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Welcome to the first spring edition of The Record!
I am delighted to deliver The Record in its new, biannual format. I hope you'll enjoy reading about even more alumni successes, timely news and event highlights, campaign updates, and opportunities for involvement in the life of the school.

The creation of the First-Generation Professionals student group inspired our cover story. Miosotti Tenecora ('19), Mark Morris ('83), and Professor David Seipp share the unique challenges they faced and overcame as part of this underrepresented group. As a first-generation professional myself, this story is near and dear to my heart. I hope you will be as inspired by it as I was and that you will explore ways to become involved in mentoring and supporting this part of the BU Law community.

In this issue, you'll also read about Sean Oehlbert ('98), a committed public servant whose decades-long career in energy policy culminated in his service as director of nuclear nonproliferation for the National Security Council. In addition, we’ve taken the opportunity to highlight Robin Walker ('99), vice president and head of legal at Casebia Therapeutics, a biotech company using CRISPR gene-editing technology to develop new medicines to treat inherited diseases. These therapies have the potential to create life-saving treatments. Robin is on the forefront of these exciting developments.

Also in this issue, we recognize the significant contributions of Dean William Schwartz, who passed away last winter. Dean Schwartz taught generations of BU Law students and was instrumental in turning BU Law into the school it is today. He will be missed. I encourage you to read his memorial on page 27 and, if you haven’t already, sign our guestbook at bu.edu/law/schwartz. Please join us on June 8, the first day of Reunion Weekend, as we celebrate his life and impact on the School of Law.

As many of you already know, in June I will step down as dean. It has been an honor to lead such a wonderful community for 14 years. Together, we have built not just the Sumner M. Redstone Building, but also the programming to prepare the next generation of lawyers. We have introduced new courses and degree programs, including a new legal research and writing curriculum, innovative programs in transactional law, and experiential opportunities focused on intellectual property, entrepreneurship and cyberlaw (with MIT), immigration and human trafficking, and environmental law. We have substantially expanded opportunities for students to pursue public interest law, from scholarships, postgraduate fellowships, and loan repayment assistance to increased support for pro bono activities. Finally, we have raised more than $75 million (as of March 12, 2018) toward our $100 million Building on Excellence Campaign goal.

Thank you for your support and for the dedication you’ve shown to the school. The relationships I’ve formed with so many of you will remain among the greatest pleasures of my time as dean.

The next dean of BU Law will find an enthusiastic and thriving alumni community, and it will make his or her job that much easier and more rewarding. I look forward to seeing many of you at Reunion Weekend, and to keeping in touch as I resume my faculty position at BU Law in fall 2019.
MARK MORRIS ('83) describes his law school experience as “challenging” and “isolating.” As the first generation in his family to graduate from college, he felt like a fish out of water in law school.

“Everything was new, from the academic rigor of law school and the legal vocabulary to the need to buy nice suits for on-campus recruiting,” says Morris, the firm-wide managing partner at Fox Rothschild in Philadelphia, a national firm with over 800 lawyers in 22 offices across the country.

MIOSOTTI TENCORA’s ('19) experience as a first-generation student sounds very similar. Like Morris, she was the first generation in her family to go to college and law school, and she struggled to find her place. “It seemed like students who came from more professional families were better prepared. I didn’t know any other first-generation students, so I felt like I stuck out and was isolated,” she says.

Certain that there were more students at BU Law like her, she launched a new student group in spring 2017 called First-Generation Professionals (FGP), with support from the administration and faculty.

“Our first executive board meeting was eye-opening because it was the first time a group of first-generation students got together and shared our stories and experiences as law students,” she says. Since that initial meeting, the group has organized multiple events and by the end of the first full semester had grown to include more than 60 members.

One of FGP’s main goals is to identify first-generation alumni to engage with the community and serve as mentors. “First-generation professionals tend to have self-doubt about their abilities in law school. Having an alumni mentor is important because they can relate to our experiences and provide support and encouragement,” notes Tencora.

Professor of Law and Law Alumni Scholar DAVID SEIPP, who also is a first-generation professional, applauds the launch of FGP, noting that he would have “embraced” such a resource when he was in college and law school. “This is a very helpful group for first-generation students and I’m excited to see how faculty and alumni can contribute to its efforts,” he says.
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**Making Connections**

**Miosotti Tenecora** is on a mission to build FGP and connect first-generation students with each other and alumni mentors. She wants to end that sense of isolation that is so common among first-generation students. By sharing backgrounds and discussing challenges, she seeks to build bridges.

As for her own story, Tenecora is the daughter of immigrants and grew up in the Bronx. Her father is from Ecuador and completed middle school. Her mother is from the Dominican Republic and took a few college classes. Her parents divorced when she was young, and Tenecora and her brother lived with their mother, who does not speak English.

When it was time to apply for college, she navigated that process alone, researching schools and filling out all the financial aid forms herself. Her hard work paid off and she received a full scholarship to Fordham University in New York City.
She chose accounting as her major with future financial safety in mind. “I thought a lucrative career would help my family and accounting was the safest way to accomplish that. But after a brief internship at a large accounting firm, I realized that was not the right path for me and I started thinking more about law.”

Interning at the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office in the Victim Services Unit, she got her first glimpse of what it would be like to work in the legal field and discovered a passion for helping victims of domestic violence. Wanting to learn more about domestic violence and human rights issues, she enrolled in a master’s program in international studies at Concordia University Irvine. “My internship with the DA’s office sparked an interest in eliminating gender-based violence and that continued to grow with my post-college experiences,” says Tenecora.

She came to BU Law for two reasons. First, the school offers ample opportunities to learn more about international human rights, through programs like the International Human Rights Clinic. Second, she received a BU Law Public Interest Scholarship, which provides funding to students who have demonstrated their desire to pursue a career in public interest law.

“Law school has been more challenging than college,” says Tenecora. “In college, I was in a very diverse environment. It was harder to acclimate to Boston, where I felt like I stood out more. Also, the rigor of law school is challenging, and I felt like my classmates who came from professional families were better prepared than me. I didn’t have any mentors and struggled to find my place.”

She adds, “I didn’t know any other first-generation students and felt very isolated. That’s why in my second semester I proposed the FGP.” Ironically, a requirement for all student organizations is an executive board, but Tenecora didn’t know any other first-generation students to invite to participate. Posting essentially a “want ad” on Facebook, she connected with three classmates interested in serving on the board: Kellie Desrochers (’19), Victor Diaz (’19), and Marisa Bartolotta (’19).

At their first meeting, they talked about everything from feeling alone and unprepared to learning a new vocabulary. “It was a great meeting and was the first time I felt understood as a first-generation professional student.”

At the end of its first semester, the group had 63 members and 9 board members. Its purpose is to create a community of law students who identify as “first-generation professionals,” although the group is open to all students. FGP seeks to create programming that enhances education and professional opportunities, introduces students to the legal profession, encourages pro bono services to inspire high school and undergraduate students to pursue higher education, connects law students with mentors, and creates social awareness of the challenges of reaching higher education for first-generation students.

Some of the events organized by the group have included membership meetings, activities focused on mental health, social gatherings, and weekly office hours. Tenecora explains that the executive board members take turns staffing office hours to answer questions or listen to concerns from first-generation students.

With administrative and law firm support, the group is planning more initiatives, such as student financial aid for law school events and funding for interview suits. They also are working on etiquette and résumé writing workshops as well as panel discussions with local bar associations.

An important area for the organization, Tenecora notes, is alumni engagement. “We’re working with the administration to identify first-generation alumni and hope to engage more alumni as mentors for our current students,” she says. “First-generation students tend to have self-doubt that we can accomplish things like graduating from law school. It means so much to be the first in your family so there is underlying pressure, too. Having alumni mentors who can encourage us in our efforts is very important.”

“I want this to be a legacy for future students,” she adds. “I want them to face fewer barriers in law school and feel like they are part of a supportive group. Everyone on our board is passionate about these issues and committed to making FGP a long-term success.”

For more information, contact the BU Law Student Affairs Office at studaff@bu.edu or 617-358-1800.
A FISH OUT OF WATER

According to MARK MORRIS, being a first-generation college student had its pros and cons. The pros included an appreciation for being in a new place. Raised in Washington Heights in New York City, he describes his neighborhood at the time as full of drugs and crime. Living with his father after his mother died, they shared a one-bedroom apartment while his father worked as a city tax clerk.

While there was never a doubt for Morris that he would go to college, it was up to him to research schools, complete the applications, and navigate applying for financial aid. He ended up at the State University of New York in Albany because of financial aid awards, scholarships, and two jobs.

“Growing up in NYC, I had never experienced anything other than urban life,” Morris explains. “Going to Albany and living on a campus was like visiting a foreign land. I knew there was more out there than my world in the city, so it was good to experience being in school with people from different backgrounds. I also realized that I was prepared to be self-sufficient and could take care of myself.”

When it was time to pick a major, Morris considered journalism, but the industry’s lower salaries encouraged him to look at other options, like the law. “I knew I would have to take care of myself financially,” he says, “which for me meant pursuing a profession. I had always been interested in debate about political and other issues, and law school seemed like a logical step.”

Having visited and enjoyed Boston during college, he came to BU Law thanks to a financial aid award. “It wasn’t a complete ride, but it helped a lot,” he says.

Law school, recalls Morris, turned out to be a lot harder than college. “It was the first time that I felt so academically challenged. Law school meant learning a whole new vocabulary and I had no background in anything related to law or business. I also had no money, because instead of working like I did in college, I dedicated myself to studying.

“It was isolating,” he continues. “Most of my classmates came from suburban families and were supported by their parents. They had a sense of what it was like to be a professional, but this was all new to me. Even buying suits to go on a job interview was new. And the interviews with large NYC firms didn’t go well because I lacked professional polish and experience.”

Expanding his job search to Philadelphia, he interviewed at Fox Rothschild and joined as an associate in the real estate department. He has now worked there for more than 30 years.

As a first-generation student, Morris appreciated the importance of mentorship and served as a big brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters when he was in college. Working at Fox Rothschild, he reconnected with the organization in southeastern Pennsylvania, eventually serving on the board and as the board chair.

He also founded the “Beyond the Walls” program at Fox Rothschild, which pairs 30 mentors from the firm in relationships to help children from a local elementary school. “I know how valuable it was for me to find people who affected my life as a young boy and I wanted to provide that for more children,” he says.

When Morris heard about FGP at BU Law, he says he “was excited to learn of its work to support and mentor first-generation law students. There is no better way to advance your career than through personal relationships with people who can take an interest in your efforts and help guide you. If you have someone to talk to who has been through similar experiences, it’s a lot easier to succeed.”
THE NEED FOR MENTORING
As word spreads about the FGP student group, faculty like Professor DAVID SEIPP are sharing their first-generation college/professional experiences, too. He grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, and neither of his parents attended college, nor did anyone in their immediate families. When his father finished high school, he had to take time off from his full-time job to attend his own graduation. He worked as an insurance adjuster and later as a time-motion study man at a meat-packing plant. Seipp’s mother worked behind sales counters in department stores before and after raising their children.

“Students who did well in high school went on to college. I did well at my high school, and my parents wanted their children to get more education and have better jobs, so college was always part of the plan,” he says.

However, until a Harvard University recruiter visited his high school, his only real option was his hometown men’s college or possibly a larger midwestern university. When he was accepted at Harvard, his parents didn’t think he could afford to stay more than a year at such a “fancy place,” but with scholarships, loans, and part-time campus jobs he made it work and majored in history.

“I didn’t give any thought, while I was a student, to how I would make up for the fact that my parents had not gone to college,” says Seipp. “My own inclination was to read books and short stories about educated, sophisticated people. There also were movies about college and law school experiences.”

His informal training on college and law school life paid off. “Justice [Sonia] Sotomayor wrote in a memoir that at Princeton, she threw out an invitation to join Phi Beta Kappa because she thought it was just another sorority or fraternity that she’d never heard of. I somehow knew that this was not just another frat house,” he says.

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A GENE-UINE TALENT FOR DEALS
ROBIN A. WALKER (’99) was happy in her job as associate general counsel at Biogen when a recruiter for Casebia Therapeutics, a new gene-editing company, came calling. And emailing. And calling again.

She was delayed in answering the queries because she was traveling for work and the open position at Casebia was for a patent attorney, an area outside her expertise. Then the recruiter sent one more email, leading off with: “I know you’re not a patent attorney.”

By the end of that day in May 2017, Walker was the top general counsel candidate for Casebia, a joint venture between CRISPR Therapeutics and Bayer that launched in 2016 to develop cures for blood disorders, blindness, and congenital heart disease using a gene-editing technology called CRISPR/Cas9. When Ellen Ridge, Casebia’s senior vice president of operations and a former colleague of Walker’s at Biogen, heard that Walker’s name had surfaced, she reached out that same morning and asked Walker to at least meet the company’s president and chief executive officer, Jim Burns. Noticing a cancellation on her calendar for that evening, Walker agreed. She didn’t even bring her résumé.
“I TYPED UP A LIST OF ALL THE THINGS I’D LEARNED OVER THE YEARS DOING DEALS WITH SMALLER COMPANIES—MISTAKES THEY’D MADE BY THINKING TOO NARROWLY,” SHE RECALLS. “THAT’S WHAT I BROUGHT WITH ME.”

It was enough. By June, Walker had been named Casebia’s vice president, head of legal. “She came prepared and said, ‘Here’s what you probably need and might not know,’” Burns says. “She was very convincing.”

Gene editing, which allows for changes to a living organism’s DNA, is at the cutting edge of biotechnology; it’s so cutting edge, in fact, that the regulatory framework isn’t settled and ownership of the underlying patents is still in dispute. In November, the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on the potential impact and ethical concerns of gene-editing technologies and the US Food and Drug Administration announced expedited approval processes for regenerative medicines, including gene therapies. As the product of a well-funded joint venture between CRISPR Therapeutics, founded by one of the CRISPR/Cas9 patent holders, and Bayer, a global life sciences company, Casebia is uniquely positioned to take advantage of the moment.

Casebia is also a good fit for Walker’s biotech expertise. (In September, she was named one of Boston’s 50 most influential people of color in life sciences and healthcare.) After graduating from BU School of Law, Walker went to the firm now known as K&L Gates, where she was first introduced to biotech matters, including work for Novartis and smaller start-up companies. She then spent five years in-house at Staples before joining Biogen, where gene-editing transactions, including a licensing agreement worth $60 million up front and up to $484 million in milestone payments to Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation, were part of her specialty. “I did a lot of deals,” she recalls.
“If you just make products that treat symptoms and someone else comes in and cures the disease, your market share goes to zero. So all the big companies are looking at gene editing and gene therapies.”

Susan M. Galli, a partner at Ropes & Gray who worked with Walker as outside counsel on several deals, says she and Walker pulled a few all-nighters on the Mitsubishi transaction.

“At the end of it, Robin said, ‘What could be better than working on an interesting, international deal with significant companies on a product that could potentially provide life-saving therapy?’” Galli recalls. “I just feel like that really encapsulates her passion and dedication for the work and also her enjoyment of it.”

Walker, who grew up in Marshfield, Mass., didn’t focus on IP or healthcare-related courses at BU Law. Instead, she took the Criminal Law Clinical Program and “every one” of Professor Tracey Maclin’s courses. She says that after taking one of Maclin’s classes her first year, he asked her on the first day of a class the next year if she still had the same position on an issue that she had held the year before. She credits Maclin and Professor Mark Pettit, Jr., with whom she took Contracts, with helping her “think and hone” her arguments. In her deal making, however, she strives to find common ground.

“Some people focus on places they disagree,” she says. “But I say, ‘Okay, do we agree that we want to bring a product to market to cure patients?’ I like to take care of the things we agree on before dealing with things that may be issues.”

Colleagues and friends say Walker is extremely committed to all aspects of her life, including her family, her career, her volunteer work as president of the Women’s Bar Foundation in Boston—which ensures access to justice for low-income women—and her beloved New England Patriots (Walker rarely misses work calls, but she did block her calendar to attend the 2015 and 2017 Super Bowls, which the Patriots won).

Aras Lapinskas, a friend and former colleague who has been a guest at Walker’s famous Patriots tailgate parties, says he thinks Walker approaches work the same way she approaches her family and friendships.

“If there’s a common theme, it is a kind of advocacy for someone or something,” he says, adding that, in the deal-making process, “you’d want to pump your fist after you saw her in action.”

Lapinskas says Walker has found the perfect position at Casebia; and Walker agrees, saying the potential to “do good on a daily basis” was impossible to pass up. She says the field is exciting to work in professionally as well: the deals are complex and companies and institutions are clamoring to participate. In September, Walker guided Casebia in a Collaboration and Exclusive License Agreement with Seattle Children’s Research Institute to explore new methods to prevent autoimmune disease using CRISPR/Cas9 gene-edited white blood cells.

“It’s fun; it’s energizing,” she says. “These deals are not easy to ink. Who gets to publish? Who gets paid at what point? Who owns the IP?”

Walker says companies like Casebia have an obligation—and an opportunity—to address ethical concerns (an omnipresent question in discussions about gene editing is whether the technology will be used ethically and responsibly) and to help shape existing and eventual regulations.

“We’re all in the same regulatory boat,” she says, adding that she meets with her counterparts at other biotech companies to facilitate that process. “We have a responsibility to educate the public, Congress, and other regulators around the world so people won’t be afraid of it.”

For Walker, the risks are worth managing to unlock the technology’s potential benefits.

“A really good friend of mine went blind as an adult,” she says. “Some of the work we’re doing may be able to correct that. Can you imagine being able to help your friend see again?”
Answering the Call

BY CORINNE STEINBRENNER (COM’06)
PHOTOS BY MARY F. CALVERT
It’s a warm Saturday evening and Sean Oehlbert (’98) is hosting a backyard barbecue with colleagues from work and their families. The adults are finishing dinner and watching the kids run around when Oehlbert’s phone rings, bringing the party to an abrupt end.

The call is from the White House Communications Office. North Korea has test-launched another missile, Oehlbert, director of nuclear nonproliferation for the National Security Council (NSC), removes himself from the barbecue and gets to work. The president’s senior staff will want detailed briefings tonight, and Oehlbert—the White House’s point person for many nuclear matters—needs to prepare for the meetings.

When it comes to the movement and testing of nuclear weapons, few people know more than Oehlbert, which is why the White House wants him on hand on nights like this.

Prior to joining the White House staff, Oehlbert spent nearly two decades working for the National Nuclear Security Administration within the US Department of Energy. In July 2016, he was serving as a senior policy advisor to the deputy secretary of energy when the Obama administration asked him to take a temporary assignment at the NSC. Oehlbert agreed and held the position until December 2017, when he returned to the Department of Energy to serve as a policy director there.

Typically, Oehlbert says, detailers like him (government agency employees on loan to the White House) serve in NSC policy positions for a year and then return to their home agencies. The jobs are professional, not political, so it’s not unusual for them to span more than one administration. Before Oehlbert’s stint on the NSC was up, the new Trump administration asked if he would stay a second year. “I told them I’d give them an additional six months,” he says, “just because I do miss my family.”

NSC jobs are notoriously demanding. During his 18 months working in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building—an elegant granite structure that sits on the White House grounds—Oehlbert usually left for work before his wife and two school-age children were awake and returned after they’d gone to bed. “And if you get a call from the Situation Room on a Saturday night because something has happened,” he says, “you drop everything and you go in.”

While the NSC job was a strain on his family, Oehlbert says, “you keep in mind that you’re doing this because you want to see the country’s security enhanced, to see the goals we have as a nation achieved. You’re mindful of the fact that you’re making personal sacrifices for a greater good.”

Congress established the National Security Council in 1947—soon after World War II—to help the president reconcile diplomatic and military concerns when making foreign-policy decisions. The NSC originally included just the president, the secretary of state, and the secretary of defense, but it has grown...
The NSC now consists of a Principals Committee, a Deputies Committee, and a number of Policy Coordinating Committees, as well as IT and administrative personnel.

The basic role of today’s NSC is to help presidents make national-security decisions by providing them with well-

Senior officials are expecting you to provide the answer. That’s why you’re there.
researched policy options. NSC staff are then responsible for working with government departments and agencies to implement White House decisions.

Day to day, says Oehlbert, his NSC job involved “a lot of writing, a lot of running meetings, and a lot of staffing.” By “staffing,” he means attending any high-level meetings where his expertise might be needed. The writing he did—often under intense deadlines—included position papers, memorandums for decision, and other documents intended to help White House leaders make complex decisions. The documents laid out policy options and their pros and cons, based on Oehlbert’s own expertise and his consultations with a variety of government offices. Much of Oehlbert’s NSC work centered on international nuclear nonproliferation treaties and regimes, such as reviewing the United States’ policies pertaining to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and its limited support of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty and overseeing negotiations of civil nuclear cooperation agreements (the bilateral agreements that must be in place before US companies can export nuclear equipment or materials).

While succeeding at the NSC requires self-reliance and confidence in your expertise, says Oehlbert, “it’s also vitally important to be humble.” NSC staffers are often pulled into high-level meetings and asked pointed questions. In those situations, Oehlbert says, “Senior officials are expecting you to provide the answer. That’s why you’re there. But if you don’t know the answer, it’s best to say ‘I don’t know. I’ll get back to you.’ It’s a hard thing to say because you want to be viewed as the expert, perfectly placed and perfectly prepared. But it’s going to happen, and you need to be humble about it,” he says. The Situation Room is no place for bluffing.

Effective NSC staffers also excel at working in teams, Oehlbert says, because no NSC issue is self-contained. When his office—the Weapons of Mass Destruction Office—worked on Iran-related issues, they worked closely with the Middle East Office. For issues related to India or Pakistan, they consulted colleagues in the South Asia Office. “You have to be able to work collaboratively,” he says, “because the different perspective others bring to the issue will only help create better policy.” It’s one of the many lessons from law school that he continues to apply today, he says.

Oehlbert’s interest in nuclear weapons began during his childhood in the 1980s. “I grew up at the height of the Cold War, in the Reagan administration, and I remember all of the worries that we were going to have a nuclear war with the Russians,” he says. “For whatever reason, I was always fascinated by these types of issues, and I was always fascinated by Russia.”

As an undergraduate majoring in political science, Oehlbert took courses in Russian politics, Russian history, and the Russian language. At BU Law, he focused on international relations and international law. After graduation, he landed a job working at the Department of Energy’s Los Alamos National Laboratory, assisting in the negotiation of civil nuclear cooperation agreements with foreign partners. During his first year on the job, he was thrilled to take an assignment at the US embassy in Moscow.

Oehlbert has since built a solid career on what he calls “the power of yes”—the power of accepting any challenge or opportunity that comes his way. “Sometimes the easier path is to say no, but if you say yes, you’re going to do things that you didn’t think you had the ability to do, and you’re going to learn and grow,” he says. “That’s been my governing philosophy. If someone asks you to do something, even if it’s not something you think you can do, just try to do it. Say yes. Don’t say no. That’s how I wound up sitting in the White House.”

Despite the pressure and long hours, Oehlbert never regretted saying “yes” to the NSC. The role provided an unparalleled opportunity to serve his country and invaluable career experience. His temporary seat at the White House, Oehlbert says, provided fresh perspective on his longtime work, and he’s now using that perspective for the good of his home department and the American taxpayer. “I am completely aware of the unique opportunity I’ve been presented,” Oehlbert says of his time at the NSC, “and am honored to have served.”

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ADVANCING JUSTICE FROM DAY ONE

Since BU Law was founded in 1872, many of its graduates have distinguished themselves as public servants working tirelessly to advance justice and as legal pioneers fighting for the rights of the disenfranchised.

In honor of a select group of these alumni, this fall the school installed a floor-to-ceiling mural by artist Daniel Hertzberg on the second floor of the Redstone Building. The piece depicts 11 graduates whose careers exemplify this theme of advancing justice, and the three buildings that have housed our community since the school opened its doors. Take some time during Reunion Weekend to stop by and see the mural just outside McCausland Commons!

EMMANUEL HEWLETT (CLASS OF 1877)
The first African American graduate of BU Law argued the 1896 case of Gibson v. Mississippi at the US Supreme Court, contending that his client, an African American man convicted of murder, did not receive a fair trial because the state uniformly excluded African Americans from serving on juries.

LEILA ROBINSON (CLASS OF 1881)
The first woman to graduate from BU Law was initially denied admission to the Massachusetts Bar because of her gender, but she successfully lobbied the state legislature in 1882 to pass a bill authorizing women to take the bar exam and practice law in court.

ROBERT STAFFORD (CLASS OF 1938, HON. 1959)
A lifelong public servant, he represented Vermont as governor, US congressman, and senator. In honor of his work on education issues, Congress renamed the Federal Guaranteed Student Loan Program the Robert T. Stafford Student Loan Program, which provides millions of loans to post-secondary students every year.

EDWARD BROOKE (JD CLASS OF 1948, LLM CLASS OF 1950, HON. 1968)
The first African American popularly elected to the US Senate coauthored the Fair Housing Act, championed the enactment of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and led the fight to retain Title IX. The Massachusetts senator served two terms from 1967 to 1979.
JUAN TORRUELLA (CLASS OF 1957)
The first Hispanic to serve on the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit joined the dissent against the court's 2005 ruling that prevented the residents of Puerto Rico, who have been US citizens since 1917, from voting in US presidential elections, and joined in the court's 2012 decision that declared the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional.

BARBARA JORDAN (CLASS OF 1959, HON. 1969)
The first southern African American woman elected to the US House of Representatives sponsored or cosponsored over 300 bills or resolutions, including the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, which required banks to lend and make services available to low-income and minority communities. She was elected to Congress by Texas in 1972 and served three terms.

WILLIAM COHEN (CLASS OF 1965)
As a House Judiciary Committee member during Watergate, he was one of the first Republicans to vote to impeach President Nixon. In 1997, President Clinton appointed him US Secretary of Defense, the first time a modern-day president has chosen an elected official from another party to serve in his cabinet.

SANDRA LYNCH (CLASS OF 1971, HON. 2012)
The first woman to serve on the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit wrote a scathing dissent in 1996 of the court's ruling in an earlier case that rape did not involve serious bodily injury. Her written opinion led Congress to pass a federal statute that made it clear that the term “serious bodily injury” includes rape.

GARY LOCKE (CLASS OF 1975, HON. 1998)

O. ROGERIEE THOMPSON (CLASS OF 1976)
The first African American to serve on the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit vigorously dissented in a 2011 case that granted police officers qualified immunity to search all members of a mostly Hispanic visiting soccer team for items allegedly missing from a white home team's locker room, and also dissented in the court's 2011 ruling that prevented Puerto Ricans from voting in congressional elections.

MARTHA COAKLEY (CLASS OF 1979)
The first woman to serve as Massachusetts attorney general was elected to this position in 2006. As the state's AG, she filed a suit challenging the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act and won multimillion-dollar settlements from major banks for their abuse of subprime loans and lending practices.

Can't make it to campus to see the mural in person? View a virtual tour at bu.edu/law/virtual-tour.
MAUREEN O’ROURKE LEAVING POST AS DEAN.

DEAN MAUREEN O’ROURKE will step down in June, concluding a decade-plus deanship that saw her preside over construction of the high-tech-equipped Redstone Building and defy the gravitational pull of slumping law school enrollments nationally. She will take a sabbatical and then return to the BU Law faculty in fall 2019.

O’Rourke’s leadership enriched the law school’s curriculum to ensure students are trained for a rapidly evolving profession, enhancing programming in areas such as transactional law and focusing on the school’s strengths in intellectual property, immigration, and health and international law. BU Law today has 21 overseas study opportunities, 17 programs offering dual degrees, national and international externships, and a first-of-its-kind clinic that represents human trafficking victims. She was instrumental in increasing support for public interest service at the school through the public interest scholarship program, enhanced postgraduate public service fellowships, and the spring break pro bono service trips program.

“Dean O’Rourke has been an exceptional leader at the School of Law over the last 14 years. She has driven important advances in the quality, relevance, and accessibility of the school’s academic programs, in the expansion and modernization of its teaching space, and in its national reputation among top law schools,” says Jean Morrison, University provost and chief academic officer. “We are grateful for Dean O’Rourke’s service and for her continued commitment to making legal education both responsive to the needs of the marketplace and a mechanism for accomplishing public good. We look forward to celebrating her many contributions.”
The BU Law community would like to thank **DEAN MAUREEN O’ROURKE** for her outstanding leadership over the past 14 years.
What social and legal problems arise with the introduction of new forms of technology? How can scholars from law, computer science, philosophy, and other fields work together to find solutions to these problems from an interdisciplinary perspective?

The BU Cyber Security, Law, and Society Alliance (Cyber Alliance), spearheaded by the BU Center for Reliable Information Systems & Cyber Security, seeks to answer these questions through a “collaboration between computer science researchers, law professors, and social scientists,” according to the alliance’s website.

Professor STACEY DOGAN says that the mission of the Cyber Alliance is “to engage computer science researchers and scholars with legal researchers and scholars to think together about how to approach these difficult legal and ethical questions that arise in a technological and networked world.”

ANDREW SELLARS, director of the Technology & Cyberlaw Clinic, says that the interdisciplinary perspective afforded by the Cyber Alliance gives its members the chance to consider these questions of technology not only within the field of computer science, but also in that of law.

Discussing research between the two programs “leads naturally to a lot of discussions about policy,” Sellars says. “The law is more than just what the statutes say—the law speaks to regulation as a general concept.”

Students, faculty, and staff came together last fall to honor the work of Hon. RONALD E. RICHTER (’89) with the Victor J. Garo Public Service Award at BU Law’s annual Pro Bono & Public Interest Community Orientation, held by the Career Development & Public Service Office.

Richter was a New York State Family Court Judge for four years before joining the Jewish Child Care Association. In 2016, Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed him to the NYC Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board and to the Nonprofit Resiliency Task Force. Prior to being appointed commissioner, he served as ACS deputy commissioner and as New York City’s family services coordinator during Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s administration.
After serving on the BU Law faculty for the past half century, Professor TAMAR FRANKEL will retire from teaching at the end of the 2017–18 academic year. She has taught at BU Law since the fall of 1967, when she joined the faculty as a lecturer. She was the first woman at BU Law appointed to a tenure-track position, and the first to earn tenure.

Over the course of her career, Frankel has published 12 books and more than 80 articles and book chapters. She writes and teaches in the areas of fiduciary law, corporate governance, mutual funds, and the regulation of the financial system. She was recently profiled in the Wall Street Journal as the “intellectual godmother of the fiduciary rule.”

The Institute for the Fiduciary Standard established the annual Frankel Fiduciary Prize in her honor in 2013 to recognize individuals who advance fiduciary principles. In January 2017, she was presented with the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Women in Legal Education.

Frankel says her proudest moments have been when she finds that people are benefiting from her work. “I received an email from someone I never met who said that he was a regulator in New York,” she says, “and in 1972, he bought a Boston University Law Review that contained my doctorate on variable annuities. And from time to time, when he had problems, he would take that off his shelf and reread it. And so, 40-plus years later, he thanked me for it. I walked on air for at least a week! That gave me an enormous satisfaction.”

Donations to the BU Law Fund reached a record-setting $1,216,357 in fiscal year 2017, a 19 percent increase over last year’s gifts and 9 percent over the previous record set in 2015. More than 1,600 alumni, faculty, and friends contributed to help the Law Fund, one of the five priorities of the school’s Building on Excellence Campaign.

Law Fund donations provide unrestricted funds—resources that can be used when and where they are most needed, including for student scholarships and loan repayment assistance. In the 2016–17 academic year, more than 50 percent of students received some form of financial aid from the school, with an average scholarship award over $20,000.
LAUNCHED IN 2010, BU LAW’S PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS CONTINUE BU LAW’S LONG TRADITION OF SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS’ PURSUIT OF CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

NEW ALUMS EARN POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

BU Law’s latest class of graduates earned fellowships—from the school and other organizations—to begin their careers in public service.

BU Law public service fellows

These fellowships help graduates who have demonstrated their commitment to public service launch their desired careers while supporting public interest organizations and agencies by providing salary and benefits for 12 months of work in state or local government agencies and nonprofit organizations in the United States and abroad.

The 2017 recipients, their fellowships, and their host organizations are:

- **NICOLE BAKER**, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP Fellowship, Committee for Public Counsel Services
- **RYAN CORBETT**, William and Patricia Kleh Fellowship, Asylum Access Malaysia
- **YELENA GREENBERG**, CARB-X Fellowship, CARB-X at BU School of Law
- **MARGARET HARPIN**, Richard M. Belanger Fellowship, Center for Reproductive Rights
- **NIYA MACK**, N. Neal Pike Disability Rights Fellowship, Health Law Advocates
- **KATRINA MYERS**, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP Fellowship, Center for Reproductive Rights

Other fellowship recipients

- **STEPHANIE BONILLA** received an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work at Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) to provide immigration legal services to unaccompanied noncitizen youth by creating a medical-legal partnership between KIND’s Boston office and the Cambridge Health Alliance in Massachusetts.
- **HILARY CHADWICK** was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to combat human trafficking with the National Immigrant Justice Center in Chicago.
- **MIREYA TINOCO** earned a prestigious Department of Justice Attorney General’s Honors Program Fellowship to clerk with the Immigration Court in Port Isabel, Texas. Tinoco is the fourth graduate in as many years to receive this honor.
In 2017, Professor of Law and Harry Elwood Warren Scholar Jack Beermann was appointed to the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) as one of 13 new public members for the organization. The ACUS is an independent federal agency that seeks to improve regulatory and administrative processes through consensus-driven applied research. “It basically helps the whole government run more smoothly,” Beermann says. Beermann is a scholar of administrative law and the author or coauthor of four books on the subject. His appointment grants him the opportunity to apply his expertise in legal doctrine as a member of the Committee on Adjudication, which focuses on procedural issues and agency case management.

“Each research project the conference is doing is assigned to a committee,” Beermann says. The committee “participates in the process of researching issues and formulating recommendations.”

In recognition of her significant contributions to the field of national security law, Associate Professor Rebecca Ingber has been honored with the inaugural 2017 Mike Lewis Prize for National Security Law Scholarship for her article, “Co-Belligerency,” published in the Yale Journal of International Law. In her paper, Ingber examines how US presidents have used a theory derived from international law, the concept of co-belligerency, to justify an aggressive interpretation of their authority to use force against terrorist groups under a 2001 congressional statute, the Authorization for Use of Military Force.

Ingber received her BA from Yale University and her JD from Harvard Law School. Her scholarship focuses on international law, national security, foreign affairs law, and executive power. His work as a member of the conference began in December, when Beermann attended a plenary session in Washington, D.C. During the session, consultants and committees presented reports proposing recommendations for ways in which governments could improve their administrative functions. The full conference took a vote to accept, reject, or amend each recommendation.

Learn more about BU Law faculty at bu.edu/law/faculty.
FORMER NAACP HEAD EXAMINES ETHICS, LAW, AND JUSTICE MOVEMENTS

Minister and lawyer CORNELL WILLIAM BROOKS (STH’87, Hon.’15), former president of the NAACP, joined BU last fall at a critical time. With hate crimes on the rise and racially polarizing politics further stoking conflict as social media radically alters how Americans get their news, the School of Theology and School of Law visiting professor of social ethics, law, and justice movements taught the course Violence, the Vote, and Hope: An Examination of Ethics, Law and Justice Movements.

Brooks says his teaching has allowed him to expand on his work at the NAACP by training the next generation of leaders. His Tuesday-night course, open only to theology and law students, explored the meaning of effective advocacy, whether from the streets, the pulpit, or the courtroom.

KEITH HYLTON SERVES AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN LAW & ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

KEITH HYLTON, William Fairfield Warren Distinguished Professor and professor of law, served this year as the president of the American Law & Economics Association. Hylton joined the council of officers leading the association in May 2015. He has served as secretary-treasurer, vice president, and now president of the prominent community of law and economics scholars.

The association promotes research in the fields of law and economics as well as public policy and regulation. Led by a team of officers, the board of directors is made up of notable scholars from across the country.

Hylton and Boston University School of Law will host the annual two-day conference in May that will showcase research on a variety of topics concerning the intersection of law and economics.

ROXY VAN LOO NAMED A PETER PAUL CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROFESSOR

ROXY VAN LOO, a School of Law associate professor whose research focuses on consumer transactions, was awarded a Boston University Peter Paul Career Development Professorship.

Van Loo is one of three junior faculty across BU to receive the award, which includes a nonrenewable stipend designed to support scholarly or creative work, as well as a portion of their salaries. All of the winners have been recognized for their accomplishments in their areas of study and as emerging leaders in their fields.

Peter Paul Career Development Professorships, made possible through the support of BU Trustee Peter Paul (Questrom’71), are awarded University-wide to outstanding faculty who have been at BU for two years or less and who have held no prior professorships.

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Learn more about BU Law faculty scholarship at bu.edu/law/faculty-scholarship.
MICHAEL C. HARPER TESTIFIES BEFORE THE US HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

Professor of Law and Barreca Labor Relations Scholar MICHAEL C. HARPER testified before the US House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce at a hearing called to consider legislation that would change the way the law defines “joint employment.”

Harper is a recognized expert in employment law, labor law, and employment discrimination. His testimony reflected research he had done as a reporter for the American Law Institute’s Restatement of Employment Law.

Those who support the new legislation worry that increasing potential liability for franchisors and contractors by classifying them as “joint-employers” will open those companies up to increased risks and create obstacles for aspiring entrepreneurs.

“This committee should be focusing on how to ensure the protection and training of the American workforce in rapidly changing global labor markets, not speculative pseudo-problems that even if real, could easily be controlled by the federal judiciary,” Harper said in a statement to the committee.

KATHARINE SILBAUGH ELECTED TO THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE

Professor of Law and Law Alumni Scholar KATHARINE SILBAUGH has been elected to the American Law Institute, an organization dedicated to producing scholarship that clarifies, modernizes, and improves the law.

Widely recognized for her pioneering work on gender, family care, youth decision-making, and household labor, Silbaugh is a leader in the legal literature on the relationship between work and family. Her research highlights the economic and social value of work done within households; the complex relationship between families and institutions, such as employers and schools; and the inadequacy of the legal framework supporting care work. She has intervened in policy matters of particular concern to LGBTQIA individuals, including marriage equality litigation and anti-bullying law and policy.

She contributed to the plaintiffs’ case in Goodridge v. Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts case that won the nation’s first same-sex marriage right in 2004, as well as to Gill v. O.P.M. in 2011 before the First Circuit and United States v. Windsor in 2013 before the US Supreme Court, both successfully challenging the Defense of Marriage Act. She has provided advice on anti-bullying legislation to the Youth Manners and Cruelty Project at Harvard University’s Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society and to Lady Gaga’s Born This Way Foundation, and serves on several education-related boards and committees.

“THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON THE PROTECTION OF THE AMERICAN WORKFORCE.”
Getting to know the Class of 2020.

5,450
Number of Applicants

236
Number of matriculants

2524
Average Age

140
Number of undergraduate schools represented

16
Countries represented

22
Number of advanced degrees

5,450
Languages spoken

82
1Ls have signed the pro bono pledge

1,209
Pro bono hours submitted:

40
from students

MOST-REPRESENTED SCHOOLS:
Boston College, Boston University, Cornell University, George Washington University, NYU College of Arts and Sciences, University of California—Los Angeles, University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, and University of Wisconsin—Madison

ADVANCED DEGREES EARNED in fields such as biomedical engineering, biology, cell biology, electrical engineering, English, and history

36
Number of states represented, including Puerto Rico & District of Columbia

AS OF MARCH 2018:

ORGANIZATIONS WORKED WITH IN FALL 2017: Boston Court Services Center, Boston Debate League, International Refugee Assistance Project, National Lawyers Guild—Street Law Clinic, Project Citizenship, and Volunteer Lawyers Project

PHOTOS BY TIM LLEWELLYN AND DAN WATKINS
Dean Schwartz taught generations of students and led the law school from 1980 to 1988.

This winter, the BU Law community mourned the loss of Professor and Dean WILLIAM SCHWARTZ (DGE’52, LAW’55, GRS’60), who served at the school for more than 30 years.

Schwartz joined BU Law in 1955, immediately after earning his bachelor’s, magna cum laude, as a professor of property law and trusts and estates. He led the school as dean from 1980 to 1988. During his tenure, he negotiated with former BU President John Silber to take over the entire tower, and he established the International Law Journal and the Review of Banking & Financial Law. He oversaw the creation of the LLM in Banking & Financial Law Program, the first graduate program of its kind in the US, and the founding of the Public Interest Project (PIP), a student organization created to provide grants to first- and second-year students working in summer public interest jobs.

After he stepped down as dean, Schwartz remained on the faculty until 1991, when he moved on to Yeshiva University to serve as vice president of academic affairs and professor of property law at the university’s Cardozo School of Law. Throughout his career, he authored 18 books and more than 50 law review articles. He was counsel in the New York office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, a member of the Legal Advisory Committee of the New York Stock Exchange, a representative (NGO Section) to the United Nations, and a member of the board of Viacom Inc.

In 2015, BU Law dedicated the Samuel M. Fineman Law Library with a gift made by Samuel Fineman (JD’72, LLM’87) in honor of Dean Schwartz and his wife Bernice. Fineman met Dean Schwartz when Fineman was a first-year law student, and they maintained a lifelong friendship.

A photograph of William and Bernice Schwartz with Samuel Fineman and his fiancée Nyla Carleton hangs in the library.

“I learned from my experience with Bill and Bernice that you meet a few exceptional individuals in your life who you always remember, respect, and revere,” Fineman said at the library dedication. “From Bill and Bernice’s efforts, the foundation of the law school was forged to support tremendous growth by its succeeding deans and faculty to its current outstanding record and space.”

Michael Fricklas (‘84) recalled Dean Schwartz’s impact on his career in the fall 2016 issue of The Record. When, after his first year at BU Law, Fricklas was considering transferring to a lower-cost school closer to his hometown in Colorado, Schwartz would have none of it. The dean found some discretionary funding to allow him to continue at BU. “I didn’t have lawyers in my family,” Fricklas said. “I didn’t have mentors or anyone guiding me through law school, but Dean Schwartz and BU Law enabled me to get a great education and a launch on a career.”

“Bill was a true son of BU Law—an alum, a faculty member, and dean,” says Dean O’Rourke. “He was an extraordinarily generous and warm friend whose passion for the school and help in securing our new campus was second to none. Over the years, many alumni have told me of his outsized impact on their time at BU Law, their careers, and indeed their lives.”

BU Law will host a reception honoring Dean Schwartz on June 8, 2018, the first day of Reunion Weekend. Please see page 39 for more information.

To add to the BU Law guestbook in honor of Dean Schwartz, please visit bu.edu/law/schwartz.
**CLASS NOTES**

**JURIS DOCTOR (JD) PROGRAM**

**1961**
R. Peter Shapiro published two chapters, “The Golden Years: Retirement and the Years that Follow...A Personal Reflection” and “Living and Learning in a Retirement Community,” in a new book called Aging Wisely...Wisdom of Our Elders by Irving I. Silverman and Ellen Beth Siegel.

**1963**
Richard Snyder and his wife Marilyn B. Snyder have been recognized by their undergraduate institution, Babson College, with a road named in their honor. Snyder Drive leads to the Babson Executive Conference Center.

**1966**
Barry Y. Weiner joined the board of trustees of Addison Gilbert Hospitals.

**1967**
Ralph A. Barbagallo Jr. has been inducted into the Loyal Order of the Rock by the Rockingham County Bar Association.

Michaele Snyder Battles is happily retired from Kiblan & Battles and the pace of the Eastern District of Virginia’s rocket docket. Duplicate bridge, golf, mah-jongg, and a little volunteering on the side are just as fulfilling as winning a case, and she never has to chase down a judgment. She wonders how she ever found the time to practice law.

**1968**
Morton E. Grosz became a part of the new Latin America practice at Winston & Strawn.

Hon. Joseph I. Macy received the St. Thomas More Award from the Diocese of Fall River, Mass.

Edward Tarlow received the Regional Family Business Advocacy Award from the Family Business Association.

**1970**
Barry Myers, CEO of Accuweather, was nominated to lead the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Betsy Plevan received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Law Journal as part of the Lawyers Who Lead by Example Awards.

Hon. Frank Williams, former chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, has donated his personal collection of Abraham Lincoln and Civil War–related items to Mississippi State University.

**1973**
Warner Fletcher received the Isaiah Thomas Award from the Worcester Telegram & Gazette.

Stephen Politi (LLM in Taxation’74) was named president of the JoAnn DeNapoli Charitable Foundation Inc.

**1974**
Claudia C. Damon received the 2017 Nixon-Zachos Award from the New Hampshire Bar Association for her extraordinary service to the community and profession.

**1976**
Sean O. Coffey was named to the “Energy & Environmental Trailblazers” list by the National Law Journal.

Richard G. Galli published two novels: Millie’s Lament, about lawyers, mobsters, and the mystery girl who keeps them jumping, and Hearts and Minds, an affectionately comic story about an undiscovered gentle war in Vietnam.

**1977**
Steven D. Huff was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the area of employee benefits law.

Lorraine Sciarra has been welcomed to the board of trustees of Princeton Day School.

Bill Sheehan was the general chairman for the 2017 US Senior Open, located at Salem Country Club in Peabody, Mass.

Joel R. Weiss was selected for inclusion in the New York Metro Super Lawyers 2017 list.

**1978**
Nancy S. Shilepsky was named to the Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2017 list. Shilepsky has also been recognized by Chambers USA as a “Star Individual” in Labor and Employment.

**1979**
Bruce T. Block was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the areas of land-use and zoning law and real estate law.

Martha Coakley received an innovation award from the Immigrants’ Rights & Human Trafficking Program at BU School of Law.

**1980**
Lydia G. Chesnick was named to the Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2017 list of Top 50 Women Attorneys in the area of real estate and business law.

John P. Dennis started his own private practice, the Law Office of John P. Dennis LLC.

Susan A. Manchester received a 2017 Pastoral Counseling Services Good Samaritan Award for her extraordinary measures to strengthen and improve life in her New Hampshire community.

Samuel Moskowitz was reelected to vice president of the board of directors and executive committee of Greater Boston Legal Services, and was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer 2017.


Class notes reflect submissions received between June 1, 2017, and November 30, 2017. If you would like to submit an update for The Record, please email lawalum@bu.edu.
1981
Ann Robinson is the new director of economic development for the Cape Cod Community Development Partnership.

Carl N. Weiner has been named to The Best Lawyers in America 2018.

1982
Gary Feldman was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer 2017 and was recognized in the Chambers USA 2017 guide of recommended law firms and lawyers for his work in labor and employment law.

Paul L. Feldman was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer 2017 and was recognized in the Chambers USA 2017 guide for his work in real estate law.

F. Scott Page was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2017 in the practice area of employment law—management.

1983
Ted A. Berkowitz was selected for inclusion in the New York Metro Super Lawyers 2017 list.

Jacqueline Jacobs Caster was named the 2017 Woman of the Year for California’s Senate District 26 by California State Senator Ben Allen.

Hon. John Englander was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker to serve as an associate justice of the state Appeals Court.

John B. Harkavy was selected for inclusion in the Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2017 list.

David E. Kelley won eight Emmy Awards for his hit show, Big Little Lies.

Hon. Chase Rogers retired after 10 years of service as the chief justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Carl Schultz competed in the Carlisle Borough Council Race.

1984
Denise Cleveland-Leggett was named the southeast regional administrator for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Michael A. Gollin, one of the founders of the Public Interest Project (PIP) at BU Law, passed away on November 20, 2017, after five years of living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Gollin made major contributions as a patent attorney at Venable LLP, where he made partner and chaired the firm’s Life Sciences Group. He documented his thoughts and values through poetry and prose in his blog, InnovationLife-Love, with small notes about his life and what he discovered on his journey with ALS.

Rene Myatt was named to New York Super Lawyers 2017.

Mark N. Reinharz was selected for inclusion in both the New York Metro Super Lawyers 2017 list and The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the area of labor and employment law.

Michael N. Ungar was a candidate for Cleveland Heights City Council and also a partner at Ulmer & Berne law firm.

1985
Peter Bennett has been elected treasurer of the board of trustees of the National Judicial College.

F. Samuel Eberts III was named to the Endicott College board of trustees.

Robert Evans III was named chief of the Office of International Corporate Finance in the SEC’s Division of Corporation Finance.

Robert B. Labe was inducted into the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Joseph D. Zaks (LLM in Taxation’89) was named among The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the area of trusts and estates.

1986
Kenneth Bernstein, president and chief executive officer of Acadia Realty Trust, has been elected by the board of trustees of the International Council of Shopping Centers to serve as the organization’s chairman for the 2017–18 term.

Halsey B. Frank was confirmed as the US attorney for the District of Maine.

Jonathan A. Karon was elected president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys and is serving a one-year term from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

Michael H. Syme joined Fox Rothschild LLP as a partner in the firm’s real estate department.

1987
Susan W. Davis has joined the Boston office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP as of counsel in the corporate division.

Wendy Kirchick joined EverBank as senior mortgage loan officer.

Martin J. McLaughlin was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the area of corporate law.

1988
Laurie E. O’Bryon stopped practicing law in 1993 after spending a year doing pro bono asylum work in a Vietnamese refugee camp in the Philippines, an experience that changed her career path and inspired her to work in immigration law. She has been living in Rome, Italy, since 2014, working as the field office director for US Citizenship and Immigration Services.


1989
Robert B. Baker was named to the Super Lawyers list for the sixth year in a row.

Bryan Neft has joined the Pittsburgh office of Spilman Thomas & Battle.

Gregory Otis joined FineMark National Bank as a senior vice president and private wealth advisor.

Hon. Ronald E. Richter was recognized with the BU Law Victor J. Garo Public Service Award.

Anita M. Sarafa was elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in recognition of her distinguished service in the practice of estate planning, probate, and trust law.

Keep in touch! Complete the BU alumni survey online at bu.edu/law/alumnisurvey.
She is a managing director at JPMorgan Private Bank in Chicago.

Vicki L. Shemin has been honored as a “Top Rated Lawyer: Women Leaders in the Law” and was recently appointed to the boards of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC and the Academy of Professional Family Mediators. She was invited to join the prestigious Massachusetts Family and Probate American Inns of Court and she serves as vice president of the Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation.

1990
Allison Fahrenkopf Brigati was appointed associate administrator, Office of Government-Wide Policy at the General Services Administration in Washington, D.C.

Christopher A. Kenney was named president-elect of the Massachusetts Bar Association for 2017–18.

Andrew D. Myers was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer 2017.

Hon. Sabita Singh, the first Indian American jurist in Massachusetts, was unanimously confirmed to serve on the state’s Appeals Court. Governor Charlie Baker, who made the nomination, says she is “well respected within the district courts and comes with decades of experience serving the Commonwealth.”

1991
Hon. Carol Novey Catuogno was appointed to the New Jersey Superior Court.

Robert N. Walton passed away in September at age 52. He was highly regarded in his accomplished legal career. At the time of his passing, Walton was senior vice president and general counsel of Deltek Inc. in Herndon, Va. Before joining Deltek, he was senior policy director at Transparency International-USA, an anti-corruption organization. He was also a cofounder and principal of the virtual law firm VistaLaw International. Walton was a beloved husband, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend.

1992
Deborah M. Autor received the Distinguished Service and Leadership Award from the Food and Drug Law Institute.

Judy Goldfarb, a senior sales broker with the Boston office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, was recognized with the President’s Elite Award, an honor only given to the top two percent of sales associates globally.

John J. Morrissey was elected treasurer of the Massachusetts Bar Association for its 1977–17 term.

1993
Hon. Mark A. Hallal was appointed associate justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court by Governor Baker.

Renee Inomata was selected by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly as one of its “Top Women of Law” and by Profiles in Diversity Journal for its “Women Worth Watching” list.

Janet Judge joined Holland & Knight as partner.

Brian S. Stolar received a Leadership in Law Award from Long Island Business News.

Daniel Thomas works in the Office of the General Counsel at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he recently completed a two-year detail as lead counsel to the Human Exploration and Operations Missions Directorate, responsible for legal advice on all human space flight matters. He is currently assigned to the Pentagon as a deputy legal counsel to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1994
Justin Bookey launched PongFit, a non-profit organization dedicated to fitness of the body, mind, and community through Ping-Pong. PongFit provides engaging and healthy Ping-Pong programs to underserved students, senior citizens, and corporate offices to fight obesity, dementia, and sedentary workplaces.

David J. Gershon joined the San Francisco office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm’s corporate practice group.

Linda Rekas Sloan has been elected president of the Rhode Island Bar Association for the 1977–18 year.

1995
Carla M. Moynihan, partner in Sherin and Lodgen’s real estate department, was named among the “Top Women of Law” by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. She was also ranked in Chambers USA in Band 3 for real estate.

David Nersessian recently published International Human Rights Litigation: A Guide for Judges. The guide was commissioned by the Federal Judicial Center to assist federal judges in managing and resolving federal cases involving international human rights claims.

1996
Christopher Hall was named firm-wide cochair of Perkins Coie’s corporate and securities practice.

Don Lancaster (LLM in Banking & Financial Law’05) is managing director in the ethics and compliance department for the Bank of New York Mellon.

Daniel E. Rynhart has been appointed to the Corporate Council of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, the nation’s first hospital devoted exclusively to the care of children.

Hon. David Stansbury was reelected to serve on the Licking County Municipal Court.

1997
Greg Ploulosion has assumed the newly created position of senior vice president and general counsel for PatientsLikeMe.

Jeffrey L. Salinger joined DLA Piper as a partner in the firm’s New York office.

William H. Tobin was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the area of employee benefits law.
1998
Katharine M. Finch was promoted to special counsel at Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf LLP, where she plays an integral role in the real estate tax certiorari practice group.

Erica E. McGregor was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the area of trusts and estates.

1999
James A. Crowell IV was named acting director for the Executive Office for US Attorneys by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Prior to this appointment, he served as chief of staff to the deputy attorney general, associate deputy attorney general, and acting principal associate deputy attorney general. Before joining the deputy attorney general’s office, he was the criminal chief in the US Attorney’s Office for the District of Maryland, where he began as an assistant United States attorney.

Christopher M. Douglass joined Aon Hewitt as associate general counsel.

Robin Walker is vice president and head of legal for Casebia Therapeutics.

Stephnie Wingyuen Yeung has been elected partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP.

2000
David Eppley serves on the City Council of Salem, Mass.

Mary Rosenfeld D’Eramo has been promoted to vice president of operations at Mestel & Company.

Michael B. Stuart was confirmed to serve as the US attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia.

2001
Joshua Greenblatt joined Kirkland & Ellis LLP as a partner in the litigation practice group at the firm’s New York office.

Hon. Matthew P. Vaccarella (LLM in Taxation’07) was elected judge for the Waterbury Probate District Court in Connecticut.

2002
Melissa Nott Davis joined White and Williams LLP as a counsel in the firm’s Boston office.

Sara Hirshon has been named to the second annual Under 40 Hot List by Benchmark Litigation.

Linda L. McCarty joined Spilman Thomas & Battle in the firm’s healthcare law services area.

2003
Dan H. Fingerman was promoted to managing counsel at Tesla.

John Littzi has been added to the board of directors of the New York Pops.

Robert S. Marshall joined Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein LLP as counsel in the firm’s real estate department.

Zachary H. Smith was named an American Bankruptcy Institute 2017 40 Under 40 honoree.

Daniel G. Wani was named the market leader for private wealth management in Arizona and Nevada by US Bank. In his new role, he will lead a team of wealth management professionals providing investment management, private banking, trust and estate services, and wealth planning to high-net-worth clients in both states.

2004
Orlando Cordero ran for probate judge for the New Haven, Conn., Probate Court.

Jennifer M. Kiely was named cohead of Mintz Levin’s real estate practice.

William Norton was appointed as a new member at Motley Rice LLC.

Erik Kate Ryan won the 25th Annual James Jones First Novel Fellowship award for her manuscript, Quantum Girl Theory.

2005
Edelina Burciaga was a 2017–18 creative research fellow in the University of Colorado Denver Office of Research Services.

Daniel F. McAllister was selected for his peers in Delaware as a Top Lawyer in his practice areas of elder law and employment-labor law.

Michael A. Müller was elected partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in the firm’s Boston office.

Mukunda V. Raghavan joined Tata Consultancy Services as director of business development, digital banking, and cloud services.

Matthew J. Shiel was named director of business and legal affairs at the Fred Rogers Company.

2007
Matthew Feldman has joined the Carlyle Group as a managing director on its credit opportunities team within the Carlyle global credit business.

Justin Nahama joined the Troutman Sanders San Diego office as partner in the business litigation practice.

Christina Rice (LLM in Taxation’13) was named director of the BU Law Graduate Tax Program.

Rebecca A. G. Robertson joined Morrison Mahoney LLP as an associate.

2008
Geoffrey Atkins was named partner at Ropes & Gray LLP. He advises clients both in the US and Hong Kong in connection with complex securities and commercial disputes.

Meghan Bailey was promoted to senior regional counsel at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

John J. Hays II joined the DeTommaso Law Group and is practicing family law.

Clare Karabarinde joined Norton Rose Fulbright as counsel.

Brandon S. McGathy joined Maynard Cooper and Gale PC as a shareholder.

David C. Newton founded the Newton Law Firm.

Stephen J. Queenan joined Duffy and Sweeney as a senior associate with a focus on banking and finance, busi-
ness law, real estate, and mergers and acquisitions.

2009
Dara Keller joined Messner Reeves LLP as an associate attorney.

2010
Bryan Arnault was promoted to partner at Blitman & King LLP.
Elaine Call joined Sunovian Pharmaceuticals as senior privacy counsel.
Michael B. Greenwald joined Tiedemann Wealth Management as senior vice president.
Ben Lemke was a 2017 Emerging Leaders Scholarship recipient.
Katherine L. Milligan has joined Peskin, Courchesne & Allen PC as an associate attorney.
Arya Shekar joined IDinsight as general counsel.

2011
Monica Snyder received the Krupp Leadership Award from the Anti-Defamation League New England.
Ivonne Vidal has been appointed to the Holyoke Community College board of trustees by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker.

2012
Patrick C. Cento became a law clerk for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.
Diana Myers joined Northern Trust Wealth Management as an associate tax counsel.
Joshua Stafman joined Charles River Associates as an associate principal specializing in forensic accounting and investigative services.
Hao Wang works with Hogan Lovells as an associate in the firm’s Denver office.

2013
Ventura Dennis was honored by the Massachusetts Bar Association with the Outstanding Young Lawyers Award.
Jeremy Grant has been hired at Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC’s Burlington, Vt., office.
Paul Payer was appointed city solicitor of Holyoke, Mass.

2014
Zachary D. Bland is a corporate associate at Pierce Atwood LLP.
Kristen Holdren Ehrlich joined Blalock Walters PA as an estate planning and business tax attorney.
Julie R. Fogarty works at Vertex Pharmaceuticals as senior manager and associate corporate counsel.
Grant Gendron joined Polsinelli as an associate in the firm’s commercial litigation practice.
AJ Pepper is an associate in commercial real estate law at Snell & Wilmer.
Alexis G. Terríquez joined Jones, Skelton & Hochulí as an associate in the Transportation, Auto and General Liability Trial Group, focusing his practice in general civil litigation and insurance defense.

2015
Brendan A. Evans joined the Board of Veterans’ Appeals in the Department of Veterans Affairs as an associate counsel.
Oscar Grisales-Racini has joined Fowler White Burnett’s Miami office as a shareholder.
Sarah J. Simkin is an associate with Litchfield Cavo LLP.

2016
Talene Ghazarian joined the California Department of Health Care Services as an attorney.
Gugandeep Kaur is an associate with Hyman, Phelps & McNamara PC.

2017
Adria J. Bonillas joined the New York City Law Department as an assistant corporate counsel.
Katherine Mooney Fahey is an associate with Goodwin Procter.
Daniel C. Johnston joined Mintz Levin as an associate.
Evelyn Limon works for Holland & Knight LLP as an associate.
Shaelyn Gambino Morrison joined Bragar Eagel & Squire PC as an associate.
Joshua W. Rodriguez is an associate with Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg LLP.
Carly Romanowicz joined McDermott Will & Emery LLP as an associate.
Brendan P. Slean joined Lawson & Weitzen LLP as an associate attorney.
Sarah A. Washington is an enforcement investigator with the Securities Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Yevgeniy Yalon joined Dechert LLP as a law clerk.

LLM IN AMERICAN LAW PROGRAM

1994
Noriko Wakui is working as an immigration lawyer at Nakai Immigration Services LPC.

1998
Yong Hwal (Ryukatsu) Son has worked in information and communications technology and the music industry, including at NTT Communications, Softbank, Warner Music, and Spotify in Japan as the legal and business affairs manager/observer. Currently, he is managing the sub-publishing unit of Fujipacific Music, one of the major music publishers in Japan.

2000
Frank Meyer worked for almost 10 years with GE in various roles, including general counsel Europe for GE Digital Solutions and most recently lead commercial counsel Europe for GE Oil
2001
Amir Bernstein founded his own real estate company, Swiss Real Management AG, which invests in and manages commercial real estate in Switzerland and Germany.

2006
Grazia Gatti is a compliance professional dealing with derivatives regulation. She lives in Boston, where she works for an asset management company.

2007
Bertrand Fisson-Blackwell is now studying to become a carpenter. He lives in Rheims, France.

2008
Anna Ziembda lives in Warsaw, Poland, and works with ORLEN, a large oil and gas company. She and her husband recently welcomed a baby girl, Maja.

2009
Cyrience Abdelmoula is counsel at DLA Piper in Paris, France.

Lin Tzu-Yuan Alvis is a licensed attorney of California and has joined Getac Technology Corporation as legal project manager in the Legal Affairs Center. He will primarily work in the international business and legal compliance practice group. He is based in Taipei, Taiwan, and Irvine, Calif.

2012
Diego Perez Ara started a new job as a law clerk for Hon. Kathleen M. Williams of the Southern District of Florida.

Yoab Bitran is head of LRN—Latin America.

Junko Hatomi works for a US-affiliated medical device company in Japan and was recently promoted to the head of the legal compliance division.

2013
Stefan Bajohr is a principal associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Yuliana Salamanca is a senior associate at Baker & McKenzie in Bogotá, Colombia. She had a baby (Joaquin) with Stephan Tschabold (LLM in Banking & Financial Law’13).

Matteo Valeri works as a senior associate at the Securities Litigation and Consulting Group in Milan, Italy. He and his wife Valentina welcomed their daughter Isabella in 2017.

2014
Ambar Maceo-Rossi welcomed her baby girl, Ella. Upon her return to work, she focused her practice in criminal law and immigration. She launched an independent practice, Maceo Law Office, in January 2018.

Enrique Salcedo Rivera is an associate attorney at Nader, Hayaux & Goebel in Mexico.

Kirsten J. Schmidt is a research and teaching assistant for a professor of intellectual property law and life sciences at the University of Basel School of Law, Switzerland. She is writing her PhD thesis on big data and data protection law.

2015
Andrea Fortoul is the legal director of Speed Lab, the first sports lab of its kind in Latin America, which develops high-performance professional and nonprofessional athletes.

Ran Gao (JD’17) joined CalAmp Corporation as in-house legal counsel.

Gloria Ochieng-Oxford welcomed the newest addition to her family, her son Zachary James Ochieng-Oxford.

Wee Jin Yeo joined Global Legal Solutions as an associate in January 2017.

Abby Jayan Zhou (JD’17) works in Hawaii as a real estate attorney.

2016
Charlotte Sophie van Triest is a junior associate in intellectual property law at DLA Piper in Amsterdam.

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN BANKING & FINANCIAL LAW

1986
John Morin is retired after serving as a vice president and chief corporate counsel, corporate secretary, and chief compliance officer to John Hancock. After retirement, he was the director of the Orvis Saltwater Flyfishing School and an Orvis Endorsed Guide. He currently acts as a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority arbitrator on call.

1992
Esther Galiana was appointed a member of the executive committee of the Bankers Association for Finance and Trade (BAFT). She is also cochair of the Europe council of BAFT, representing the voice of European financial institutions. Her full-time work is as a managing director at BBVA, based in Madrid, Spain.

Roberto Mazorriaga Las Hayas has been practicing law in a small local firm. His main areas of activity are real estate investments, zoning laws, tax and white-collar criminal law (money laundering), and cross-border inheritances or executions of title, always for nonresidents.

Hon. Jaime R. Roman started his second full term as a California superior court judge in January 2017 and is currently in a criminal law assignment. He is planning on retiring by the end of his term. He and his wife Diane are expecting their eighth grandchild.

1994
John J. Maalouf is a senior partner at Maalouf Ashford & Talbot LLP, which was named Law Firm of the Year for 2017 in the United States, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Libya, the UK, China, and Brazil. He splits his time between the firm’s New York City and Dubai offices.

Tyngyi Nieh is the executive vice president at Franklin Templeton SinoAm
Securities Investment Management Inc. Supervising Legal & Compliance. He also serves as the convener of legal, compliance, and fund operation committee for the Securities Investment Trust and Consulting Association of the Republic of China.

1996
Luisa Fernanda Vargas serves as the LATAM Airlines head of compliance and privacy head for Colombia, Peru, Panama, and Venezuela.

1997
Lusine Moshkounian has been hired by Constellation Advisers LLC as managing director of its regulatory and compliance group.

1998
Kiyoshi Agata is now based in London and working for Nomura International PLC as managing director and head of equities for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Edward Verté is the CEO and cofounder of Diamanti Per Tutti, a fashion jewelry brand offering affordable sterling silver and diamond jewelry. He is also an investor and active board member in fashion and jewelry brands and a real estate developer.

2000
Larry Mayo is the founder of Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo PC, located in Norwell, Mass. His practice was established in 2002 and concentrates on commercial lending, state and local government counsel, and business general counsel.

2001
Omar Morales works at Montt & Cia., in Santiago, Chile, as partner for the international division.

Rodrigo Simes lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he works as a lawyer for the Argentine government.

2002
Jean-Baptiste Barberot is a member of the new class of partners for EY Luxembourg.

Jeremy Lee became the director of the consumer and market conduct department at the Central Bank of Malaysia (Bank Negara Malaysia) in January 2018. Previously, he was the advisor for the ombudsman for financial services (Malaysia) and the chief executive officer for the ombudsman for financial services (Malaysia) from August 1, 2012, to November 15, 2017.

2004
Petros Fatouros was elected to the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners in the UK, and his firm was listed among the 2017 Global Restructuring Review’s Top 100 global firms.

Eric Pinciss transitioned in-house to the legal team at US Bank. His team provides legal support to a wide array of US-registered funds.

Leanne Scott has been director of state and local taxes in the Boston office of John Hancock Financial Services since June 2014.

2005
Varoujan Avedikian is the CEO of the Insurance Foundation for Servicemen, an initiative created by the government of Armenia to provide financial assistance for the families of soldiers injured or killed in Armenia’s conflict with Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

2007
Jonathan Mack was recently promoted to AML guidance manager within risk compliance at Citizens Financial Group.

2009
Mario Alberto Arias is the founding partner at Arias, Abrego, Lopez & Noriega in Panama City, Panama. His practice areas include corporate law, contracts (civil and commercial), banking and financial law, real estate law, M&A transactions (local and international), intellectual property law, and public procurement.

Michael McGovern is the head managing director of the controls operation group within the financial crimes compliance Americas department at Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore.

2012
Ainur Akhmetova is currently the head of the Astana, Kazakhstan, office of Integrites.

Devin Ehrig left the banking industry in 2016 to form a production studio with a business partner from BU. Shadow Factory is a content studio focused on immersive content, specializing in the creation of VR, AR, and MR experiences. The company is based in Hong Kong and works with clients worldwide.

Ayse Tuba Ozkarsligil is an SJD candidate and a research assistant at Suffolk Law School in Boston. She has done extensive research on international investment matters and issues relating to public international law, international banking and finance law, and alternative dispute resolution methods, especially concerning energy investment disputes.

Francisco José Fernández Rostello practices banking and finance law in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and was promoted to local partner in the law firm of Baker & McKenzie.

2013
Jorge Artunduaga now works as the secretary general and legal head of Renta4Global Fiduciaria SA, a financial institution in Bogotá, Colombia.

Heywon Shin is the vice president of Global Economic Sanctions Risk Management at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. He is based in South Korea and covers the APAC region.

2015
Abdullah Alajlan joined Khoshaim & Associates in cooperation with Allen & Overy as a trainee associate.

Mauricio Benitez is currently the Chile-China country desk director at BDO China in Shanghai, China.

Donovan Alexander Brown is a regional legal counsel at G4S Africa, serving multiple countries on corporate gover-
nance, corporate M&A projects, litigation management, and compliance. Ming-Chieh Lin works for Dahyee Law Group in California as an associate, practicing trademark law, labor law, and immigration law.

**2016**

Elliott (Shuo) Wang is an investment manager with Heaven-Sent Capital Management Group Co. Ltd., in Shenzhen, China.

**GRADUATE TAX PROGRAM**

**1966**

Richard Haight served as an attorney in the IRS chief counsel’s office and as a special attorney-advisor to the US Tax Court. After working for several years as a tax attorney in private practice, he joined the faculty of Ohio Northern University College of Law and became a tenured professor of law. He retired in 2005 and was granted the title of professor of law emeritus.

**1977**

Robert Schon has been a solo practitioner in London for the last 12 years, frequently working with US clients and US law firms wanting UK tax support. He helps clients structure their UK investments and helps US citizens thinking of moving to the UK understand the tax implications of their move.

**1981**

Alexander Nossiff is living and working in Dover, N.H., where his firm Nossiff & Giampa PC maintains an office. They also maintain an office in Salisbury, Mass.

Marvin Silver is currently a partner with the Massachusetts law firm of Christopher, Hays, Wojcik & Mavricos LLP. His area of focus is estate planning and trust administration.

**1983**

Eric Brenman works as of counsel to Wilchins, Cosentino & Novins LLP in Wellesley, Mass.

Donald Dion, Jr., has offered to match every dollar donated to St. Dominic Academy in Auburn, Maine, up to $75,000. The money will go to the Dion Student Scholarship Fund, which helps students from local families. Dion is a 1972 graduate of St. Dominic Academy.

**1984**

Hon. Greg Griffin serves on the 15th US Circuit Court of Appeals in Montgomery, Ala.

Kevin F. Wall is a lecturer at Harvard Extension School, teaching graduate and executive education classes in tax, M&A, and corporate finance. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University Law School, where he teaches accounting for lawyers and law and strategy.

**1985**

Robert Labé was named a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Paul Vilaró Nelms has been a self-employed attorney and CPA in Puerto Rico since 1987. He has been the board chair of COFECCE, an organization that makes loans to small and mid-sized businesses, since 2007 and a board member since 1995. He was named the United Way Person of the Year in 2000.

**1986**

Steven Keith Platt is director and research fellow at the Platt Retail Institute (PRI), an international consulting and research firm that focuses on the use of technology to impact the customer experience. He also serves as research director at the Retail Analytics Council, an initiative between Northwestern University and PRI.

**1987**

John Loalbo is a partner in the tax and trusts & estates department at Marval Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, in Morristown, N.J.

**1989**

Lisa Padilla retired from the law after being admitted to practice for 27 years. She now runs We Cann Heal, an early-stage drug company that uses cannabinoids as therapeutics in the veterinary market.

**1990**

William Chadwick “Chad” Lamar was sworn in as the US attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi.

**1991**

John Driscoll, Jr., was appointed regional market executive for the Hartford and New Haven, Conn., offices of Webster Private Bank.

**1992**

Nestor Nadal-Lópezh is a limited member at Pietrantoni Mendez & Alvarez LLC and has been with the firm for 20 years. The firm is located in San Juan, Puerto Rico, although he works remotely from a home office in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**1995**

Stephen McCready is the founder of Puri-tan Faust PC, based in Clinton, Mass.

**1996**

Donna M. White made partner in the trusts and estates department at Murtha Cullina LLP. She represents clients in all aspects of estate planning and estate and trust administration.

**1998**

Joseph M. Landolfi, Jr., joined Shapiro, Blasi, Wasserman & Herman as partner in the firm’s trusts and real estate planning administration practice.

**2002**

Juan Pablo Rothchild became a partner at Marval, O’Farrell & Mairal.

**2003**

Bradley Migdal is a senior managing director at Cushman & Wakefield and one of the practice leaders for the business incentives practice.

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Laura Fedele Riccio serves as a member of the Probate Law Council of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

J. Brent Vasconcellos joined Deloitte in Singapore to lead its energy tax and legal practice for the Southeast Asia region.

2004
Leanne Scott is the director of state and local taxes at the Boston office of John Hancock Financial Services.

2007
Hon. Matthew P. Vaccarelli was elected to serve as judge for the Waterbury, Conn., Probate Court.

2009
Elizabeth McMorrow started her own law practice, Elizabeth A. McMorrow Law LLC, specializing in international tax transparency for financial institutions and legal operations for biotech companies.

2010
Emily Martelli was promoted to senior trust administrator at Citizens National Bank in the Wealth Management Division.

2012
Peter Herbst is the managing partner of Gorfinkle & Herbst LLC in Braintree, Mass.

2013
Deborah Ahdoot is assistant vice president of wealth management at Wells Fargo Bank in California.

Joseph E. Hunt IV is an associate in the Waltham, Mass., law firm of Morse, Barnes-Brown & Pendleton PC, in the corporate and tax practice groups.

2015
Lydia M. Edwards won Boston’s District 1 City Council seat, becoming one of five women of color on the 13-seat Boston City Council.

Steve Sanders is a partner at Fulcher Hagler LLP law firm in Augusta, Ga. He has been a member of the firm’s business, tax, and estates team since 2011.

2016
Jennifer Doehne is working as a tax and estate planning attorney at Bean, Gentry, Wheeler & Peternell PLLC in Olympia, Wash.

IN MEMORIAM
Charles B. Alaimo (’52)
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Class notes reflect submissions received between June 1, 2017, and November 30, 2017. If you would like to submit an update for The Record, please email lawalum@bu.edu.
Dear Friends:

Like many of you, I was saddened to hear that Dean Maureen O’Rourke will be stepping down from her administrative role at the school at the end of June. I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Dean O’Rourke ever since I became involved with the Alumni Association and have seen firsthand the tremendous impact she has had on BU Law.

Her accomplishments as dean are simply too many to list, but some of the major highlights include the construction of the beautiful Sumner M. Redstone Building and the complete renovation of the law tower, as well as creating and investing in initiatives such as the Transactional Law Program, the 1L Lawyering Lab, the innovative clinical partnership with MIT, and public interest law.

And perhaps most importantly, Dean O’Rourke has invested much time and energy on building a robust and active alumni community. She understands the many ways in which alumni can give back to the school—from hiring graduates, serving as mentors, and giving philanthropically, to generally being a resource for her, the faculty, and our entire student body.

Dean O’Rourke has worked hard over the last 14 years to make BU Law the best place in the country to be a law student, and we thank her for her outstanding dedication and service. While the next dean has very big shoes to fill, he or she will take over at a time when the school and the alumni community have never been stronger.

That said, we continue to look for ways to improve and can use your help strengthening our alumni network. You can give back in many ways. Here are just a few:

- Grab a coffee (or cocktail) with a fellow alum
- Hire a BU Law student
- Celebrate your reunion (June 8–10 for JDs and September 20–22 for LLMs)
- Mentor a 1L
- Use the EverTrue app to find and connect with BU Law alumni in your area
- Offer to be a “client” of the 1L Lawyering Lab
- Sign up to judge moot court

These are just a few ways to get involved. To learn more, please visit bu.edu/law/alumni.

Warm regards,

FRANCIS C. MORRISSEY (’94)
Partner
Morrissey, Wilson & Zafiropoulous LLP
BU Law Alumni Leadership.

BU Law alumni are guiding, securing, and envisioning the future of the school. To learn more about joining the ranks of our alumni leaders, please contact Caroline Kernan in the BU Law Development & Alumni Relations office at lawalum@bu.edu or 617-353-3118.

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The collective resources, knowledge, guidance, and advocacy of the BU Law Dean’s Advisory Board provide a distinct advantage in the school's efforts to continually set new standards in legal education. Members of this distinguished group serve as a sounding board for the dean and University leadership by reviewing, evaluating, and providing feedback on the most important matters facing BU Law. The Dean’s Advisory Board welcomed three new members in 2017:

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  Partner, Baker Botts LLP
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  Operating Partner, Arbor Investments

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  Campaign Cochair, BU School of Law
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  Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Campaign Cochair, BU School of Law
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  Principal, Susan M. Banks Consulting LLC
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  Partner, Proskauer Rose LLP
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  Attorney, Boghraty & Associates LLC; Lecturer, BU School of Law
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Alumni Association Executive Committee

The Executive Committee brings resources to the use and benefit of the School of Law while providing a means of expressing alumni concerns and interests. Members coordinate and participate in law school reunions and other events, dispense advice and guidance from an alumni perspective, and facilitate mutually beneficial professional relationships among the BU Law community.

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Young Alumni Council

The Young Alumni Council fosters a connection between the School of Law and alumni across the country and around the world. It is intended to bridge the gap between young, developing alumni (1 to 10 years after graduation), more seasoned alumni (11+ years after graduation), and current BU Law students. This is accomplished through social events, mentorship programs, volunteer opportunities, and professional networking among peers and other alumni.

BOSTON YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

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REUNION WEEKEND 2018

Join us in Boston this spring to celebrate BU Law's Reunion Weekend! Classes ending in 3 and 8 are invited back to campus to reconnect with classmates and faculty over a weekend of memorable events, including a reception at the law school honoring the late Dean William Schwartz, class cocktail parties, and our annual Silver Shingle Awards Gala.

To learn how you can get involved, please contact us at lawreun@bu.edu or 617-353-3096.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8
- School of Law Student-Guided Tours
- Reception Honoring Dean Schwartz
- Golden Circle Dinner (Class of 1968 and earlier)
- Class Receptions

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
- Family-Friendly Duck Tour
- Museum of Science Visit
- Annual Silver Shingle Awards Gala and "Sips & Sweets" After-Party

SUNDAY, JUNE 10
- Alumni & Family Reception at Fenway Park, followed by the Red Sox vs. the Chicago White Sox

LLM REUNION 2018, SEPTEMBER 20–22
LLM alumni, mark your calendars! Graduates of BU Law’s LLM programs are invited to join us for a weekend of social and celebratory events in Boston this fall. For more information, please visit bu.edu/law/llm-reunion-2018.

Alumni groups and committees are made up of talented, successful, and dynamic alumni committed to keeping the BU Law spirit alive and well after Commencement. The Alumni Association Executive Committee is expanding our alumni networks, mentoring students, and counseling new lawyers. The Dean’s Advisory Board is leading the way in the Building on Excellence Campaign and securing a promising future for BU Law. In-House Counsel alumni groups are gathering around the country to share insights and best practices, and the Young Alumni Councils in Boston and New York continue to engage and connect with our most recent graduates.

In the past year, BU Law’s Development & Alumni Relations office has hosted fantastic events across the United States. We’re calling all alumni to help keep our community strong and engaged! To volunteer or help organize an event in your area, contact the Development & Alumni Relations office at lawalum@bu.edu or 617-353-3118.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Alumni Association Executive Committee
Quarterly Meeting (4)
Alumni and Student Networking Reception
Young Alumni Giving Day Happy Hour
Young Alumni Service Day at the Paulist Center
Young Alumni Distinguished Dinner
Young Alumni and 3L Senior Week Reception
Reunion Weekend 2017
Young Alumni Summer Wine Tasting
Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Alumni and Student Summer Celebration at Holland & Knight
Donor Appreciation Waterfront Cookout
Young Alumni Council Open Meeting
Young Alumni Fall Student Kickoff
Boston Alumni Holiday Party

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
Alumni Reception at Kleinbard LLC

CLEVELAND, OHIO
Cleveland Alumni Holiday Happy Hour with Professor Jack Beermann

AUSTIN, TEXAS
Alumni Cocktail Reception at the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
Alumni and Student Networking Reception at Akin Gump
Los Angeles Alumni Holiday Party

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
Young Alumni Council Winter Planning Meeting
Alumni and Student Networking Reception
Young Alumni Happy Hour at Barcade
Dean’s Consultation Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
San Francisco Alumni Holiday Party

WASHINGTON, D.C.
DC Public Service Award Reception
Young Alumni Rooftop Reception
Alumni and Student Networking Reception
DC Alumni Holiday Party

Dean’s Advisory Board Meeting (2)
Young Alumni Distinguished Dinner
Alumni and Student Networking Reception at Goodwin
Alumni Reception at the ABA Annual Meeting
BU Law Yankees vs. Red Sox Game
Young Alumni Council Welcome Brunch
New York Alumni Holiday Party

Unique alumni event registrants 1,236
Number of alumni events in 2017 40
Range of graduating classes represented at Reunion Weekend 1952–2017
Total alumni and friends who came to campus to celebrate Reunion Weekend 2017 390
Number of events held during Reunion Weekend 15

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EVENTS IN YOUR AREA, VISIT BU.EDU/LAW/ALUMNI/EVENTS.
Dean O’Rourke and BU Law’s Development & Alumni Relations office hosted the second annual donor appreciation event to celebrate the critical support donors have provided to the school. Alumni, family, and friends gathered with BU Law faculty and staff at the InterContinental Boston this fall to enjoy food, drinks, lawn games, and the opportunity to come together as a community.
Plan Your Legacy.

Planned gifts have an enormous and lasting impact on Boston University, creating a legacy for School of Law students that will last for generations. At the school, there are many options for planned giving, all of which allow alumni and friends to give ambitious, up-and-coming law students—and the distinguished faculty who teach them—a financial boost. To date, there are 65 law alumni in the Claflin Society, which pays tribute to alumni and friends who have provided for the University in their estate plans or through the establishment of life income gifts.

To learn more about planned giving at Boston University School of Law, contact Nathaniel O’Connell, senior leadership gifts officer, at lawalum@bu.edu or 617-353-3118.
There are many different ways to connect with the School of Law—please reach out to let us know how you would like to get involved! Don’t forget to sign up to receive eUpdate, our monthly newsletter for alumni, at bu.edu/law/mailing-list.

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• Make a gift to BU School of Law
• Connect with alumni in your area
• Join your Reunion Committee or host an alumni event
• Update your contact information or submit class notes

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• Submit a job posting
• Be a professional resource for students and alumni
• Get student or alumni help with your pro bono work
• Join our student mentoring program

STUDENT AFFAIRS
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• Be a guest speaker
• Support the Public Interest Project Auction

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• Judge moot court

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We Can’t Wait to See You at Reunion Weekend!