in America.

In Vietnam, a deeply Confucian-influenced society, people tend to view women as subordinate to men and therefore predisposed to listen and obey rather than to make decisions and lead. Brought up in a traditional Vietnamese family, I was taught that a good woman should never argue or openly express her opinion. Against my dear parents’ wishes, I turned out to be the antithesis of that traditional model: I am opinionated, able to stand up and speak without fear of being judged, and I love intellectual challenges.

My decision to become a lawyer derives from my belief that the law has significant power to change both society and individual lives through promoting economic development. Growing up under a communist regime in one of the most war-ravaged countries since World War II, I saw how the enactment and effective enforcement of good laws helped millions of people get out of poverty. On the other hand, I also experienced how bad laws and weak legal enforcement restricted economic activities and drove a nation with great potential backward.

It is difficult to practice as a lawyer in Vietnam. Many have been beaten, slandered, and arrested for defending clients whose interests run contrary to those of the powerful people running the country. Thriving as a female lawyer, however, is significantly more challenging. The only way to overcome the social prejudice against me as a female attorney was to deliver excellent legal services. I managed to become a corporate lawyer at a top-tier international law firm in Vietnam while also being the first in my generation in Vietnam to gain admission to Harvard Law School’s LLM program. Fortunately, I did not have to face the abuse that my parents so feared. I also joined a small handful of female lawyers who advised the government on important laws designed to foster both direct foreign investment and the private sector in Vietnam, the two major pillars of Vietnam’s economy.

After several years of legal practice in Vietnam, I experienced significant constraints in the practice of law in my country. With rampant corruption and no impartial judicial system, there is always an illegal way for people to escape justice. I will never forget, for example, the time when the court denied our right to defend our client because the hostile judges publicly sided with the other party, a powerful state-owned company with strong government connections.

My emigration to the United States gave me the opportunity to develop my career in the most sophisticated legal market in the world. Noting the large gap in terms of professional knowledge, skills, and connections between foreign attorneys and the American JD-trained attorneys, however, I decided to acquire the same educational attainments as American lawyers.

My success as a lawyer in America will help me achieve my life’s goal of improving the lives of many disadvantaged people by using the law to foster economic growth. It will also enable me to set a good example for the young women in the Vietnamese community so that, regardless of their background, there is no limit to what they can achieve and where they can go if they dare to follow their dreams.
I was twenty. I was in college. And I had gone my whole life without it happening.

I was born in Kenya, as were my parents, and theirs before them, and so on. It certainly must have been a shock to them when we moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1994 where my family was a spot of brown in a sea of white. When they surveyed the poverty and stigma that surrounded life as a Black American, my parents had two options. I realize fully now how difficult the decision must have been: to raise me around people who looked like me or enroll me in the “good” schools.

Everything I am, from the way I dress, the friends I have, and the education I have been so fortunate to attain, I owe to that decision. In hindsight, that realization is easy. What wasn’t easy was experiencing it: being shunned by the black girls in elementary school because I “talked white,” being poked and prodded by my well-meaning white friends who didn’t understand why my skin would dry out when we got out of the pool or why my hair didn’t lie flat or why I didn’t wear sunscreen. In the black community, it seemed I was an outsider. I didn’t understand the jokes, and I couldn’t relate to any of their life experiences. In the white community, I felt like a wolf in sheep’s clothing, passably blending in while desperately trying to ignore that I was different.

Don’t misunderstand me—I wasn’t unhappy. But my skin color was always an unpleasant uniqueness when it wasn’t at all unique.

The whole class turned to look at me (the only black student in honors biology) when Mr. Molina discussed how sickle cell disease was prevalent in African Americans. Mrs. Oliver asked for my insight (and no one else’s) when President Obama was elected. My guidance counselor called me to her office, arms overflowing with pamphlets for Johns Hopkins and the like and encouraged me to apply, specifically to science programs because “they were always looking for black women.”

What a relief it was to be at the University of Florida where people truly seemed colorblind.

That was, until the night my boyfriend Jeremy was walking me home from mock trial practice and a white Dodge Charger sidled up next to us. It all happened in slow motion. I couldn’t distinguish the leering, intoxicated faces, only that there were clearly too many people in the car and I thought, foolishly, that they weren’t wearing their seatbelts. I could feel Jeremy’s hand tighten around mine as the one in the passenger seat leaned out of the window so far I thought he might fall. “Nigger-lover,” he spat at Jeremy. I had enough time to see Jeremy’s bright blue eyes widen in shock and rage before my vision went blurry with tears of unexplainable shame. Then the window rolled up amidst squeals and laughter and the car sped away, its lights red dots in the distance.

I don’t mean to be melodramatic about this incident. I am not the first African American to be called a nigger. I will certainly not be the last.

That’s my point.

My accomplishments are measured on a chromatograph. It is written all over the judges’ faces when they hear me give a closing argument. “You are remarkably well-spoken!” they exclaim in every single round. For what? I want to ask. For a black girl? I have always believed fundamentally that a person shouldn’t be punished or discriminated against for something they cannot change. Yet here I sit typing this essay 150 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, 48 years after the Civil Rights Movement, and I still have moments where I wonder if, given the choice, I would change who and what I am.

But the law gives me hope.

Edward Lewis once wrote, “We define ourselves by the best in us, not the worst that has been done to us.” Each and every time I look at what the law and our legal system has the power to do, my faith in humanity is restored. The law and its evolution are proof of our best intentions, of our understanding of mistakes we’ve made, and of our efforts to correct them. The law is us. It’s me. It’s the admissions officer reading this essay. And in the words of Mr. Lewis, it reflects us in our best light, what is best in us: a desire to protect and serve all people equally.

I have wanted to be a litigator since I was three years old. But it wasn’t until the night that I realized someone could transform me into a color rather than a person that I truly found my passion for the law. There will always be the car full of drunken white men reducing a mixed-race couple to a color rather than a person that I truly found my passion for the law. There will always be the car full of drunken white men reducing a mixed-race couple to a color rather than a person that I truly found my passion for the law. There will always be the car full of drunken white men reducing a mixed-race couple to a color rather than a person that I truly found my passion for the law. There will always be the car full of drunken white men reducing a mixed-race couple to a color rather than a person that I truly found my passion for the law. There will always be the car full of drunken white men reducing a mixed-race couple to a color rather than a person that I truly found my passion for the law. There will always be the car full of drunken white men reducing a mixed-race couple to a color rather than a person that I truly found my passion for the law.
Hannah Coman (formerly Rogers-Ganter) draws on her background in environmental policy as an associate at Mintz Levin in Boston, working in the firm’s Energy and Clean Technology Practice. She provides legal services to entrepreneurs and start-ups in alternative energy. “I wanted to be a part of bringing environmental issues more into the mainstream,” says Coman, who, in her application essay, paid tribute to her grandmother, whose social activism sparked Coman’s interest in law.

As one of three attorneys on staff at the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, Sophia Hall works with marginalized groups struggling with HIV/AIDS or at high risk of contracting the disease. “I view myself as working on hot button human rights issues,” says Hall, who has steered her career by the passion for social justice expressed in her application essay. She tells students considering a career in public interest law: “Sometimes a win means you make a bad situation a little less bad.”

Investigating allegations of sexual assault, ruling on the ethics of gifts from outside companies, and defending sailors facing dismissal are all part of the job description for Joseph Horton, a Lieutenant in the US Navy and member of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. “There’s a lot of great potential in JAG,” says Horton, who is completing the two-year First Tour Judge Advocate Program. Horton was legal officer for his Special Operations helicopter squadron before applying to law school, and in his essay reflected on his efforts to save the military career of a struggling petty officer.

“Trying to balance all those things that are important,” like being home early enough to spend time with his two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, has led Tobias Koha on a different path from the one he envisaged when he entered BC Law, and wrote passionately about speaking up for people suffering injustice. For now, says Koha, he pursues those ideals through volunteering at his church, while working as in-house counsel at Net Lease Capital Advisors, Inc., a commercial real estate company in Lexington.

Among Anjali Nair’s cases as a staff attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) in Montgomery, Alabama, is one concerning a group of 250 maltreated Indian guest workers she first encountered as a bilingual outreach paralegal at the center, when she worked there before law school. The fact that the case she described in her BC Law application has still not resolved is a lesson in “the complexity and progress of litigation,” says Nair, but her work at SPLC has confirmed her belief in “the law’s potential to have a real impact on peoples’ lives.”

“When I went to law school, my conception of lawyers was as litigators, in a courtroom,” says Leah Shabselowitz, whose application essay was a hilarious account of her adventures as a cook on a schooner off the coast of Massachusetts and Maine. “Perhaps I am no longer entrusted with the safety of a vessel and her crew,” she wrote in conclusion, “but I trust myself...to do great things with a law degree.” She certainly has. After a clerkship at the Rhode Island Supreme Court, she is charting a new course as senior associate at Boston-based State Street, negotiating contracts relating to foreign exchange transactions, transition management services, and securities lending.

Already qualified as an attorney in her native China when she came to BC Law, Alice Wang wrote in her application essay of her ambition to build bridges between the Chinese and US legal cultures. As an associate at intellectual property specialists Finnegan, in Washington, DC, Wang focuses on patent litigation, client counseling, and patent prosecution. She regularly travels to China to visit clients and help the firm develop new networks in universities and government agencies. “Wherever there’s an opportunity to develop business, we go,” she says.

—JANE WHITEHEAD
In a tough part of Boston, an innovation center thrives on the energy of minority entrepreneurs and their law student collaborators.

By Jeri Zeder

Photographs by Webb Chappell
Dean Vincent Rougeau opened the *Boston Globe* last summer and discovered something new: an MIT grad named Gilad Rosenzweig was launching a high-tech start-up incubator for entrepreneurs, not in sparkling Kendall Square, not in Boston’s bright Innovation District, but in historic but struggling Dudley Square in Roxbury, where 42 percent of children live in poverty. The incubator was called Smarter in the City. Smarter in the City was taking on its first five start-ups in an accelerator program that provides six months of free office space and mentoring to emerging entrepreneurs.

Sensing an opportunity to further BC Law’s mission to educate highly skilled lawyers and to further social justice, Rougeau tapped out an email. “It didn’t appear that they had any relationships with law schools. So I just decided to reach out to Gilad and see if he wanted to talk about what they were doing and if there might be some opportunity for us to work with them, if we could be helpful,” Rougeau says.

“[Rougeau] basically summoned me for a meeting,” Rosenzweig says. “I was extremely excited, because we hadn’t even opened the door yet, and we’re getting the attention of universities like Boston College, and they’re interested in what we’re doing, and they’re interested in this community.” In fact, BC Law turned out to be the only law school to contact Rosenzweig. He met with Rougeau, glad to get something going, but assuming it would take several months to establish a truly productive relationship.

Happily, that assumption was wrong. Rougeau quickly turned to Professor Paul Tremblay, associate dean of experiential learning, and Professor Alfred Yen, director of the Emerging Enterprises and Business Law Program. Tremblay and Yen went to Smarter in the City’s offices to meet with Rosenzweig. “We just worked it out right there,” Rosenzweig says. Tremblay and Yen made one more summer visit to meet the entrepreneurs, and by the end of August, the partnership was in operation.

That there was no red tape is no accident. Among the programs housed at the center is the Community Enterprise Clinic (CEC). CEC is a community development program offering legal services to low- and moderate-income businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits. Thanks to the ready resources of the center and the CEC, BC Law was able to snap into place a full-fledged program for Smarter in the City right at the start of the semester.

This ability to be nimble, to jump on opportunities as they arise in a fast-paced world, is part of Rougeau’s vision for the Law School. “We have to be responsive as an institution,” Rougeau says. “I think that’s what happened here.”

“There were two things that enabled us to get going very quickly,” says Yen. “One is that Paul’s clinical program has a relationship with some law firms in Boston, so if issues come up that are really outside our expertise at the Law School, then we can call on them for assistance. And the other was, it was just convenient that I turned out to be an intellectual property lawyer, because every one of the businesses at Smarter in the City has an intellectual property issue.”

Andrew Lee ’15 is one of six CEC students who counseled Smarter in the City and its five inaugural start-ups in the fall. Lee’s client is Mbadika (pronounced buh-JEE-kah), the brainchild of Netia McCray, whom Lee describes as “formal in speech, casual in demeanor,” with a passionate enthusiasm for her business. McCray started Mbadika at MIT, her alma mater. There, it went through a number of competitions and has been reinvented as a social venture with a mission to engage young people in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America in becoming engineers, innovators, and entrepreneurs. It offers summer immersion programs for teenagers to learn the fundamentals of engineering, and is planning a series of do-it-yourself kits that will be sold by student representatives to youth in their respective countries. The kits encourage teens to experiment, redesign, and improve upon the devices they are building. Mbadika’s first kit is a solar USB charger; it converts solar power, through rechargeable batteries, into energy for computers and cell phones.

Mbadika was initially incorporated as an LLC. In conversations with McCray, Lee quickly learned that an LLC structure wasn’t suitable for the complex, nonprofit structure of the company. “Their objective is very much a social objective,” Lee explains. “They’re not in this to make money.” He had to figure out: Should they reorganize as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization? As a B corporation? Follow a hybrid model?

Lee dug deep into the legal research to come up with options for McCray, relying on Tremblay as his sounding board. Lee identified a number of choices, each with its own pros and cons. To help Lee explain them clearly to his client, Tremblay gave him a model comparison-of-entities chart that Lee customized for McCray. The chart succinctly laid out Mbadika’s options.

Mbadika’s international marketing plan raises additional legal challenges. To advise Mbadika on the import and export laws and regulations of various African countries, Lee consulted with Ilana Hurwitz, who is a visiting law professor from the University of Witwatersrand (South Africa). And to tackle Mbadika’s patent law issues, Lee worked with attorneys from some of Boston’s respected law firms, who are on call to offer pro bono assistance to the CEC.

Emailing from South Africa, where she was drumming up interest in the solar USB-charger kit, McCray reports that these legal services have been invaluable. “Addressing the legal issues of being an international social venture was slowly becoming a full-time job for my team and myself as we attempted to understand and follow legal frameworks. Considering we are a start-up with a social mission, if we spend time not focused on Mbadika, we are decreasing our social impact on aspiring young innovators and entrepreneurs around the world,” she writes. “Mr. Lee may not realize the scale of his assistance to Mbadika, but the
Professor Hong coached Ozolins, Trombly, Houck, and Kete in the fine art of brief writing.

ABOVE
MBADIKA
From left, BC Professor and Associate Dean of Experiential Learning Paul Tremblay; student-lawyer Andrew Lee ’15; Mbadika Chief Technology Officer Hazel Zengeni; Gilad Rosenzweig; (not pictured, Mbadika Founder Netia McGray). The Business: A nonprofit organization engaging youth in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America in becoming engineers, innovators, and entrepreneurs, with products and programs that inspire creativity. Legal Needs: Organizational structure, patent law advice, compliance with international trade laws and regulations.

LEFT
SMARTER IN THE CITY
Smarter in the City Founder and Director Gilad Rosenzweig and student-lawyer Laura Gallo ’15. The Business: A startup accelerator for high-tech entrepreneurs in the inner-city. Legal Needs: Tax, contract, and corporate advice.
simple fact that I no longer lie awake at night concerned that Mbadika could be dissolved because we didn’t cross a ‘t’ or dot a specific ‘i’ has allowed my team and me to do what we do best: foster the next generation of young innovators and entrepreneurs.”

Another Smarter in the City business, equally community-minded but with a more local focus (at least for now), is the for-profit KillerBoomBox Media Group. A digital media content-creation company, KillerBoomBox covers the cultural scene of urban young people, and generates events like monthly parties and concerts. It’s co-founded by Greg Valentino Ball, a big guy with a big vision and a head full of righteous dreadlocks cascading well past his shoulders.

“I am super-passionate about the idea of telling great stories and really documenting culture. But what’s also piqued my interest and gotten me excited as we’ve gone down this business path is the idea of creating jobs and having people have their first opportunity with us,” Ball says. “There’s no reason for a kid who’s grown up in Dorchester who’s passionate about music and culture to feel like he needs to leave his home town. I want KillerBoomBox to be part of retaining some of that talent.”

Fun and intelligent, scrappy and slick, KillerBoomBox delivers everything from spoiler-free film reviews (a columnist rates the film *Dear White People* “a solid double sliding into the plate beating a close throw from the outfield”) to video interviews with rappers (Big K.R.I.T. reveals how studying the cello and playing in the band “helped a lot just sonically in understanding dynamics”) to provocative opinion pieces (under the heading “Pulpit”).

To support all this energy and smooth the way to the future, Jonathan Atwater ’15 has been helping the owners of KillerBoomBox to reach formal agreements on the company’s legal and organizational structure. “Each one of the founders puts in different types of work and different amounts of time, and so we’ve been really working with them on how exactly they want to divide up ownership of the company, and how much equity each person is going to put into it,” Atwater says. He’s learning techniques to represent the entire company while going primarily through Ball. “[Professor Tremblay] has been giving me different strategies for making sure that all voices are heard,
such as putting them all in an email chain, asking pointed questions to each particular founder, things like that,” Atwater says.

Tremblay, who has been teaching the CEC with his former student Kendra Chencus ’97, says his students are shoring up their knowledge of substantive law by applying it to real-world situations. More importantly, he says, they are learning the art of working with clients. “I want them to learn how lawyers use their knowledge of substantive law in creative and practical ways with clients, how they understand what’s important to the client, how they communicate this to the client, and how they collaborate with the client to understand what we can do to make the business work,” he says. “I also want them to develop a sense of themselves as lawyers, their own professional identity about how they want to present what’s important to them, their sense of integrity, their sense of confidence.” Further, he wants them to appreciate a community they might not ordinarily encounter. “I love the fact that our students are visiting Dudley Square,” he says, “just understanding that there are neighborhoods of Boston that are underserved and that have such great potential.”

The diversity of Smarter in the City’s cohort of businesses, and its sophisticated approach to shepherding them, ups the wattage on what BC Law students are learning. The entrepreneurs must hone their business concepts, identify and meet milestones, conduct market research, and work out a business strategy. They also make important connections with the marketing professionals, investors, bankers, and city and state officials who visit Smarter in the City regularly. Besides Mbadika and KillerBoomBox, this first group of companies includes PracticeGigs, founded by Tony Oloko, which enables aspiring athletes to improve their game by connecting with their more-skilled counterparts; Post Game Fashion, founded by Amanda Barros and her brother Paul, which helps consumers emulate the style trends set by their favorite athletes; and HeadThought, founded by Keith Donaldson, which enables journalists, politicians, and researchers to receive video feedback on issues of the day.

To recruit these folks, Smarter in the City cast a wide net to attract and interview applicants. They were selected based first on their strengths as individuals and teams, then on the products or services they were offering. More than half of the chosen entrepreneurs hail from Boston’s poorer neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan, and all are from minority backgrounds. By operating in Roxbury’s Dudley Square, Rosenzweig aims to bring high-tech enterprises to this gritty but important cultural center for Boston’s African-American community and communities of color.

Rosenzweig says the companies respect the fact that the law students are learning from them.

Laura Gallo ’15, who is providing tax, contract, and corporate advice to Smarter in the City itself, appreciates gaining experience with a nonprofit. “I think that’s particularly rewarding, working with Gilad, with an organization with such a strong and good mission and that wants to do good in the community,” she says. That message, Dean Rougeau emphasizes, is coming to law students in a refreshing, particular way. “Smarter in the City is a more innovative way to think about who is not able to get the access to legal services they need, and how that lack of access starts to create this cycle of exclusion—exclusion from new opportunities in the economy, exclusion from opportunities to earn income,” he says.

“Having BC in Roxbury is going to be a really big thing for us and for Roxbury,” he says. “I’m hoping that this enlightens the students to the idea that, with their law degrees, they can do things that maybe aren’t on the traditional pathways, but are still very exciting and still present wonderful opportunities for their professional lives.” As the CEC chooses next semester’s crop of law students, and Smarter in the City picks its second-ever cohort of entrepreneurs, Rougeau sees a living manifestation of the Boston College mission to prepare men and women for others.

To view a video about Smarter in the City, go to bc.edu/lawmagvideos.

Contributing writer Jeri Zeder can be reached at jzbclaw@rede.zpato.net.
Class Notes

Arthur E. Gozzi celebrated his 100th birthday in August. A probate attorney who practiced in Boston and Boca Raton, FL, he retired in 2005 at the age of 91.

Lawrence A. Ruttman moderated a panel entitled “What Will Last Longer, the Jews or Baseball?” at Temple Emanu-El in New York, NY, based on his book American Jews and America’s Game: Voices of a Growing Legacy in Baseball published by the University of Nebraska Press in 2013.

Michael E. Mone Sr., a partner at Boston-based Esdaile Barrett Jacobs & Mone, is the 2014 recipient of the Great Friend of Justice Award presented by the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. In connection with this award, he was featured in an article, “A Great Friend, and More,” by Linda Goodspeed in the Massachusetts Lawyers Journal.

Jeffrey Siger is the author of Sons of Sparta, the sixth book in the Chief Inspector Andreas Kaldis mystery series, published by Poisoned Pen Press in October.

John K. Markey is a partner at Boston-based Prince Lobel Tye LLP and focuses his practice on white collar criminal litigation and complex business litigation.

Steven J. J. Weisman is the author of Identity Theft Alert: 10 Rules You Must Follow to Protect Yourself from America’s #1 Crime published by FT Press in July, and founder of the Scamicide blog.

Joan A. Lukey is a partner at Boston-based Choate Hall & Stewart LLP and chair of the firm’s complex trial and appellate litigation group. She was previously a trial partner at Ropes & Gray in Boston.

Regina Snow Mandl was named to the 2014 list of “Top Women of Law” by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. She is a partner at Smith Duggan Buell & Rufo LLP in Boston and specializes in family law, estate planning and probate administration, and probate litigation.

James P. Laughlin traveled to Kenya in July as a member of a delegation from the Church of Saint Boniface in Brooklyn, NY, visiting a twin parish in the Diocese of Lodwar to view joint projects and assess current needs. He is the founder of the Friends of Turkana, a US-based Kaldis mystery series, published by Poisoned Pen Press in October.

Christopher G. Mebane is one of four recipients of the 2013–14 Scholar-Mentor Award presented by Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE). He is a member of the MCLE Estate Planning and Administration Curriculum Advisory Committee and has been a panelist on more than sixty MCLE programs since 1990. A partner in the Worcester, MA, office of Bowditch & Dewey LLP, he concentrates his practice in estate and trust planning and administration, guardianship and conservatorship law, taxation, and business succession planning.

Peter A. Pavarini, a partner in the Columbus, OH, and Washington, DC, offices of Squire Patton Boggs, was appointed co-leader of the firm’s global health care practice group. He is president of the American Health Lawyers Association, a member of the association’s board of directors and executive and finance committees, and chair of its membership committee.

Hon. Kathleen E. Coffey, first justice of Boston Municipal Court–West Roxbury Division, was featured in a Boston Herald article entitled “Court of Second Chances” by Bob McGovern regarding Boston’s Homeless Court Program, which she co-founded in 2010.

Hon. Thomas Drechsler was appointed a judge of the Massachusetts Superior Court following nomination by Governor Deval Patrick and unanimous approval by the Governor’s Council. He was previously a partner at Boston-based Byrne & Drechsler LLP.

LB Guthrie is the recipient of the 2013 Second Judicial District Pro Bono Award presented by the Ramsey County (MN) Bar Association. He is a partner in the Minneapolis, MN, and Denver, CO, offices of Lindquist & Vennum LLP and serves as chair of the firm’s real estate practice group.

Michael F. Aylward, a partner in the Boston office of Morrison Mahoney LLP, was elected to the American Law Institute.
Jonathan M. Albano was named treasurer of the Boston Bar Association and a member of its governing council for 2014–2015. He is a partner in the Boston office of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP and focuses his practice on commercial, constitutional, and appellate litigation.

Cindy A. Laquidara is a partner in the Jacksonville, FL, office of Akerman LLP and focuses her practice on representing public and private companies in the areas of complex federal and state litigation and local government law issues. She was previously general counsel for the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, FL.

Thomas M. Letizia was elected to the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Bar Association Land Use Law Section for a three-year term. He is a partner in the Princeton, NJ, office of Pepper Hamilton LLP and a member of the firm’s real estate practice group and sustainability, cleantech, and climate change team.


Steven J. De Luca is a partner at Sullivan Whitehead & De Luca LLP in Providence, RI. He and his wife, Kim Gans-De Luca, have two daughters, Cara and Talia, and recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Carlos J. Deupi is general counsel, executive vice president, and corporate secretary at the Brilla Group in Miami, FL. He was previously a corporate securities and real estate finance lawyer for twenty-five years at several US law firms, including Squire Sanders and Hogan Lovells in Miami, FL, and Kelley Drye & Warren LLP in Los Angeles, CA.

Jonathan Lee, China director of Shanxi Evergreen Service, presented a paper entitled “China and Evergreen, Transitioning in Step Together: The Experience of Evergreen in Establishing a Foreign NGO in China” at a July symposium in Hong Kong.

Kevin J. O’Connor was appointed to the Boston Bar Association Council for 2014–2015. He is a partner in the Boston office of Hinckley Allen and focuses his practice on complex business, securities, and intellectual property litigation.

Penny M. Venetis, former clinical professor of law, director of the international human rights clinic, and Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise Scholar at Rutgers University, joined Legal Momentum as Executive Vice President and Legal Director in January. Legal Momentum is a leading national legal organization that advances the rights of women and girls through effective policy advocacy, judicial education, and impact litigation.

Jared W. Huffman, US Representative for California’s 2nd Congressional District, held his own against Stephen Colbert last September 23 when he appeared on Comedy Central’s The Colbert Report as part of the Better Know a District series. View the clip at thecolbertreport.cc.com.

Manuel Crespo was installed as the 42nd president of the Cuban American Bar Association in January. A partner at the Miami firm Sanchez-Medina Gonzalez Quesada Lage Crespo Gomez & Machado, he focuses his practice in the areas of real property transactions and civil litigation.

Susan M. Finegan, a litigation partner in the Boston office of Mintz Levin, was elected chair of the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct. She also serves as chair of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services, and is a member of the Access to Justice Commission and the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Board of Directors.

Erin K. Higgins is the 2014 recipient of the Edmund S. Muskie Pro Bono Service Award presented by the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section for her work with the Victim Rights Law Center and the Women’s Bar Foundation. She is a partner at Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford LLP in Boston.

Megan E. Carroll was named executive director of the Irish Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Boston in April. She was previously director of Intern Placements at the Irish International Immigrant Center. She also serves as board member and treasurer of the Charitable Irish Society, and as a member of Irish Network Boston, the Boston Irish Business Association, and the Coalition of Irish Immigration Centres.

Diane K. Danielson, in chief operating officer of Sperry Van Ness International Corporation in Boston,
where she previously held the position of chief platform officer.

Richard D. Lara is managing partner of Mase Lara PA in Miami, FL, and focuses his practice on complex civil and commercial litigation.

Jeffrey N. Catalano, a partner at Todd & Weld LLP in Boston, was elected treasurer of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

Susan H. Farina was named a 2014 “Top Women of Law” honoree by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. She is senior vice president and general counsel at Proveris Scientific Corporation in Marlborough, MA.

Hon. Janet Atherine James Mahon is the author of Growing into Greatness with God: 7 Paths to Greatness for Our Sons and Daughters, a children’s book published by Diaspora Vibes Publishing in June. She is an administrative law judge for the US Social Security Administration in Orlando, FL.

Leslie M. Tector is a partner in the Milwaukee, WI, office of Quarles & Brady LLP and focuses her practice on research compliance, regulatory health care, and general corporate matters. Previously, she was of counsel at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in Milwaukee.

Malinda Lawrence was featured in an article entitled “Your Story: Schmoopy Is as Schmoopy Does” in the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) newsletter about her first horse, a retired thoroughbred and her inspiration to become a volunteer and founding board member of RRP. She is a trial attorney with the US Department of Justice, Civil Division.

Philip J. Privitera was honored in November by the Middlesex County Bar Association in appreciation of two terms of service as its president (2012-2014).


Fernando M. Pingueuelo was selected as a Fulbright Specialist by the Mackenzie Presbyterian University College of Law in Brazil. Fluency Lectures in English and Portuguese. Practice Partner and chair of e-discovery and cyber security and data protection groups at Scarinci Hollenbeck LLC. Quote “I think it’s fair to say that laws will never catch up to advances in technology.”

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Dannel Malloy ’80
GOVERNOR, CONNECTICUT

Deborah Goldberg ’83
TREASURER, MASSACHUSETTS
MEGAN MCKENZIE BELCHER ’01  
**Position** Vice-president and chief counsel—employment law and compliance for ConAgra Foods in Omaha, Nebraska.  
**Recent Launch** “Drinks Among Friends,” a coalition of women helping other women advance in their careers through collaboration, relationship-building, celebration, and storytelling. **Inspiration** Participated in Project 5/165 that aims to promote the placement of 165 women as Fortune 500 general counsel in five years.  
**Timeline** “Each step is like putting another layer on a snowball. That is how you get the momentum.”

Scott D. Anderson was named a “Local Litigation Star” in Maine by Benchmark Litigation for his work in the areas of energy and natural resources, environmental, and telecommunications law. He is a partner in the Portland, ME, office of Verrill Dana LLP.  
**Christopher A. Jarvinen**, a partner in the Miami, FL, office of Berger Singerman LLP, was elected to the American Law Institute.  
**Liz Lopez** is executive vice president of Public Policy at Opportunity Finance Network and is based in the organization’s Washington, DC, office. She was previously counsel in the Washington, DC, office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP.  
**Vanessa E. Tollis** is a partner in the New York, NY, office of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, a member of the firm’s corporate tax team, and chair of its international tax practice.  
**Megan M. Belcher**, vice president and chief employment counsel at ConAgra Foods in Omaha, NE, founded “Drinks Among Friends,” a coalition of women networking to empower other women in the legal industry. She was featured in an article entitled “Powerful Spirits: Women Sharing the Power with ‘Drinks Among Friends’” by Erin E. Harrison in Inside Counsel Magazine in March.  
**Kristen Noto**, assistant district attorney in the Middlesex (MA) District Attorney’s Office, is the 2014 recipient of the Thomas F. Reilly Trial Team Award presented to a member of the office’s trial teams for exemplary service.  
**Laurel M. Millette** has joined the Boston firm Davis Malm & D’Agostine PC as a shareholder. She will focus on the area of trusts and estates.  
**Kenneth Sanchez**, first vice president of the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York, was selected as one of the “Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40—Class of 2014” by the National LGBT Bar Association.  
**Kate M. Andersson** became counsel in the wealth management group of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP in Boston. Previously, she was a member of the trusts and estates group at Lane Powell PC in Seattle, WA.  
**Daniel C. Roth** is the associate producer of The Power of Two, an award winning documentary film based on the book *The Power of Two: A Twin Triumph Over Cystic Fibrosis* by Isabel Stenzel Byrnes and Anabel Stenzel. Founder of the Law Office of Dan Roth, a criminal defense practice in Berkeley, CA, he also serves as chair of the Bay Area Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society.  
  
**Dominic A. Gomez**, a staff attorney in the Legal Services Office of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Scottsdale, AZ, is one of sixteen attorneys selected to participate in the 2014–15 class of the State Bar of Arizona Bar Leadership Institute.  
**John Hobgood** became a partner at WilmerHale in Boston on January 1. He focuses his practice on patent prosecution and client counseling in the fields of chemical engineering, electronics, and medical devices.  
**Sean P. D. Berry** is a senior associate at Martin LLP in Stamford, CT, and concentrates his practice on corporate law. Previously, he worked at the New York, NY, firms of Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP and Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP.  
**Brian P. Bialas** is a partner at Boston-based Beck Reed Riden LLP and focuses his practice in the areas of business litigation, including copyright and trademark litigation, employment law, and privacy law. He was previously a partner at Foley Hoag LLP in Boston.  
**David J. Grimaldi** opened his own law practice in Cambridge, MA, where he specializes in criminal defense. He was previously an attorney in the Public Defender Office of the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services.  
**Jermaine L. Kidd**, an associate at Morgan, Brown & Joy LLP in Boston, was honored with the Trailblazers Under 40 Award by the National Bar Association in July.  
**Seth B. Orkand** is one of four recipients of the 2014 Adams Pro Bono Publico Award presented by
the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. He is a counsel in the Boston office of WilmerHale LLP and a member of the firm’s business trial group and investigations and criminal litigation practice group.

Neil F. Petersen Jr. is a partner at Pojani Hurley & Ritter LLP in Worcester, MA, and works extensively with clients on banking and commercial matters. In addition, he is assistant coach to the Moot Court program at the College of the Holy Cross, a corporator and member of the Professional Advisory Board of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and a member of the Worcester Young Businessmen’s Association.

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09 Marissa Dungey, an associate in the New Haven and Greenwich, CT, offices of Withers Bergman LLP, is one of five appointed to the American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law 2014–2016 Fellows Program.

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“I grew up in a family where you could be a lawyer or a doctor—those were the two choices,” said Colombian-born Catalina Girald ’00, speaking by phone from San Francisco. As founder and CEO of Naja, a company that employs impoverished women in Colombia to manufacture affordable luxury lingerie at fair wages, Girald has escaped that narrow path.

Since she launched Naja in May 2013, Girald’s eclectic original designs and socially conscious business strategy have caught the eye of major media outlets, including USA Today, Fast Company, Inc. Magazine, and The Huffington Post. “I never thought I’d start a lingerie company,” said Girald. She never intended to be a lawyer, either. (Only a fear of calculus on the MCAT stopped her from applying to medical school.) “I knew from the beginning that I never wanted to be a partner in a law firm,” she said. She freely acknowledges that without Professor Kent Greenfield’s support at BC Law, and his gift for opening up the broader possibilities of a legal education, “there’s no way I would have finished law school.”

Yet she did finish, and landed a job as an associate working in mergers and acquisitions at Skadden LLP in New York. In the early 2000s, Girald already sensed the potential for online...
fashion retailing, and took classes at New York’s Fashion Institute of Technology, studying design and business. She left Skadden for Stanford Business School, graduating with an MBA in 2006.

Later that year, with angel and venture capital financing raised from Silicon Valley investors, Girald founded Moxsie, Inc., a consumer internet company promoting independent and eco-friendly fashion designers. She learned the hard way that “once you raise money from a firm of venture capitalists, the company is no longer yours,” and Moxsie was ultimately acquired by online retailer Fab.com, following Girald’s differences of opinion with investors about the company’s direction.

While pondering her next career move, Girald set off on an eighteen-month odyssey. She learned about soap making and Ikat weaving in Indonesia, dying techniques in Vietnam, and food gathering and preservation from Mongolian nomads. She was struck by the self-confidence of the women in the remote tribal societies she visited. “My impression was that they didn’t seek the approval of men as much as women do in the western world—they were very sure of their roles,” she said.

On her return, the idea for Naja evolved out of a mix of hard-headed market research into possible niches in the $14 billion lingerie industry, and an idealistic vision of creating fashion that would empower both its makers and consumers. Girald’s designs reflect her lifelong fascination with worldwide cultures, from Japanese tattoos to Mexican folklore to Indonesian batik, and every pair of panties has the message “be your own kind of beautiful” printed inside.

“From day one I knew I wanted to do something that would benefit women,” said Girald. She initially partnered with the Golondrinas Foundation in her home town, Medellin, Colombia, in a program called Underwear for Hope, that trains and employs single mothers and women heads of households from the town’s poorest areas to make the lingerie wash-bags that come with all Naja bras.

With the recent opening of Naja’s own factory in Medellin, Underwear for Hope now also works directly with the women sewing Girald’s vibrant designs, women like Maria Jaramillo and her daughters and nieces whose employment brings some hope and resources to their gang-riddled neighborhood. “We’re constantly in touch with them,” said Girald, who visits Medellin around four times a year.

Girald’s success comes as no surprise to Professor Greenfield. “I admire what she’s done a great deal,” he said. “She’s a wonderful example of how a person can take a law degree in a completely new direction.”

ALUMNI STEP UP TO PLACE RECENT GRADS
Apprenticeships, fellowships offer opportunities.

BC Law has been launching initiatives to help recent graduates find employment, and alumni are playing a role in making that happen. An apprenticeship jobs program was established last fall and started with the help of Aaron von Staats ’91, general counsel of PTC, a technology company. The Resident Attorney Program’s first two recipients are Maria Korjenevitch and Deanna Organian, who will work in PTC’s global legal department.

Heather Hayes, BC Law’s assistant dean for career services, worked with von Staats to develop the program and pricing, and to find the right students to match the position. Hayes is excited to expand the program to other business, law firm, and public sector employers who are able to make the one-year hire commitment to new graduates. “Given the continued challenges in the legal market, we have some tremendous talent who would make real contributions,” Hayes said.

“Companies have an obligation to provide training to recent graduates as they enter the workforce,” said von Staats. “This program is part of PTC’s effort to meet that obligation.”

Also, the Law School is funding a yearlong post-graduate fellowship for a recent graduate with the Legal and Business Affairs Department at WGBH Educational Foundation in Boston. The fellow will work with WGBH’s legal team, led by vice president and general counsel Susan Kantrowitz ’80.
A jam-packed three days of social events, Alumni Association gatherings, classroom tours, academic programs, and receptions, including one commemorating the launch of the Center for Experiential Learning, entertained some 450 alumni and guests during Reunion and Alumni Weekend October 17–19.

Reunion giving totaled $2,293,433, with the Class of 1979 raising the most: $1,072,550 in cash and pledges. The top class in participation was 1964 with 42 percent. The Honor Roll of reunion donors will be published in the Summer 2015 issue of BC Law Magazine.

Friday campus activities included a luncheon at which Professor Daniel Coquillette spoke on what US naval strategy has to do with American legal education, and the Alumni Assembly, which featured a state-of-the-school address by Dean Vincent Rougeau and remarks by US Attorney Carmen Ortiz.

The Alumni Board convened and elected new officers. They are President Kevin Curtin ’88, Past President Barbara Cusumano ’08, President Elect Tom Burton ’96, Vice President Earl Adams ’02, Secretary Ingrid Schroffner ’95, and Treasurer Mark Warner ’89. Two new board members were elected at the assembly to serve in specialty areas: John Ventola ’94 (Annual Giving) and Anne Gordon ’11 (Chapters). Re-elected were Geoffrey G. Why ’98 (Admissions), Robert M. McGill ’05 (Advocacy Programs), and Hon. Denis P. Cohen ’76 (Communications and Marketing).

Among Saturday’s events was a Black Alumni Network panel on issues raised by the Ferguson shooting. Other panels addressed the Whitey Bulger case and changing attitudes in sports culture. The Dean’s Council Reception, Half-Century Dinner, and Reunion Dinner followed at the Ritz-Carlton. A Sunday brunch at the hotel and a hospitality tent at the Head of the Charles rounded out the weekend.
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Historic Gift Brings Rappaport Center to BC Law

Public policy leadership is focus of renowned program.

The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy has moved to Boston College Law School as a result of a $7.53 million gift from the Phyllis & Jerome Lyle Rappaport Foundation. The gift is the largest in the 85-year history of BC Law and will fund the Rappaport Center and the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professorship in Law and Public Policy at BC Law (see page 4 for Dean Rougeau’s comments).

The center comprises the long-running Rappaport Fellows Program, which provides twelve paid summer internships to Greater Boston-area law students interested in public service, and the Rappaport Distinguished Public Policy Series, which will conduct scholarly research and host lectures, debates, and roundtable discussions on public policy issues with the region’s leading policymakers and thought leaders.

The center will be led by Professor Michael Cassidy, who has held positions in public service ranging from Chief of the Criminal Bureau in the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office to membership on the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission.

“I am thrilled that the Rappaport Foundation announced its intention to relocate the Rappaport Center to the Law School. The Rappaport Center will provide us with the resources and the focus to continue shaping tomorrow’s leaders.”

Last summer, the Rappaport Foundation announced its intention to relocate the center from Suffolk University, where many of its programs had existed for fifteen years, to one of the area law schools from which it has drawn fellows. BC Law School, which has an extensive track record in training public policy leaders locally and nationally, was chosen by the Rappaport Foundation as the school best suited to host the center, which will open this spring.

“There is a critical need for serious discussion and study of law and public policy issues. The center represents an extraordinary opportunity for Boston College and the Rappaport Foundation to work together to elevate our public discourse and to produce thoughtful, ethical, and innovative public servants for the Commonwealth and the nation,” said Dean Vincent Rougeau.

“The move to Boston College,” added center founder Jerome Rappaport, “gives the center a real opportunity to build on the foundation’s successes while partnering with one of the nation’s leading schools of law. We are very excited about this new beginning.”
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BC Law’s initiative to offer full-tuition, merit-based scholarships to outstanding applicants entered its second year in September with the selection of Stephen LaBrecque ’17 and Lindsay Pierce ’17 as the new Dean’s Scholars.

“This scholarship has really given me the freedom to pursue my dreams and my career aspirations,” says LaBrecque, who graduated from Notre Dame, holds a master’s in education, and is a former teacher. “I wanted to pursue a legal career in government or public interest. Clinics like the Juvenile Rights Advocacy Program and the Criminal Justice Clinic made BC Law an appealing option.”

While considering law school, LaBrecque interned at the Hampden County District Attorney’s Office, where he heard numerous stories about the burden of student loans. “Financial aid and scholarships were a huge factor in deciding where to attend law school,” he explains.

But there were other factors as well. “In the end, what really drew me to BC Law was the community. I saw a group of students who were willing to work together, not just for their own self-interest, but to serve the greater good,” he says. “In short, I saw a group of future lawyers with whom I wanted to be associated.”

For her part, Lindsay Pierce, who was an undergraduate research fellow in the English Department at Boston College, was highly aware of BC’s emphasis on academic excellence, social justice, and cura personalis, the care of the whole person. The values she found meaningful as an undergraduate, she also wanted in a legal education. Today, she heads up the Eagle-to-Eagle Mentoring program, which pairs law students with BC undergrads interested in law school.

The Dean’s Scholars Program was established with gifts from James Champy ’68, David Donohue ’71, Brian Knez ’84, John McHale ’75, Michael Puzo ’77, and the Miss Wallace Minot Leonard Foundation. For more information on supporting the program, contact Jessica Cashdan, executive director of advancement and associate dean, at jessica.cashdan@bc.edu or call 617-552-3536.
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We welcome your nominations for future Law Day awards. Please take a moment to think about a former student, friend, colleague, or member of the community who deserves consideration. The awards are:

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Recognizes a faculty member (often at the time of retirement or movement to emeritus status) for extraordinary service to the Law School.

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To submit a nomination, please state the award(s) for which he/she is being nominated, include a short bio and description of why the nominee fits the specific award criteria, and submit to Director of Alumni Relations Christine A. Kelly ’97 at bclaw.alumni@bc.edu or call 617-552-4078. You can read more about our awards at www.bc.edu/lawday.

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Lessons on Preventing Rape
A law professor and father of sons speaks out. BY R. MICHAEL CASSIDY

The current spotlight on campus sexual assault has no doubt raised awareness among college students of their legal rights and obligations. But difficult conversations about sexual responsibility need to be raised well before our children head off to college. As a law professor who has taught about the legal issues surrounding rape for more than a decade, and as a father of teenage boys, I believe that if we want to change behavior, we need to train young men to recognize sexual assault when it occurs and to internalize norms against it. Here are eight lessons I have learned in recent years about how to help young men better understand sexual assault. ¶ First, there is a communication deficit between men and women. The habit of not giving a woman’s words their full weight explains why some young men misinterpret a woman’s reluctance to have sex as simply “playing hard to get.” Parents and teachers must recognize dismissive behavior toward women and girls and take corrective action when it occurs. ¶ Second, “no means no” is not a useful guidepost anymore.

In many states, intercourse is considered sexual assault if it occurs without permission by words or conduct. A jury can find a defendant guilty of rape even if the complainant did not physically or verbally resist, if it is determined that she was unwilling to engage in that act. Young men need to be taught to have absolute clarity about their companion’s intentions.

Third, consent may be withdrawn at any time. A woman’s behavior or words during intimacy might reasonably point to her interest in having sex, but if those signals change during foreplay (or even during intercourse), continued sexual penetration is a crime. Our sons need to understand that “stop” means stop.

Fourth, alcohol and drugs impede reliable communication. When your partner has ingested either, the onus is on you to get express verbal permission before engaging in sexual activity.

Fifth, it is possible for someone to be so drunk that the law considers them incapable per se of consenting to sex. In most states, if you have sexual contact with a minor, or an unconscious or disabled person, that is a crime. So too, if you have sex with someone who is so intoxicated that she is wholly insensible, that is rape.

Young men also need to understand that, even if they are honestly mistaken about their sexual partner’s willingness to have sex, they may still be guilty of rape. Some states like Massachusetts do not recognize mistake as a defense to rape. Even in states that recognize the mistake defense, a defendant’s intoxication will be no excuse for failing to recognize the victim’s lack of consent if a reasonable sober person in the defendant’s situation would have realized that she did not want to have sex.

Seventh, we need to teach young men strategies for bystander intervention. When a college student observes a drunk and sexually aggressive male carrying a helpless woman out of a basement fraternity party, he needs to step in, separate them, and escort one of them home.

Finally, we need to teach young men that they, too, are entitled to reject unwanted sexual advances. By discussing rape around our dinner tables as only a crime against women, we potentially silence young men by marginalizing their experiences.

I believe that the best way to prevent sexual assault on campus is to teach our sons not to be rapists before they get there.

Professor Michael Cassidy teaches criminal law, evidence, and legal ethics. A longer version of this essay was originally published on Cognoscenti, wbur.org’s ideas and opinion page. It is reprinted with permission.
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