



## A Message from Dean Art Gaudio

This fall has been one of great excitement for the School of Law community as we formally opened the \$5.5 million expansion and renovation to the S. Prestley Blake Law Center in a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 16. Following more than a year of dodging construction crews, our new home is complete and we are enjoying every inch of it!



**Ribbon Cutting**

The additions to our facility present tremendous opportunities for students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni. The technological upgrades to the Law Library, the renovation of the J. Gerard Pelligrini Moot Court Room, the creation of numerous small seminar and meeting rooms, and the construction of our welcoming new lobby provide our students with a first-class learning environment.

donations to *Transformations: The Campaign for Western New England College* have laid the foundation for the next half-century of the School of Law. These additions will no doubt add to the already excellent reputation our School enjoys nationally.

I once again offer my heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the entire School of Law community and cordially invite you to visit the Blake Law Center and see its wonderful alterations. Make sure to stop by the lobby and view our new Wall of Donors that honors our alumni and friends who made significant contributions to this effort.



**New Law Center Lobby**

Of course, none of this could have been possible without the generous support of our selfless alumni. Your magnanimous

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## Public Interest Law Week Inspires School of Law Community

Each October, the School of Law pauses to reflect on the importance of service during Public Interest Law Week.

“Your job is to represent your clients diligently but also to work for the advancement of society,” said Dean Art Gaudio prior to introducing the week’s keynote speaker, Attorney David Hoose. “That is the principle of this week, to encourage you to be participants in that professional experience of advancing the public interest.”

The week, which was celebrated October 20-24, opened on Monday with a panel on Community Volunteer Opportunities for Law Students featuring representatives from local public interest organizations. Students were able to hear firsthand from local organizations about the work these groups do in the community and what role law students play in their accomplishments.

The highlight of the week came on Wednesday when noted Attorney David Hoose graced the Blake Law Center lobby as the Public Interest Law Week keynote speaker. Attorney Hoose, a Partner with Katz Sasson Hoose & Turnbull in Northampton, MA, and former Adjunct Professor for Criminal Procedure courses at the School of Law, gave an address entitled “The Stubborn Persistence of Racism in the Administration of Justice: One Lawyer’s Journey.” He shared several stories of facing racism as a criminal defense attorney handling some of the most controversial cases from around the nation.



Attorney David Hoose



“I can tell you in my experience, there is no part of the trial more important than jury selection and jury composition in getting a fair outcome for your client,” explained Attorney Hoose. “And the reason is this, regardless of the fact that we may elect a African American president, I submit to you that we are still largely a nation divided in a sense that the experience of the average black man or woman is so dramatically different than the day-to-day experience of the average white man or woman.”

The week concluded on Thursday with a panel discussion called “Considering a Summer Public Interest Job? Western New England College School of Law Students Share Their Experiences.” This panel featured current students who had conducted public interest work in previous summers.

*Public Interest Law Week is sponsored by the Western New England College School of Law Faculty Public Interest Committee.*

## Dial-A-Lawyer Fall 2008

The semiannual Dial-A-Lawyer program fielded 465 queries on October 22, 2008, at Western New England College School of Law. Thirty-six attorneys from around the region volunteered their time to field legal questions on all sorts of subjects. Western New England College School of Law, *The Republican*, *El Pueblo Latino*, and the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys cosponsored the program, now in its 14th year.



### Dial-A-Lawyer Participants

*Thank you to all the volunteer attorneys:*

Jeffrey Burstein '98	Amy J. Megliola '02
William Chambers '08	Susan A. Mielnikowski '96
Lesley A. Curley	Donna Diamond Nardi '82
Colleen C. Currie '79	Thomas D. O'Connor '00
Justin H. Dion '00	Timothy A. Reilly
Mary K. Eaton '04	Kara S. Rescia '92
Edward Etheredge	Katherine A. Robertson '90
Lawrence J. Farber	Thomas E. Robinson '06
Terry M. Ford '98	Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross '07
William E. Hart	Denise M. Shear
Melissa R. Gillis	Diana Sorrentini-Velez
Brigid M. Hennessey	Bernadette Stark
Van Johnson '04	Peggy A. Torello '02
Elizabeth D. Katz	Dennis E. Tully '76
Mary Jo Kennedy	Christina M. Turgeon '01
Matthew J. King '04	Jeffrey S. Weisser '76
Kimberly Klimczuk	James B. Winston '00
Carol C. Klyman '96	
Mark D. Mason	

## Dinner for Students and Alumni of Color

The ninth annual Dinner for Students and Alumni of Color was held on October 28 at the Log Cabin Banquet & Meeting House in nearby Holyoke, MA.



Check [www.law.wnec.edu/alumni/](http://www.law.wnec.edu/alumni/) for a full photo album of these events and see the Spring edition of *Perspectives* for a complete recap of this year’s festivities.



## Appeals Court Visits School of Law

The newly renovated J. Gerard Pellegrini Moot Court Room played host to its first sitting of the Massachusetts Appeals Court on October 16, 2008. The Honorable Francis Fecteau, Mark Green (presiding), and Kent Smith heard six cases from the western Massachusetts docket.

The Massachusetts Appeals Court holds sessions twice per year at the School of Law, the only ABA-accredited law school outside of the greater Boston area. Observing appellate arguments in session is an invaluable educational opportunity for students who may someday argue a case before the Court.



The Honorable Kent Smith, Mark Green (presiding), and Francis Fecteau

## Law Center Host Swearing In Ceremony

The new lobby of the S. Prestley Blake Law Center was the location of a ceremony to induct 37 new lawyers into the Massachusetts Bar on November 21. Nineteen of the newly appointed attorneys are graduates of Western New England College School of Law. The Honorable John M. Greaney, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, presided over the event as proud family members watched the new lawyers pledge to uphold the Massachusetts and United States Constitutions.



Swearing In Ceremony

## Get Your Red Sox Tickets Here!

Send us your valid email address and you will be entered into a drawing to be eligible to purchase tickets to a selected game during the 2009 season. Everyone who submits their email address will have the same opportunity to purchase tickets. Ticket prices will be approximately \$50 per game. All entries must be received by Feb. 1, 2009.

After we purchase our group tickets, the names drawn will be contacted and allowed to purchase tickets to one of the scheduled games. Once purchased, tickets are nonrefundable and game times will be subject to change by Major League Baseball and the Boston Red Sox.



Name	Class Year
Email	
Home Address	
Home Phone	
Employer	
Work Phone	
Area of Practice	

## Reunion 2008

More than 115 alumni, friends, and faculty gathered on October 18, at the Basketball Hall of Fame, to celebrate Reunion 2008 for the classes ending in "3" and "8."

Check [www.law.wnec.edu/alumni](http://www.law.wnec.edu/alumni) for full photo album and see the Spring edition of *Perspectives* for a story on the event.



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## SAVE THE DATE 34th Annual Law School Basketball Tournament February 20-22, 2009

Lace up your high tops and take on law schools from around the Northeast during this annual tradition. Postgame receptions and tee shirts are available for all participants.

Contact Marcy Spratt at [marcy.spratt@gmail.com](mailto:marcy.spratt@gmail.com) for more information.



## Supreme Court Review Celebrates 13th Year

The 13th Annual United States Supreme Court Review Conference was held in Room A of the S. Prestley Blake Law Center on November 1. For three hours, Professors Leora Harpaz, Bruce Miller, Sudha Setty, and Giovanna Shay analyzed some of the most important decisions made by the court in the past 12 months including rulings on Guantanamo detainees' rights, gun control, campaign finance, voting rights, and the death penalty. The Institute for Legislative and Governmental Affairs sponsors the Conference.



Professor  
Giovanna Shay



Professor  
Bruce Miller

### Upcoming Events

<b>January 2009</b>	<b>27-</b> <b>Mar 1</b>	1st Annual Law Alumni Ski Trip to Mt. Snow Contact Christina Turgeon at <a href="mailto:attyturgeon@aol.com">attyturgeon@aol.com</a>	<b>27-</b> <b>Mar 1</b>	1st Annual Law Alumni Ski Trip to Mt. Snow Contact Christina Turgeon at <a href="mailto:attyturgeon@aol.com">attyturgeon@aol.com</a>
<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	Dean's Tea New York State Bar Swearing In Ceremony reception at the Empire Plaza Albany, NY	<b>13</b>	Law and Business Center Information Session—Registering, Permitting, Licensing, Scibelli Enterprise Center, 12:00 noon
<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	Color of Law Roundtable—Elizabeth Arana, S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 12:00 noon	<b>21</b>	Law Alumni Virtual Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
<b>February</b>	<b>5</b>	Clason Speakers Series—Dr. David Michaels, S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 12:00 noon	<b>27</b>	Law and Business Center Third Annual "How To" Entrepreneurship Institute, S. Prestley Blake Law Center Room D, all day
<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	Law and Business Center Information Session—Getting the Help You Need—Employees, Independent Contractors, Scibelli Enterprise Center, 12:00 noon	<b>April</b>	Law and Business Speaker Series—Dorothy Bridges, S. Prestley Blake Law Center lobby, 12:00 noon
<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	Color of Law Roundtable—Asker Saeed, S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 12:00 noon	<b>May</b>	School of Law Commencement—Springfield Symphony Hall, 9:00 a.m.
<b>20-22</b>	<b>20-22</b>	34th Annual Basketball Tournament		
<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	Law and Business Center Business of Lawyering Seminar—S. Prestley Blake Law Center, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.		