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Regina Won '09, *magna cum laude*

Law Clerk, The Honorable Ann Claire Williams of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2009-2010

Summer Associate, Clifford Chance LLP, Summer 2008

Legal Intern, Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, Summer 2007

Regina excelled throughout her law school career. During her second year summer, Regina worked as a Summer Associate for the firm Clifford Chance LLP in both their New York and Hong Kong offices. She spent her first summer at the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Boston. While at BU Law, Regina was the Article Editor for the *Boston University Law Review*, the Vice President of BU Law's Chapter of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and a student attorney in our Criminal Clinic, gaining invaluable hands-on experience in the Defender Program. Remaining at the top of her class throughout law school, Regina was a Paul J. Liacos Distinguished Scholar, an honor awarded to the top 15 students in the 2L class. Regina also received Dean's Awards for the highest grades in Civil Procedure II, Trusts and Wills, and Basic Estate Planning. Upon graduation from Dartmouth College, Regina taught for two years through Teach for America before beginning law school.

// I have heard clerking is both the best and hardest job you can have, and I expect to be challenged and pushed in my thinking and legal skills everyday. I am confident that BU Law has more than prepared me for the task ahead. From engaging classes to working as a research assistant to being an Article Editor on the *Boston University Law Review*, BU Law has provided me with many opportunities to develop my legal and analytical skills. **//**

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I hope that you find the brochure to be informative, and that you will consider BU Law students when you select your law clerks.

Maureen A. O'Rourke

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Maureen A. O'Rourke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'M'.

Dean, Boston University School of Law



U.S. News and World Report

#4 Health Law

#11 Intellectual Property Law

#6 Tax Law

#20 Overall Ranking

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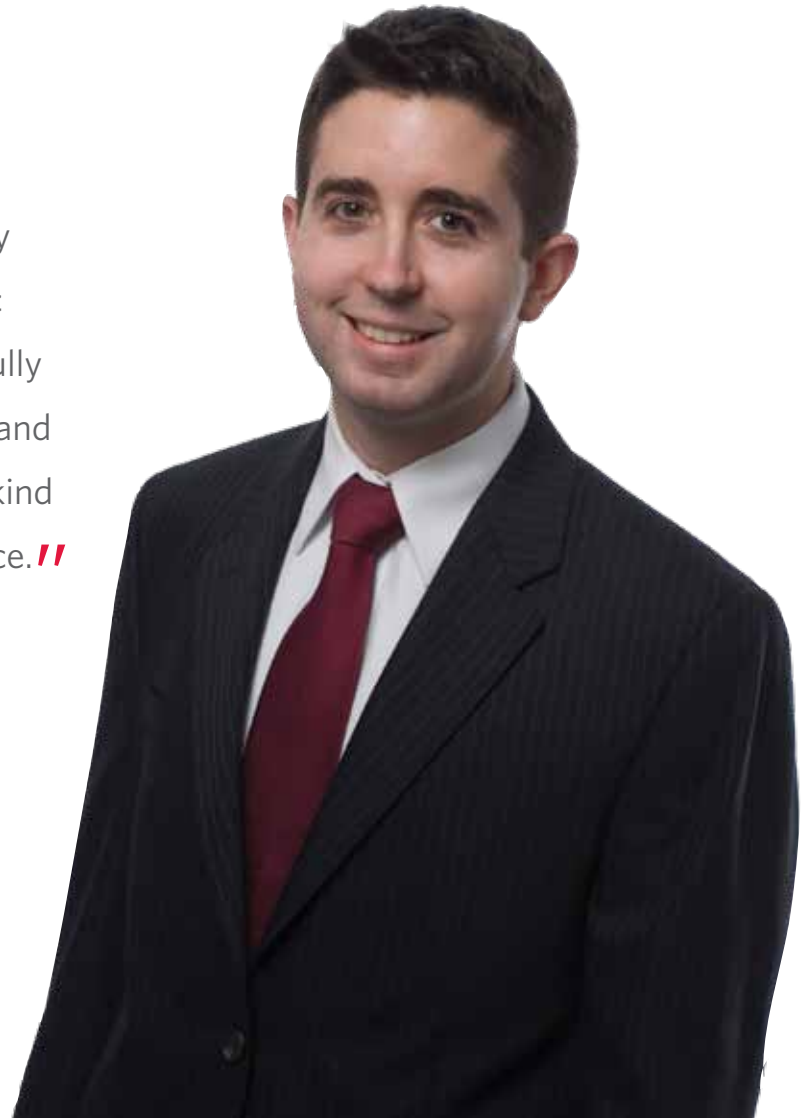
// The most valuable skill I acquired at BU Law was the ability to think through legal problems in a thorough and systematic fashion. The professors emphasized the importance of carefully constructed arguments that are built upon precise language and clear, logical reasoning. I am confident I have developed the kind of reasoning skills that can be applied to any issue I might face. //

Thomas Sutcliffe '09, *summa cum laude*

Law Clerk, The Honorable Karen Nelson Moore, The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2009-2010

Summer Associate, Ropes & Gray, LLP, Summer 2008

Judicial Intern, The Honorable Diane Kottmyer, Massachusetts Superior Court, Summer 2007



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BU Law infuses writing and practical experience throughout the curriculum with the dual goals of preparing our students for clerkships and the practice of law. Students benefit greatly from the faculty's extraordinary teaching skills and clerkship experiences. In addition to our successful first-year writing program, we offer second-and third-year students the invaluable experience of working one-on-one with a faculty member to complete a substantial research and writing requirement before graduation. Known for their commitment to academic rigor, our faculty members demand excellence, encourage students to take a broad array of law classes, and stress the importance of developing top-notch skills.

Fifty percent of our students participate in journals, all of our students take part in at least one moot court program, and one-third of the second- and third-year students compete in advanced moot court programs. Through our clinical programs, students hone their writing, research and advocacy skills by representing clients in all phases of civil and criminal litigation and drafting legislation. Of great significance today, BU Law offers 13 study-abroad programs to prepare students for the increasingly global practice of law and the impact on courts in the United States.

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After receiving his law degree, Gerry Leonard served two clerkships, first for the Honorable J. Dickson Phillips Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; then for Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court. A member of the School of Law faculty since 1997, Professor Leonard is a Law Alumni Scholar and held the post of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 2006 to 2009. A trained historian, much of Professor Leonard's scholarship explores legal history, including his forthcoming article "A New Constitutional History of *Dred Scott*." Professor Leonard's courses include Criminal Law, Legislation, Criminal Sentencing, the Limits of Criminality, American Legal History, and Origins of American Constitutionalism.

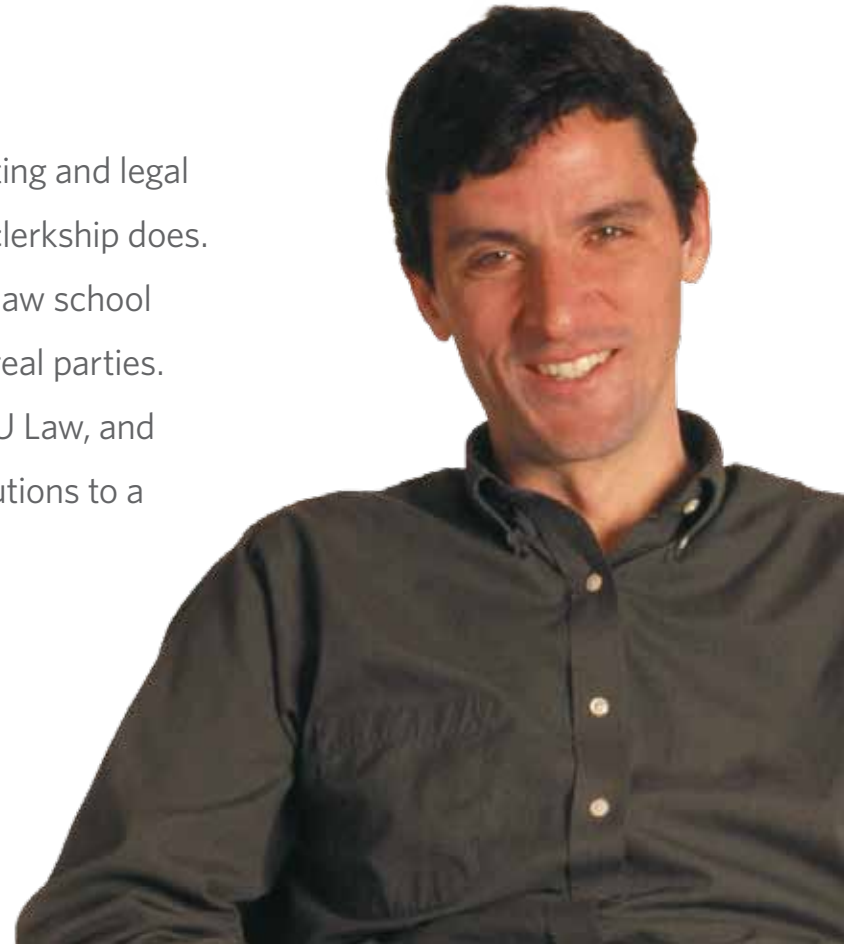
// BU Law gives its students a great education in research, writing and legal analysis; and nothing gives that education meaning the way a clerkship does. In a judge's chambers, I tell my students, the tools obtained in law school are joined to lessons in judgment in handling the real cases of real parties. No students are better prepared for clerkships than those of BU Law, and no students are more eager to turn their skills into real contributions to a judge's work. //

Gerald F. Leonard, *Law Alumni Scholar & Professor of Law*

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