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A Message from Dean Art Gaudio

With the *Honor Roll of Donors*, which accompanies this issue of the *Law School Digest*, I have the privilege of saying "thank you" to the many of you who have been so generous to have given the School of Law your financial support over the past academic year. Your support is the primary vehicle that makes it possible for the School to provide so many opportunities for our students. For example, your gifts have made it possible for us to provide scholarships for financially needy and gifted students, enhance the information resources in our library, and send our students to some moot court competitions.

As you read in the last issue of *Perspectives*, we are about to take a bold step that will advance the quality of our programs and facility in a very significant way. Next spring, we will break ground on a \$5.5 million expansion and renovation of the School of Law building. The expansion will add a new wing to the School; the renovation will expand the library, add two new seminar rooms and several new multipurpose study and meeting rooms, and modernize several existing classrooms. It will also enhance the technology in the School, especially in the Moot Court Room, bringing it to the quality level needed for a legal education in the 21st century.

To be successful in this much-needed undertaking, we will need your help. Our goal is to raise \$3 million to help pay for the work that will be done. The College has been awarded an \$800,000 Kresge Challenge Grant which, if met, will go



The Jessup International Law Team

entirely to the Law School expansion and renovation. In addition, we have already obtained several substantial gifts, leaving us with a target of \$2 million. To meet our goal of funding the renovation and addition, we are asking you, as alumni/ae and friends of the School, to consider making a pledge of support. I understand that making such a pledge is a personal matter. I ask, however, that you weigh the quality legal education you received while here and the need to continue to make that education possible for future generations of law students. I also ask that, when you are contacted, you dig as deeply into your pockets as you feel proper to make a gift and/or pledge to support this work. Through your help we can continue to provide an education for future law students that is second to none. I am confident that, just as you have supported the School of Law in our annual campaigns in the past, you will step forward to help move the School forward in an even more significant way.

Thank you for your past and future support. As always, please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with me.



Save the Date

Head Courtside for the 32nd Annual Basketball Tournament

Friday, February 16th through Sunday, February 18th, 2007

It's time to team up with the old crew for the Annual Basketball Tourney. Dust off your sneakers and practice your free throws and three pointers for a three-day showdown not to be missed. The Tourney includes a Friday night post-game party, Sunday night dinner, and tee shirts.

For more information about fees and schedule and to register your team, contact Brian Heisman at brian@dmglobal.net.

Alumni Reconnect at Reunion 2006

From as far away as Colorado and Louisiana, alumni from around the country journeyed to the Western New England College School of Law for a reunion held Saturday, October 14.

More than 85 alumni graduating in years ending with "1" and "6," including members of the Class of 1981 which celebrated its 25th anniversary year, joined in the festivities.

On Saturday, alumni reunited with classmates and faculty. Current students provided tours of the Law Center before a meet and greet with the deans and a reception with the Alumni Association Board and the Student Health Law Group. While reminiscing about the past, alumni learned about future plans for the Law Center including a 10,000-foot expansion scheduled to begin next spring.

Throughout the day, alumni were free to take self-guided tours of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. That evening the Hall's MassMutual Room welcomed alumni, faculty, and administrators for a reception and dinner. After dinner, the Office of Law Alumni Relations presented a video scrapbook compiled of yearbook photos and set to period music.

Next year, the School of Law will play host to the graduates in class years ending with "2" and "7," including the Class of 1982 which will celebrate its 25th anniversary. Watch the Law Alumni Relations website for details. To see photos of this year's reunion, visit the site at www.law.wnec.edu/alumni.



Front row seated (L to R): Janet Doolin '79, Mark Kolber '76, Don Stieh '76, and Ruth Stieh. Back row standing (L to R): Ken Lenz '76, Marianne Miller, Margaret Meyer, and Hank Meyer '76.



Front row seated (L to R): Mike Gentile '81, Lisa Greenberg '81, Sandy O'Brien '81, and Tom Cassone '81. Back row standing (L to R): Stuart Liebman '81, Kathleen Sheehan '81, Gene Jarrell '81, Mike Julian '81, and Tom Smith '81.



Front row seated (L to R): Hon. Cynthia Swinton '81, Mary Ryan O'Connell '81, Patricia Oney '81, and Hon. Leslie Olear '81. Back row standing (L to R): Susan Blanchard, Tom Blanchard '81, Mark Hosken '81, and Susan Hosken.



Get Your Red Sox Tickets Here!

Can't buy Red Sox Tickets? Send us your valid email address and you will be entered in a drawing to win a family 4-pack of tickets to a selected game during the 2007 season. Even if you don't win the tickets, you will have a chance to purchase tickets from us. Everyone who submits their email will have the same chance to purchase tickets. Ticket prices will be approximately \$30 for the weekend afternoon game and \$50 for the weekend evening game. All entries must be received by Monday, February 5, 2007.

After we purchase our group tickets, the winning entries will be contacted and allowed to purchase four 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.

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Massachusetts Appeals Court Sits at School of Law

The Massachusetts Appeals Court made its semi-annual trip to Western New England College School of Law on Thursday, October 5, 2006, to hear appeals in six western Massachusetts cases. The Appeals Court, which is located in Boston, travels to law schools throughout the Commonwealth to give students an opportunity to see the Court in person. The sittings also allow residents of western Massachusetts to have their cases heard in front of the Appeals Court without the cost and inconvenience of traveling to the eastern part of the state. This session's docket included five criminal and one civil appeal. During the three-hour sitting, numerous Western New England College law students were at the Moot Court Room to watch the proceedings.



(L to R) Hon. Kent Smith, Hon. Mel Greenberg, and Hon. Andre Gelinias of the Massachusetts Appeals Court

Law School Moves to Meet Kresge Challenge



Campus community members hold posters listing campaign goals.

On September 19, 2006, Western New England College officially embarked on the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the College's history, a \$20 million effort that will enable the College and the School of Law to advance their missions to help students achieve their educational and career goals.

Transformations: The Campaign for Western New England College has already raised \$15.6 million on its way to achieving this record goal. One of the major projects that will be funded through the donations to the campaign is a \$5.5 million expansion of the S. Prestley Blake Law Center. Ground-breaking on the expansion is expected to begin in the spring and the new wing will include seminar, study, and meeting rooms; an expanded library; and modernization of several classrooms and the Moot Court Room.

Earlier in the campaign, the College was issued an \$800,000 Challenge Grant from the Kresge Foundation. If \$19.2 million is raised before December 31, 2007,

the Kresge Challenge Grant will be released to Western New England College, allowing the College to reach its goal.

Associate Dean Samuel Stonefield and Director of Major and Planned Gifts Scott Berg have been speaking with alumni and have formulated a plan for law alumni giving. Law alumni can expect to receive a letter from their class agent and may also be contacted by fellow alumni who work in the same line of practice.

"It has been wonderfully encouraging to meet with alums, explain all the good things happening at the School of Law today, and make the strong case for their participation in the Campaign," said Dean Stonefield.

Donors have the opportunity to be recognized with plaques in the Moot Court Room, the new *Law Review* and SBA offices, the renovated Student Lounge (for gifts by class), or the new library rooms dedicated to different areas of practice, recognizing alumni donors who practice in those areas.



Campaign Cabinet Cochairs Donald G. Campbell '73/G'79 and Kevin S. Delbridge '77

"I am eager to talk with all alumni and to discuss the level of giving and involvement that is most appropriate for each person," said Mr. Berg.

Law alumni/ae with questions regarding giving should feel free to contact Scott Berg in our Development Office at 413-796-2316.

Students and Alumni Gather at Annual Dinner



Karen Miller '06 and Chaucey Fuller 1L

The School of Law's seventh annual Dinner for Students and Alumni of Color united students from the past and present to celebrate their common experiences at the School of Law and in the legal profession.

This popular event presents students with an opportunity to meet alumni who have come before them and who are making important contributions across a broad spectrum of legal practice. Alumni appreciate learning about what it is like to be a 21st century law student and hear the latest news from the School of Law.

The dinner was held on October 17 at the Log Cabin Banquet & Meeting House in Holyoke, MA, where 78 guests enjoyed spectacular views of the Pioneer Valley.

Alfred A. Gray Jr. '82 served as the keynote speaker. A partner at the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey, Attorney Gray concentrates his practice in employment law and healthcare services. Presently, he serves on the Governor's Commission on Mental Retardation. Attorney



Elizabeth Ho Sing 3L



Attorney Alfred A. Gray Jr. '82

Gray has served as the Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Mental Retardation. He was also a Senior Staff Attorney for the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

He told those gathered to "be yourself, make the most of what comes down the pike, be aware of your diversity, but remember to always keep your options open."

Elizabeth Ho Sing 3L, student speaker and current president of the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association (MLCLSA) spoke of the importance of tradition and persistence in the law profession. "Tradition is the glue that bonds members of the community tighter, and unites the members of a community and gives them strength to pursue a common goal. Tradition within a law school creates camaraderie among students, professionals, and faculty as well."

Staff Members Retire

Rosemary Castonguay, who served as the Coordinator of the Law Clinic for 22 years, was honored at a farewell reception on September 6, 2006. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni from the School of Law gathered to extend their best wishes and appreciation for years of dedication to the clinic.

Nancy Hachigian, who served as a faculty assistant to dozens of our professors throughout the years, beginning when the School of Law was located on Tinkham Road, has also retired. Students past and present extend their gratitude to Nancy for her assistance typing briefs for the Moot Court teams.



Professor Art Leavens, Professor Lauren Carasik, Rosemary Castonguay, and Professor Tina Cafaro at the farewell reception for Rosemary.

Waterbury Luncheon

Jim Strub '03 from the law firm of Secor, Cassidy & McPartland served as host to our Waterbury Luncheon held at the Palace Theater on September 27, 2006, where 12 alums gathered to reminisce and hear about what's new at the School of Law.



Guests and staff at the Waterbury Luncheon: (L to R) Dean Gaudio, Jim Strub '03, Tom Parisot '81, Bill Kinloch '85, Hon. Beth Bozzuto '88, Pat Finn '89, Kathy Savino '85, Bill Stevens '81, Danielle Rado '93, David Bozzuto '81, Susanne Snearly '95, Jim Weir '94, Carol Thompson (Coordinator of Alumni Relations), Ned Fitzpatrick '77 and Peggy Grodd (Development Manager).

Students Explore Opportunities During Public Interest Week 2006

A commitment to public interest law is a hallmark of the culture at the School of Law. In the fall of 2007, the School of Law will strengthen its commitment to public interest law with a Public Interest Scholarship program, which will award up to six scholarships to qualified students.

The annual Public Interest Week, held this year from October 16-19, informs students about public interest practice and *pro bono* opportunities. Three students discussed their public interest summer projects at a lunchtime panel on October 16. Holly Wuntke spoke about her experience working for the New Orleans Bucket Brigade, a 501(c)(3) environmental health and justice organization working with communities that neighbor the state's oil refineries and chemical plants. Elizabeth Pisarski shared insights about her experience at Western Massachusetts Legal Services, as part of a pilot project to address egregious violations of landlord/tenant law among low wage and immigrant tenants for Springfield's North End Outreach Project (NEON). Kristina da Fonseca fielded questions about her summer experience at the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center (formerly the Housing Discrimination Project) in Holyoke, MA. While Madeline Johnson was unable to attend the workshop, her response to a written question resonated with the audience and the spirit of Public Interest Week. In response to the question "Why practice public interest law?" Johnson wrote: "I love the clients. Everything that is hopeful and resilient about the human condition is alive and well within the clients and staff at Legal Services."

Beth Lynch, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, discussed the summer public interest stipends available to students through the Mass Bar Foundation. Ms. Pisarski received a \$6,000 award for her work last summer. Ms. da Fonseca and Ms. Johnson received \$2,000 summer stipends from the Law School and the its Equal Justice Works



(L to R) Beth Lynch, Executive Director Mass Bar Foundation; Holly Wuntke 2L; Elizabeth Pisarski 3L; and Kristina da Fonseca 3L.

chapter. Kristina da Fonseca also received a \$1,000 summer grant from Equal Justice Works.

On Tuesday, a panel of local community organizations explored volunteer opportunities to help under-served areas of the local community. Panelists include members of The Housing Discrimination Project; the YWCA court-ordered visitation program; Safe Passage; Friends of Children; and the HIV/AIDS Law Consortium.

The keynote speaker was Amy Sugamori of the National Employment Law Project (NELP) who spoke on the issue of immigration rights mid-week. NELP is one of the premier legal service think tanks regarding immigration rights, particularly relating to the workplace rights of lower-wage workers.



Environmental expert Professor Robert Keiter

The week's events concluded on October 19 with a Clason Speaker Series lecture by environmental expert Robert Keiter. The Wallace Stegner Professor of Law and Director of the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Keiter spoke about 20 years of change in Glacier National Park. Displaying spectacular slides of the park, he discussed how threats to the park from oil and gas activity, extensive timber harvesting, road projects, and a proposal for a major coal mine had been addressed throughout his research. Today he sees significant policy and institutional developments, including an increased emphasis on ecosystem management and collaborative conservation, but concluded "efforts to preserve and protect the region are still very much a work in progress."

11th Annual Supreme Court Review Conference

Saturday, October 28, brought lively discussion of several of the most significant rulings and opinions from the Supreme Court's spring 2006 term. Alumni, students, prospective students, and members of the general public were treated to the observations, insights, and predictions of panelists including faculty members Tina Cafaro, Leora Harpaz, and Bruce Miller. Professor Arthur Wolf, Director of the Institute for Legislative and Governmental Affairs, served as the conference moderator.

The annual Review provides opportunities for current students to hear analysis from their professors on key rulings and, this year, to discuss changes under the Court's new Chief Justice John Roberts.

Professor Miller discussed the issue of "Terrorism and the Unitary Executive Theory" with a focus on the Military Commissions Act of 2006 in such cases as *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 126 S. Ct. 2749 (2006).

Professor Harpaz explored the emerging role of moderate conservative Justice Anthony Kennedy as a swing voter. She focused on such cases as *Gonzales v. Oregon*, 126 S. Ct. 904, and *Rapanos v. United State*, 126 S. Ct. 2208 (2006) (5-4).

Professor Cafaro discussed criminal law cases, many focusing on search and seizure and warrant issues.

Finally, the panelists reflected upon the transitional first year of the Roberts Court and shared their observations on how the Court is evolving under Chief Justice Roberts' leadership.

Upcoming Events

January 2007

18 Dean's Tea
S. Prestley Blake Law Center
Lobby 4-6 p.m.

30 CLE Seminar Room B
4-7 p.m.

February 2007

1 Springfield Alumni Luncheon



Ice Cream Social - September 7, 2006. Deans and Professors scooped ice cream for the students to make their own sundaes.

Dial-A-Lawyer Rings in Successful Fall Session

On October 18, the School of Law, *The Republican*, *El Pueblo Latino*, and the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys cosponsored the 23rd semi-annual Massachusetts Bar Association's Dial-A-Lawyer call-in program fall session.

The program provides a valuable service to residents of western Massachusetts by offering free legal advice from attorneys with a wide variety of expertise; many of the volunteers are Western New England College Law alumni who return year after year to help those in need of legal direction.

More than 470 area residents received advice from the 36 lawyers who volunteered.



Justin Dion '00 and Mike Buchanan '05 man the phones at Dial-A-Lawyer on October 18.

The fall Dial-A-Lawyer participants included:

Ryan Alekman '97	Michael Gove
Mike Buchanan '05	Michael Grilli '96
Dorothy Carlo '78	Lisa Halbert '86
Charles Casartello '87	Kimberly Klimczuk
Petra Cervoni	Carol Klyman '96
Alfred Chamberland	Kevin Maltby
Gaston de los Reyes	Susan Mielnikowski '96
Justin Dion '00	Steven Munson
Larry Farber '94	Kathleen O'Sullivan
John Ferrara '83	Raipher Pellegrino
Bruce Fogel '75	Elaine Pourinski '87
Robert Ghazey	Maurice Powe '01
Claudete Girard '01	Nancy Ramos '03
Luke Goodridge '75	Todd Ratner
	Katherine Robertson '90
	Paul Rothschild
	Michael Siddall '90
	Diana Sorrentini-Velez
	Daniel Szostkiewicz '93
	Peggy Torello '02
	Dennis Tully '76
	Jeffrey Weisser '76

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