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*Meet  
Dean  
Kendrick*





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## From Dean Leslie Kendrick

**I** AM DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE this issue in my new role as dean. This entire year is one of introductions for me, in the best possible sense. Although I have been a proud member of the Law School faculty for more than 16 years, and before that a UVA Law student for three years, the cycle of the academic year is brand-new from this vantage.



I feel more than ever the energy in the building when our new students arrive and our 2Ls and 3Ls return. I am more awestruck than ever at how our faculty balance groundbreaking research with second-to-none teaching for our students. I appreciate more than ever the efforts, large and small, that our faculty and staff undertake to make the Law School a great place for our students to study, to thrive and to make their professional goals a reality.

I have also had the opportunity to meet alumni across the country, which has been a pleasure and an honor. As an institution with a truly national footprint, we have alumni everywhere, in every market and every specialty. Everywhere I go, I meet alumni who have brought that special UVA combination of community-mindedness and professional excellence to their field. They all have stories to tell, of how they came to attend the Law



▶ Kendrick connected with students at a recent event at The Forum Hotel in September.

School and what it has meant to their careers and personal lives. Although everyone's story is different, they share common refrains of aspiration and service. Every story is a joy to hear.

I am likewise delighted that we continue our tradition of telling stories and making connections in the pages of this magazine. In this edition, you will learn more about me, my history with the Law School and my hopes for our shared future. You will read about the service, accomplishments and accolades of some of our students, faculty and alumni. And you will be reminded of the regular rhythms of our school year, as we welcome new students and send graduates out into the world, as we teach, learn and serve.

As I travel the country this year, I will carry with me news of the Law School and its people, just as this magazine carries such news to your mailbox twice each year. I look forward to seeing many of you during my travels, to sharing some stories from Charlottesville and to hearing some stories of your own.



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Akshay Mody '27 pauses for a photo on his first day of law school.

JULIA DAVIS



# Quoted

“The court’s going to have to hash out what’s permissible and what’s impermissible.”

—**PROFESSOR DEBORAH HELLMAN** on remaining questions for the U.S. Supreme Court on the use of race in college admissions (Yale Daily News)



“We don’t want a system where only the people with the most money get justice. Because that’s not justice for anyone. We want a system where everyone can have access to justice.”

—**GRANT PENROD '03**, partner at Hoover Penrod, recipient of the American Bar Association’s Pro Bono Publico Award (Law360)



“You go from having dinner at [Mark] Zuckerberg’s house to them being like, yeah, we don’t need you anymore.”

—**PROFESSOR DANIELLE CITRON** on the dismantling of content moderation efforts at Facebook (404 Media)



“The law [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act] is failing to protect the nation’s youth because enforcement has been undermined and shortchanged.”

—**PROFESSOR KIMBERLY JENKINS ROBINSON** in an op-ed for the *Virginian-Pilot*



“... I’m not satisfied as a physician just distributing a medication and then leaving. Sometimes physicians have to be OK with putting a Band-Aid on a solution—but that’s not something I felt as comfortable accepting.”

—**HIMANI GUBBI '27**, J.D.-M.D. candidate



“[T]he court’s opinions in this area have the cumulative effect of strengthening the presidency by diminishing its accountability to the criminal process and the civil process.”

—**PROFESSOR SAIKRISHNA PRAKASH**, on Trump v. U.S. (WTOP Radio)

“The ‘black box’ of national security decision-making—driven by extensive classification and characterized by real difficulty overseeing executive actions—has expanded in the United States as executive power continues to grow.”

—**PROFESSOR ASHLEY DEEKS**, in an op-ed on stakeholders’ roles in artificial intelligence policymaking (Just Security)



“Many of the criticisms that this court is enduring—particularly being too political—have been leveled before at earlier courts. What we are seeing is a replay of sorts.”

—**PROFESSOR RICHARD M. RE** on the U.S. Supreme Court (The Washington Post)



“[T]he U.S. Supreme Court has, in recent cases, indicated a willingness to revisit settled constitutional law and permit a much wider range of religious expression in the public schools.”

—**RICHARD SCHRAGGER** (Katie Couric Media)

“The legacies that endure most powerfully are those built on the foundations of equity, compassion and justice. You are choosing to leave legacies that will endure, if not in the canons of history, definitely in the hearts of the people you serve.”

—**TERRICA REDFIELD GANZY '02**, executive director of the Southern Center for Human Rights, at the Public Service Kickoff at UVA Law



“We immediately knew we were in for a wild ride.”

—**MARGARET ANN BROWN '77**, on being part of UVA’s first four-year coed class (UVA Today)





# Discovery



## SUPREME COURT TAKES 3 CLINIC CASES

**THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAS AGREED** to hear three cases with clients represented by UVA Law clinics. Two of the cases come from the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic.

In *Ames v. Ohio Department of Social Services*, a state employee claims she faced discrimination based on their sexual orientation. The other case, *Cunningham v. Cornell University*, concerns retirement plans and certain potentially prohibited transactions. The third case, *Perttu v. Richards*, comes from UVA Law's Appellate Litigation Clinic and asks if prisoners have a right to a jury trial when it comes to exhausting their administrative remedies.

In *Ames*, Marlean Ames alleged the Ohio Department of Youth Services discriminated against her on the basis of sexual orientation and sex under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Ames, a heterosexual woman who was supervised by a gay woman, was denied a promotion and later demoted. A gay woman filled the promoted position, and a gay man replaced Ames in her former role. An Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigation found reasonable cause that unlawful employment practices occurred, but the District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit dismissed her claim before it went to trial, citing a rule that imposes a higher evidentiary burden on majority-group

plaintiffs who bring discrimination claims.

The case could help clarify how to handle discrimination claims from plaintiffs who are not a member of a minority group, addressing conflicting opinions among different courts.

Attorney Edward Gilbert represented Ames before the trial court and before the Sixth Circuit and is co-counsel as the case moves to the Supreme Court. UVA professor Xiao Wang, who directs the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, reached out to Gilbert to offer the clinic's assistance following the Sixth Circuit decision.

Wang said the case opens the door for the justices to embrace a uniform standard for Title VII lawsuits.

"We think that whatever the test is for discrimination, it should apply equally across groups and across individuals," he said.

In *Cunningham*, current and former workers sued Cornell University and its appointed fiduciaries, alleging violations of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. Under the act, fiduciaries can't engage in certain "prohibited transactions," including any direct or indirect exchange of goods, services or facilities between the retirement

plan and someone with a vested interest in that plan. Although the workers pointed to such transactions in their complaint, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit rejected their class action, ruling their allegations were not strong enough to proceed. The Eighth and Ninth Circuits have held differently in other cases, creating another split among the courts.

In *Perttu*, prisoner Kyle Brandon Richards appealed a District Court's decision to dismiss his civil rights lawsuit. The court claimed he had not completed the required steps in the administrative process as outlined in the Prison Litigation Reform Act. Professor Scott Ballenger '96, who directs the Appellate Litigation Clinic, explained "there are incredibly short filing deadlines for filing a grievance in prison and then multiple levels of appeal, also with very short filing deadlines," and that "if you don't do everything absolutely right, you lose your prison grievance claim, but you also lose your claim in court."

Richards maintains prison staff retaliated against him because of his claims of abuse by tearing up his prison grievance forms. But the District Court held a hearing—without a jury—and found the officers more credible.

The Sixth Circuit asked the Appellate Litigation Clinic to represent Richards, and two third-year students argued the case last year. The Sixth Circuit disagreed with the prior decisions of the Seventh and Ninth Circuits, siding with Richards, holding the Seventh Amendment requires a jury trial when there are disputed facts about whether a prisoner has followed the required steps for exhausting prison remedies, and those facts relate to the main issues of the case. The Michigan Solicitor General's Office asked the Supreme Court to hear the case to resolve the disagreement among the different courts.

—Mike Fox

## ACCOLADES

**1** **ANDREW WHITE '25**, **LAURA-LOUISE RICE '25**, **ANNE CRUMLEY '25** and **JEFF STAUTBERG '25** were named this year's Ritter Scholars.

**2** **MARY ESTHER "EMMY" PILANT '27** and **NIKITA "NIKKI" ZINZUWADIA '27** were named this year's recipients of the Virginia Public Service Scholarships.

**3** **KIRK WOLFF '26**, a U.S. Navy veteran, was named a 2024 Tillman Scholar.

**4** **EVAN CARCERANO '24** received this year's Pro Bono Award, tallying 501 hours of service over the past three years.

**5** **SOPHIA HERNANDEZ TRAGESSEER '24** and **CASEY CROWLEY '24** were this year's recipients of the Rosenbloom Award.

**6** **ELLEN FLOREK '24** received the Clinical Legal Education Association's Outstanding Clinical Student Award.

**7** **KEVIN HOANG '25** received the Jackson Walker LLP Award for the highest GPA after four semesters, and **BRIAN CURTIS '26** won the Carl M. Franklin Prize for earning the highest GPA after two semesters.

**8** **ABIGAIL HAUER '24** was the Law School's recipient of the National Association of Women Lawyers' Outstanding Law Student Award.

**9** **HALEY GORMAN '24** graduated with the highest GPA in her class, winning the Faculty Award for Academic Excellence.

**10** Ten students in the Class of 2024 obtained government jobs after graduation including (back row) **WILLIAM "TREY" RATLIFF**, **GRACE ALLAMAN**, **CHARLES ALLDREDGE**, **LAUREN LEONARD** and **AUSTIN MUELLER**; and (front row) **SOPHIA HERNANDEZ TRAGESSEER**, **HANA VERWILT**, **MOLLY KECK** and **MONICA HANRATTY** (not pictured: **YERIN KIM**).





# Alumni Clerking *Streak* Continues

**MORE THAN 100 ALUMNI** are clerking across the country for the sixth straight year.

In the 2024 term, 40 alumni are clerking in federal appellate courts, 52 are clerking at federal District Courts and other federal courts, three are clerking at the U.S. Supreme Court, and eight are clerking for state appellate courts and other local courts—for a total of 103.

“The clerkship market has really changed over the last few years, and we are so pleased that our students and alumni have been willing to stick with the process,” said Ruth

Payne ’02, assistant dean for judicial clerkships.

A large portion of the clerks are members of the Class of 2024. Out of 294 J.D. graduates in the class, 47 are clerking, including 13 in federal appellate courts. Across all classes, alumni are represented in each federal appellate court.

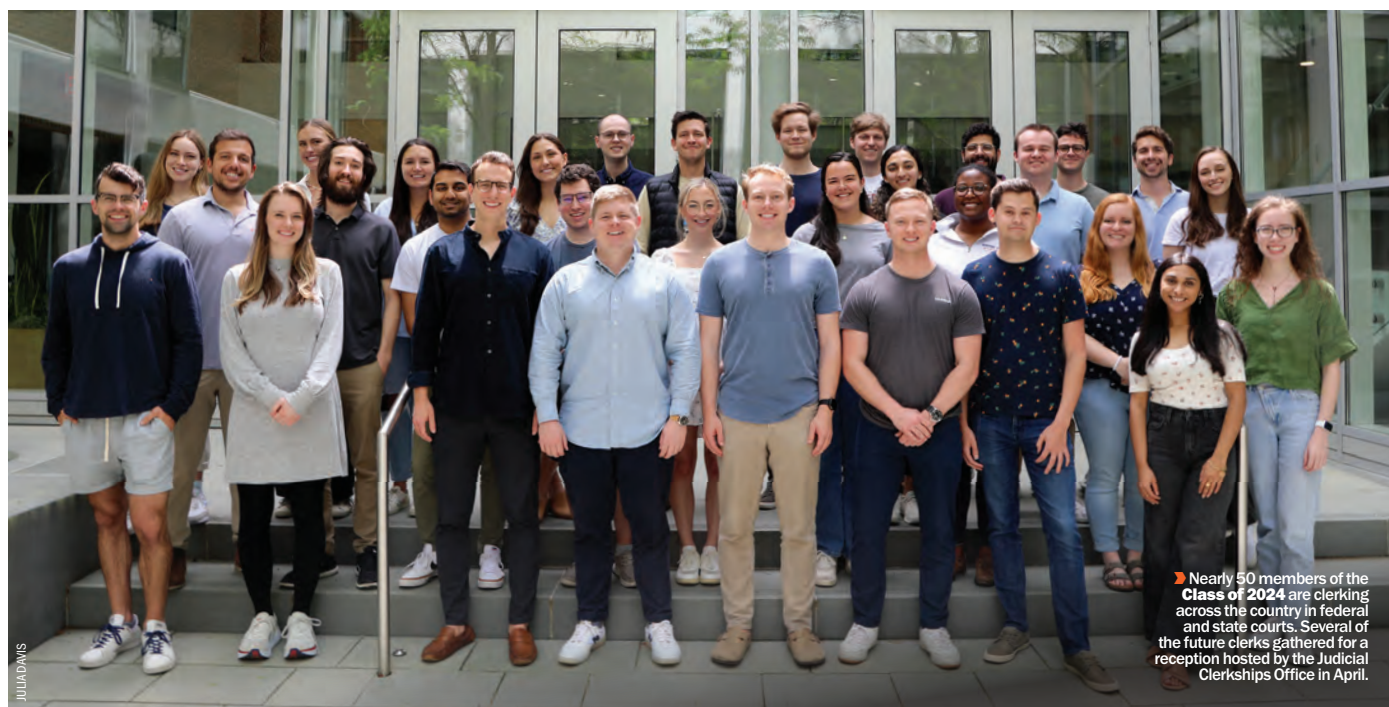
When clerkships for future terms are included, 61 members of the Class of 2024 have accepted a total of 78 clerkships. Thirty-two graduates have accepted clerkships for a later term, and 17 have already accepted a second clerkship for 2025, 2026 or 2027.

At the U.S. Supreme Court, Erin Brown ’21 is

clerking for Justice Brett Kavanaugh, Rachel Daley ’21 is clerking for Justice Neil Gorsuch and Katharine Janes J.D.-MA ’21 is clerking for Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. The Law School is No. 5 after Harvard, Yale, Stanford and Chicago in placing clerks on the U.S. Supreme Court from the 2007 through 2024 terms.

The Law School is No. 4 in the percentage of graduates from the classes of 2019-23 going directly to federal clerkships after law school, according to American Bar Association data.

—Mike Fox



## ALUMNI CLERKSHIPS, 2024 TERM

<p>■ <b>U.S. SUPREME COURT (3)</b></p>	<p>11th Circuit (4) D.C. Circuit (2) U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces</p>	<p>California District of Columbia (6) District of Connecticut (3) District of Delaware Southern District of Florida Eastern District of Kentucky Eastern District of Louisiana District of Maryland (2) Eastern District of Michigan Eastern District of Missouri District of Montana</p>	<p>District of Nevada District of New Jersey Eastern District of New York (2) Southern District of New York Middle District of North Carolina Western District of Oklahoma Eastern District of Pennsylvania Western District of Pennsylvania District of Rhode Island Eastern District of Tennessee Eastern District of</p>	<p>Texas Northern District of Texas Southern District of Texas Eastern District of Virginia (5) Western District of Virginia (7) U.S. Court of Federal Claims</p>	<p>Delaware Supreme Court of Maryland Supreme Court of Texas Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Appellate Court of Maryland Delaware Court of Chancery Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania</p>
<p>■ <b>FEDERAL APPELLATE COURTS</b></p> <p>1st Circuit (2) 2nd Circuit (2) 3rd Circuit (5) 4th Circuit (6) 5th Circuit (3) 6th Circuit (4) 7th Circuit 8th Circuit (2) 9th Circuit (6) 10th Circuit</p>	<p>■ <b>FEDERAL DISTRICT COURTS AND OTHER FEDERAL COURTS</b></p> <p>Middle District of Alabama (2) Northern District of Alabama Northern District of California Central District of California (2) Eastern District of</p>				
		<p>■ <b>STATE APPELLATE COURTS AND OTHER LOCAL COURTS</b></p> <p>Supreme Court of Alabama Supreme Court of</p>			



## UVA TOPS RANKINGS ON MULTIPLE METRICS

**UVA RECLAIMED ITS NO. 1 SPOTS** in both Best Professors and Best Classroom Experience in The Princeton Review’s annual law school rankings.

As reported in the 2024 rankings, the Law School is also No. 2 in Best Career Prospects, No. 2 in Best Quality of Life, No. 4 in Toughest to Get Into and No. 5 in Best for Federal Clerkships.

UVA has ranked in the top five in each of these six categories for the past three years. The Law School has placed in the top five for Best Quality of Life, Best Classroom Experience and Best Professors for the past 10 years.

UVA was also ranked No. 1 in Above the Law’s annual law school rankings, which focus on employment outcomes and draw from the latest American Bar Association employment data. The online blog also factored in

law school debt and costs, and regional cost of living adjustments.

UVA Law had the highest job placement rate in the country last year for permanent, full-time jobs that require passing the bar, with more than 97% of graduates from the Class of 2023 securing such positions within 10 months of graduation. The 2023 class also had the fifth-highest rate of graduates serving in federal clerkships, at 15.6%.

At nine months after graduation, when the ABA collects its data, 99.3% of UVA Law’s 2023 graduates were employed and earning a median salary of \$225,000.

—Mike Fox

## ANNUAL GIVING RAISES \$20M

**THE LAW SCHOOL FOUNDATION RECEIVED \$20.3 MILLION IN GIFTS** for the year that ended June 30, marking the third time since 2021 that annual giving surpassed \$20 million.

The total came from 7,950 alumni donors, or 44% of Law School graduates, and 9,223 donors overall, according to the Foundation, which runs annual giving efforts.

“We could not be more grateful to our alumni,” Dean Leslie Kendrick ’06 said. “They routinely give back at the highest rate of any law school in the nation, and their steadfast support underpins everything we do, from student financial aid to groundbreaking faculty research. Their generosity enables UVA Law to offer the best legal education in the country.”

Annual giving has been boosted by the ongoing capital campaign, Honor the Future, said Foundation officials. The campaign, which launched in 2019 as part of the University’s bicentennial celebration, surpassed its goal of \$400 million in February, 16 months before the scheduled finish in June 2025.

To date, 72% of alumni have made a gift or pledge in the capital campaign and raised a total of \$454 million, including \$26.1 million in University matching funds for Law School scholarships and professorships.

—Mike Fox



# U.S. Attorney Welcomes New Students

**U.S. ATTORNEY CHRISTOPHER KAVANAUGH '06** welcomed the Class of 2027 by recalling what made the Law School feel like home.

Kavanaugh, Dean Leslie Kendrick '06 and admissions chief Natalie Blazer '08 addressed new students in August during orientation. Kavanaugh has been the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Virginia since 2021. He previously served for 14 years as assistant U.S. attorney, as well as the district's chief national security prosecutor and senior litigation counsel.

"I am thrilled for all of you," he said. "I



welcome all of you to UVA Law and this community, and I sincerely hope that this place becomes a home for you in a way that you've never truly experienced before."

Kendrick, who assumed the role of dean July 1, advised students on how to thrive on North Grounds, adding that "in the law,

success is not perfection. Success is resilience."

Blazer, assistant dean for admissions and chief admissions officer, encouraged students to think of their first year at UVA Law as an "Olympics year"—helping and rooting for each other as they navigate law school together.

—Mike Fox



► Bennett Crow, Jennifer Song, Pablo E. Gómez, Sarah Concepcion and Allegra D'Virgilio are members of the Class of 2027.

## CLASS OF 2027 SETS NEW RECORDS

**STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2027** entered UVA Law as the most academically competitive in the school's history, hitting new records in median LSAT and GPA.

The 305 members of the Class of 2027 come from 140 undergraduate institutions and were selected from a pool of 5,193 applicants. Students' median undergraduate GPA was 3.96, and the median LSAT was 172, with both reaching new highs. Additionally, 77% have postgraduate experience.

"The Class of 2027 joins us in Charlottesville from all walks of life, but they come together around a common theme: a true commitment to bettering the legal profession," said

Natalie Blazer '08, assistant dean for admissions and chief admissions officer. "I am incredibly proud of their numerous accomplishments and look forward to seeing the unique ways in which they contribute to the UVA Law community."

Within the class, 54% of the students are women, 39% are people of color and 19% self-identify as LGBTQ+. The class includes many first-generation students, with 9% being the first in their immediate family to graduate from college and

25% the first in their immediate family to earn a graduate or professional degree.

The students come from 40 states and the District of Columbia, with the most common states being Virginia, California, New York, Texas and Florida. The J.D. candidates also include citizens of Canada, China and Uzbekistan. There are nine veterans and active-duty military members in the class, representing the Army, Navy and Marines.

—Mike Fox

### By the Numbers

#### ATA GLANCE

305 students enrolled from among 5,193 applicants

54% women, 46% men

39% people of color (as defined by the ABA)

77% have postgraduate experience

#### WHERE THEY'RE FROM

140 undergraduate institutions

Students come from 40 states and the District of Columbia

#### ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Median LSAT: 172

25%-75% LSAT: 167-174

Median GPA: 3.96

25%-75% GPA: 3.78-4.00



► Justin Roberts '25, Adeline Lee '26, Anna Harvey '25 and Bradley Noble '26 were among the 162 UVA Law students working in public interest jobs last summer.

## \$960,000 Awarded for Summer Public Service

**WITH HELP FROM A RECORD \$960,000 IN GRANTS**, 162 students worked in public service roles this past summer.

The Law School's Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center awarded \$912,000 in UVA Law Public Service Summer Grants to 128 first-year and 34 second-year students—a \$171,000 increase from last year. The school boosted each grant by \$1,000, so first-year students now receive \$5,000 and second-year students receive \$8,000, up from \$4,000 and \$7,000. The public service grants are funded by gifts to the Law School Foundation from alumni and other donors, including flagship endowments named for Linda Fairstein '72 and Mortimer Caplin '40.

The student-run Public Interest Law As-

sociation's PILA+ program offers additional money to grant recipients who will work in high cost-of-living areas and receive little financial assistance other than the UVA Law grant. PILA raised \$48,000 for the PILA+ program this past year, which went to 34 students who received \$1,500 each.

"We know that working in public service over the summer leads to career opportunities that would not otherwise be possible," said Director of Public Service Amanda Yale. "The Law School gets this and is demonstrating its commitment to public service by providing close to a million dollars of guaranteed summer funding."

Grant recipients are required to apply and qualify for the funding by volunteering for pro bono work (40 hours for the first grant and an additional 20 hours for a grant in a

subsequent year). Grantees must also have secured a public service or judicial internship position and agree to work at least 320 hours for their summer employers. This year, students volunteered over 8,570 hours, an average of 52 per grantee.

To be eligible for PILA+ funding, a student must first receive a Public Service Center grant.

Matt Steelberg '25, PILA's co-president, said many public interest students face additional financial burdens in pursuit of future internships and careers.

"In many ways, public service is a student-led community at UVA," he added, "and PILA hopes to continue to build that community through PILA+ grants and other initiatives in the coming year."

—Mike Fox





# At Graduation, Dasha Smith '98 Says It's 'Game Day'

**IT'S GAME DAY, GRADS. TIME TO BALL OUT.** That was the message delivered by Dasha Smith '98, the commencement speaker at the Law School in May, who has been executive vice president and chief administrative officer for the NFL since 2019.

"In many ways, starting a new job is like game day," Smith said to the crowd of graduates, family and friends. "Your preparation is done—you have the knowledge, the valuable credentials and the UVA degree in hand. But once that job starts—or the whistle blows—the focus is on the here and now."

Smith said she wanted to impart three lessons to the new graduates; lessons that helped her take the risk of leaving a high-ranking position at Sony Music to join the NFL—a job she had not sought nor imagined.

First, although lawyers are trained to be risk-averse, "sometimes you have to leave where you feel comfort-

able to go where you feel called."

Second, someone else may see abilities in you that you didn't know you had, sending you in a direction you didn't plan to take.

Finally, be grateful for the influence of the people in your life who believe in you and bet on you—and be willing to pay forward their efforts.

"Where you will take [your career] will always be yours to decide as you make your way and follow your own North Star," Smith said. "And I am predicting that wherever members of this class go, you will make an impact and you will be a force for good."

Smith, who previously addressed the incoming Class of 2019 and urged them to spend time cultivating their law school relationships, has remained highly involved with the Law School, serving as a co-chair of the school's Honor the Future capital campaign and on the Law School Foundation's Board of Trustees.

—Melissa Castro Wyatt



▶ Then-Dean **Risa Goluboff** gave the commencement address on Main Grounds.



## CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION AWARDS

### MARGARET G. HYDE AWARD

To the graduate whose scholarship, character, personality, activities in the affairs of the school, and promise of efficiency have warranted special recognition.  
**Elizabeth Putfark**

### JAMES C. SLAUGHTER HONOR AWARD

To an outstanding member of the graduating class.  
**Julia Jean Citron**

### THOMAS MARSHALL MILLER PRIZE

To an outstanding and deserving member or members of the graduating class.  
**James Robert Hornsby**

### Z SOCIETY SHANNON AWARD

To the graduate with the highest academic record after five semesters.  
**Haley Sydney Gorman**

### ROBERT E. GOLDSTEN AWARD FOR DISTINCTION IN THE CLASSROOM

To the graduate who has contributed the most to classroom education by his or her outstanding recitation and discussion.  
**Dany Barbari**

### LL.M. GRADUATION AWARD

To an outstanding member or members of the graduating LL.M. class.  
**Maria Agostina Giaroli Nogueira**

### ROGER AND MADELEINE TRAYNOR PRIZE

To the graduate or graduates who have produced outstanding written work.  
**Sebastian T. F. van Bastelaer**  
**Casey Peter Schmidt**

### HERBERT KRAMER/HERBERT BANGEL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

To the graduate who has contributed the most to the community.  
**Ellen May Florek**

### PRO BONO AWARD

To the graduate who contributed the most to the Law School's Pro Bono Program.  
**Evan Michael Carcerano**

### MORTIMER CAPLIN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

To a graduate entering a career in the public service sector who demonstrates the qualities of leadership, integrity and service to others.  
**Austin Mueller**

### EDWIN S. COHEN TAX PRIZE

To a graduate who has demonstrated superior scholarship in the tax area.  
**John Patrick McCrystal**

### EARLE K. SHAW LABOR RELATIONS AWARD

To the graduate who shows the greatest promise in the field of labor relations.  
**Molly Elizabeth Keck**

### JOHN M. OLIN PRIZE IN LAW AND ECONOMICS

To a graduate or graduates who have produced outstanding written work in the field of law and economics.  
**Sadie Goering**

### EPPA HUNTON IV MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD

To a graduate who demonstrates unusual aptitude in courses in the field of litigation, and who shows a keen awareness and understanding of the lawyer's ethical and professional responsibility.  
**Robert Benjamin Buell**

### VIRGINIA TRIAL LAWYERS TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD

To a graduate who shows particular promise in the field of trial advocacy.  
**Malcolm Law**

### VIRGINIA STATE BAR FAMILY LAW BOOK AWARD

To the graduate who has demonstrated the most promise and potential for the practice of family law.  
**Elizabeth Erickson Narain**



# CLINIC AIDS FOSTER CARE REFORM IN VIRGINIA

WITH HELP FROM TWO CLINIC STUDENTS and a lawmaking alumna, legislation designed to keep foster children with their families and in their schools was recently signed into law.

Ryan Carp '25 and Divya Sharma '25 from the State and Local Government Policy Clinic worked with Del. Katrina Callsen '14 on three bills: HB 27, establishing the Kinship as Foster Care Prevention Program to promote placing children with relatives to avoid foster care; HB 453, expanding eligibility for potential kinship care providers by easing restrictions related to “barrier crimes” that have prevented qualified relatives from caring for children who might otherwise end up with foster parents who were strangers; and HB 777, allowing foster or kinship care children to remain in schools they attended prior to moving into foster care.

Callsen, of Albemarle County, said Virginia's use of kinship care needed to be updated.

“The bills will make a difference because they provide enhanced services and supports to keep families together and limit disruption to children who might be experiencing abuse or neglect,” she said.

After the bills passed the General Assembly with broad bipartisan support, Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed them in April.

Callsen said Carp and Sharma brought “zealous advocacy and passion” to foster care reform, and noted that the students met with the Virginia Department of Social Services to plan how to implement the new laws.

“They met with stakeholders as we crafted the legislation, worked with state administrators to address concerns, lobbied my colleagues to get votes and ultimately testified in front of the General Assembly,” Callsen said.

Sharma said she was inspired by the stakeholders, advocates and policymakers

who work toward reform every day so they can initiate change during the two-month legislative session. The barrier crimes legislation had failed in the past, she said, but engaging critics early and often helped quell opposition and ease the bill's passage.

“Being part of the clinic has given me a lot more hope that our government can do positive things for its constituents,” Sharma said. “Obviously, the politics at play can always dampen the success of very necessary bills, but it was refreshing to see how often people rose above their differences to work toward a common goal.”

Carp, who answered questions about the legislation in committee hearings, said the experience strengthened his interest in pursuing a career in law and policy.

“For each of these bills, we had to balance various stakeholder interests, respond quickly to changing circumstances, deal with shifting deadlines and be comfortable with uncertainty,” Carp said. “By focusing on our ultimate goal—creating effective policies that address systemic issues and benefit the

▶ Ryan Carp '25, Divya Sharma '25, Del. Katrina Callsen '14 and Professor Andrew Block pose for a photo after a committee meeting.

people of Virginia—we were able to handle the complexities of crafting and enacting legislation.”

The nonpartisan clinic, directed by Pro-



▶ Gov. Glenn Youngkin, Del. Mike Cherry and Professor Andrew Block attend a bill-signing ceremony April 3.

AUSTIN STEVENS, OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

fessors Andrew Block and Katie Ryan '92, and launched by Block in 2020, worked with lawmakers from both parties to secure passage of a clinic record 12 bills this year, and a total of 26 over the past four years.

—Mike Fox



## Olympian Shares Memories From Paris

**LAW STUDENT ASHLEY ANUMBA '25 ADDED A NEW ROLE TO HER RESUME** after this summer: Olympian. Anumba competed in the discus for Nigeria at the Paris Olympics after taking a year off from law school to train. Now back in classes at the Law School, she shared her Olympic experience.

A journey spanning 10 years finally came to fruition for me this summer. After six months of vying for a ranking within the top 32 in the world, I accomplished what I had set out to do—I qualified to compete at the Olympics.

Being in Paris for the Olympics was the experience of a lifetime. I arrived with the Nigerian track and field team the day before the opening ceremony and from the moment I stepped into the Olympic Village, I felt invigorated. It was real—I actually did it! Seeing a whole slew of people donning the name of their country on their clothes, hearing chatter in different languages and standing in line with superstar athletes while we got food was simply absurd.

Despite the rain, the opening ceremony was one of my favorite moments. Drifting along the Seine with some of my best friends will always remain close to my heart. It's not every day that we get the opportunity to dress up in traditional garb in our nation's colors alongside the rest of the world. Seeing national monuments, architectural masterpieces, and boats full of people and crowds yelling out the names of countries was nothing I could have imagined myself.

I walked away from the ceremony thinking that my life could not get any better. My only complaint was that I did not get to see Celine Dion perform! ...

When the day of competition came, I was ready to go. Walking into a packed stadium of 80,000-plus people gave me goosebumps. I felt the roar of the crowd invigorate my blood to the point that I wanted to cry. It was as if I had unlocked a new emotion in that moment. A feeling akin to awe and gratitude enveloped me.



While walking to the competition circle, I took a second to take the view in while also looking for my family. I managed to see my mom and began jumping for joy. All I could think was that I had truly made it. Many sacrifices led me to this moment on

the world's biggest stage.

I imagine most people would be nervous, but I wasn't. I felt prepared to execute what I had been working on. Ultimately, though, I delivered average throws. At the Olympics, average, unfortunately, does not win medals or make you a finalist. Regardless, I managed a performance that I could be proud of, even though I know I'm capable of doing more.

Seeing my whole family, my high school coach and his family, and my cousins and friends from different parts of the world come to support me was my favorite part. It's one thing to have support along the way, but it is another seeing the people that have been along for the journey congregate in one spot to see me compete. Not to mention getting to experience the Olympics alongside my cousin, Amy Okonkwo, who is a part of the Nigerian women's basketball team. ...

The closing ceremony, marking the end of the games, was bittersweet. After 18 days, I was ready to go back to a “real” bed, but I knew I was going to miss my new friends from Tajikistan, Croatia and other places, along with my Nigerian teammates. ... I am blessed and convinced that these moments in life, whether it is competing in the Olympics or obtaining a Juris Doctorate (maybe even both), are what inspire a feeling of confidence, passion and determination for more—more for ourselves, our communities and the world. My only hope is that everyone can experience these sentiments like I have and inspire others to strive for more. No goal is out of our reach if we dare to try.

—Ashley Anumba '25





## FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTOR LEADS PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

**RYAN FAULCONER '08 HAS BEEN A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR** for the past 15 years, but he's been mentoring students even longer.

Faulconer has coached the University's undergraduate mock trial team since he was a first-year law student at UVA and guided young attorneys while serving in the U.S. Justice Department. Now, he's applying those mentoring skills and career expertise in his new role as the school's assistant dean for public service and director of the Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center.

Faulconer, who joined the school in June, is helping the next generation of UVA Law students launch their careers in public service—whether working in prosecution or defense, or for government, nonprofits or legal aid organizations. He also encourages all students to gain experience through public service while still in law school.

"A huge part of what made me want to do this job was to be able to just help as many people as possible," Faulconer said. "I feel strongly about public service, and I feel strongly that everybody has something

they can give."

Dean Leslie Kendrick '06 said she is "thrilled to have Ryan back at the Law School and in this role."

"With his stellar credentials and dedication to working with students, he will be a wonderful resource for UVA Law students interested in public service careers of all kinds," Kendrick said.

A Colorado Springs native, Faulconer first encountered UVA students when they beat his undergraduate University of Kansas team during a mock trial competition. Later, the UVA team's coach, a law student who was about to graduate, helped convince him to study at UVA Law, and recruited him to help the University's mock trial team.

Faulconer entered law school thinking he would either be a criminal defense attorney, like his high school mock trial coach, or a sports agent. Instead, during his first-year summer, he found his calling interning with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charlottesville.

"I remember witnessing the camaraderie they all had in that office, and I just loved it," he said. "When I went to a law firm my second summer, I was instantly drawn to

all the people who had previously worked for DOJ and had done that type of work."

Though Faulconer, who participated in the Prosecution Clinic, also competed in mock trial competitions and extramural moot court while in law school, "I always was more interested in putting effort into the coaching and the mentoring than standing up and speaking myself."

After graduating from UVA and earning the school's Pro Bono Award, he clerked for Judge T.S. Ellis III of the Eastern District of Virginia, then accepted an honors program position with the Fraud Section of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. In that role, he worked on government contracting, war zone procurement and corruption cases, typically involving the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. He later served as assistant U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria, where he eventually became the district's public corruption coordinator.

After serving as an AUSA, he returned to the Justice Department to serve in the Criminal Division's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section. His Justice Department work earned him a Director's Award and several Council of the Inspectors General awards.

His most recent step in his DOJ career happened back where he started as a UVA Law intern—at the Western District of Virginia, working for U.S. Attorney Chris Kavanaugh '06 and Criminal Division Chief Katie Burroughs Medearis in Charlottesville. After living in the D.C. area for so many years, he was ready to try something different.

"As a Colorado kid, there's some natural overlap with Charlottesville," he said. "There's a different type of mountains, but there are still mountains."

When the opportunity arose to lead the school's Public Service Center, he was excited to be able to translate his skills in mentoring and problem-solving to counseling UVA Law students.

"To [mentor] ... at what I think is the best law school in the country for public service, is just really a cool opportunity because it allows me to do everything I can to be as constructive and positive for students, while also still growing and broadening my perspective and learning from the diversity of experience that we have here at the Law School."

—Mary Wood



## BUSINESS EXECUTIVE TAKES HELM AS CAREER DEVELOPMENT DEAN

**HE'S BEEN A PARTNER AT A TOP LAW FIRM** and worked in-house to help an international corporation navigate explosive growth. David C. Lowance Jr. '98, the new senior assistant dean for career development, is ready to shift gears and bring his wide-ranging experiences to leading career counseling efforts at the Law School.

"When this job became available, it jumped out at me as an opportunity to draw on my experience to do what I really love—mentoring and developing lawyers—at scale," Lowance said. "It had always been my hope that I would do well enough in a legal career to have enough time for a meaningful plan B, and I can't imagine a better second career

than getting to work with UVA Law students to launch their own careers."

Lowance officially began his new role in September. He mostly recently served as chief legal officer for Insight Global for 11 years, during a period when the company, now 35,000 employees strong, grew from generating \$750 million to \$4 billion in revenue. Before that, he was a corporate lawyer and partner at Alston & Bird for 15 years, spending most of that time doing corporate and securities work in a variety of industries, including health care.

Dean Leslie Kendrick '06 said Lowance brings a fresh perspective and a commitment to mentoring to his role.

"David has had a remarkable career, from working as a partner at a leading law firm to building the legal structure for a rapidly

growing global corporation," she said. "With his experiences mentoring young lawyers and thinking strategically, he has an excellent understanding of how to prepare our students to launch and manage their careers."

For the past two years, the Law School has been No. 1 in the country for the percentage of graduates in full-time, long-term jobs requiring bar passage, according to American Bar Association data—a metric considered the gold standard for high-quality legal employment. This summer, Above the Law named UVA its No. 1 law school, largely based on career outcomes. The school is also No. 5 in alumni earning clerkships at the U.S. Supreme Court from 2007-2024.

Lowance said one of his goals in leading UVA Law's Career Development team—which includes the Office of Private

Practice, the Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center and the Office of Judicial Clerkships—is continuity.

"I'm going to hopefully continue the great work that the Career Development office has done, helping connect students with top-notch employers and make well-informed decisions about the best places to launch their legal careers," Lowance said.

In addition to being a Law School graduate, Lowance has family connections to UVA. Among his many relatives who attended UVA and UVA Law, his grandfather, Joseph McConnell '31, who was also a lawyer, served as University rector.

"He was a larger-than-life figure for me growing up and inspired me to at least consider becoming a lawyer," Lowance said. "Continuing a tradition of service to the school is very gratifying."

—Mary Wood





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The APALSA at UVA Law Executive Board had the honor of meeting U.S. Judge Jasmine Yoon, the first Asian American federal judge in Virginia, on Tuesday.

Her investiture ceremony took place last week at @uvalaw. She will serve the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

Congratulations Judge Yoon!

**STAR WITNESS**



**"I JOINED THE U.S. NAVY** as an intelligence officer when I was a postdoc because I wasn't ready to take a tenure-track position. I only intended to spend four years in the Navy but ended up staying in for seven. When I was getting out of active duty in late 2020, an archaeologist friend called and asked me to look at satellite imagery of a Hellenistic site in Nagorno-Karabakh that had been bombed during an outbreak of hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Examining this imagery was the perfect confluence of archaeology plus intelligence work.

"Pretty soon afterwards, we started looking at Russian destruction of cultural heritage in eastern Ukraine after 2014. When the full-scale invasion began on Feb. 24, 2022, we were well-poised to monitor the destruction of Ukraine's cultural heritage in real time using satellite imagery and open source analysis. I have been working on remote documentation of Russian atrocities and war crimes since then."

—KATE HARRELL '27

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UVA Law School @UVALaw

The third cohort of Roadmap Scholars wrapped up their time this summer at #UVALaw with a trip to Washington, D.C., and a visit with U.S. Sen. @timkaine. Along the way they took classes with professors, met community members and connected with other Roadmap Scholars.

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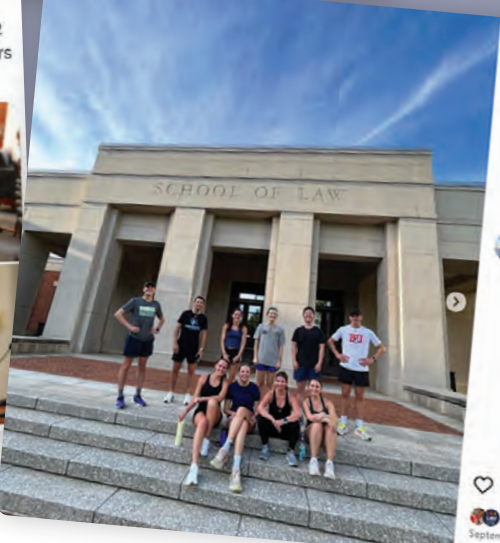
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It was such an honor to host U.S. Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar on grounds last week! Tremendous thanks to Solicitor Prelogar for her insightful words and for making the trip to Charlottesville. We also need to thank @virginialawwomen for co-hosting this wonderful event and Cate Stetson ('94) for moderating!

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Alumni and former clerks paid tribute to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III '72 at #UVALaw on Friday during a @VirginiaLawRev event marking 40 years since his appointment to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.



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northgroundstc The NGTC had a great turnout for our first All Paces Welcome Run of the year! Let's do it again next week.

If you want to take your runs to the next level, meet us at 6:15am tomorrow at Lannigan Field for a fun and speedy track workout.

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*The 13th Dean*

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# In Good Hands

## Leslie Kendrick '06 Takes Charge as the Law School's Dean

By Melissa Castro Wyatt

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF LESLIE KENDRICK'S DEANSHIP** at the University of Virginia School of Law this summer, she shared a photo of herself at age 2, holding her mother's hand while traversing a rickety bridge on a dirt road outside her house in eastern Kentucky.

Kendrick would cross that bridge and many more in an illustrious academic and legal career that saw her become a Rhodes Scholar, a Supreme Court insider and now the hand guiding her alma mater.

"My sisters and I grew up in a place where we had tons and tons of extended family, and my father [a local lawyer] and mother [a writer and teacher] knew everybody in town and we were just part of a very tight-knit community," Kendrick said. "Part of what drew me to UVA when I was a student was it felt like it was a real community—it felt like a place where you could put down roots."

After graduating from the University of North Carolina as a Morehead Scholar and being named a Rhodes Scholar, she earned her master's and Ph.D. in English literature from Oxford University, then enrolled at UVA Law

in 2003 as a full-tuition Hardy Cross Dillard Scholar.

Kendrick's UVA pedigree and her academic achievements opened the doors to two clerkships—for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III '72 at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Justice David Souter at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Through it all, people who know her say she remained grounded and retained common sense that her family, her hometown and her life experiences instilled in her.

After her clerkships, Kendrick returned to the Law School to begin her teaching career in 2008, focused on free speech and tort law. Her doctoral

dissertation on John Milton, an important early proponent of freedom of speech, offered a bridge to studying First Amendment law.

On July 1, she became the 13th dean to serve in the institution's 205-year history, following in the path of her one-time professor and longtime mentor and personal friend, Risa Goluboff. Her selection comes as no surprise to those who knew her as a student, clerk and young professor.

Classmate and U.S. Attorney Chris Kavanaugh '06 took classes alongside her and has remained a close friend, along with his spouse, Jasmine Yoon '06, who was recently confirmed as a U.S. District Court judge for the Western District of Virginia.

"From the moment I met her in 2003 and in the 21 years since, she has always been a person of empathy, humility and intellect," Kavanaugh said.

► Kendrick with her future husband, **Micah Schwartzman '05**, at Oxford University; Kendrick walks home with her mother when she was a toddler in Kentucky.



► Dean Leslie Kendrick has breakfast with first-year students in their small sections.

**“[G]o easy on yourselves. Go easy on each other. Be kind to each other. Give each other the benefit of the doubt.”**

**—Dean Leslie Kendrick, talking to new students at orientation**





► Kendrick joins faculty and staff for ice cream on her first day in office.

► At an orientation picnic, Kendrick talks with new students in Spies Garden.

Wilkinson called her “one of the smartest, nicest clerks I ever had,” and someone who has “innate good judgment and a sense of fairness that touches everyone around her. She holds educational excellence and mutual supportiveness in equal balance.”

Those qualities served Kendrick well when, from 2017 to 2021, she served as vice dean under Goluboff during a period in which the Law School and its leaders had to face and adapt to unprecedented trials, including COVID-19.

“I relied on Leslie’s wise counsel, razor-sharp mind, and friendship throughout my deanship. She helped steer the Law School through the challenges of the white supremacist and neo-Nazi violence of Aug. 11 and 12, 2017, and the COVID pandemic,” Goluboff said while introducing Kendrick to UVA Law alumni at Reunions weekend. “She was the primary academic officer who led our efforts to move operations online in eight days in the spring of 2020 and then into a hybrid format for the following school year. There is no one I would rather be in a foxhole with than Leslie Kendrick.”

Dayna Bowen Matthew ’87, dean of the George Washington University Law School, served on the UVA Law faculty during that time, and says she continues to emulate certain leadership skills and qualities she observed in Kendrick, whom Bowen called “a brilliant scholar, a gifted administrator and an incredible person with a strong moral compass.”

Matthew said she felt she was able to perform better as a scholar

and as a teacher of controversial topics in constitutional law because Kendrick valued and protected academic freedom.

“Leslie said, ‘I think you ought to just let me handle [any complaints,] and you teach your course,’” Matthew said. “I will never forget that because it allowed me to focus on building a reputation based on my performance.”

Kendrick was “brilliant” as an administrator in many other ways, Matthew said, including her ability to spot young talent in the ranks of the legal academy while the two served on the Law School’s appointments committee together.

“Leslie was instrumental as a methodical analyst of the scholarship produced across the academy to help identify candidates suitable for UVA, and the faculty trusted the committee,” Matthew said. “When appointments are successful, it’s because the dean’s office is leading—and she and Risa did a fabulous job of hiring an unheard-of number of faculty members in a very short period of time.” (Goluboff hired roughly 20 professors in her first four years as dean.)

Before becoming dean, Kendrick served as faculty director of the school’s Center for the First Amendment. She has written or co-authored at least 22 articles, chapters or essays on free speech.

She also served as a special adviser to the University’s provost regarding free expression and inquiry, and in 2021 chaired the committee that produced the University’s Statement on Free Expression and Free Inquiry, which was endorsed by President Jim Ryan ’92 and ad-

opted by the Board of Visitors.

Kendrick is a member of the American Law Institute, serving as an adviser to the defamation and privacy portion of ALI’s “Restatement of the Law Third, Torts,” and is a co-author of the fifth and latest edition of a leading torts casebook, “Tort Law: Responsibilities and Redress.” She has also written or co-authored several articles, chapters or essays on various aspects of tort law.

One of her co-authors on “Tort



► Kendrick speaks during orientation.

Law: Responsibilities and Redress,” Interim Dean John C. Goldberg of Harvard Law School, said he and his other co-authors had admired Kendrick’s scholarly work and asked her to join the project based on their interactions with her at workshops and conferences.



JULIA DAVIS



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► The dean pitches in at the Public Interest Association’s Day of Service on Aug. 18.

► Kendrick and other UVA Law alumni traveled to the U.S. Supreme Court on Oct. 8 to hear *Lackey v. Stinnie*, a case Kendrick had worked on in the past in her private capacity as a lawyer. Brian Schmalzbach ’10, second from left, argued the case before the court. John Woolard ’17, far left; Jonathan Blank ’95 of McGuireWoods, third from left; Pat Levy-Lavelle ’05 of the Legal Aid Justice Center, fourth from left; and LAJC Executive Director Angela Cioffi ’03, fourth from right, were part of the legal team.

► At a September event honoring Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III ’72, Kendrick talks with fellow former clerks Hew Pate ’87, left, and David Leitch ’85.



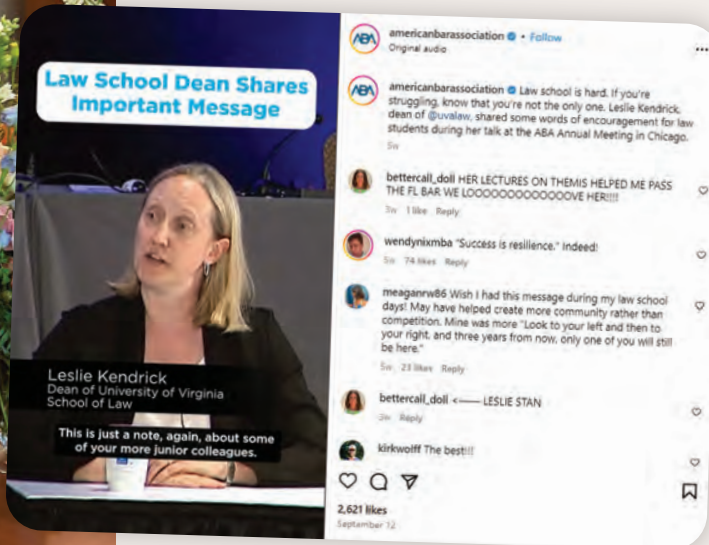
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Friends and alumni showered Kendrick with flowers on her first day as dean.



“Leslie brings to this project—as to everything she does—vast knowledge, analytical rigor, and an admirable instinct to ask, always, whether the law is living up to our professed commitments to equality, liberty and democracy,” Goldberg said. “She will bring all of these qualities to her [d]eanship, along with her abiding commitment to higher education and her thoughtful and effective approach to leadership.”

As Kendrick establishes herself at the helm of the Law School, she is focused on how to help the institution evolve into the future—how to adapt to the proliferation of artificial intelligence and other changes in technology—as well as how to prepare students for a changing legal profession and preserving the UVA Law community’s famous collegiality in a time of increased polarization.

She often compares the Law School’s community to a neighborhood and speaks of the responsibilities we have toward those neighbors. The big difference between our Law School neighbors and the neighbors we encounter later in life, she has said, is the boundaries we develop as we self-select for common interests and beliefs.

“Now, imagine you had lots of neighbors. And you not only all lived in close proximity, but you also all worked at the same place,” Kendrick recently told incoming first-year students at orientation. “Also, you socialize together constantly. Also, you were in the same book club that met for hours every week where you discuss the most explosive topics of the day. Also, even if you moved

away, you would still see these same neighbors for the rest of your life in professional or personal circles.”

She acknowledged that “being part of a community this close and this layered” can be challenging.

“So go easy on yourselves. Go easy on each other. Be kind to each other. Give each other the benefit of the doubt,” Kendrick told the newest UVA lawyers-in-making. “When you act, consider all of the relationships you have with your classmates—social, academic, professional—and remember that they’re your neighbors for the rest of your life.”

Robert Post, one of Kendrick’s fellow First Amendment scholars and a past dean of Yale Law School, noted that he sees in her scholarly work “certain characteristics” relevant to being a successful law school dean, from common sense to an appreciation of nuance and the complexity of human nature.

“[The deanship] requires someone who exercises superb judgment,” Post said. “That’s what she tends to do in her scholarship, that’s what I’ve seen her do in personal situations, and ... that’s a dean all the way down to the ground, because you’re going to be facing controversies where people have important things to say on all sides, and you can never make everyone happy. But what you can do is recognize what’s most valuable from all sides, be as inclusive as possible, and yet take the right path.”

Harvard’s Goldberg, also reflecting on what it means to lead a law school, put it simply: “UVA Law School is in great hands.”

## The GOAT Goes Viral

**KENDRICK’S ADVICE** to law students worrying about struggling to understand the material and wanting to “display competence” went viral on the American Bar Association’s Instagram and TikTok accounts, racking up more than 260,000 views.

“If you went to the gym and you didn’t break a sweat, you would be wasting your money,” she said at the ABA annual meeting in Chicago. “If you already knew how to be a lawyer, you wouldn’t need to go to law school. This is where you sweat. They’re worried about looking like a fool in cold calls? I say, ‘Look like a fool!’ Get up and do it again the next day—keep doing it. You’re going to get in front of a three-judge panel and you’re going to get beat up pretty bad, and guess what? You’re going to keep representing clients the next day. This is not a profession where success is perfection—success is resilience.”

### The comments tell the story.

**Erika Firestone:** Her speech at the end of her Themis lectures saved me on a tough day of bar prep. ❤️

**User1417800022998:** Dean Kendrick was the best professor I ever had!!

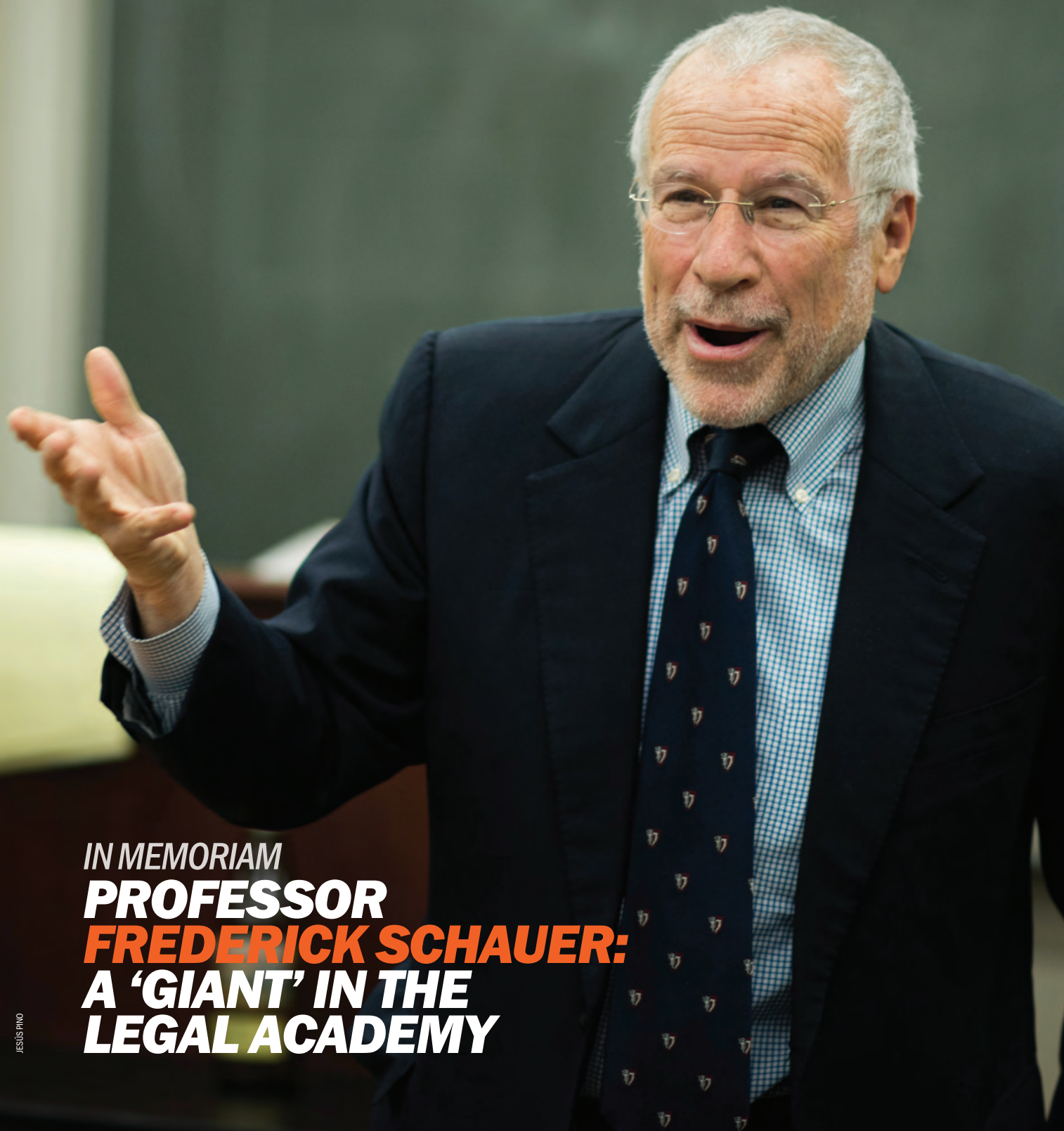
**peachy\_\_\_\_\_0000:** I’m a nursing student and feel like this too and it’s [what I] needed to hear!!!

**ameliaisacs:** queen

**user4327148147459:** Why am I crying?

**lily\_taylor:** The GOAT 🔥

# FACULTY



IN MEMORIAM  
**PROFESSOR  
FREDERICK SCHAUER:  
A ‘GIANT’ IN THE  
LEGAL ACADEMY**

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## IN MEMORIAM

# Frederick Schauer

## Constitutional Theorist and Free Speech Scholar Made Worldwide Impact



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**PROFESSOR FREDERICK SCHAUER**, a world-renowned legal philosopher and scholar of freedom of speech, constitutional theory, evidence and jurisprudence at the Law School, died Sept. 1 after a long illness. He was 78.

Schauer joined the faculty in 2008 as the David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law, and was Frank Stanton Professor of the First Amendment, Emeritus, at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Over the course of his life, he wrote more than 300 works on constitutional law and theory, freedom of speech and press, legal reasoning and the philosophy of law. A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he was a founding editor of the journal *Legal Theory* and a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship.

"Fred was a giant in the legal academy, one of the foremost scholars in the world in both jurisprudence and freedom of expression," said Dean Leslie Kendrick '06, who is also an expert on the First Amendment. "His immense body of work on free speech, evidence, rules and the nature of law has had a major impact on legal thought for 50 years

and will continue to do so for decades to come."

Schauer was also an accomplished photographer and woodworker, and treasured friend and mentor to many, including to Kendrick.

"His brilliance was matched by his unassuming manner, his mentorship of students and junior scholars, and his incredible generosity as an institutional citizen. He was both a globally renowned scholar and a first-generation high school, college and law graduate, who delighted in supporting first-generation students and helping all our students succeed. In so many ways, he was one of a kind. Fred's passing is a deep personal loss."

While on the Virginia faculty, Schauer wrote some of his most acclaimed work, including dozens of articles and book chapters and the books "The Proof: Uses of Evidence in Law, Politics and Everything Else" (2022), "The Force of Law" (2015) and "Thinking Like a Lawyer: A New Introduction to Legal Reasoning" (2009). He also co-edited "The Oxford Handbook on Freedom of Speech" (2021) and a previously unpublished book, "The Theory of Rules" (2011), by Karl N. Llewellyn, a founder of legal realism.

Schauer, who was born in Newark, New Jersey, earned both his A.B. and M.B.A. at Dartmouth College before graduating from Harvard Law School in 1972. He stayed in Boston, becoming what he called "a smut lawyer"—a litigator defending against obscenity prosecutions in state and federal courts.

By 1974, he had turned to academia, joining the faculty of the West Virginia University College of Law. He wrote his first treatise, "The Law of Obscenity," in 1976, in which he defended the constitutionality, "if not the wisdom," of obscenity restrictions, as detailed in a Virginia Journal profile of Schauer. Soon after the publication of his first book, he was a visiting scholar at Cambridge University, and from there, became the James Goold Cutler Professor of Law at the College of William & Mary Law School.

His 1982 book, "Free Speech: A Philosophical Enquiry," helped shift scholarship from advocating for free speech to recognizing competing interests. Though the United States values free speech highly, as Schauer pointed out, other countries do not protect it to the same extent.

"That does not necessarily mean that the rest of the world is right and the United States wrong," Schauer said in the Virginia Journal, "but it does suggest that it is a mistake to assume that free speech does not compete with other legitimate concerns, and a mistake to fail to recognize that we protect speech not because it is harmless, but despite the harm it may cause."

Over time, Schauer's interests expanded to include constitutional interpretation, comparative constitutional law and theories of constitutionalism, judicial review and judicial interpretive authority.

After seven years on the faculty of the University of Michigan Law School, he moved to Harvard, where he spent nearly two decades as the Frank Stanton Professor of the First Amendment at the Kennedy School of Government. While at the Kennedy School, he also served as academic dean and acting dean, and in 2004, received a university-wide Distinguished Teacher Award. His role at Harvard included teaching courses at its law school in evidence and the First Amendment, and supervising graduate students in jurisprudence and comparative constitutional law.

While there, he wrote another seminal work, "Playing by the Rules: A Philosophical Examination of Rule-Based Decision-Making in Law and in Life" (1991).

It "remains the best thing ever written about the nature of rule-based decision-making," Professor Caleb E. Nelson said of the book when Schauer joined the faculty.

Schauer continued to influence legal thought throughout his life. In 2021, he was listed as one of the top 20 most cited legal scholars of all time. "The Force of Law," published in 2015, inspired scholarly events around the world analyzing the ideas Schauer put forth.

In a UVA Law School article announcing the book, Schauer said he had not written much about

jurisprudence, or the philosophy of law, until he arrived at Virginia and started teaching a course on the subject.

At the time, the prevailing view in the field—that force and sanctions were not key to understanding the basic idea of law—was an idea he wanted to challenge.

"If we actually look at how law operates and how people obey the law, we will understand that what differentiates law, what makes law special, is that it tells us what to do and threatens us with bad stuff if we don't do it," he said. "Obedience to law just because it is law is very rare."

The book "reinvigorate[d] the idea that law is coercive, thus breaking with the dominant strand that has denied the importance of force," said Kimberly Kessler Ferzan, a legal philosopher at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School who previously served on the Virginia faculty, in an article about the book.

Schauer "contends not only that coercion is important to our understanding of law but also that the jurisprudential quest for essential characteristics of law is misguided," she said. "He has changed the nature of the debate for generations to come."

Schauer won the 2023 Scribes Book Award, which honors the best work of legal scholarship, for "The Proof: Uses of Evidence in Law, Politics, and Everything Else."

"This book is a way to help people ask about evidence and answer questions about whether things in the world of fact are actually true or not," Schauer said in an article in 2022. "There's more information out there, and because there is more information out there, more of it is wrong. Especially in the internet era, there are fewer informational filters out there. And it's easier to just say stuff and more people, to their credit, are trying to say, 'Is there evidence for that?'"

Professor Lawrence B. Solum, also a renowned legal theorist, had known Schauer for the past 40 years.

"At the very beginning of my academic career, Fred provided comments on my very first law review article—an act of great kindness and intellectual generosity," Solum said. "Throughout my career, I have consulted Fred's work again and again on multitudinous topics. He is one of the greats, a scholarly giant and a wonderful human being. He is irreplaceable and his loss is a heavy



► In 2019, Vienna University Rector **Edeltraud Hanappi-Egger** presented the title of honorary doctor to **Schauer**. She said Schauer was "one of the most important legal theorists of our time."



# GULATI ELECTED TO AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

*“If we actually look at how law operates and how people obey the law, we will understand that what differentiates law, what makes law special, is that it tells us what to do and threatens us with bad stuff if we don’t do it.”*

—Professor Frederick Schauer



blow that will be felt far beyond the University of Virginia.”

Professor Deborah Hellman, who directs UVA’s Center for Law & Philosophy, with which Schauer was affiliated, said his lack of pretension made him a generous mentor and colleague, even before she joined the Virginia faculty in 2012.

“He didn’t care about where articles were published, where people went to school or about other external markers of achievement or success,” Hellman said. “Instead, he cared about the quality of people’s work. When I was an unknown legal academic, he encouraged me to develop my ideas about the normative foundations of discrimination law into a book. When I had a draft ready, he gave me feedback, pushed me to consider arguments I had missed, and helped me to find a publisher. I am so deeply grateful for his support and his friendship.”

Students also praised Schauer’s ability to explain complex topics.

“Even though he was one of the world’s leading scholars on free speech and First Amendment law, he made the doctrine accessible to all and patiently explained every concept,” said third-year law student Nimrita Singh, who

took his class Constitutional Law II: Speech and Press in the fall of 2023. “His enthusiasm and his curiosity were infectious in the classroom—I didn’t want the course to end at the close of the semester.”

Schauer collected many accolades during his career. He received an honorary doctorate from the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration in 2019. In 2020, he was elected a corresponding fellow of the British Academy, an honor fewer than 10 American legal scholars have garnered. At UVA, he received the Roger and Madeleine Traynor Faculty Achievement Award for his scholarship in 2011. In 2009, he won Green Bag’s Exemplary Writing Award for “A Critical Guide to Vehicles in the Park,” an article published in the New York University Law Review. He delivered the HLA Hart Memorial Lecture, considered a highly regarded mark of achievement, at Oxford’s University College in 2017.

Schauer has been a visiting professor of law at Columbia Law School, the Fischel-Neil Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, the Morton Distinguished Visiting Professor of the Humanities

at Dartmouth College, a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Toronto, a visiting fellow at the Australian National University, Distinguished Visitor at New York University, and Eastman Professor and fellow of Balliol College at the University of Oxford.

He was chair of the Section on Constitutional Law of the Association of American Law Schools (1985-87) and of the Committee on Philosophy and Law of the American Philosophical Association (2006-08). He served as vice president of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (1996-98), and on the boards of numerous academic journals. During 1985-86, he served as commissioner of the Attorney General’s Commission on Pornography. The resulting report documented the growth of the porn industry and recommended ways to halt its spread.

Schauer lectured and taught around the world. His works have been translated into Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Chinese and Turkish.

Schauer’s wife, Barbara A. Spellman, is a professor of psychology and a professor of law on the UVA Law faculty. She and Schauer wrote many articles together that drew from both disciplines.

—Mary Wood

**PROFESSOR G. MITU GULATI WAS ELECTED** to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the organization announced in April.

The academy is an honorary society and research center that dates back to the American Revolution and has inducted luminaries who include the Founding Fathers,

ate School of Arts & Sciences before she retired.

Founded in 1780, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences elects members “who discover and advance knowledge and those who apply knowledge to the problems of society,” according to the organization’s website. Members join with other experts to produce nonpartisan interdisciplinary studies “that inform public policy and advance the public good.”

Gulati, whose work focuses on how to help countries in financial distress, is the 10th current UVA Law faculty member to be elected to the academy, and joins a new class that includes scientists, artists, philanthropists and philosophers. George Clooney, columnist Jamelle Bouie from The New York Times (a 2009 UVA graduate), author Jhumpa Lahiri and Apple CEO Tim Cook are all among Gulati’s fellow inductees.

Calling Gulati a “true public intellectual,” then-Dean Risa Goluboff said, “Mitu’s vast and incisive body of legal scholarship has contributed enormously to contemporary thinking on international finance, sovereign debt and contract law. Not only that, but he regularly offers his expertise and advice to governments facing challenging financial situations in real time—he is the one they call.”

A graduate of the University of Chicago, Yale University and Harvard Law School, Gulati has written more than 200 scholarly articles and has edited or authored 10 books, including, most recently, “European Financial Infrastructure in the Face of New Challenges and Judges on Judicial Institutions and Behavior.”

In addition to advising national governments, he frequently volunteers his time to international governing bodies on matters relating

to the global sovereign debt market and how to stabilize the financial markets of countries in crisis.

Gulati engages with the public as the host of the “Clauses & Controversies” podcast, a contributor to the Creditslips.org blog, and a frequent writer for media outlets such as The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, the Financial Times and The Washington Post.

Gulati has also written on topics as wide-ranging as commercial boilerplate, issues in mergers and acquisitions contracts, municipal debt, judges and how they judge, the Supreme Court and the impact of the COVID pandemic on the global financial system.

“Mitu has an active mind and a deep commitment to collaboration,” Goluboff said. “He has co-authors in so many fields because he engages with so many different kinds of questions. We are delighted to have him as a colleague here at UVA and are so pleased that his work is being recognized by the academy.”

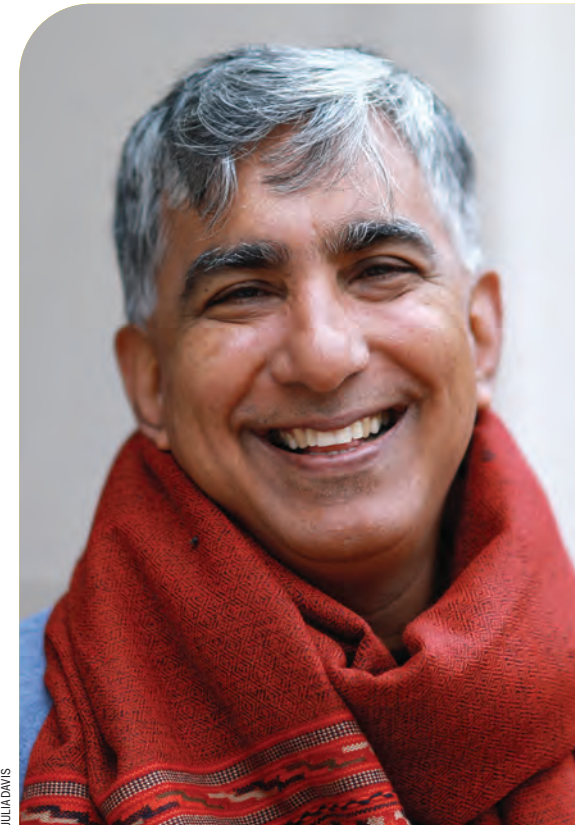
Gulati joined the UVA Law faculty in 2021, where he is the Perre Bowen Professor of Law and the John V. Ray Research Professor of Law. He was previously on the faculties of Duke Law School, UCLA Law School and the Georgetown University Law Center.

The earliest members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences include founders John Adams, John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton, among many others. The academy maintains a collection of acceptance letters from its inductees.

Alexander Hamilton’s letter said in part, “I entertain too high and respectful opinion of that Society not to esteem myself particularly flattered by so honorable a mark of their distinction.”

New members were inducted in ceremonies in September in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

—Melissa Castro Wyatt



Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King Jr., Georgia O’Keeffe and Willa Cather.

Noting the month of the announcement, Gulati, who was in India when he heard the news, said simply, “I’m still not convinced this is not an elaborate April Fools’ Day joke.”

Retired UVA faculty member Cora Diamond, University Professor Emerita and the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor Emerita of Philosophy, was also elected to the academy. Diamond held a joint appointment at the Law School in addition to the College and Gradu-



## DISABILITY, ANTIDISCRIMINATION EXPERT ALICE ABROKWA JOINS FACULTY

**ALICE ABROKWA, A U.S. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LAWYER** with expertise in disability law, health law and antidiscrimination law, joined the Law School faculty this summer.

Abrokwa, who is teaching Civil Procedure and Pain and the Law this school year, brings a wealth of experience as a public interest lawyer to the Law School. She most recently served as senior counsel at the Education Department, a presidentially appointed position, working on matters under the jurisdiction of the Office for Civil Rights. Abrokwa has been a senior attorney for the National Center for Youth Law, a trial attorney with the Disability Rights Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and a Skadden Fellow with the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law.

"She has a deep practice background, she's a really smart and talented lawyer, but she's also theoretically ambitious and reads broadly and draws on research across multiple disciplines, including public health, medicine, other social sciences, social theory and law," said Professor Joy Milligan, who served on the faculty appointments committee last year. "So I'm really thrilled that she's coming."

Milligan added that Abrokwa "is someone who I think students are going to gravitate toward. ... I think she's going to be a star in the classroom as well as in scholarship."

Abrokwa, a Harvard Law School graduate, is currently an annual fellow for Harvard's Project on Disability. In addition to her J.D., she holds a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and a B.A. in public and international affairs from Princeton University.

After graduating from Harvard, she clerked for Judge James R. Spencer in the Eastern District of Virginia and for Judge Roger L. Gregory of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Growing up in Auburn, Alabama, Abrokwa said she was "quite focused on fairness for children and youth," and began law school expecting to work in the juvenile delinquency system as a lawyer representing children and young adults. An internship with a nonprofit now called the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights changed her trajectory.



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"I had an experience my second summer of law school where I worked at a juvenile public defender's office that had a holistic approach to defense," she said, "And that got me really thinking about mental health as an important intervention point in the lives of the same population of vulnerable and marginalized children and youth."

Abrokwa's everyday experiences working on behalf of clients inform her scholarship and an academic approach that bridges the practical and theoretical. She has worked on behalf of individual students and on impact litigation to help students receive mental health services outside school, in home- and community-based settings.

"I litigated a class action that was about improving the children's mental-health system more broadly for Medicaid-eligible children and making sure that [these children] weren't cycling in and out of institutions [and] were getting what [they] needed—at home, in school and in [the] community—more comprehensively."

Abrokwa said turning to academia will allow her to dive more deeply into questions that came up in her work as a lawyer.

"In a particular case, you have to focus on what your client needs and what the facts of the case are, so one thing I am really looking forward to in academia is the ability to take a step back and think through theoretical questions that may not arise commonly in litigation," she said. "Testing the bounds of the law, thinking through theoretical questions is another way of shaping legal outcomes broadly and at a high level of impact, regardless of whether

you're able to do that in an individual litigation."

As a disability rights lawyer, Abrokwa's work has touched on everything from employment law to education to policing and, central throughout, "a set of civil rights" for people with disabilities across systems and contexts. She said she has long been interested in serving the greater good.

"One of the highest and greatest uses of something as powerful as a legal education is to use it to serve the public," she said. "I've been really honored to be able to do that through litigation and through policy work. It's really fulfilling for me."

—Mary Wood

## FINANCE, EMPIRICAL LAW SCHOLAR EDWIN HU JOINS FACULTY

**EDWIN "EDDY" HU, AN EMPIRICAL LAW AND FINANCE EXPERT,** joined the Law School faculty this summer.

With a background in applied computational math, economics, finance and law, Hu most recently served as a postdoctoral fellow at New York University School of Law, where he was affiliated with the Institute for Corporate Governance & Finance. His current research and writing is focused on financial advisers, institutional voting and equity market structure.

Hu earned a Ph.D. in finance from Rice University in 2016 and joined the Securities and Exchange Commission as a financial economist the same year.

While there, Hu "saw firsthand how our market's most consequential policy decisions were so often made by lawyers and, in particular, the commissioners of the agency," he said.

He then served as chief economist and counsel to SEC Commissioner Robert J. Jackson Jr. from 2018 to 2020, who further piqued his interest in "the legal side of things" and in pursuing a career in legal academia. Jackson, now back at NYU as a law professor, has served as Hu's primary mentor and co-authored two papers with him.

"Eddy is that rare scholar who combines rigorous empirical analysis with careful study of the institutions that make financial markets work," Jackson said. "But what makes him truly unique is that his work has already had enormous impact on the policies that protect everyday investors in those markets, which is why the White House and SEC alike have sought his advice."

After his work at the SEC, Hu attended law school at NYU, where he was a Furman Scholar and was awarded the Law and Economics Prize, and the Order of the Coif Gasaway Award for best student paper on the topic. NYU's Furman Academic Program is designed to train future law professors. In 2022, Hu worked at the White House National Economic Council, where he advised on financial regulatory reforms.

"We saw him present at the American Economics Association annual meeting the year before he went on the teaching market, and I think we all perceived he was going to be a star in the market," said Professor Joshua Fischman, who led the Law School's faculty hiring committee last year and directs the school's Center for Public Law and Political Economy.

"We were very lucky to get him."

In addition to his policy work, Hu has published three articles—in the *Journal of Financial Economics*, the *Journal of Financial Intermediation* and the *Stanford Law Review*—and has another two undergoing peer review and four working papers (see p. 42).

His research has shaped national policy debates about our capital markets, with work featured prominently across major media outlets, including *The Atlantic*, *Bloomberg*, *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and the front page of *The Wall Street Journal*.

"When I graduated from college with a degree in economics and applied computational math, it was basically the depth of the recession, so I wanted to get a Ph.D. to learn more about how the markets work," Hu said. "I decided to go into government in part to understand the market failures that led to the recession and work on preventing the next one. But I realized that a lot of research wasn't getting translated to policymaking audiences, so I wanted to produce research and writing that policymakers

can actually use."

The hiring committee appreciated that Hu's papers "closely informed" new regulations issued by the SEC and the Department of Labor, Fischman said.

Hu earned two bachelor's degrees, in economics and applied computational math, from the University of Washington before earning his master's degree and Ph.D. at Rice.

He said he was attracted to UVA Law in part by the John W. Glynn Jr. Law & Business Program, which offers students a host of specialized business law courses to prepare them to better serve corporate clients, work in-house or start businesses of their own. He has previously taught corporate finance to MBA students at Rice. Hu will teach Corporations in the spring semester at UVA.

"Eddy is a rigorous scholar intent on studying—and learning—from the world around him, seeking to make our markets a safe place to plan for families' futures," Jackson said. "In this way, he is a perfect fit for Virginia's renowned corporate and securities law community, which has been shaping scholarship and policy in the field for decades."

—Melissa Castro Wyatt





# JAFFE '01 WINS UNIVERSITY'S PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



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WHEN CALE JAFFE '01 FIRST STARTED working with community partners to help preserve a historic Black schoolhouse in Cumberland, Virginia, he didn't realize one of the biggest public services he would be performing would be the simple act of listening.

The ongoing battle to prevent a 1,200-acre landfill from being built adjacent to the Pine Grove School helped earn Jaffe, an environmental law professor at the Law School, one of UVA's two Excellence in Public Service awards this year.

Muriel Miller Branch, the founder of the AMMD Pine Grove Project, the lead community organization aiming to preserve the school, wrote a letter supporting his nomination and noting the value of feeling heard.

"For the first time, our rural, poor, historically Black community felt as though someone was paying attention to us; finally valuing our voices, our history and culture; and appreciating what our ancestors had built (school and community) against the backdrop of unspeakable civil and human rights odds," Branch wrote.

The Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic "has become our staunchest advocate for environmental, social and racial justice," she added.

Since taking on the project in 2019, Jaffe has brought together other advocacy groups, including the Southern Environmental Law Center and the Virginia Poverty Law Center, "to join forces to use law and the grit of community to stop the landfill from being sited in the Pine Grove Community," as Branch put it.

Jaffe joined UVA Law in 2016 to lead a newly reorganized Environmental and Regulatory Law Clinic, working with students to partner with the Sierra Club and the Virginia Energy Efficiency Council, among other public-interest clients. When he noticed that students tended to think of those cases as "our" cases—meaning, the clinic's cases—he reorganized and renamed the clinic in 2020 to emphasize the client's and public's role in the matter: It became the Environmental Law and Community Engagement Clinic.

"I accepted the [Pine Grove] case into the clinic because I wanted to give students the chance to work directly with a community and make sure the community's stories were elevated and cherished as an incredible monument to strength in the face of segregation, Jim Crow persecution and discrimination," Jaffe said.

From its dedication in 1917 to its closure in 1964, Pine Grove served rural Black families when children of color were barred from attending all-white public schools. The school produced accomplished graduates that include Branch (an award-winning author), a former commonwealth's attorney and a senior executive at Aetna. The project's founders wanted that record preserved and celebrated as much as they wanted to defeat the landfill.

Over the past four years, Jaffe's clinic students have drafted documents to support the school's listing on the National Register of Historic Places and helped get it on the National Trust for Historic

Preservation's list of Most Endangered Places. They also collaborated with UVA's School of Architecture to develop a health impact assessment report to help federal and state regulators understand the value of both the school and the surrounding community.

Most recently, the school was featured in an 18-minute documentary, "Pine Grove: More Than A School," produced in collaboration with UVA Law's Program in Law, Communities, and the Environment (PLACE), which Jaffe co-directs with Professor Richard C. Schragger, and Departure Point Films. Professor Michael A. Livermore, who previously directed the PLACE program, is the film's executive producer. The short has been screened at the Law School, at the Moton Museum in Farmville and at a handful of film festivals, including the Virginia Film Festival.

"If you're a hammer, you see every problem is a nail; if you're a litigator, you see every problem as litigation," Jaffe said. "By listening, we saw the opportunity to help translate the community's story into a form that will resonate in the environmental permitting process or in the legal process if that comes later."

The threat posed by the landfill remains, and the clinic continues to work with the project to preserve the school and the community's history.

But, as Jaffe put it in an email exchange with Branch, he "pledge[s] to keep listening," to make sure the clinic's work is impeccable.

—Melissa Castro Wyatt

# Professors' Scholarship Among 10 Best Corporate Law Articles

PROFESSORS KRISTEN EICHENSEHR AND CATHY HWANG'S paper analyzing the growing role of national security in corporate transactions has been named one of the top 10 corporate and securities law articles of 2023.

In a poll conducted for Corporate Practice Commentator, Eichensehr and Hwang's fellow academics chose the paper "National Security Creep in Corporate Transactions" from among more than 400 entries, marking the fifth time Hwang's papers have

defense contractors," Eichensehr and Hwang write. "In recent years, however, it has reviewed hundreds of transactions a year, blocked several, and, via presidential order, ordered deals to be unwound after they have closed."

For example, the federal government has ordered a Chinese company to unwind its acquisition of the data app Grindr, blocked a joint venture between a U.S. robotics company and its Chinese partner, and

barred U.S. entities from investing in companies linked to China's military and surveillance industry.

Eichensehr and Hwang presented their paper at the 2022 Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum.

Corporate Practice Commentator is a set of journals featuring articles written on all aspects of corporate law. The articles poll began in 1994. Past polls have also recognized Professors Michal Barzuza, Quinn Curtis, George S. Geis, Edmund W. Kitch and Paul G. Mahoney.

Eichensehr is the David H. Ibbeken '71 Research Professor of Law and a senior fellow at the Miller Center. She writes and teaches about cybersecurity, foreign relations, international law and national security law.

Hwang's research and teaching focus on business law, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate contracts and corporate governance.

The same poll recognized four other articles by Hwang as among the top 10 over the years: "Cleaning Corporate Governance" in 2022, "Shadow Governance" in 2021, "Deal Momentum" in 2018 and "Unbundled Bargains: Multi-Agreement Dealmaking in Complex Mergers and Acquisitions" in 2017.

—Mike Fox



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been lauded by this poll. Hwang is among the top five authors recognized in the poll over the past five years.

The paper, published in the Columbia Law Review, discusses the expanded government review of cross-border investments for potential national security issues. Some of that "creep" has been driven by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, an interagency committee in the executive branch that reviews foreign investment in the U.S. for national security concerns.

"Historically, CFIUS reviewed a small number of deals a year, ordering mitigation measures in deals with obvious national security implications, such as foreign government-controlled investments in U.S.



## IN MEMORIAM

# Professor Emeritus Charles J. Goetz

## Economist Innovated on Contracts

**PROFESSOR EMERITUS CHARLES J. GOETZ**, a pioneering economist at the Law School who reshaped the field of contracts, died Oct. 16. He was 85.

Goetz earned his Ph.D. in economics at UVA in 1965 while studying under future Nobel Prize winners Ronald Coase and James M. Buchanan. He served as a professor at the University of Illinois and Virginia Tech before joining UVA Law as its first full-time non-lawyer faculty member in 1975. At the time, only the law schools at Yale and the University of Chicago featured an economist on their faculty.

Goetz, partnering with then-UVA Law professor and eventual Dean Robert E. Scott, wrote seminal works that changed scholars' understanding of contracts.

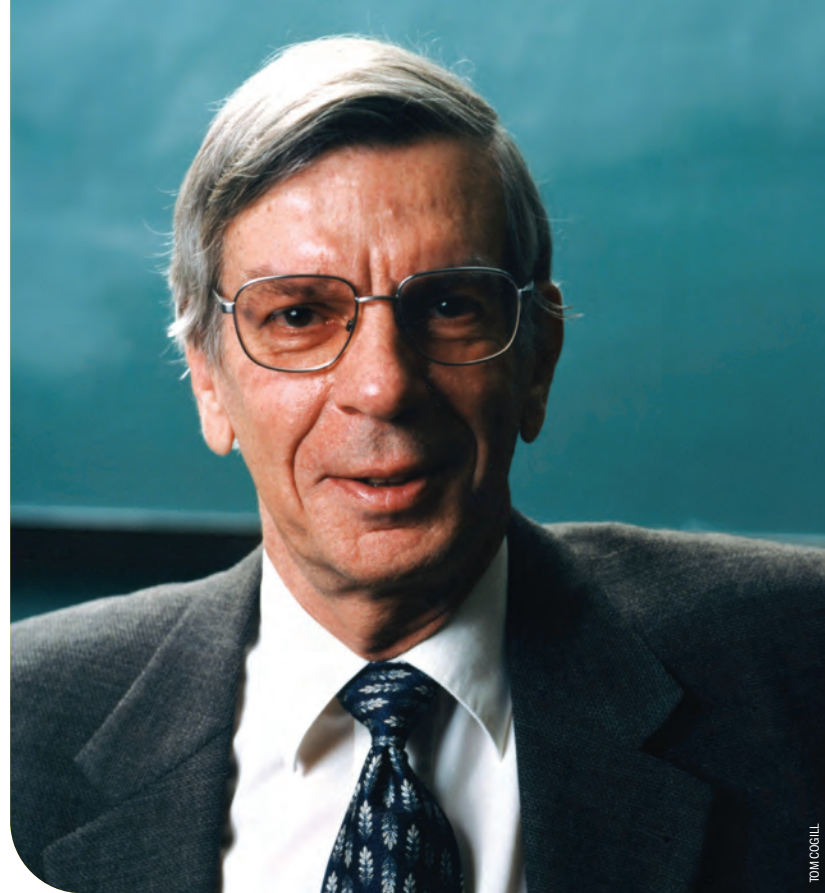
"Charlie was unique among the group of economists who joined the leading American law schools in the 1970s," said Scott, now the Alfred McCormack Professor Emeritus of Law at Columbia Law School. "He intuitively understood the questions that lawyers, unlike economists, were interested in pursuing. He was able to translate economic intuitions into legal doctrine because he understood the legal system and its complexity didn't translate perfectly into economic precepts. Rather, economic principles could illuminate the underlying logic of legal rules, especially in areas like contracts where the rules were mediated by economic forces."

In a 2006 interview marking his retirement, Goetz said that when he first joined the UVA Law faculty there was some apprehension among his new colleagues about an economist joining their ranks: "I think that probably there was a segment of the faculty that thought this was letting the devil in by the back door."

At the time, applying economics to law was pioneered by more conservative academics, just as Keynesian economics was pioneered by left-leaning academics in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Eventually, Goetz said in the interview, "People began to see it was just a tool of legal reasoning. It didn't really have any ideological tinge to it."

By the end of his career, economic concepts had become embedded across many fields of law.

Born in Brooklyn in 1939, Goetz was a champion cross-country and distance track runner at Bishop



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Loughlin Memorial High School. He earned his bachelor's degree at Providence College, where he served as editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper.

In 1964-65, Goetz was a NATO postdoctoral fellow at the University of Pavia, Italy. At Virginia Tech, he oversaw the school's graduate economics program and seemed destined to lead the department, Goetz said, when he was lured away by UVA.

He "was determined to learn enough law so that he would not be an economist on a law faculty, but a law professor who happened to be an economist," Professor Paul Mahoney wrote in a Virginia Journal Festschrift article celebrating Goetz and Scott's collaboration.

In 1984, Goetz became the first person to write a casebook on law and economics. He also co-authored a casebook on antitrust law with his former economics student Fred McChesney, then a law professor at Northwestern University.

In addition to those subjects, Goetz taught Modern Methods of Proof, which drew on his experience as a consultant to litigators and an expert witness. In that role, he advised on everything from the \$7 billion International Uranium Cartel litigation case in 1980 to a local pro bono case of a lawsuit involving vermiculite mining in Louisa County, Virginia.

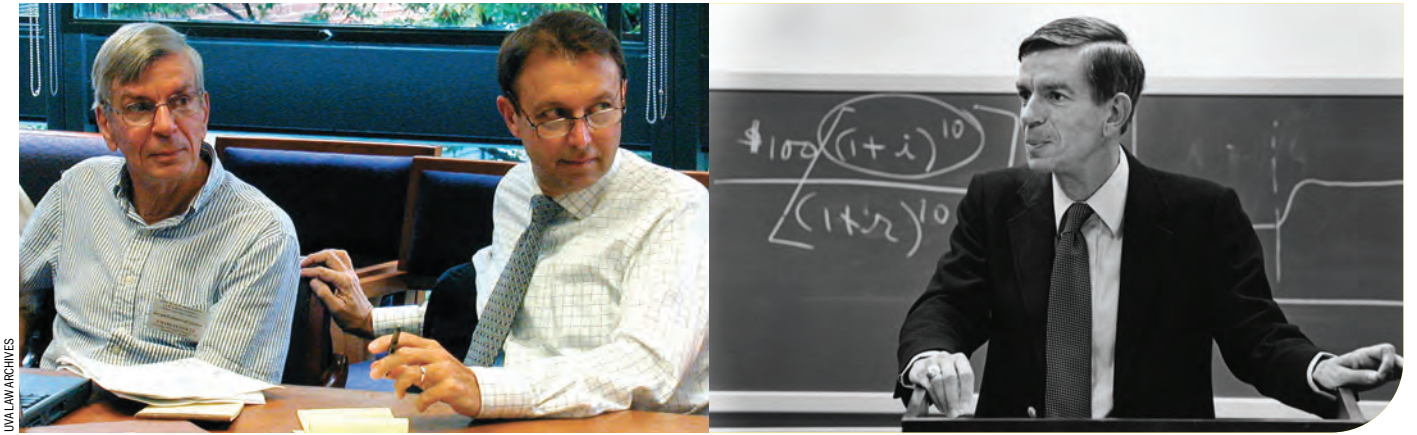
The course taught students how to use tools that were new at the time—computers, video, simulations and statistical analysis—to convince juries.

He put those same technical skills to use for the Law School, writing code for the Career Services and Student Records offices in the 1980s to help schedule on-Grounds interviews around classes—at the time, they coincided during the school year.

Goetz's most influential work often came through

**"I think that probably there was a segment of the faculty that thought this was letting the devil in by the back door."**

—Professor Charles J. Goetz, describing joining the law faculty as an economist.



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his partnership with Scott.

As Goetz recalled in 2006, he heard Scott arguing with another professor that liquidated damages clauses have a purpose.

"I remember at one point jumping up and saying, 'Bob Scott's right, and what's more, I can prove it.'"

The resulting article, "Liquidated Damages, Penalties and the Just Compensation Principle: Some Notes on an Enforcement Model and a Theory of Efficient Breach," was published by the Columbia Law Review in 1977.

As Mahoney wrote in the Virginia Journal, "The article not only considerably enhanced the sophistication of the debate over liquidated damages, but employed a heuristic device that scholars draw on frequently. This was the ingenious idea that a contract might have an embedded, although non-obvious, insurance provision. Subsequent scholars would find embedded options and other financial instruments in seemingly mundane contractual provisions."

Mahoney said you could measure the partnering scholars' success over the course of many articles by how obvious their points seem today.

"[T]hey were far from obvious in the late 1970s and early 1980s, when the articles were written. Indeed, at that time many of Goetz and Scott's analyses seemed quite radical," Mahoney wrote. "But today they have become, quite literally, part of the vocabulary of contract law scholarship."

Scott added that Goetz "was a gentle and gracious soul."

"He was unfailingly generous in crediting me with ideas that really came from him," he said. "As he said at a Festschrift that [now Stanford Law School Dean] George Triantis organized in 2002 at UVA, our partnership was 'optimal.' I will miss him dearly."

Professor George Cohen, who joined the UVA Law faculty in 1993, called Goetz's work with Scott "pathbreaking."

It "greatly affected and continues to influence the way I think, teach and write about contracts," Cohen said. "His casebooks on law and economics and antitrust were both highly innovative. Charlie was a great colleague, with a razor-sharp intellect combined with humility, a great sense of humor and a positive outlook. He was one of the many people

who helped make UVA Law School a special place when I arrived here over 30 years ago."

Goetz served on the board of editors for the Review of Constitutional Political Economy and as a reviewer for various professional journals. He also taught economics courses to judges through the Law School's former LL.M. program for judges, and in programs for the federal judiciary under the auspices of the Federal Judicial Center and of the George Mason University Law and Economics Center.

Students appreciated Goetz's ability to open up new ways of looking at the law.

Ilonka Aylward '01, a family law attorney who took several classes with the economist, compared the experience to finally seeing the hidden picture, such as a puppy, in a Magic Eye image.

"Once you go through Professor Goetz's classes, the world seems less like a senseless collection of unrelated dots, and more like a puppy," she said in 2006. "For students contemplating legal careers, his training gives the ability to make sense of the law. In that sense, it does not matter what class he happens to teach—you can take antitrust from him and acquire tools indispensable for the practice of family law."

Burton Spivak '87, counsel with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, said in the article about Goetz's retirement that his first-year Contracts class with the professor "was a case study in how to read and apply the law with intelligence, creativity and imagination to the facts that you were dealt. It was a fabulous first-year learning experience."

While energetic in his role as a scholar and teacher, Goetz also packed much into his life outside of work. In addition to being married for 56 years to his wife, Judy, until her death in 2018, he was an avid traveler and runner, and completed the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., and the Boston Marathon. Also a race officiator, he served as head of officials for the NCAA cross-country championship in 1987. The couple had three sons together, including Chuck Goetz '88.

Goetz retired as the Joseph M. Hartfield Professor of Law Emeritus and most recently lived in Baltimore, where he spent time with his partner of five years, Nancy Hulse. His family is planning a memorial service for February.

—Mary Wood

Goetz and then-UVA Law professor Robert E. Scott participate in a Festschrift on their work in 2002.

Goetz teaches at the Law School in 1981.



# ENRIGHT '92 HELPS EXONERATE MAN OF SHENANDOAH KILLINGS

**YEARS AFTER DARRELL RICE** was wrongly accused of a double murder, his legal team claims the government's efforts to falsely incriminate him point to the need for reform.

"From the beginning, the government manipulated the evidence against Rice, and in some cases fabricated evidence," said Gerald Zerkin, Rice's longtime attorney.

Zerkin and UVA Law professor Deirdre Enright '92 held a press conference June 24 at the Law School after the FBI announced that DNA evidence recovered from items

15 years, until 2021. In 2001, Rice—who at the time was serving an 11-year prison sentence, having pleaded guilty to the attempted abduction of a female cyclist in Shenandoah National Park in 1998—was charged with capital murder in the deaths of Williams and Winans.

Enright and Zerkin say the government failed to properly investigate the crime and conspired to frame Rice for the two killings and others.

Enright said in addition to failing to properly test the evidence, the government placed a paid informant in Rice's cell

on June 20, the FBI reported the team recently tested evidence and found a positive match, linking the items to Walter "Leo" Jackson Sr., a convicted rapist originally from Ohio, who died in prison in 2018.

Both Zerkin and Enright have publicly questioned why the evidence was not tested sooner and why other theories or leads were ignored, including a waitress who, Zerkin said, placed the victims at a park lodge at a time that differs from the authorities' timeline.

The prosecutor originally claimed Rice "intentionally selected his victims because



Professor Deirdre Enright '92 joins Gerald Zerkin, Darrell Rice's longtime attorney, at a press conference at the Law School on June 24.

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found at the crime scene cleared Rice of the 1996 murders of Julianne "Julie" Williams, 24, and Laura "Lollie" Winans, 26. The women's bodies were discovered in the Shenandoah National Park.

On July 5, just days after the press conference, Rice was killed by an automobile while riding his bike.

For years, Enright had worked alongside Zerkin to clear Rice's name. The case inspired her to help launch and lead the Innocence Project at UVA Law for

to try to gain, with no success, a confession from him for years.

"He (the informant) wrote to Darrell for years, visited him, trying to get a confession out of him," said Enright, who directs the school's Center for Criminal Justice and is leader of its Project for Informed Reform.

In 2021, 25 years after the murders occurred, an FBI team in Richmond began reviewing evidence from the crime scene in Shenandoah National Park. In a statement

of his hatred of women and homosexuals." More recently, authorities have admitted there is no evidence of anti-LGBT bias in this case.

Enright said without changes to the legal system, similar situations could happen again.

"There's no undoing the damage that's been done to [Rice]," she said. And "there's no mechanism in place to prevent things like this happening again."

—Zeina Mohammed

# BAYEFSKY'S BOOK CALLS FOR GREATER JUDICIAL RECOGNITION OF DIGNITY

**A NEW BOOK FROM** Professor Rachel Bayefsky explores a subject that is central to the human experience but, when applied to the law, can raise challenging questions: dignity.

Bayefsky first became interested in the concept of dignity while pursuing a D.Phil. in political theory at the University of Oxford prior to attending law school.

"Dignity and Judicial Authority," which was published by Oxford University Press as part of the series "Theoretical Perspectives in Law," makes the case for why discussions of dignity belong not just in philosophical debates but also in legal proceedings.

Dignity is "an important moral force in people's personal lives and in social movements. Formal legal recognition allows key societal institutions to better reflect this reality," Bayefsky said.

Bayefsky, whose research focuses on constitutional law, federal courts, civil procedure and legal theory, concentrates on the questions of how the law does and should protect dignity, and what role judges ought to play in promoting it.

"Dignity interests me because it is widely thought to be very significant, without agreement on why that is true or even on what it is," Bayefsky said. "It can be understood in many different ways. But complexity doesn't mean the concept is incoherent."

In her view, dignity includes three features: respect for status, the absence of domination and control over one's self-presentation to others. She calls this account "relational dignity." Bayefsky's framework differs from a common definition of dignity as the inherent worth that each person possesses simply by being human.

To Bayefsky, relational dignity is preferable because it is tied to the concrete realization of dignity in actual social circumstances.

Bayefsky applies her definition to various specific areas of law. One is constitutional standing doctrine, which treats "injury in fact" as a prerequisite for entry to federal court. It can seem

clear that damage has been done when someone is hurt in a physical or financial way. But when an individual's dignity is harmed, courts may have trouble evaluating the damage. Bayefsky argues that dignitary harms—such as those arising from privacy violations or from



government action excluding members of religious or racial groups—should nevertheless qualify as injury in fact.

Bayefsky also delves into the topic of "dignitary torts"—for example, battery that is committed through an offensive touch rather than

physical harm. Here, judges may face the challenge of "where to draw the line," she said; they may fear that acknowledging claims of dignitary violation will lead to unlimited liability.

More generally, judges may not want to wade into controversial disputes about whose dignity has been harmed. For instance, in debates over affirmative action, abortion and religious liberty, parties on multiple sides claim the mantle of dignity. So, identifying and rectifying dignitary violations poses challenges for judicial legitimacy and raises fundamental issues about the proper judicial role.

Regardless of the difficulties surrounding the definition and recognition of dignity, Bayefsky maintains that judges will not be able to avoid such problems by ignoring them.

"Judges are going to take actions that have an impact on people's dignity, even if they prefer otherwise. The question is whether they can do that in a structured and productive way," she said.

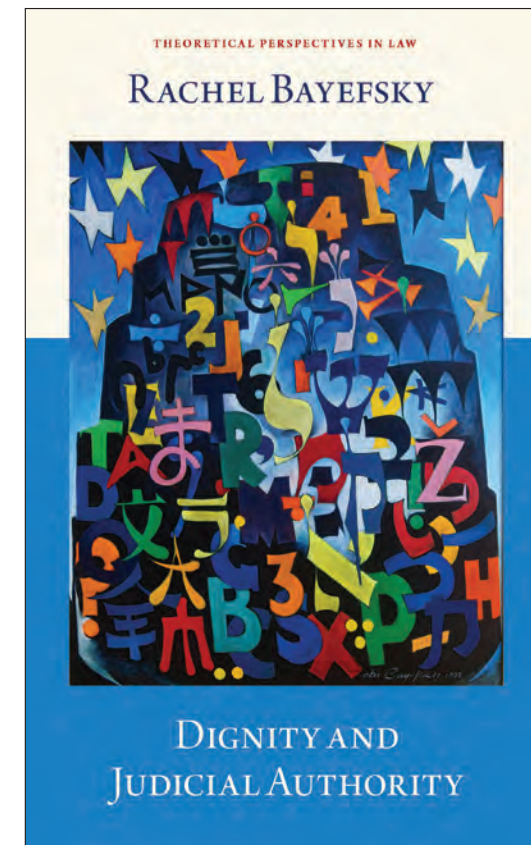
In the book, Bayefsky additionally considers remedies for the aggrieved.

"It seems straightforward for courts to issue remedies that do something physically to change your circumstances or that cause money to change hands. But what if courts issue relief that has an effect primarily by making a statement? Or what

if courts mandate an apology? That could be a dignitary remedy, because it could change your social status," Bayefsky said.

For some, a court-mandated apology would be ineffective because it would not be sincere. The book argues, however, that even an insincere apology is a social act that can vindicate a victim's dignity independent of the contents of the perpetrator's heart.

Bayefsky accepts that judicial recognition of dignity can be limited, including by factors like efficiency. But, she says, dignitary remedies should be part of a judge's toolkit. Furthermore, taking dignity into account "deepens our understanding of what courts can do."



"I hope this book can foster further conversation about the role that dignity plays in judicial systems and about how judges can more effectively integrate dignity into their rulings," she said. "I also hope my work can contribute to the conceptual debate about what dignity actually means."

—Josette Corazza



# CAHN'S NEW BOOK 'HOT FLASH' EXAMINES MENOPAUSE THROUGH A LEGAL LENS

**AFTER WRITING AN ARTICLE ON MENOPAUSE AND THE LAW** three years ago, UVA Law professor Naomi Cahn realized there was enough material to fill a book.

"Hot Flash: How the Law Ignores Menopause and What We Can Do About It" by Cahn, Emily Gold Waldman and Bridget J. Crawford, was published by the Stanford University Press on Oct. 29.

"There is a lack of knowledge about what menopause is, and the fact that it's a naturally occurring process," Cahn said. Menopause is the natural cessation of menstruation that usually occurs between the ages of 45 and 55. In U.S. law, however, employees' rights and employers' obligations for workers experiencing menopause are unclear, as Cahn

and her co-authors have written about.

Cahn co-directs the Family Law Center and is the Justice Anthony M. Kennedy Distinguished Professor of Law and Armistead M. Dobie Professor of Law. She has previously authored books about family law, women and the economy, politics in families and more.

When Cahn first discussed the book idea with her co-authors and Pace University law professors Waldman, the associate dean for faculty development, and Crawford, a University Distinguished Professor, the trio debated whether it was possible to write a book on menopause. When they first started collaborating in 2021, menopause as a legal issue garnered considerably less attention than it does today.

But today, they feel "there is still so much more to say—about subjects such as race and culture, and the future of health care treatments and public education campaigns," Cahn said. "Now, you have people like Oprah Winfrey and Michelle Obama talking about it. The White House is issuing policy papers and briefing documents saying, 'We need to pay more attention to this issue.'"

It wasn't always that way. Historically, silence and stigmas surrounding menopause have created conditions where bias and discrimination proliferate in places ranging from courtrooms to breakrooms.

"There is a stereotype that menopause is associated with less mental acuity," Cahn explained.

In the book, which explores stereotypes surrounding menopause and the way it is treated in law and medicine, she and her colleagues delve into historical illustrations of the issue.

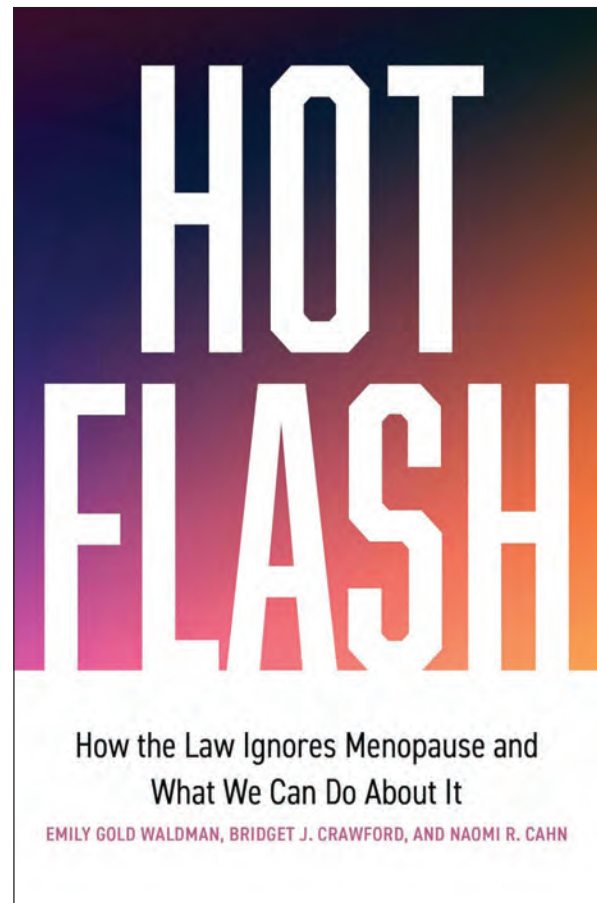
In the 1960s, for example, airlines tried to limit the age of female flight attendants. Airline directors argued that the changes associated with menopause could interfere with the attendants' performance. In the early 1900s, some civil case defendants used the menopause defense, which argued that women of menopausal age could not display sound judgment.

That maneuver was used against plaintiffs over the age of 35 in workers' compensation cases. Employers would claim that whatever complaint an employee had made was based on the effects of menopause, as opposed to anything having to do with actual workplace conditions. The menopause defense was also used in negligence, divorce and tort cases.

Legal issues surrounding menopause still exist today in employment law, privacy protections, health care research and in other contexts.

A market the authors dub "menopause capitalism" is emerging, evident in digital apps that feed off the hunger for menopause information and treatment. Cahn argues that better regulation of the menopause industry is necessary to ensure the protection of consumer data.

In "Hot Flash," Cahn, Crawford and Waldman call for public education campaigns to teach both laymen and medical students about the process, as well as more research on menopause treatments, the inclusion of people of menopausal age in clinical trials and consideration of



menopause in workplace policy.

Even something as seemingly simple as the uniform employees are required to wear at work can affect a menopausal individual.

"There should be flexibility in uniform requirements to benefit all employees, accounting for different physical conditions, including the hot flashes associated with menopause," Cahn explained. To the extent workplaces can accommodate different schedules, they should adapt to those experiencing menopausal symptoms, much as is now required under the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. She and her co-authors argue that leave should be available for those enduring the physical effects of menopause, which can include symptoms such as headaches and dizziness.

"The law has a role to play in helping dissolve the stigma both within and outside of the workplace," she said.

Cahn and her colleagues call for workers' ability to take legal action against discrimination based on menopause, improved publicity surrounding potential menopause treatments, a higher number of clinical trials to explore data collection and new forms of health care, and increased funding for public education.

"We aren't calling to mandate that medical schools offer certain curricula, but there need to be strong policy statements about the need to address menopause in health care training," she explained.

She and her colleagues hope that "Hot Flash" will help influence public conversation and direct more attention to the legal issues surrounding menopause.

"Even as we were writing the book, it became difficult to keep up with related developments," Cahn said. "Because the good news is the menopause field is changing quickly and dramatically."

Cahn hopes people will realize menopause is not something to be dreaded, as it is often portrayed.

"There is a great moment in the TV show 'Fleabag' in which one of the characters says, '[Menopause] is the most wonderful ... thing in the world.' It's liberating."

—Josette Corazza

## Faculty Teach Judicial Fellows About the Rule of Law



Professor Mila Versteeg teaches Judicial Fellows.

**JUDGES FROM AROUND THE WORLD** gathered at the Law School in October to learn more about the rule of law from faculty.

Professors Juliet Hatchett '15, Mila Versteeg and G. Edward White spoke to 20 Judicial Fellows about constitutionalism and facets of U.S. jurisprudence, including its adversarial system of criminal justice, civil rights, victims' rights, anti-corruption and the judiciary's intersections with the military and legislative branches of government, according to a press release.

The Judicial Fellowship Program, presented in partnership by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Presidential Precinct, is

designed to strengthen legal systems in foreign countries by building a cadre of judicial leaders, the organizations say.

The fellows, comprised of federal magistrates, supreme court judges and legal educators, come from 13 countries.

"The program will show how the rule of law can be achieved and upheld in many different contexts," said Duy Nghia Pham, a fellow who is a professor and arbitrator from Vietnam, in the press release. "I believe in the courts as reliable institutions, even for the most vulnerable, and we have many methods to learn from one another as we seek to protect that."

—Mike Fox



# Frost Assesses Proposals for SUPREME COURT TERM LIMITS, CONDUCT CODE

**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN RECENTLY OUTLINED** a series of policies to reshape the U.S. Supreme Court, including 18-year term limits for justices and a binding code of conduct. Professor Amanda Frost says changes are needed, but one reform might require a constitutional amendment.

Frost is the David Lurton Masee, Jr., Professor of Law, John A. Ewald Jr. Research Professor of Law and co-director of the school's Immigration, Migration and Human Rights Program.

She writes and teaches in the fields of immigration and citizenship law, federal courts and jurisdiction, and judicial ethics. Her scholarship has been cited by over a dozen federal and state courts, and she has been invited to testify on the topics of her articles before both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees.

## COULD THERE BE A CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE TO TERM LIMITS OR AN ETHICS CODE?

Yes. The arguments in favor of the constitutionality of an ethics code are very strong, though it depends a bit on how that code is structured. Congress has long exercised authority to regulate the way in which the Supreme Court operates—including setting a quorum, setting the date on which the court starts each year's term, requiring recusals in cases of bias and requiring reporting of gifts and income. Nothing in the Constitution's text prohibits such regulation of the justices and the operation of the court. To the contrary, the Constitution requires that Congress enact legislation to establish the court and sets the rules for its operation. In addition, the lower federal court judges are already subject to an ethics code which has long been considered constitutional. For all those reasons, as long as an ethics code did not interfere with the court's decisional independence by penalizing justices for their decisions, then it would be constitutional.

Term limits seem constitutionally problematic because the Constitution provides that the justices "shall hold their offices during good behavior." Some argue that the term "office" is capacious enough to permit Congress to require that after 18 years justices stop hearing cases and engage in other judicial duties (administrative duties or sitting on lower courts) because that would not deprive them of their "offices." But I believe shifting the justices from deciding cases to administrative tasks is at odds with the spirit of the life-tenure provision, and so any change would require a constitutional amendment.

It also is worth noting that the Supreme Court itself would be the ultimate decision-maker on the constitutionality of legislation like this—though if there was lots of public support for these laws the court might find it difficult to invalidate them.

## WHAT WOULD A WORKABLE BINDING CODE OF CONDUCT LOOK LIKE?

Ideally, it would include a mechanism for submitting

complaints and a method for quickly dismissing frivolous complaints. For complaints with some substance to them, the law should require a rotating group of judges or justices to investigate and determine whether there has been a violation. Sanctions can follow the model



already established in the Judicial Conduct and Disability Act (which currently applies only to lower federal court judges). Examples of sanctions include public statement of censure, private censure, requiring a justice to undergo a training (for example, training related to managing office staff), requiring a public statement of apology, recommending articles of impeachment, etc.

## WHAT IS THE PATH FOR ENACTING SUCH REFORMS, AND IS IT LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For an ethics code, the ordinary legislative process. But term limits likely needs a constitutional amendment. I could envision an ethics code eventually being enacted into law, even though I don't think it is likely to happen soon. A constitutional amendment putting term limits in place would be much harder, though I also think that is the more important of the two proposed reforms.

## ARE THERE OTHER REFORMS YOU WOULD SUGGEST FOR THE SUPREME COURT?

I suggest that presidents and the Senate ask nominees to commit to retiring after 18 years; even if it is not binding, I think it is helpful to get a nominee to publicly state that he or she will retire after 18 years. I also suggest Congress legislate to give the court less control over its docket and require it to meet in Washington, D.C., more often—all changes that would encourage retirement and make the job more difficult and less palatable for an aging justice.

—Mike Fox

# Prakash's Paper Explores 'RADICAL CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE'

**THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IS UNDERGOING A REVOLUTION—** and it's happened before, says UVA Law professor Saikrishna Prakash in a new paper.

"Radical Constitutional Change," co-authored with Harvard University professor Cass R. Sunstein, examines how and why such shifts occur—and why one is happening now under Chief Justice John Roberts. They explore how top-down approaches from "legal elites" and bottom-up pressures from the public play a role in such change, with the Supreme Court embracing new doctrines and discarding once-settled principles.

Prakash is the James Monroe Distinguished Professor of Law and the Albert Clark Tate, Jr., Professor of Law. He teaches Constitutional Law, Foreign Relations Law and Presidential Powers at the Law School, and is a senior fellow at UVA's Miller Center. He is the author of two books, "The Living Presidency: An Originalist Argument Against Its Ever-Expanding Powers" and "Imperial from the Beginning: The Constitution of the Original Executive." He recently discussed findings from the new paper.

## WHAT INSPIRED YOU AND CASS SUNSTEIN TO WRITE THIS PAPER?

We've seen a lot of momentous opinions coming from the Roberts court in recent years, and we've witnessed

varying reactions to those opinions. Some of the reactions suggested a level of surprise that reflects a certain unfamiliarity with how the court has radically changed course in the past. That got us thinking about constitutional theories of interpretation and radical change, and then also reactions to radical change and how people's discussions about the Constitution have varied across time.



## WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER A "RADICAL CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE"?

The paper makes it clear that the court is constantly changing its doctrines and the branches are constantly changing their practices, and most changes in isolation

aren't radical. But if there are wholesale changes in the doctrine, in practices and in the methodology, and they occur in short order, it's fair to say that there has been a radical change.

I don't know if there's a situation where you could just say "this one change" is a radical change. It's typically multiple numbers of changes over a period of time. The New Deal was a radical constitutional change. The repudiation of *Lochner*, when the Supreme Court struck down New York's maximum hours law for bakers under the idea of freedom of contract, was a radical constitutional change.

In the modern era, I think it's the court's jurisprudence with respect to substantive due process, particularly its repudiation of *Roe* and its essential repudiation of affirmative action. I think that's what led us to conclude that the court's engaged in a project of radical constitutional reformation.

## HOW DO YOU SEE THE PUBLIC AND THEN THE LAW RESPONDING TO THESE RADICAL CHANGES?

The public is not as concerned with legal theories—they're mostly focused on outcomes. Quite often, at least when the courts are deciding cases, some portion of the public likes the change and some portion of the public does not. Quite often, the court doesn't engage in radical constitutional change unless there's some sentiment in the public for it.

As we discuss in the paper, sometimes change just emanates solely from the top, the elites, and they change doctrines and change practices in radical ways that do not reflect any pressure from the public. So something like the nuances of judicial review, the unitary executive, nuances of habeas corpus, the nuances of criminal procedure—it's not obvious that a significant portion of the public is pushing for any of these changes, but the court or the political branches foster that change, nonetheless.

## DO YOU SEE ANY RADICAL CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ON THE HORIZON?

If the court stays as it is currently composed for a half-decade or more, I do suspect there'll be more changes in doctrines that will be quite consequential. A lot of federal and state affirmative action programs seem problematic under the court's Harvard case from last term, and lower courts are beginning to strike racial classifications in the affirmative action context down. They're striking them down using the Harvard case as a template. I think it'll be much harder to make a substantive due process claim given what Justice [Samuel] Alito said in *Dobbs*, and that just may bar further innovation in the realm of subsequent due process. In practice this means that it will be harder for people to advance new constitutional rights before the federal courts.

—Mike Fox



# FACULTY HONORS IN BRIEF



## CITRON Cited in Federal Reports

Professor **DANIELLE CITRON** was the most-cited author in the final report and blueprint of the White House Task Force To Address Online Harassment and Abuse, released May 15. President Joe Biden issued a presidential memorandum establishing the task force in 2022, “with a mandate to build a comprehensive approach for how the federal government prevents and addresses gender-based online harms.”

Additionally, Citron’s paper “Privacy Harms,” co-authored in 2021 with George Washington University professor Daniel J. Solove and published in the Boston University Law Review, was cited in a final rule issued April 26 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to modify regulations that safeguard patients’ protected health information.

Citron, who co-directs the school’s LawTech Center, is author of the books “The Fight for Privacy: Protecting Dignity, Identity, and Love in the Digital Age” and “Hate Crimes in Cyberspace.” She is the Jefferson Scholars Foundation Schenck Distinguished Professor in Law.

## HELLMAN To Lead American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy

Professor **DEBORAH HELLMAN** was recently named president of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy.

The ASPLP was founded to bring together scholars in political science, law and philosophy who are interested in interdisciplinary exploration of a range of problems in political and legal philosophy, according to the organization.

“This list of past presidents includes some super impressive people—Lon Fuller, John Rawls, Judith Shklar, Dennis Thompson, Joel Feinberg, Michael Walzer and Amy Gutman, among others—and so I am feeling very flattered to be asked to take on this role,” Hellman said.

Hellman is the Robert E. Scott Distinguished Professor of Law and directs the



school’s Center for Law & Philosophy. Her work focuses on equal protection law and its philosophical justification, and on the obligations of professional roles.

Additionally, Professor **MICAH SCHWARTZMAN ’05** was named the ASPLP’s secretary-treasurer. He is the Hardy Cross Dillard Professor of Law and co-directs the school’s Karsh Center for Law and Democracy.

## ABA Course Based on HARMON’S Coursebook



The American Bar Association Legal Education Police Practices Consortium, in partnership with the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, launched a course in October based on Professor **RACHEL HARMON’S** casebook “The Law of the Police.” Through the seven-module course, available through mid-December, lawyers and law students can explore laws police are asked to uphold, laws that hold police accountable, and laws that protect citizens and police during interactions, according to the ABA Journal.

“The Law of the Police,” published in 2021, is the first casebook to survey the law governing police encounters. Harmon is the Harrison Robertson Professor of Law, F. Palmer Weber Research Professor of Law, F. Palmer Weber Research Professor of Civil Liberties and Human Rights, and director of the school’s Center for Criminal Justice.

## HU’S Paper Named Best in Corporate Finance

Professor **EDWIN HU’S** co-authored working paper analyzing how shareholders use customized proxy advice has won the Northern Finance Association’s Best Paper Award in Corporate Finance.

Hu’s fellow academics chose the working paper “Custom Proxy Voting Advice,” co-authored by Boston College professor Nadya Malenko and Georgetown University professor Jonathon Zytznick, from among more



than 1,400 submissions.

Hu, a former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission economist, said that when the SEC sought to regulate proxy advisors in 2019, he felt that many of the regulations were misguided and would chill the use of proxy advice. A “proxy advisor” is a company that provides services to institutional shareholders so they can be informed when voting at company meetings. Because there are two main proxy advisors in the U.S., policymakers have raised concerns about their influence in corporate governance matters.

“This idea of companies blindly following one or two proxy advisors is really what motivated the paper,” he said, “but it turns out a lot of mutual fund companies were developing their own custom voting advice.”

## STEVENSON Named Shannon Fellow

Professor **MEGAN STEVENSON** was named one of 16 new UVA Shannon Center Mid-Career Fellows in June. Launched in 2023, the fellowship recognizes mid-career faculty who have made significant contributions to their departments and to the University. Fellows serve three-year terms.



Stevenson is an economist and criminal justice scholar. She conducts empirical research in areas such as bail, algorithmic risk assessment, misdemeanors, sentencing and juvenile justice.

## STEPHAN Earns Temple Honor

In June, Professor **PAUL B. STEPHAN ’77** was elected an Honorary Bencher of Middle Temple, the oldest of the British Inns of Court. Benchers make up the inn’s Parliament, which approves the budget and authorizes call of qualified student members to the bar.



Stephan is the John C. Jeffries, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Law and a senior fellow with UVA’s Miller Center of Public Affairs. He directs the Law School’s Center for International & Comparative Law.



After her investiture ceremony at the Law School in October, U.S. Judge **Jasmine Yoon ’06** of the Western District of Virginia posed with classmates, including Dean **Leslie Kendrick** and Yoon’s husband, U.S. Attorney **Christopher Kavanaugh**.



**EDWIN  
FOUNTAIN '90  
LEADS CHARGE IN  
NATIONAL WWI  
MEMORIAL**

# A Monumental Responsibility

By Marian Anderfuren

**SOME BATTLES REQUIRE TANKS,** bombs and ammunition; others require a good lawyer.

Edwin Fountain '90, a Law School alumnus and grandson of two World War I veterans, volunteered to join the battle to build a new national memorial to those who served in the "Great War." After a legal and logistical saga that involved wading through 46 public hearings and meetings, street protests and a bridge

collapse that snagged the mid-Atlantic's supply chain, his vision was finally realized on Sept. 13, when an expanded memorial was unveiled in Washington, D.C.

"If we had known at the outset all the steps and all the hurdles that would be involved in realizing this vision ... I'm not sure we would have had the resolution to undertake the project," Fountain wrote in prepared remarks for the dedication of the expanded memorial in Pershing Park.

"But we—and by 'we' I mean many, many people who cannot be thanked here now—took it one step at a time."

The unveiling, timed to coincide with the 164th birthday of WWI Gen. John J. Pershing, revealed to the public a 58-foot-long high relief sculpture depicting an American soldier's journey, overseen by a statue of Pershing himself, who led the American forces in Europe.

Somewhere in the middle of the monu-

ment saga, Fountain left his job as a litigation partner at Jones Day to dedicate his career to remembering fallen soldiers, becoming general counsel of the American Battle Monuments Commission, a federal agency that maintains the final resting places of countless men and women who died overseas in service to their nation.

"It was a steep learning curve. I was completely unequipped to be a general counsel to a federal agency," he said. "Having been a general litigator and touching so many areas of law, though, that breadth of my experience has been a great asset."

## A Sense of Symmetry

While he was still litigating cases as a corporate lawyer at Jones Day, Fountain got the opportunity to do pro bono work for the D.C. Preservation League, a historical preservation advocacy group in the nation's capital. He joined the board of trustees in 2000 and eventually became its chairman.

After his term on the DCPL board ended, Fountain started the World War I Memorial Foundation to restore the district's own World War I memorial, located on the National Mall.

"If you stand at Washington's World War I memorial, you can see the national memorials for World War II, Korea and Vietnam," Fountain said. "I used to run past it, and it offended my sense of symmetry that we didn't have a national World War I memorial."

The 1986 Commemorative Works Act declared the main cross-axis of the National Mall to be a completed work of civic art—meaning a new WWI memorial couldn't be added to that portion. The act, however, laid out the rules for the authorization, design and placement of new memorials on federal land in Washington. And, since 1998, Congress has passed statutes authorizing eight different exemptions to allow further elements to be added to the Mall.

On behalf of his foundation, Fountain—"thinking myself a clever lawyer"—proposed in 2008 that the existing local memorial be expanded into a national memorial.

Despite congressional support, the project went nowhere for five years. Then, in 2013, Congress created the World War I Centennial Commission, and Sen. Harry Reid appointed

Fountain to serve on the new commission. Game on.

"The commission was scheduled to sunset in 2019, so we had to work fast," said Fountain, who was elected vice chair of the commission. "We could beat our head against the wall to build on the Mall, or we could go to Pershing Park [an existing memorial to General Pershing on Pennsylvania Avenue, one block from the White House] and expand that site. And that's what the commission did."

An open design competition was launched, as was the case when a design by Yale undergraduate student Maya Lin was selected for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1981.

"It was international and not limited to

home, undertaking a great quest, enduring a great trial, being transformed by that trial and returning home.

"The 38 figures tell the universal story of a soldier going off to war as an allegory of the American experience," he said.

"Soldiers of every conflict can see their own experience. There's universality, it's not just about World War I," Fountain said.

## A Lawyer's Journey

The son of a naval officer, Fountain had a long-standing interest in not only military history but also foreign affairs and international relations. He came to the Law School after earning a master's in international relations from the London School of Economics, figuring that lawyers often get to do interesting work overseas.

"I went to law school not really planning on becoming a lawyer," he said.

Instead of the international career he had dreamed of, he went to work at Jones Day in DC.

"I figured I'd stay for two years and stayed for 24," he said. "I kept my head down, worked hard, made partner, but found I needed to get involved outside the law firm. I don't begrudge my time at Jones Day, but I wanted to look back and say I had done something else besides be a law firm partner."

His pro bono work and service on the WWI commission opened his path to joining the American Battle Monuments Commission in 2015. The federal agency administers, operates and maintains 26 permanent American military cemeteries and 31 federal memorials, monuments and markers in 17 countries around the world, including three in the U.S.

Finally, he has the international career he had sought as a young law student.

"I traveled more in the first six months in this job than I did in 24 years at the firm, and it brings back all of the international law I studied at UVA," Fountain said. "I find myself in a foreign relations job, negotiating treaties with foreign countries."

Reflecting on his journey starting with the D.C. Preservation League, Fountain said that, for him, it was less a passion than a responsibility to tell the stories of ordinary and extraordinary Americans who served, like his grandfathers: "It was an 'If not me, then who?' moment."



The new high-relief statue shows the soldier's journey, from being called to battle to returning home.

licensed architects," he said. "I wanted Mrs. McGillicuddy's second grade class to be able to submit a concept and have it considered."

"The Weight of Sacrifice" was submitted by Joseph Weishaar, a 25-year-old architecture graduate from the University of Arkansas. His winning site design was paired with a sculptural concept by veteran sculptor Sabin Howard.

## The Soldier's Journey

Fountain characterizes the sculpture as depicting the archetypal hero's journey: leaving



# Catching Up WITH ALUMNI

## 5, 10, 15 AND 25 YEARS AFTER LAW SCHOOL



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#### DESCRIBE YOUR WORK:

I work in K&L Gates' health care and FDA group. I specialize in advising a wide range of clients in the health care industry. My work includes structuring arrangements to comply with various regulatory requirements, including state and federal fraud and abuse laws, HIPAA [federal health privacy laws], and licensure requirements. I'm also routinely brought in as a specialist for large health care provider transactions and white-collar investigation matters. I participate in a pro bono adoption program my firm has with the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberslands, through which our office handles all their adoption cases.

#### WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU ENJOY OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I enjoy traveling with my husband, gardening (or my attempts at gardening) and exploring new restaurants here in Nashville. We have a wonderful community in our neighborhood and at our local gym, so it's exciting to continue cultivating new relationships.

#### ARE YOU WHERE YOU EXPECTED TO BE AT THIS STAGE OF YOUR CAREER AND LIFE?

In life? Absolutely. In terms of my career, not at all. I did not envision myself at a large law firm five years after law school. I'm truly enjoying the work that I do, and my colleagues have made the past five years a great experience.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR LIFE 5 YEARS AFTER LAW SCHOOL?

I love practicing law in my hometown. I love driving around the city and seeing the growth that has taken place. Most importantly, I love the impact I've been able to make in the Nashville community through my board service and volunteer work with local nonprofit organizations. One of the main reasons I decided to return to Nashville after law school was to participate and give back to the community that helped shaped me into the person I am today.



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CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

#### DESCRIBE YOUR WORK:

I'm serving my first term as a state representative in Massachusetts' 14th Middlesex District. The job is a combination of legislating, constituent service and, of course, politics. Campaigning as a political newcomer in a competitive primary was really tough—less so with the support of my UVA Law classmates!—but the job is amazing once you're elected. Being a state legislator in Massachusetts bears almost no resemblance to my (admittedly outsider) impression of U.S. Congress. I have positive relationships with my colleagues in both political parties and many of the most important laws we've passed on maternal health, long-term care, privacy, economic development and more have enjoyed bipartisan support. This October, House Speaker Ron Mariano appointed me as the chair of Massachusetts' first Commission to Combat Antisemitism. I am also the speaker's appointee to the state's Restorative Justice Advisory Committee, where I'm applying my experience as a federal prosecutor and former middle school teacher. I serve on the legislature's committees on Financial Services, Labor and Workforce Development, and Mental Health.

#### WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU ENJOY OUTSIDE OF WORK?

Coaching little league baseball is No. 1. (We have three sons, the oldest of whom is 6.) Concord is an incredible community in which to raise a family, and I've relished allowing parenthood to completely dominate this stage of our lives.

#### ARE YOU WHERE YOU EXPECTED TO BE AT THIS STAGE OF YOUR CAREER AND LIFE?

I've had two jobs I thought I'd do forever. First, teaching in Harlem, and second, serving as a prosecutor for the U.S. Justice Department. I did not expect to run for office, but I'm so glad I did and feel very honored to serve my hometown community in this fashion.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR LIFE 10 YEARS AFTER LAW SCHOOL?

Fatherhood and being Chessie's (also UVA Law '14) husband are far and away the best things about my life. I feel like we're living the lives we're meant to live right now. I feel very grateful for that.





SAMUEL STUART

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FRANK SAVIANO '09

PARTNER  
LATHAM & WATKINS  
NEW YORK

**DESCRIBE YOUR WORK:**

I am a partner at Latham & Watkins in the Entertainment, Media and Sports group. My practice focuses on advising clients on complex transactions in the sports industry. A significant portion of my work is M&A-based, working with clients buying, selling or investing in professional sports teams, leagues or other companies within the sports industry.

**WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU ENJOY OUTSIDE OF WORK?**

My wife, Carly [07], and I have two children, Frankie, 12, and Ella, 9, who are very active participants in youth sports. So I spend most of my weekends at youth soccer, football and lacrosse games. In the winter, we spend a lot of time skiing as a family in Vermont.

**ARE YOU WHERE YOU EXPECTED TO BE AT THIS STAGE OF YOUR CAREER AND LIFE?**

After graduating from law school, I didn't know how long I would end up practicing at a law firm, let alone how the sports industry would evolve during that time—especially with pro franchises worth billions of dollars and the interest for private equity investments. It's been a lot of fun participating in the growth of the sports industry and developing an expertise.

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR LIFE 15 YEARS AFTER LAW SCHOOL?**

I like that I am able to practice law both in an industry that is interesting and that I'm passionate about, while being able to do it in private practice at an incredible firm. I genuinely enjoy what I do and am grateful for the opportunities my UVA Law degree have provided me.



BILL PETRUS

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JULIE MITCHELL NEWLANDS '99

PARTNER  
STEIN MITCHELL BEATO & MISSNER  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

**DESCRIBE YOUR WORK:**

I represent individuals and their families in civil cases involving serious injury or wrongful death. With a great team of litigators who include my father, Gerry Mitchell [69], and my brother Denis Mitchell (College '96), I pursue compensation for victims of personal injury and medical malpractice. We have cases in D.C., Maryland and Virginia, and our work is challenging and never dull. It is an honor to accompany people through some of the most difficult times in their lives and go to bat for them.

**WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU ENJOY OUTSIDE OF WORK?**

I love walking, running and hiking with my dog. We live near Rock Creek Park, which we explore enthusiastically all year round. I also enjoy spiritual reading and participating in many aspects of our church community. My husband and I are fortunate to have a very large and close-knit extended family, most of whom live nearby, and we also enjoy spending time with friends.

**ARE YOU WHERE YOU EXPECTED TO BE AT THIS STAGE OF YOUR CAREER AND LIFE?**

To the extent that I had some expectation of practicing civil personal injury law after working summers in my dad's office growing up, then career-wise, yes. I shifted to plaintiff's civil work after an unexpected criminal law chapter, first as a prosecutor in Fairfax County (alongside esteemed UVA Law '99 classmates Steve Shannon and Jay Nanavati) and later as a defense attorney. Other "unexpecteds" include getting married at age 43, being smitten with an 8-year-old lab/hound mix, and pursuing international adoption. I'm very grateful for God's providence.

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR LIFE 25 YEARS AFTER LAW SCHOOL?**

See above! A perspective and grounding that is very different from when I was in my 20s. A sense of purpose and hopeful adventure. My husband and I laugh a lot together and enjoy the simple things. Lately we are working on our Spanish in preparation for an upcoming trip to Colombia to finalize the adoption of a wonderful teenage boy whom we hosted in our home last summer.



# Class Notes

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## 1954

**WALTER SHAPERO** shared some reminiscences on the 70th anniversary of his graduation. “It is exactly 70 years since I became a UVA Law School grad and (thanks to my wife, Mary) also became Rabbi David’s dad. As I donned my mortarboard cap and gown, we could all feel Mr. Jefferson gazing down from his Monticello on a hill just outside of town—hopefully being and remaining quite contented with the University he had long ago founded. And that year to which I did above refer produced more than just that twofer. It was a year—in a case related to those of *Plessy* and *Dred Scott*—the ‘Supremes’ unanimously decided *Brown v. Board of Education*. (One of the better, if not best, judicial findings in which the Supremes thankfully changed their minds.) So—remembering the year 1954 we always will, and our many memorable days in historic Charlottesville.”

## 1955

**JOHN “JACK” SHANNON** passed away peacefully on May 27. Born in Tampa, Fla., Shannon grew up in Salem, Va., and graduated as valedictorian from Roanoke College and then first in his class from the Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Virginia Law Review. In 1960, while serving as a groomsman at his cousin’s wedding, Shannon met a lovely wedding guest from New York named Betty, whom he married in 1962. The couple lived in Roanoke, Va., for 22 years, raising three children, while Shannon worked at Norfolk and Western Railway, serving as chief legal officer for 13 years. While in Roanoke, Shannon served as vice president of the board

and chairman of the executive committee of Roanoke College, president of the board of the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley, and a member of the board of North Cross School. He also served as chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. When not working, Shannon enjoyed playing tennis with Betty and friends, and maintaining the beautiful lawn and flower beds of their family home.

In 1982, they moved to Norfolk, Va., where Shannon served as chief legal officer of Norfolk Southern Corp. until his retirement in 1996. During these years, he served on the board of the Chrysler Museum and Norfolk Academy. During retirement, Shannon volunteered with Lee’s Friends, driving cancer patients to chemotherapy appointments, and routinely donated platelets through the American Red Cross.

In 2020, the Shannons moved to Charlotte, N.C., to be closer to their children. In the final years of his life, Shannon was surrounded by loving and supportive members of the Southminster retirement community, where he could be seen religiously walking every morning with head slightly tilted, wearing a wide-brimmed hat, and with a purposeful stride.

Shannon is survived by his wife, Elizabeth “Betty” Howe Shannon; his son, Scott Shannon, and his wife, Edie; his daughter, Elizabeth Blalock; his daughter, Sandra Livingston and her husband, Brian; and his five grandchildren.

## 1956

**JOHN R. TURBYFILL** was born in 1931 at the Turbyfill family home outside of Newland, N.C. His parents were Della Braswell and Thomas Manuel Turbyfill.

Turbyfill and his family moved frequently as his father sought work as a heavy machine operator building roads. Turbyfill attended 13 elementary schools. The family finally settled down in Salem, Va.

After graduating from Andrew Lewis High School in 1949, Turbyfill attended Roanoke College, where he earned a B.A. in economics in 1953 and was salutatorian. During his junior and senior years, he worked full time as a reporter for The Roanoke Times. While in college, he was officer No. 2 and No. 3 in the Kappa Alpha social fraternity, president of the Blue Key Club and a track letterman.

In 1953, Turbyfill entered UVA Law, where he served as decision editor of the Virginia Law Review and was a member of the Raven Society.

Turbyfill first worked as an associate with Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City. In 1960, he left New York and joined the law department of Norfolk and Western Railway Co. in Roanoke as an assistant general attorney. He rose through the ranks and became a general solicitor in 1968. In 1970, he was named senior vice president of the Erie Lackawanna and the Delaware and Hudson railroads and moved to Cleveland. He returned to N&W as vice president-administration in 1972 and in 1975 was appointed vice president-finance.

N&W and the Southern Railway merged in 1982, creating Norfolk Southern Corp., and Turbyfill was named executive vice president-finance, a position he held until 1992, when he was elected vice chairman. He retired four years later.

Turbyfill was active in cultural and civic affairs. While in Roanoke, he was president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, president of the Roanoke Transportation Museum and chairman of the

Roanoke Centennial in 1982. He was given the Key to the City for that role.

In Norfolk, he was president of the Virginia Stage Co., a board member of the Sentara General Hospital, president of Greater Norfolk Corp., chairman of the United Way Capital Campaign and chairman of the Virginia Opera.

He was a member of the board of trustees of Roanoke College for 25 years and chairman for 17 years. During his tenure as chairman, the college’s full-time enrollment increased by 40%, and its endowment increased by 340%. Turbyfill was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by the college in 2004.

Turbyfill married Joyce Bolton in 1954, and they had two children who survive him: Karen Turbyfill Taylor, and her husband, Jay; and John Turbyfill Jr., and his wife, LeAnn. Turbyfill divorced in 1984, and married Kate Bellflower in 1991. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

## 1958

by **LARRY GRIM**  
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**HENRY WILLIAMS’** widow, Barbara Dimmick, contributes this wonderful piece: “Before we married, we often agreed (as one does). We agreed on single malts, red wine and ice cream; dinners for two in front of a fireplace; church, voting, animals, volunteer work and Porsches.

“We argued peaceably over the thermostat then gave up. In northern New York winters, Henry wore turtle necks, sweaters and fleeces; I bought him flannel-lined chinos and jeans. I lived in shorts and bare feet. We discussed whether our dog should be fed from the table. I said no; Henry taught him to eat from a

fork. I argued vehemently that he should quell his urge to drive to the store, or the bank, or anywhere in the worst winter weather. He shrugged and went anyway, and I let it go.

“But party politics? Batten down the hatches! Call in a few U.N. peacekeepers! Or perhaps professional sports referees in their black-and-white shirts and crisp non-nonsense gestures indicating personal fouls.

“We sat across a table from one another and negotiated rules.

“One must remain silent while watching speeches on TV. One must not mutter, guffaw or whisper snarky remarks to the cats, and if one leaves the room in disgust, one must not slam the door on the way out.

“At breakfast, one must not read aloud provocative paragraphs from the newspapers. Also banned were sniggering or leaving newspaper sections specially folded open to oppositional editorials.

“Campaign signs on the front lawn were to be matched one-for-one. A Republican sign invited a Democratic sign of equal size. When Republican friends questioned Henry on the unusual absence of campaign signs on our front lawn, he revealed his wife had an arsenal of Democratic party signs ready for immediate deployment.

“We were never able to define the acceptable extent of political talk with friends and guests. Even with my liberal friends, once they revved into party politics, I would slip away to a quiet room, and once they’d gotten it out of their systems, someone would come find me.

“So it wasn’t conservative politics I couldn’t stand. It’s the recitation of political litanies; most political ‘discussions’ are rarely that. Who changes their mind after dinner-table politics? Who examines a new angle after the second or third

bottle of wine has been opened?

“Henry’s focus on politics was so fierce that one evening at a restaurant dinner with friends, having repeatedly tried and failed to change the subject, I excused myself to ‘freshen up.’ I found a seat at the bar, a waitress retrieved my dinner, and for the next hour, I enjoyed jolly conversation with my new friends at the bar. Henry didn’t notice my absence until everyone stood up from the table.

“Sometimes when we had parties, I’d hang a sign on the front door: ‘Shhh. No politics please!’ Other times I’d gently corral the politicians in the parlor, bring in platters of food, ice buckets and bottles—freeing the rest of the house for the more convivial.

“Henry’s been gone three years, and from time to time, I wonder what he would say about this or that news item. But his thoughts on this crazy-mad election cycle? I can just hear him now. Apparently, we just might agree.”

(Those of us lucky enough to clown around in the Libel Show remember Henry’s gift of a golden voice!) What good luck he had in his second marriage to Barbara, a writing professor at Dartmouth College.

It’s not often that you catch a judge or mediator proposing gambling, but **WALTER JERALD FORD** says, “The size of our class keeps getting smaller. I think we should start a kitty, put in \$100 each, and agree that the last man standing can have it all. I just had another birthday, so I will not likely be the final one.

“I am still being called to sit and mediate. I keep telling them I am in my 90s, but it has not made any difference so far. I have done over 2,000 mediations and still look forward to new ones. It certainly keeps me

from being bored.

“I have a friend I call who is a good tonic for the blues. She talks forever, and when she drains one subject, she switches to another. She has a wonderful talent for making them interesting. I can always count on her to cheer me up. She could make anyone smile. We should all have someone like that.”

**JIM ATKIN** writes: “I thought you would like the fact that I, at age 93, earned a concealed carry permit from the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office in May. In California, I had to be fingerprinted, submit to a background investigation, take an 18-hour class with a qualified instructor (my classmates were in their 30s and 40s) and qualify on the shooting range. When this was done, I had to submit three letters from persons who could attest I was not a danger to the community. I enjoyed the challenge of taking this on after having a stroke a few years ago. When 94 comes along, I will look for another challenge.”

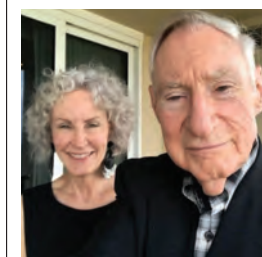
Jim writes that his granddaughter, **EMILY HOCKETT ’22**, is doing fine and working on free speech in Washington, D.C.

Ellen McWhorter reports, “Still missing my larger-than-life **HOBART MCWHORTER**, but I’m getting out gallivanting now and then, staying busy playing golf and bridge, visiting with family and friends and entertaining company.”

**BILL GRIESAR** amplifies a Facebook post I caught: “Yes indeed, my wife and I are at our cottage at Long Cove, Maine, where we just hosted most of our children and some of our grandchildren, all of whom happily took over the chores. “As for news, Jane and I took a major step, sold

our house and moved into a very nice retirement facility called Broadview at Purchase College, where we have a private independent living apartment. We survived the heady process of moving and the even more taxing job of downsizing. I don’t recommend the process, but the result is invigorating.”

**SWAN YERGER** celebrated his 92nd birthday, then fell ill in mid-June. He is resting in hospice in Mobile, Ala. Swan and his wife, Gingia, moved from Jackson, Miss., to Fairhope, Ala., about five years ago to be closer to their daughter, Rivers.



JJ Phipps shared some good news. During his lifetime, **BEN PHIPPS** received a Lifetime Achievement Award twice from the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation for his hard work to preserve the state capitol and other historic buildings. He received the first sometime in the 1960s-70s and the second in October 2022, just before his death in December. The trust is honoring Ben for the third time and has named the award after him.

In August, JJ presented the first Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation Benjamin K. Phipps Lifetime Achievement Award to Randy Lewis, an outstanding architect. JJ spoke briefly about Ben and his passion for historic preservation.

JJ writes that her health has improved, and she is teaching Trusts and Wills at Florida State University Law School this semester. “It is a wonderful opportunity to get my brain

back into the law, and I look forward to learning from the young new crop of lawyers-to-be.”

While watching the summer Olympics, **LEN COOPER’S** wife, Vickie, thought of Len and his love for track and field. Vickie wrote that one of Len’s favorite memories was anchoring the Rutgers 4x400 relay team at the Melrose Games, a significant competition in 1952.

“Len learned the training discipline from his track-and-field activities and maintained that all his life. He became an avid walker in his later years,” she wrote. “I recently found some notebooks where he kept records of his times for his daily two-mile walks. Even in his 80s, he could walk a mile in 13 minutes, which was fast enough that I would need to run to keep up.

“Mostly, I just let him walk ahead of me, but one day, he took my hand and said, ‘Oh, come on!’ I had to walk (and jog) at his pace, and it took two minutes off my best time for a mile.”

Vickie broke her wrist while volunteering at a horse rescue and had surgery in July. She says, “I am slowly recovering the use of my left hand, but since I am left-handed, this has been a bit of an inconvenience. But I am doing better day by day and can type again.”

**WILLIAM L. BUNTING JR.**, age 94, died Aug. 1 at 5 Prospect St. in Cranbury, N.J.—the same residence he lived in when he enrolled at UVA Law. Bill had been married three times and had three sons, two daughters and a stepson. A graduate of the University of Illinois, he earned his B.S. in 1951.

Bill was proud of his service in Korea, where he was an officer in “SCARWAF,” Special Category Army With Air Force, where he oversaw the



# IN MEMORIAM: PROFESSOR EMERITUS EARL C. DUDLEY JR. '67

Professor Emeritus **EARL C. DUDLEY JR. '67**, who spent 22 years as a litigator before adding 26 more teaching at UVA Law, died Aug. 31. He was 83.

A star student when he graduated from the Law School, Dudley clerked at the U.S. Supreme Court, worked as a litigator and served as general counsel for the U.S. House Judiciary Committee before becoming a professor. After teaching for eight years as a lecturer at UVA Law, he joined the faculty in 1989, where he developed a reputation for connecting with students and coaching them about the practice of law.

“Earl represented the ideal of a Virginia lawyer and Virginia professor: brilliant, thoughtful, modest and humane,” Dean **LESLIE KENDRICK '06** said. “His influence lives on in the many Law School graduates inspired by his example.”

In a 2008 tribute in the Virginia Law Review to mark Dudley’s retirement, Professor and former Dean **JOHN C. JEFFRIES JR. '73** said he was “one of the last of the great generalists, one of the last exemplars of the long tradition of lawyers who entered the academy after a full career of accomplishment elsewhere.”

Dudley often sprinkled stories from his litigation practice into his lectures and discussions, giving students unique insights on what it was really like to be a lawyer.

“All of the courses and seminars he taught were informed by Earl’s vast experience as a lawyer, so that he wasn’t merely teaching our students subjects of importance to the law, he was teaching them how to be lawyers,” Jeffries said during Dudley’s retirement ceremony. “They sought his advice on every conceivable subject, advice which I believe he bestowed with characteristic generosity. And in the end, they loved him.”

In a UVA Law story marking his retirement, Dudley said he derived just as much joy from his students.

“No professional pleasure can match what my students have given me,” Dudley said. “The joy of knowing them, working with them, watching them grow



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as lawyers and blossom as people, staying in touch with them throughout their careers, meeting their spouses and significant others and their children—I know that I have gained far more from them than they could have ever possibly learned from me.”

Dudley was born in 1941 in the Philippines, where his father was stationed as a civilian employee of the U.S. Navy. When Dudley was 11 months old, Japanese

planes bombed the small Army base in the mountains where he and his mother were staying, thinking they were safer there. The strike happened just hours after Pearl Harbor was attacked, as Dudley recounted in his

memoir, “An Interested Life.”

His mother, who was walking Dudley in a stroller at the time, had her leg amputated after her injuries, and Dudley almost died. After he stopped breathing, a nurse revived him when she put a rag dipped in whiskey and sugar in his mouth. Dudley’s kneecap was shattered, making that leg a little shorter than the other for the rest of his life.

After the attack, he and his parents were imprisoned in Japanese internment camps for three years before being rescued by American forces.

The family moved to the Washington, D.C., area, and Dudley attended Herndon High School. As a student at Amherst College, he met his future wife, Louise Merrill, who was attending Smith College. After graduating, the couple got married and moved to New York, where he worked as a New York Times copy boy and UPI news editor.

“UPI offered me the Little Rock bureau

and I had to choose between Little Rock and law school. I chose law school,” Dudley said in 2008.

One of his law professors, **PETER LOW '63**, said “it was clear from the get-go that he was a star.”

As editor-in-chief of the Virginia Law Review, Dudley was determined to catch up on a backlog of publications during his tenure, working 80-hour weeks with fellow editors to catch up. They succeeded, and the journal published twice as many issues that year. His excellence as a student won him the Margaret G. Hyde Award, given to an outstanding graduate.

After graduation, he went to Washington, D.C., to clerk for retired Justice Stanley Reed at the Supreme Court. In reality, he spent most of his time working for Chief Justice Earl Warren with Reed’s blessing, because of Warren’s large caseload.

After a stint working on Hubert Humphrey’s presidential campaign, Dudley focused on a career in litigation, working first for Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in D.C. before moving to Williams & Connolly.

“It’s the most civilized way to let your competitive juices flow,” Dudley said in the retirement story of being a litigator.

Later, he was recruited to serve as general counsel for the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, under Rep. Peter Rodino, who had previously chaired impeachment hearings that led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. In that role, he also served as Rodino’s speechwriter and oversaw the work of seven subcommittees.

After two years in federal government, he returned to litigation, and taught as a lecturer at the Law School for several years before deciding to teach full time.

Dudley taught the classes Evidence, Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Trial Advocacy, The Prosecution Function and The American Jury System.

Over the years, Dudley and Louise, who served as UVA’s head of public relations and spokesperson for many years, welcomed many students into their home and made lasting connections.

“Earl was beloved among students not just for being a dynamic, funny teacher with incredible professional experience, but for being a welcoming, convivial member of the community outside the classroom,” said **TORY TOMLINSON '96**, a former student.

—Mary Wood

construction of airports from 1952 to 1954.

In law school, he was Delta Theta Phi, a law dorm counselor and the photography editor for the Law Weekly and the Barrister.

Bill opened a law office in Princeton, N.J., and practiced until 2022. My Perkasi, Pa., law firm leased space for an ill-fated branch office from him, very briefly.

Bill continued to be a good friend, and I engaged him in removing a lawyer cousin of mine as executor of his parents’ New Jersey estates and replacing him with a doctor brother. He did a great job. Josef Stalin’s daughter, Svetlana, and Roy Lichtenstein, the famous artist, were among his clients.

Bill also served as a municipal judge for 16 years. He said that over the years he acquired and leased more frontage on Princeton’s Nassau Street than any other owner—though I don’t remember him saying that included Princeton University!

Special thanks goes to Bill Bunting III who saw my email to his dad asking for news for Class Notes. He answered, told of Bill’s passing, and then made many additions and corrections to the above in draft form. Of particular importance was his dad’s dislike of obituaries and his love of UVA Law School.

—LARRY GRIM, SECRETARY  
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## 1960



**RICHARD A. SILVER** shared some thoughts on retirement. “I am the senior partner

of Silver Golub & Teitell, a boutique trial firm with a main office in Stamford, Conn. A number of years ago, I decided to make a choice to either retire or to continue active practice. I chose to continue my practice. For me, it was the right decision.

“The considerations were numerous—lifestyle, financial, workload, firm relationships, available clients and continuing contact with referring lawyers. I maintain an active practice, concentrating in medical malpractice and personal injury cases, and still have close contact with clients and referring counsel. I remain actively involved in important firm decisions and continue to consult on case strategies. Financial remuneration has not been an issue.

“Practicing has great personal rewards. There is great satisfaction in assisting clients who have incurred significant injury and financial need. The legal issues are mentally stimulating and help delay the ‘aging syndrome.’ The medical issues continue to be intellectually challenging. I continue to be active in the trial bar associations and the American Law Institute, and co-chair the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association’s Medical Malpractice Committee.

“It is my firm belief that the policies of many large law firms that require retirement at an age when lawyers are still productive are a loss to that person, the firm and clients. Many of my colleagues who have been forced to retire have indicated to me how ‘fortunate’ I am to be able to continue active practice.”

## 1962

**DAVID B. LOCKTON** and his wife, Kathy, moved to Charlotte, N.C., from Silicon Valley four years ago. Lockton wrote that he has “essentially returned

to law after 54 years, managing WinView Technology’s enforcement of more than 100 patents on mobile sports betting and daily fantasy sports [apps].”

**RONALD P. SOKOL '62, LL.M. '63**, is actively practicing law. This year, he had his first case before the European Court of Justice. Sokol and his barrister son, Daniel, worked to update one of Sokol’s old manuscripts. That project was published in August as “A Young Person’s Guide to Law and Justice.”

## 1964

**ROBERT D. CHAPIN** retired after 54 years in private practice. He founded his firm in Delray Beach, Fla., in 1970. The firm grew to eight lawyers before merging with Day Pitney. Chapin lives in Asheville, N.C., and would enjoy visits from classmates.

**FORBES R. REBACK** retired after 60 years of practice in Central Virginia. He is now concerned with the Farmington Beagles, of which he is the senior joint master, and with gardening on his farm in Free Union.

## 1966

**JOHN MATUSZESKI** passed away on June 14. His family wrote, “He was 87, and if he was writing this, he’d skip over so much. He probably wouldn’t mention that he was a chemical engineer, an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves or an accomplished intellectual property attorney. He’d skip over the pioneering book he co-wrote on software licensing that is still in print more than 30 years later, or that he was a general counsel for a Fortune 100 tech company.” “He’d probably rather



talk about the wonders of the latest subatomic particle research or any of the many backpacking and rafting trips he took through remote and wild places. Or the dogs he loved through the years. Or the good that came out of his volunteer philanthropic work for the Nature Conservancy, as a board member of the Santa Barbara Symphony and the Ensemble Theater, and for many other groups and individuals. He'd rather we tell funny stories from the old family station wagon trips to National Parks. Or the joy he got from meeting and befriending people from all corners of the human experience.

"He'd surely want to mention that he is survived by the love of his life, Ruth Matuszski, whom he married in a snowstorm in the hills of Virginia and then spent the next 62 years keeping her equal parts entertained, flustered and loved; his sons, of whom he was extremely proud, Alex, Rob, Steve and Andrew (Chey); his grandchildren Josh and Tatiana—his partners in secretive trips for ice cream; and his brother-in-law, David Craft."

## 1967



**GENE D. DAHMEN**, counsel with Verrill, received the Boston Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award during their annual Law Day Celebration at Boston Symphony Hall in June.

Dahmen was the first woman to be elected president of the BBA, making

her the 64th successor to John Adams in that position. Following her election, Dahmen dubbed herself "Abigail's Revenge" as she was determined that her tenure would fulfill a promise Abigail Adams made to her husband in 1776 as he wrote the U.S. Constitution: "If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

Dahmen's goals as president included diversifying the membership of the BBA with a focus on attracting new lawyers, expanding pro bono work and supporting the well-being of lawyers during a fractured time for the legal community. She remained involved in the organization through the Boston Bar Foundation, where she served on the board and as the grant committee co-chair from 1992-2000.

For her efforts, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly named Dahmen, a practitioner in the field of domestic law, as one of the 40 most powerful lawyers in the state. She has also served on the boards of numerous other law-related entities, including Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (which she chaired), Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers and the Virginia Law School Foundation. She served a six-year term on the first Court Management Advisory Board, appointed by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to assist with judicial reform at the trial court.

Dahmen is deeply involved in education and the arts. She is a trustee of the New England Conservatory, the Boston Landmarks Orchestra and the Longy School of Music, and an adviser to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She also serves on the

foundation board of Bridge Boston Charter School and is a trustee emerita of both her undergraduate alma mater and the UVA Law School Foundation. She was the first female president of the Law School Alumni Association.

### JOHN DALTON EURE JR.

retired in 2022 after 55 years of active general law practice. He also served for three years as a Marine Corps prosecutor and judge for special courts-martial and a term as commonwealth's attorney for Nansemond County—now merged with the city of Suffolk—in Virginia.

## 1968



**EDWARD H. STOPHER** joined Stites & Harbison in Louisville, Ky., as a member of the torts and insurance practice service group and a secondary member of the business litigation service group. Stopher is of counsel, and his practice focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on corporate, insurance, product liability and legal malpractice litigation. Serving as lead counsel in numerous high-profile jury trials, he has tried more than 100 civil cases to verdict in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and Virginia. His practice includes experience in defending insurance carriers in bad faith claims. Among his many honors, he is a fellow of three elite, invitation-only trial organizations—the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy

of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers.

## 1969

**THOMAS M. AMMONS III** died March 19. Born in Richmond, Va., in 1943, he was the son of Thomas M. Ammons Jr. and Margaret Warthen Jones Ammons. His family said Ammons was always proud that at the time of his birth, his father was serving as a U.S. Army infantry officer in the Pacific and did not return home until 1946.

Ammons attended public schools in Richmond and Princess Anne County, graduating from Princess Anne High School in 1962. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Virginia in 1966. As an undergraduate, Ammons served as vice president of the student body, was a member of the Raven Society and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and lived at 4 East Lawn for his final year. He was also a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for two years.

Ammons spent the summer between college and law school traveling throughout Europe. He bought a motorbike in Paris and traveled to 11 countries.

In 1969 and 1970, Ammons lived in England and earned a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics at the University of London. While living in London, he traveled frequently in Europe and North Africa, avoiding public transportation and instead hitchhiking or often simply walking from town to town.

Beginning in 1970, Ammons practiced civil rights litigation in Mobile, Ala., specializing in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in employment. Returning to Vir-

ginia Beach in 1972, he began the practice of real estate law and specialized in land use and condominium law, primarily representing builders and developers. From 1982 to 1989, he was a member of the Virginia Beach Planning Commission, serving as secretary for one year, vice chairman for one year and chairman for five years. In 1988, he initiated a complete rewriting of the city's zoning ordinance, which is still in effect today, and in 1989, the Tidewater Builders Association recognized his efforts to overhaul the city's comprehensive plan.

In 1989, the General Assembly appointed Ammons to serve as a judge on the Virginia Beach General District Court. He remained on the court until retiring in 2005, and during his tenure served as chief judge for five years.

Ammons wanted to be the last judge in Virginia to ride a horse to court. The day before he retired, he rode his beloved quarter horse, Buddy, to the courthouse. The ride received statewide media coverage.

An animal lover, Ammons served as a board member of the Virginia Beach SPCA for over 20 years and was made an honorary director for life. In 2016, the Norfolk SPCA created the Thomas M. Ammons Award for contributions to animal welfare, given annually to individuals who have demonstrated a dedication to the welfare of companion animals.

After learning to ride in 2004, Ammons began competing in horse shows. In 2008, he was the Atlantic Saddle Club's reserve champion in barrel racing and other speed events. In 2009, he won the Butler Farms championship in team sorting. He took roping lessons for three years and competed in a professional rodeo and team roping. His faithful companion, Buddy, died

a few years ago at an estimated age of 41.

## 1970

**JAMES RANDOLPH "RANDY" SMITH JR.**, 79, of Martinsville, Va., passed away on March 12. He was born in Martinsville in 1945 to the late Dr. James Randolph Smith Sr. and Ruth Boydkins Smith.

Smith was a graduate of Martinsville High School and Randolph-Macon College, and later graduated first in his class from UVA Law.

Early in his legal career, Smith worked as an assistant commonwealth's attorney under Martinsville Commonwealth's Attorney John Hartley. Following Hartley's retirement, Smith was elected Martinsville commonwealth's attorney, serving many terms. Gov. **JAMES S. GILMORE III '77**

later appointed him to work in the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, as well as the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming Commission. Following his service in Richmond, he returned to Henry County, where he served as an assistant commonwealth's attorney from 2002 until 2015. Following his retirement, he continued to serve as an ACA when needed.

### ALAN CLEMENTS

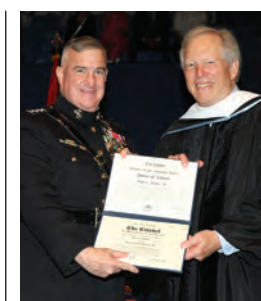
**STEPHENSON** died Feb. 16, in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was born in 1944, in Wilmington, N.C., the son of Ruth Smith Stephenson and Abram Clements Stephenson. He is survived by his first wife, Sheri Miller Stephenson; their son, Edward Taylor Stephenson; their daughter, Anne Baldwin Stephenson and her husband, Michael Orobona; granddaughter Lucy Baldwin Orobona; sister Deborah Stephenson Blackmon and her children, Brian and Jona-

than Blackmon; and his wife of 20 years, Shannon Kennedy.

After the completion of his father's wartime military service, the Stephenson family moved from Wilmington to Red Springs, N.C., a place for which Stephenson felt a lifelong sense of connection and gratitude. After graduating from Red Springs High School, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on a prestigious Morehead Scholarship. He majored in history, was elected Phi Beta Kappa, and made lifelong friends at the Alpha Tau Omega house. Following his four years at Carolina, he earned his J.D. at UVA.

Stephenson treasured his time in Charlottesville, gaining distinction as an exceptional student and as an editor of the Virginia Law Review. In 1970, he moved to New York to join Cravath, Swaine & Moore, becoming a partner eight years later. Except for a four-year stint at Wasserstein Perella and Co., where he was a managing director, Stephenson would remain at Cravath until his retirement in 2009. His clients included CSX, Nestle S.A. and Weyerhaeuser, as well as several of the principal U.S. investment banking firms. His career successes garnered mention in The New York Times, Forbes and The Wall Street Journal.

Stephenson served on several boards, including Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the New York Bar Association, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation at the University of Virginia, the Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill, Honors Carolina, the Parr Center for Ethics at UNC Chapel Hill and the statewide North Carolina Opera.



In May, the Citadel awarded **JOHN C. WARLEY** an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. In 1963, Warley, who spent his formative years in Virginia, returned to his home state of South Carolina to attend The Citadel on a football scholarship. He excelled in academics, was a member of the Round Table and a cadet officer.

As an attorney, an active member of the community and a busy husband and father of four children, Warley had to forego his dream of writing, but later, with the encouragement of his family and his classmate Pat Conroy, he put words to paper in his first novel, "Bethesda's Child." He has written six novels, a modern-day history of The Citadel and several essays. Warley is also the author of the eloquent inscription on The Citadel War Memorial, sponsored by the Class of 1967.

## 1972



**DAVID CRAIG LANDIN** was featured on the cover and in the lead story of Virginia Lawyer magazine, published by the Virginia State Bar in February. The coverage was in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the

Virginia Law Foundation, of which Landin was president in 1987-88. He is pictured with Roger Gregory of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and UVA's 2024 Jefferson Medalist in Law and **JANE MARUM ROUSH '81**, former justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and immediate past president of the VLF.

In January, a resolution was adopted by the VBA's board of governors recognizing Landin for his work on behalf of UVA, along with his work on behalf of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello as a trustee, and over five decades of service to the profession, including as president of the Virginia Bar Association, the Virginia Law Foundation and the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys. He also chaired the VBA Committee on Special Issues of National and State Importance for almost half of its existence since its founding in 1974.

## 1973

**DAVID BULLUCK BROWN** of Wilmington, Del., son of Werner and Bucie Brown, died peacefully in his home on Jan. 22 at the age of 77. Brown attended Alexis I. du Pont High School, where he was a basketball and track star. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he became a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and graduated with honors and Phi Beta Kappa in 1968.

After his college graduation, he served on active duty in the U.S. Army Reserves. According to his family, Brown's high school friendships led to meeting the love of his life, Gweneth Blacklock Brown, from Sharptown, N.J., and they married in 1969.

The couple attended UVA, with Brown earning his J.D. while Gwen earned

her doctorate in education and child development. Brown served on the managing board of the Virginia Law Review, was inducted into the Order of the Coif, was a member of the Lichnos Society and received the Lawyer's Title Award. He also volunteered as a mentor and tutor for students from underrepresented backgrounds.

Upon graduation, he joined Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., where he worked for seven years before returning to Wilmington to be closer to family and join Potter Anderson & Corroon (now Potter Anderson). Brown became a partner in 1981 and served on the executive committee for more than 15 years, including as its chair for a final three years, and remained of counsel until 2020.

Brown was strongly committed to social justice issues. He spent thousands of hours volunteering for related causes, with a particular focus on countering poverty, racism and sexism. He co-founded Delaware Volunteer Legal Services and served as board chair and member for many years.

On Feb. 8, U.S. Sen. Chris Coons delivered a tribute to Brown in the Senate. He described Brown as "a tireless servant of our community, the sort of example of a life of humble servant leadership that makes our world better because David was in it."

Brown's service was widely recognized and included the Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award; Delaware Bar Association's Christopher W. White Distinguished Access to Justice Award, Distinguished Service Award and Long Term Service Award; Planned Parenthood of Delaware's Sonia Schorr Sloan Service Award; United Way of Delaware's Alexis de Tocqueville Award; the ACLU of Delaware's Gerald E. Kandler Award; Delaware



# IN MEMORIAM: U.S. REP. SHEILA JACKSON LEE '75

U.S. Rep. **SHEILA JACKSON LEE '75**, who championed efforts to promote equality during her 30-year career in Congress, died July 19 from pancreatic cancer. She was 74.

Jackson Lee had represented Texas' 18th District, a Democratic stronghold, since 1994, after serving on Houston's City Council and as a municipal judge.

In Congress, she was a lead sponsor of legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021. The date commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, and announced that more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state were free.

"I thought about those slaves, who were born, lived and died, and never were honored, and never knew freedom," Jackson Lee told TV station KHOU at a Juneteenth prayer service in Houston in 2022.

In 2015, she was a leader in the bipartisan Sentencing Reform Act, which reduced prison terms for nonviolent drug offenses and lowered other mandatory minimum sentences. In 2021, she authored legislation reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, which had expired in 2019. Other bills she introduced included those seeking fair pay for women and legislation establishing a process to expunge and seal youths' criminal records for certain convictions. She is a founding member and co-chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus and authored and introduced the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2013. In 2021, she sponsored a bill to create a commission to study reparations for African Americans, which advanced through the Judiciary Committee before it stalled.

Jackson Lee was the House Democratic chief deputy whip and sat on three congressional committees, serving as a senior member of the House committees on the Judiciary, Homeland Security and the Budget. She had also served as chairwoman of the Judiciary Subcommittee for Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security.

President Joe Biden called Jackson Lee "unrelenting" in her leadership.



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"Always fearless, she spoke truth to power and represented the power of the people of her district in Houston with dignity and grace," Biden said in a statement.

Her classmate **JOHN CHARLES THOMAS '75** was her moot court partner during their first year in law school. Thomas, who eventually became the first Black justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia, remembered Jackson Lee as having "strong sense of justice and a keen awareness of how to make the best argument based on the facts and the law."

"Sheila was a hard worker who loved to grapple with the issues in the hypothetical cases that we were required to analyze," Thomas said.

Even then, she was drawn to politics. "She was inspired by Shirley Chisholm of New York who, in 1968, became the first Black woman elected to Congress," he said.

Thomas said there were just a handful of Black law students at UVA at the time, "so we were a close-knit group who depended on each other."

"We are saddened by Sheila's passing, but we are proud of her lifelong dedication to making our nation a more perfect union."

Born Sheila Jackson in Queens, New York, in 1950, she attended college through a New York University scholarship established after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. She then transferred to Yale University, where she met her future husband, Elwyn Lee, and earned

her B.A. in political science.

At Yale, she and Lee joined the Elihu Club, the university's fourth-oldest parent society, where they met classmate **RONALD WESLEY '75**. Jackson Lee and Wesley went to law school at UVA, while Lee started his legal studies at Yale.

"Sheila was always focused and quite passionate. She was dedicated to her cause, whatever that may be," said Wesley, who also served in the Black American Law Students Association with Jackson Lee.

After winning election to Congress, Jackson Lee faced only four primary challengers over 14 election cycles. She made a point of attending her constituents' weddings, funerals, graduations and other key life events. Jackson Lee, who had survived breast cancer earlier in her life, took on one more political challenge in Houston in her final years, running for mayor, and losing, in 2023.

Jackson Lee announced her pancreatic cancer diagnosis in June. She is survived by her husband, Lee, an administrator at the University of Houston; her children, Erica and Jason; and two grandchildren.

Her family's statement said her legislative victories "impacted millions."

"However, she impacted us most as our beloved wife, sister, mother and Bebe (grandmother). She will be dearly missed, but her legacy will continue to inspire all who believe in freedom, justice and democracy."

—Mary Wood

Volunteer Legal Services' Founder's Award; and the Potter Anderson & Corroon Pro Bono Award.

Brown is survived by his wife, Gwen, and their family: Ellie, Hannah, Tim, Francis, Sophie, Max and River. He also is survived by his siblings Steve (Kathleen), Matt (Beth), Alice Barger (Gene) and Richard (Claudia), and by his many nieces and nephews, and their partners and children.

## 1974

**CHARLIE KLINEDINST** wrote that he is "sort of retired." He manages investments in small companies and real estate. He also bicycles, swims and enjoys the West Coast weather.

**JOHN W. MACILROY's** 2022 short story collection, "Whatever Happens, Probably Will," was ranked No. 8 on Forbes' 25 Greatest Short Stories of All Time list, published in June. "MacIlroy's approach to writing is shown through his intricate plots and well-developed characters, each facing situations where the unexpected alters their course. MacIlroy's sharp writing prose and perceptive insight into human behavior make this collection even more appealing."

**T. ARTHUR "BUDDY" SCOTT JR.** wrote, "Having missed nearly all my class reunions for one reason or another, I had intended to make the 50th. Our pandemic-delayed trip to Australia intervened, however, so Jane and I were unable to break away for the reunion. This will have to do for an update.

"I am still in the saddle, practicing from our beloved 'Nevermore' since I completed my 30 years at Hunter, Smith & Davis of Kingsport, Tenn., in 2004. It has been quite a diverse practice, ranging

from estate planning, real estate and general business to electric utility representation. In addition to my practice, I have served as president of the Tennessee Land Title Association and chairman of the board of Wellmont Health System (now part of Ballad).

"On a personal level, I was fortunate to engage in flying private aircraft early in my career. Now, my hobbies revolve around the 38 acres of Nevermore, but we enjoy traveling to outdoor public sculpture parks and places far away. It has been an interesting journey. I still enjoy my work; this is a great career to have."

**HARRY TALIAFERRO** regrets not being able to attend the 50th reunion in Charlottesville this spring. Upon making a gift to the Law School, he wrote, "I am forever grateful for the privilege of having received my legal education at such a fine law school and hope my donation may help afford the same opportunity to a deserving student."

## 1979

**BARBARA WALL** was awarded the American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Women Leaders of Achievement Award in August at the ABA Convention in Chicago. The award is given every year by the Commission on Women in the Profession to women lawyers who have not only achieved professional excellence but have paved the way for other women lawyers. Wall is a current board member and former chief legal and operating officer of Gannett Co. in Washington, D.C.

## 1980

**DAVID D. COOKE**, a proud Double Hoo (College '77), died of cancer on May 16.

Cooke was a devoted husband to Maggie Bilder Cooke and a loving parent of twins Julia and Riley. He had a 40-plus-year legal career as a successful environmental lawyer and business litigator in San Francisco, first with Brobeck, then with Beveridge and Diamond, and the last 24 years with Allen Matkins.

Cooke was frequently recognized as one of the top environmental lawyers in California and the Bay Area by Chambers and Best Lawyers. He also devoted substantial amounts of time and energy to the community, including as a founding director of Episcopal Community Services of San Francisco, which provides shelter, housing, meals and other support services to the city's homeless and impoverished individuals and families.

**JONATHAN J. RUSCH** published "When Football Rules Guide Criminal Enforcement: An Appraisal of the U.S. Department of Justice's 'Piling-On Policy'" in the Loyola University Chicago Journal of Regulatory Compliance. Rusch is the director of the U.S. and International Anti-Corruption Law Program and an adjunct professor at American University Washington College of Law.

## 1981



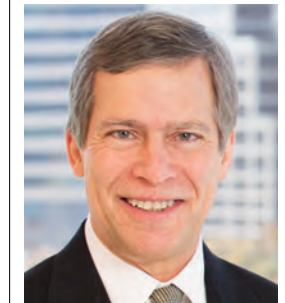
After retiring from Kaufman & Canoles in Norfolk, Va., at the end of 2023, **TERENCE MURPHY** joined The McCammon Group to serve as a neutral third party in judging ar-

bitration matters, concentrating on disputes involving construction, government contracts and other civil matters.

## 1982

**ALLEN BOYER's** "The Rise and Fall of Treason in English History," which he co-authored with Mark Nicholls of St. John's College at Cambridge, was reviewed in The London Review of Books in July. The review, "Boil the Cook," was written by Stephen Sedley, former judge of the Court of Appeal for England and Wales and former professor at Oxford.

## 1983



**ROBERT P. LATHAM** was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers at the spring meeting.

Founded in 1950, the college is composed of the best of the trial bar from the U.S. and Canada. Fellowship in the college is extended by invitation only after careful investigation to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years of trial experience before they can be considered for fellowship. Membership in the college cannot exceed 1% of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,800

members.

Latham leads the media practice at Jackson Walker in Dallas.

Pax Christi of Metro New York awarded **DAVID T. MALOOF** the 2024 National Peacemaker Award for his five decades of human rights work. Active in more than 50 countries, Pax Christi is a global Catholic peace movement.

Before his maritime law practice, Maloof won a string of awards as an investigative reporter on PBS, specializing in uncovering government corruption. In the 2000s, he and his family helped to develop a sports facility and coached basketball at a Christian Palestinian refugee camp outside Beirut. Maloof then joined the leadership council of Churches for Middle East Peace, on which he has served for nearly 20 years.

In 2014, Maloof convinced the president of the Palestinian Authority to give the first major address by a Palestinian leader on a U.S. college campus, at The Cooper Union, where his call went out for peace, nonviolence, religious freedom and equal rights for women.

In his ongoing work toward Middle East peace, Maloof was consulted by the National Security Council before President Barack Obama's trip to Israel and by the State Department. He has crisscrossed the globe working with Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders. In 2016, he published a seminal historical work titled "Christianity Matters: How Over Two Millennia The Meek and The Merciful Revolutionized Civilization." The book documented dozens of examples of how Christians who confronted injustice and followed the Beatitudes have changed history. It won an international award from the Catholic Press Association.





WRLC President and CEO Rich Cochran presents **CRAIG OWEN WHITE '83** with an original painting by a local artist, along with a bottle of maple syrup from WRLC's property.

**CRAIG OWEN WHITE**, partner-in-charge of Hahn Loeser in Cleveland, received the Sugar Maple Award, the Western Reserve Land Conservancy's highest honor, given annually to an exceptional leader and conservationist.

White has been a member of the WRLC's board of trustees since 2013 and has served as chair since 2022. He has also served on numerous committees including governance, executive, thriving communities, transaction review, and the CEO support and compensation task force.

The resolution accompanying White's award stated that he is "a remarkable individual with an unmatched passion for land, people and all living things, demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm, effectiveness and humility."

The WRLC preserves natural areas, public parks and working farms throughout Ohio, and its urban program works to eliminate blight, plant trees and create healthier environments in cities.

of the American College of Trial Lawyers at the college's spring meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz. Founded in 1950, the college is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the college is extended by invitation only after careful investigation to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years of trial experience before they can be considered for fellowship. Membership in the college cannot exceed 1% of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,800 members. Harbin is an intellectual property litigator at Meunier Carlin & Curfman in Atlanta.



**JOHN M. PARIS JR.**, a partner with Williams Mullen in Richmond, Va., was selected to Inside Business' 2024 Power List and is listed as one of the publication's 55 Power Players. He represents strategic invest-

tors, and venture capital and private equity firms in transactions and investments.

Paris has been a prominent figure within his community for assisting in the growth of local startup companies, by guiding them through efficient mergers and acquisitions. He has also supported local entrepreneurs through mentorship and co-founded organizations, such as the Hampton Roads Business Hall of Fame and 757 Angels, and aided in the creation of ACG (Association for Corporate Growth) 757.

## 1986

**ROBERT C. BARCLAY IV** was appointed to a judgeship for the general district court for the 5th Virginia Judicial District by the General Assembly in March. He took office July 1.

**ROBERT H. OXENDINE** passed peacefully at his home in Tampa, Fla., on April 4, after a hard-fought battle with glioblastoma that began in November 2020.

Oxendine was born in 1961 in Milton, Fla., the youngest of three sons, to Elizabeth Moody Oxendine and Thomas Oxendine. He grew up in Arlington, Va., and attended Washington-Lee High School, where he was a three-sport letterman, captain of the football and wrestling teams, and named all-district in football and regional champion in wrestling. He was heavily recruited to play college football and chose Duke University in North Carolina. At Duke, he excelled as an offensive lineman and was named ACC Player of the Week several times, as well as first-team All-ACC and second-team All-American. He was elected captain of the football team his senior year and graduated cum

laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

On the day of his last college senior exam, he flew to Tampa to join the newly formed Tampa Bay Bandits USFL team. Once there, he started on the offensive line. After a season with the Bandits, he attended the Law School, where he met **SELENE MICONI '88**. The two married in 1987 and worked at large law firms in downtown Tampa until they decided to start a family. They then opened a small private practice near their home that they managed together until his illness. A constant student of trial advocacy, Oxendine was passionate about defending his clients and kept a busy schedule that included a heavy trial load.

They had four children: daughters Somerlyn, Sarelle and Seneca, and a son, Raleigh. In addition to maintaining a thriving law practice, Oxendine was also a devoted husband and an ever-present dad. He could be counted on through thick and thin, and was always there to lend an ear and give sage advice. His family reports that he joyously attended every single performance of every single dance production and helped coach their sports teams. He was famous for giving his players nicknames. In his final years, he proudly watched his son Raleigh's college football games, the graduations of his daughters Somerlyn and Sarelle from law school, and his daughter Seneca's medical school white coat ceremony at Duke.

In addition to his wife and children, Oxendine is survived by his brother, Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth, and brother, William. He was a proud Lumbee Indian with many cousins and extended family members.

## 1987



**CALVIN W. "WOODY" FOWLER JR.** was reelected to serve a fourth three-year term as president and CEO of Williams Mullen. Upon taking the top leadership role in 2015, Fowler made significant changes in the firm's leadership structure, introduced a long-term strategic plan, and set a new direction for the firm. Throughout his tenure, the firm has focused on providing an exceptional client experience, maintaining a strong firm culture, developing operational excellence and growing purposefully.

Fowler is a veteran litigator who has been recognized by Chambers USA for Litigation (2014-present) and the Best Lawyers in America for commercial litigation, banking and finance litigation, and mergers and acquisitions litigation (2009-present).



**STEPHEN B. PERSHING** was featured in Washington Lawyer, the D.C. Bar's magazine, twice this summer. In the May/June issue, the article "Stephen Pershing Follows the Sound of Justice" chronicles Pershing's life and civil rights

career and the intertwining of music throughout both. The July/August article, "Democracy Watch: Legal Defense for Election Workers," highlights Pershing's pro bono work with the Election Official Defense Network, co-founded by **BOB BAUER '76**. Pershing, of counsel with Kalijarvi, Chuzi, Newman & Fitch, represents the former registrar for Lynchburg, Va., one of the thousands of government officers and election volunteers who have been harassed, abused or threatened while performing their duties.

Pershing was recognized for his dedication to plaintiff advocacy in civil rights cases in this year's Lawdragon 500 Leading Civil Rights & Plaintiff Employment Lawyers list.



In March, **MAX STEARNS'** book, "Parliamentary America: The Least Radical Means of Radically Repairing Our Broken Democracy," was published by Johns Hopkins University Press. Stearns has given more than three dozen talks on the book nationwide. He was also a guest on "The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart" podcast on June 28, discussing flaws in the two-party system. Stearns is the Venable, Baetjer & Howard Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

## 1988

**RANDALL S. PARKS** was reelected chairman of the executive committee of

Hunton Andrews Kurth this year. He and **MARY LLOYD** are welcoming their first grandchild this fall.

## 1989

**CAL MAYO** was named president of the Mississippi Bar Foundation for 2024-25. Mayo strives to add fellows to the foundation's rolls to serve more Mississippians needing legal aid. Awarding more than \$12 million in grants since 1984, the foundation supports nonprofit entities offering legal aid services, gives scholarship assistance and other support to the state's two law schools, and funds public education programs, such as the statewide high school mock trial competition, to improve public understanding of the legal system.

## 1990

**TREVOR CHAPLICK** moved to his first in-house role with security software firm FaceTec, serving as chief legal officer and executive vice president for corporate development. FaceTec focuses on the facial verification market and digital and mobile ID capabilities. Chaplick was formerly a principal shareholder with Greenberg Traurig in Washington, D.C., and was head of their corporate and securities practice.

**STAN PERRY**, partner and global director of pro bono at Reed Smith in Houston, was recognized as Champion of the Year by the Human Trafficking Legal Center at its On My Side Awards in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 25. The Champion of the Year award recognizes an advocate who goes above and beyond on behalf of survivors of human trafficking.



## TIKTOK PARENT COMPANY NAMES ROGOVIN '87 GLOBAL GENERAL COUNSEL

ByteDance, the Chinese-based parent company of TikTok, named **JOHN ROGOVIN '87** global general counsel on June 3. He was most recently principal at Rogovin Consulting.

"We are very happy to welcome John to our leadership team," ByteDance CEO Liang Rubo said in a statement. "He joins us with vast experience and expertise from his roles in public service, distinguished law firms, and as a leader in the entertainment industry. John brings strong legal instinct and a proven track record of successfully leading global teams that I know we will benefit from greatly as a company."

Rogovin previously worked for over 12 years as executive vice president and general counsel for WarnerMedia and Warner Bros. Entertainment, overseeing production and distribution of film and TV in over 135 countries. He was responsible for the studio's legal support worldwide, including intellectual property, litigation, privacy, compliance, regulatory enforcement, and mergers and acquisitions.

Earlier in his career, Rogovin was a partner in private practice at WilmerHale and O'Melveny & Myers, specializing in litigation and regulatory proceedings. He also served as general counsel of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission and deputy assistant attorney general in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

"I am incredibly excited to be joining this world-class team and look forward to helping to ensure that our platforms continue to provide a critical forum for more than 2 billion users worldwide to entertain, teach, and connect with one another," Rogovin said in a statement.

—Mike Fox



# BORCHERDING '99 PROMOTED, NAMED ARMY'S DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL



Army officer **ROBERT A. BORCHERDING '99** was promoted to major general and assumed duties as deputy judge advocate general in June. He previously served as legal counsel to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Borcherding has served as a staff judge advocate three separate times, including as the SJA for the Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq. His previous tours include service as the SJA for the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, to include deployment with the division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and the SJA for the Joint Special Operations Command. His other assignments include tours as a legal adviser for U.S. Africa Command; group judge advocate for the 10th Special Forces Group; deputy SJA for the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley; and trial counsel and senior trial counsel for the 21st Theater Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Borcherding is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, from which he was commissioned as an engineer officer, before being selected for the Funded Legal Education Program. He also holds degrees from the Judge Advocate General's School and the Army War College.

—Mike Fox

## 1991



**DANIEL K. FELSEN** joined Williams Mullen's construction practice group as a partner in Tysons, Va. Felsen has three decades of construction litigation and government contracts law experience, counseling clients through all stages of construction and dispute resolution, claims preservation, prosecution and defense, and formal dispute resolution on both private and public projects. Felsen previously practiced at Carlton Fields.

**SLOAN WALKER** was elected as a magisterial district judge in Delaware County, Pa., in November 2023 and started serving in January.

## 1992

**JAMES GOODRICH** is a real estate and construction partner at Saul Ewing, based in Baltimore. He also co-chairs the firm's construction practice group. Goodrich was named as a best lawyer in Chambers

for both areas. Goodrich and his wife celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary this year. Their older child is a Double Hoo, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics, and works for Durrandal in Charlottesville. Their younger child attends St. Mary's of Maryland.

## 1993



In early 2023, **IVY WAFFORD DUKE** joined ImpactAssets in Bethesda, Md., as inaugural general counsel. ImpactAssets is a nonprofit financial services firm that promotes impact investing through donor-advised funds and other philanthropic options. In February, Duke was appointed to the board of directors of NewTower Trust, a Maryland-based non-depository trust company that provides fiduciary and trustee services to the \$7.8 billion Multi-Employer Property Trust, an open-end commingled real estate equity fund.



**DONNA WILSON** is serving her second term as CEO and managing partner of legal and consulting with Manatt, Phelps & Phillips following her reelection earlier this year. Since 2019, Wilson has led Manatt through strategic growth across the country, increasing revenue and profitability yearly, exceeding \$400 million in revenue in 2023. Under Wilson's leadership, Manatt has a growing presence in business and political centers, including opening and expanding offices in Boston, Chicago and San Diego.

## 1995



**TREY COX** was named global litigation co-chair for

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Cox leads more than 450 trial lawyers while continuing his co-partner position in Gibson's Dallas offices. He continues his active trial practice, with five cases set for trial in the next 12 months.



**JASON G. MOYERS** joined the Roanoke, Va., office of Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman. Moyers focuses his practice on representing insurers, businesses and individuals in the defense of motor vehicle, commercial carrier, product liability, premises liability and first-party fraud claims.



**CYNTHIA R. MURRAY** is a solo practitioner and CEO of Cynthia Murray Enterprises, based in Charlottesville. Murray recently merged her passion for leadership development and the practice of law into her company's new niche service, guiding lawyers to find balance as a key strategy for their lives and careers.

Murray received her certificate in adaptive leadership from the Harvard Kennedy School in June. She develops and helps leaders thrive in today's demanding work



► Gala Co-Chairs **James Hornby '24** and **Madalyn Moore '24** flank honorees **Scott Migliori '12**, **Cordel Faulk '01** and **Susan Baker Manning '98**.

# LAMBDA HONORS ALUMNI, MARKS GROWTH AT 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

The student organization Lambda Law Alliance celebrated its 40th anniversary gala April 12 and recognized two alumni for their contributions to the LGBTQ+ community.

The organization was founded in February 1984 after a mysterious posting in the Virginia Law Weekly announced the first meeting of the "Gay and Lesbian Law Students Association," or GALLSA, which would serve as a support and rights advocacy group.

Today, the organization has more than 130 student members.

Lambda attributes much of its growth to one of the night's two honorees, former Assistant Dean for Admissions **CORDEL FAULK '01**, who came out as gay nine years after graduating from the Law School.

Faulk started the practice of working with Lambda to reach out directly to self-identified LGBTQ+ admitted students to give them a better sense of how welcome they are at the Law School. He also initiated welcome dinners for incoming LGBTQ+ law students. Faulk was recognized for his efforts by the University's Serpentine Society in 2018.

Faulk was also instrumental in creating Lambda's annual dinner, recognizing that it could help students and alumni forge long-lasting professional relationships. He played a role in creating the annual Alvarez-Coughlin Award that was presented to him at the gala. Faulk left the Law School in 2020 to become the director of global admissions at Schwarzman Scholars in New York.

In his remarks, Faulk spoke of his decision to come out in order to support LGBTQ+ students

and expressed his gratitude for the support he received.

But, he said, "I really didn't need the support because my desire was never for you to endorse me. The only thing I wanted was for everyone in this room to know people at UVA Law endorsed you."

The night's other Alvarez-Coughlin honoree, **SUSAN BAKER MANNING '98**, served as co-president of the organization in 1997, the same year the organization changed its name to BGALLSA to ensure it represented students who identified as bisexual. At the time, the organization had just 15 members.

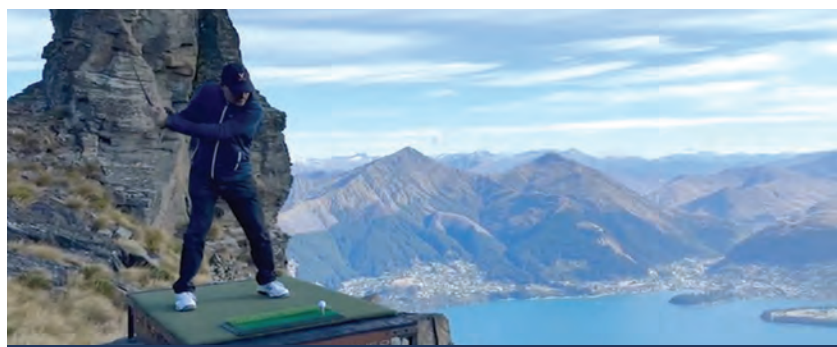
While directing pro bono litigation at her former firm, Morgan Lewis, Manning coordinated the business community's efforts to file amicus briefs in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which struck down same-sex marriage bans nationwide. In July, she became general counsel of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

She reminded students in attendance that they will be able to make a difference in the world regardless of whether they work in the public or private sector.

"There is not just one path to being able to do all of those things, like I [initially] thought there was," Manning said. "Take the pro bono case, talk to your political officials—you don't have to wait to start. Just do the work. Take the first step, then take a second step and keep going."

**SCOTT MIGLIORI '12**, the first openly transgender student at UVA Law, was on hand to accept the 2023 award because he was unable to attend last year's dinner and awards event in person.

—Melissa Castro Wyatt



**BRAD HANDLER '95** represented UVA on a recent trip to Queenstown, New Zealand, while he shot on the three-hole, par-3 Over the Top Golf. At 4,500 feet above the Wakatipu Basin, it is accessible only by helicopter. Handler is the chairman and founder of the luxury vacation club Inspirato.





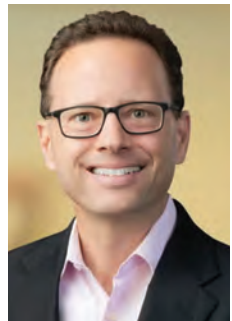
**Kevin Ritz '04** testifies before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in April.

U.S. SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## ALUMNI NOMINATED, CONFIRMED FOR FEDERAL EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL ROLES

In recent months, President Joe Biden chose several alumni to fill high-profile positions in the executive branch and in the courts, in roles that require Senate confirmations.

**KEVIN RITZ '04**, above, was confirmed for a judgeship on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He had served as U.S. attorney for the Western District of Tennessee since 2022. From 2005-2022, Ritz worked as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee, where he served as appellate chief from 2018 to 2022, special counsel to the U.S. attorney from 2011 to 2022 and criminal appellate chief from 2010 to 2018. Ritz also served as chair of the Tennessee Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section and president of the Memphis/Mid-South Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.



**JOSEPH PALMORE '98** was nominated for a judgeship on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He has been a partner at Morrison Foerster in Washington, D.C., since 2014 and currently co-chairs the firm's appellate and Supreme Court practice. He previously served at the U.S. Department of Justice as an assistant to the solicitor general from 2010-14 and at the Federal Communications Commission as deputy general counsel from 2007-09 and as special counsel from 2005-06.



**KASHI WAY '99** was confirmed for a judgeship on the U.S. Tax Court. He was a senior legislation counsel with the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation and has been with the committee since 2005. Way's work, including markup documents, committee report language and technical explanations, contributed to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

—Mike Fox



**KERI HOLLEB HOTALING '00** is a U.S. magistrate judge in the Northern District of Illinois. She took the bench in August 2023, with her investiture taking place in November 2023. She is pictured with her husband, **Christopher Hotaling**, and their children, **Jackson** and **Finley**.

environments. Murray coaches executives and high-performance professionals to meet their personal and career goals, including promotion, career changes and retirement, specializing in work-life balance for peak performance.

### 1998



**NEALE JOHNSON** was selected for North Carolina Lawyers Weekly's 2024 Construction Power List. Johnson is co-chair of Fox Rothschild's nationwide litigation department and practices in Charlotte and Greensboro.

### 2000



**JENNIFER "JENDY" DAGLIO** was promoted to partner

at Hunton Andrews Kurth in Richmond, Va. Daglio focuses her practice on structured finance, securitization and other transactions involving mortgage servicing rights, mortgage loans and non-mortgage loans such as crop and student loans. She represents lenders and borrowers in warehouse and repurchase facilities, issuers and initial purchasers in servicing advance facilities and investors in excess servicing spread transactions.

**DAVID PINTO** is still serving as a Minnesota state representative and chairs a committee on children's issues. He is also a district attorney and specializes in prosecuting crimes of violence. He has two sons; one graduated high school in the spring and the other is in college in Virginia.

After an initial legal career in Washington, D.C., and Seattle, **JUDY ROGERS** followed her dream of becoming a teacher, earning a master's in teaching from the University of Washington and obtaining national board certification soon after. Since then, she has taught various class years and subjects in both public and independent schools.

Rogers, her husband Dean, and their daughter Clara (and their two dogs) recently moved to Prague, where she teaches history,

geography, computing and cookery to middle school students at the Riverside School.

Rogers wrote that she loves the challenges and perspectives that come with teaching students without a shared background. "I cannot assume knowledge of 'The Three Little Pigs,' or SpongeBob or the Magic Treehouse books," she said.

As Rogers learns about Czech childhood experiences, stories, folktales and sayings, she is also teaching students who have just relocated from South Africa, Japan, Poland, Ukraine, Syria and other countries.

### 2001



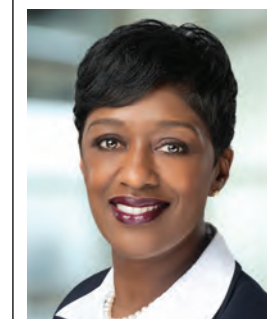
### 2002

**BERND J. HARTMANN LL.M.**, writing from "the beautiful Free State of Bavaria," moved to the University of Regensburg, where he is chair of Public Law, Business Law and Administrative Sciences. Hartmann researches and teaches public commercial law. Before the change, Hartmann was a law professor at the University of Osnaebueck for over a decade. "My wife Susanne and our three children (Tabea, born in 2003; Jakob, born in 2005; and Ella, born in 2010) are delighted with me!"

**ANDREW S. BOUTROS** joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon as co-chair of the firm's government investigations and white-collar practice. He is based in Chicago and Washington, D.C. Boutros' practice includes government enforcement defense, criminal and civil trials, internal investigations, false claims litigation, crisis management response, strategic counseling and compliance-related work.

Boutros prosecuted cases of national and international significance when he served as a federal prosecutor in the Financial Crimes and Special Prosecutions Section of the Chicago U.S. Attorney's Office. Coordinating with international law enforcement in more than 20 countries, he charged and prosecuted crimes with \$500 million in losses, proceeds and judgments. His cases included convicting the

world's largest drug trafficker on the dark website "Silk Road" as part of the multi-district Silk Road Task Force and successfully prosecuting what Bloomberg Businessweek described as "the largest food fraud in U.S. history," involving a series of customs fraud, food fraud and international trade fraud cases. The Chicago Sun-Times called his convictions "some of the toughest, most significant cases to come out of the Dirksen Federal Courthouse." His prior position before joining Shook was as regional chair of an AmLaw 40 global law firm's white-collar practice.



**AFI JOHNSON-PARRIS** was selected to the 2024 class of Citizen Lawyers from the North Carolina Bar Association. The award honors lawyers who, in addition to their legal work, volunteer for community or civic causes to improve

the quality of life of those in their local or statewide communities.

A partner in Fox Rothschild's family law department and a North Carolina board-certified family law specialist, Johnson-Parris represents clients in a full range of family law matters. As an advocate of public education, she works with the Guilford Education Alliance, or GEA, an independent nonprofit that galvanizes the community for quality public education, uniting people and organizations to support Guilford County Schools.

She previously served as co-chair of the GEA Advocacy Project, where she worked to build relationships with legislators, decision-makers and other stakeholders in the community on a year-round basis. With her team, she aimed to combat misinformation and shared messaging and information to foster understanding of the schools' needs.

Johnson-Parris is secretary of the board of the GEA, which was instrumental in helping to secure a historic \$2 billion in bonds for the county's schools, and helped form the "Build S.M.A.R.T" program for facility improvements. Due to her efforts, her firm is now a member of the GEA's Corporate Education Council and commits to a yearly contribution to support the organization's work.

Johnson-Parris is chair-elect for over 25,000 American Bar Association Law Practice Division members and will assume the chair role in 2024-25.

### 2003

**GRANT PENROD'S** firm, Hoover Penrod, earned a Pro Bono Publico Award from the American Bar Association. A Law360 article recently featured the Harrisonburg, Va., firm, which

## WILKINSON '07 APPOINTED TO UVA BOARD OF VISITORS



Gov. Glenn Youngkin appointed **PORTER WILKINSON '07** to the UVA Board of Visitors this summer. She took her seat with four other appointees in August.

Wilkinson is counselor and chief of staff to the Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents. She provides independent counsel to the board on a range of governance, strategic, programming and policy issues, and provides regents' input with respect to the overall management, coordination and oversight of the Smithsonian, according to the institution, which is the world's largest museum, education and research complex.

Before joining the Smithsonian, Wilkinson practiced appellate and constitutional law at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. She clerked for Chief Justice John Roberts at the U.S. Supreme Court and for then-Judge Brett Kavanaugh of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

While at the Law School, she was a member of the managing board of the Virginia Law Review, the Order of the Coif and the Raven Society, and was awarded UVA Law's Thomas Marshall Miller Prize.

Wilkinson is a governing board member of Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School, and an inductee into the Virginia Chapter of the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame. She was a three-time All-ACC and All-America selection in women's lacrosse at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she earned her bachelor's degree.

—Mike Fox



## U.S. SOCCER NAMES KURI '03 CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

**CARLOS KURI '03** was named chief legal officer of U.S. Soccer on May 2. He will oversee all legal matters, including U.S. Soccer Federation and member compliance, appeals and grievances, contracts and litigation.



"I'm thrilled to join U.S. Soccer at this momentous time for the organization and sport, as we look forward to the Men's World Cup in 2026, the building of our National Training Center and future home for U.S. Soccer, and the execution of our strategic vision," Kuri said in a statement.

He formerly worked as chief strategy officer and general counsel at SXS.W. Prior to that, he was chief legal officer at Heineken USA, and senior vice president and general counsel for Red Bull North America. During his time at Red Bull, Kuri established the legal department for the New York Red Bulls and Red Bull Arena. He is also a founding advisory board member of the Sports & Entertainment Risk Management Alliance.

—Mike Fox

has handled more than 1,500 pro bono cases over the past 35 years. "Everyone at the nine-attorney firm does pro bono work ... and some of the cases have had a significant impact, like the time he represented a struggling debtor in a lawsuit against the powerful payday loan industry," wrote Law360. The case went to appeal before the Supreme Court of Virginia, where justices sided with the client. The firm works closely with Blue Ridge Legal Services. After graduating, Penrod worked at a nonprofit in Washington, D.C., and spent three years at Blue Ridge Legal Services before joining Hoover Penrod in 2008.

### 2004



**JOHN DOMBAY** joined Seyfarth Shaw as a partner in Charlotte, N.C. Dombay specializes in real estate, particularly structured commercial real estate financing and closing new originations of floating-rate bridge loans and securitized loans.

**LELAND MILLER** was appointed commissioner to the congressionally mandated U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission by Speaker Mike Johnson, with a term expiring Dec. 31, 2025. He remains the chief executive officer of China Beige Book, a data analytics firm focused on the Chinese economy.

### 2005



**CHARLES H. STOPHER** joined Stites & Harbison in Louisville, Ky., as a torts and insurance practice service group member and a secondary member of the business litigation service group. Stopher's civil litigation practice focuses on personal injury, product liability, insurance bad faith, employment, professional liability and breach of contract litigation. He has been recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America and Kentucky Super Lawyers.

### 2007



**AUSTIN CURRY** of the Dallas law firm Caldwell Cassidy & Curry was selected for the 2024 IAM Patent 1000 guide based on his work for clients in high-stakes intellectual property trials.

### 2008



Williams Mullen partner **DANIEL DURST** was recognized in the Chambers High Net Worth 2024 Guide. Durst advises high-net worth individuals, business owners and professionals with their estate planning needs, including the preparation of wills and trusts, in Richmond, Va. He chairs the Wills, Trusts & Estates Section of the Virginia Bar Association, was named a Fellow of ACTEC in 2019, and has been listed in Best Lawyers for trusts and estates law since 2018.

### 2009

**JOSHUA BRADLEY** is chief investment officer of Belco Capital, a Los Angeles-based investment firm founded by biotechnology entrepreneur Dr. Arie Beldegrun. Belco recently launched Symbiotic Capital, a first-of-its-kind life science credit firm that builds and invests in enterprises and develops labs and innovation campuses. Bradley co-founded Symbiotic.



**DANIEL LI** was appointed general counsel at Strava, the digital community for active people with over 125 million athletes in 190

countries. Before joining Strava, Li served as general counsel for Allbirds, overseeing the company's initial public offering, expansion into four continents, and overall legal strategy. Before Allbirds, Li held prominent legal roles at technology organizations such as Facebook, where he was the company's first product counsel, and data.ai, where he served as general counsel.



**J.R. SLOSSON** is an assistant professor in the Atmospheric and Geological Sciences Department at the State University of New York Oswego. He is a geomorphologist and hydrologist who focuses on water quality, availability and surface processes in environments ranging from high mountain catchments to urban streams. As a scientist with a legal background, Slosson is also interested in the intersection of science and informed policymaking. As a hobby, Slosson runs marathons, completing one in Stockholm in May.

### 2011



**VIRGINIA M. BRUNER** joined the litigation section of Williams Mullen as a partner in Richmond, Va.

## JOHN KENDRICK '16 SEES ISSUE RAISED IN STUDENT NOTE DECIDED AT SUPREME COURT

When **JOHN KENDRICK '16** sat down to pen a research paper as a student at the Law School eight years ago, he thought he was identifying an important question for the U.S. Supreme Court to address.

"The last paragraph of my note says something like, 'Hopefully this can be used as a blueprint for future briefs, and perhaps that will lead to Supreme Court review and victory,'" he said. "I wasn't optimistic that would actually happen, but it did."

On July 1, the justices answered, issuing a 6-3 opinion in *Corner Post, Inc. v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System*, a ruling that may have been inspired in part by his paper. The decision clarified how long citizens have to sue federal agencies if they believe the agency's actions harmed them.

Through his 2017 note for the Virginia Law Review, "(Un)limiting Administrative Review: Wind River, Section 2401(A), and the Right to Challenge Federal Agencies," Kendrick became an expert on the topic of the timeline for suing federal agencies. He served as an amicus curiae in the case's certiorari stage, submitting a brief in an advisory role when the court was deciding whether to review the case. Once the Supreme Court granted cert, he also filed a brief on the merits of the case, explaining to the Supreme Court how and why the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal's decision was flawed.

To see the question he posed years ago finally conclude "was an incredibly surreal experience," Kendrick said.

In order to fulfill the Law School writing requirement, Kendrick sat down with Professor John Duffy in his final year of law school to sift through potential topics for a paper he hoped to publish as a note in the Virginia Law Review, where Kendrick served as an articles editor. Duffy, an administrative law and intellectual property expert, advised Kendrick to choose a niche subject in which he would have a comparative advantage as a law student.

"It's highly unlikely that a law student is going to come up with something novel to say about, for example, the commerce clause," Kendrick explained. "You have to find something you can become an expert in by digging through primary sources in a way that hasn't been done before."

Duffy had flagged the issue that became the heart of *Corner Post* as something that seemed a bit odd to him, and felt it would

and saying, "This is crazy. There's got to be someone who's addressed this," Kendrick said. "The issue was starting to percolate a bit."

In *Corner Post*, the namesake North Dakota truck stop sued the Federal Reserve over a regulation on debit card swipe fees that was put into effect in 2011. According to past understandings of the statute of limitations, the deadline for lawsuits over the regulation was in 2017, but *Corner Post* didn't open its doors until 2018.

"This seemed out of step with how the word 'accrue' is interpreted in almost every other [similar] statute of limitations; typically statutes of limitations are interpreted to run from the time the person is harmed," Kendrick explained.

The Supreme Court agreed: The six-year limitations period did not begin to run against *Corner Post* until it opened its doors in 2018, and therefore its claim—filed in 2021—was timely.

"The [SCOTUS opinion] corrected a doctrine that just didn't make any sense," Kendrick said. "It wasn't right as a matter of textual interpretation or policy, and it didn't comport with basic fairness or the structure of administrative review in this country."

Duffy said Kendrick's note was most likely to have influenced the Supreme Court in the decision to hear the case.

"The fact that someone wrote significant scholarship on the statute of limitations for APA claims—and detailed the conflicting views and weaknesses of the dominant view in the lower courts, and did so years before the case rose to the court—tells the court that this issue has been percolating for years," Duffy said. "That's a huge sign that it's significant and it's not going to go away."

A Northern Virginia native, Kendrick was involved with the Federalist Society and the Innocence Project while on North Grounds.

He now works as an antitrust lawyer in D.C. and enjoys biking with his children and cheering on the Washington Commanders and Capitals.

—Josette Corazza



work for Kendrick's note because no one had previously considered it in depth.

Kendrick's note examines the statute of limitations—the time frame for which legal proceedings can be initiated after an alleged legal violation—for Administrative Procedure Act claims. Prior to the July 1 ruling, in many circuits certain APA claims had to be brought within six years of the agency's action, rather than six years from when the person was harmed by the agency.

After Kendrick's student note was published, several lawyers working on similar cases reached out to him.

"They were encountering this issue



Bruner is a trial attorney and white-collar and investigations litigator who represents corporations and individuals under investigation by state and federal authorities, as well as internal investigations and compliance matters. Her practice includes advising clients in criminal and civil matters within the financial sector, health care industry and higher education.

Bruner spent several years at the U.S. Department of Justice and served as an assistant special counsel, investigating the discovery of classified documents found in the home and office of President Joe Biden. She also served for nearly seven years as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Iowa, where she tried multiple cases to verdict and briefed and argued appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. As a federal prosecutor, she focused on investigating and prosecuting white-collar crimes, including fraud involving government programs.



**CAITLIN M. POE** was named to Benchmark Litigation's 40 & Under List for the seventh consecutive year. Poe, a partner with Williams Mullen in Raleigh, N.C., is a trial lawyer and regulatory adviser who represents criminal and civil clients, focusing on representing clients adverse to the state or federal government. Last year, she was selected as vice chair of the Williams Mullen litigation section and recently became a co-chair of its white-collar and investigations practice.

**DANIEL P. WATKINS** was among nine defamation lawyers ranked in Chambers High Net Worth Guide for 2024. Watkins is a founding partner of Meier Watkins Phillips Pusch in Washington, D.C., specializing in high-stakes crisis and defamation matters. Having served as counsel in *Dominion v. Fox News*, his efforts have contributed to some of American history's largest settlements and verdicts.

## 2012



**JOSEPH BUDD, SETH BECKLEY, JUSTIN OSBORN '10** and **MATTHEW GAMBALE '11** are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the launch of Osborn Gambale Beckley & Budd. Based in Raleigh, N.C., the personal injury firm focuses on closing the justice gap in the Carolinas, winning local and national awards for their free "ask-a-lawyer" events.

## 2013

**BENJAMIN N. HERIAUD** joined Vinson & Elkins as a partner in the mergers and acquisitions and capital markets practice group in New York. Heriaud represents corporate, private equity sponsor and investment banking clients, and specializes in capital-raising transactions, focusing on initial public offerings, alternative, hybrid and private capital trans-

actions, acquisition financings and high-yield debt offerings. Heriaud was previously a partner with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.



**GARRICK C. SMITH** was promoted to shareholder at Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr in Dallas. He is a member of the bankruptcy, restructuring and insolvency practice. Smith represents debtors, creditors, trustees, landlords, lenders, third-party purchasers and equity sponsors in out-of-court workouts, bankruptcy cases and insolvency litigation nationwide. Smith has been named to Thomson Reuters' Texas Rising Stars directory and to the Best Lawyers' Ones to Watch list for bankruptcy litigation and creditor-debtor rights and insolvency and reorganization each year since 2021.

## 2014

In February 2014, **BECKET MARUM** set up a small singles squash "tournament" at the new McArthur Squash Center in Charlottesville to entertain his future boss, a federal district judge, who was visiting to help with the Law School's Lile Moot Court Competition. Eight 2014 UVA classmates, friends, the judge and Marum enjoyed round-robin squash, barbecue and conversation.

That gathering of friends became an annual tradition, and the Marum Squash Invitational is now a yearly

event drawing friends, squash professionals, lawyers and others who are interested in playing quality squash and helping the indigent in America's cities.

"The Marum" has been played for 10 consecutive years in major American squash cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and Washington, D.C., and at some famous venues like the Racquet Club of Philadelphia and the University Club of Chicago.

Over time, the tournament developed a charitable arm and has become a vehicle for raising funds for the homeless and urban poor. Through the generosity of its players and supporters, Marum's tournament and his vision for it have resulted in donations of more than \$15,000 to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit and other urban charities over the past five years.

Marum brought his tournament back to its roots at the McArthur Squash Center in March. In commemoration of its 10th anniversary, Marum invited all past players, including 10 UVA Law alumni, to attend. Play culminated with a championship match on the glass court, and **LUIS ALVAREZ '88**, the president and CEO of the UVA Law School Foundation, spoke at the 2024 Marum champions' dinner held in the boardroom of the Boar's Head Inn. That event was attended by approximately 20 squash players, financial supporters and other friends, including a member of the UVA varsity squash team and the federal judge who played in the first tournament.

"It was a great day of celebration, fun and recognition of charitable generosity," Marum wrote.

When not busy chairing the Marum Squash Invitational, Marum serves as counsel to FINRA (the Financial Industry Regula-

tory Authority) in Washington, D.C., where he resides. He is married to Mary Murphy (Darden '20) and father to Nina Frances Murphy Marum, age 2.

**TRES MOORE** was featured in a Chick-fil-A Corporate Support Center video on LinkedIn. Moore, director of real estate for the corporation, ran into a new company hire serendipitously while out to dinner with his wife. They noticed the new hire's excitement and struck up a conversation. Moore and his wife welcomed the new hire and her fiancé to the Chick-fil-A team (and quietly paid for their dinner). The company cited the story as an example of their culture of caring.

## 2015

**ZACH BRANSON** returned to Jones Walker as a partner in the tax practice group in Atlanta. He was previously an associate on their business and commercial transactions team in Jackson, Miss., from 2017 to 2021. Branson's practice is concentrated on federal and state new markets tax credits and other tax-advantaged transactions. He regularly represents institutional investors, project developers, lenders, community development entities and nonprofit organizations.



**ALEXANDER COHEN** joined Cozen O'Connor's securities litigation and Securities and Exchange Com-

mission enforcement practice in New York. Cohen, a securities enforcement regulatory attorney, has represented and defended some of the country's leading financial institutions, broker-dealers and public companies in Justice Department, FINRA (the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) and SEC-related matters. Outside of work, he is devoted to improving the greater New York community by supporting several nonprofit organizations, including helping to launch The City Tutors, a nonprofit academic and professional development organization that supports underserved neighborhoods.



**ANDREW LANIUS** was promoted to partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in Houston. Lanius practices with the firm's banking and credit practice. Earlier this year, Lanius married Tessa Lanius, née Taylor, and in April, the couple welcomed their son, William George Lanius.



## 2016



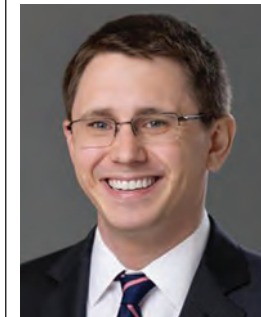
**BRIAN RHO** was selected as a 2024 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Pathfinder. Rho is an associate with Littler's employment law group in Seattle. He focuses his practice on defending employers in class and collective actions under federal and Washington state wage and hour laws, providing practical advice and conducting audits to ensure compliance.

The Leadership Council on Legal Diversity is an organization of more than 400 corporate chief legal officers and law firm managing partners who have pledged to help create a diverse U.S. legal profession. The Pathfinders program is focused on foundational leadership and relationship-building. It gives participants the chance to learn from top legal professionals, as well as experts in learning and development and executive coaching.

## 2018

**TREVOR TOPF** was named vice president of legal at LIV Golf in March. Topf previously was an attorney with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in New York City, where he focused on corporate law matters. LIV Golf, a professional men's golf tour created with funding from Saudi Arabia, is led by CEO Greg Norman, a former pro golfer.

## 2017



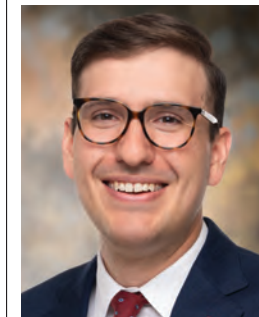
In July, **CHARLES ERIC HINTZ** joined the University of Missouri School of Law as an associate professor of law. His research and teaching interests are focused on criminal law and procedure. Hintz previously practiced with Shapiro Arato Bach in New York and served as a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, where he taught federal habeas corpus.

## 2019

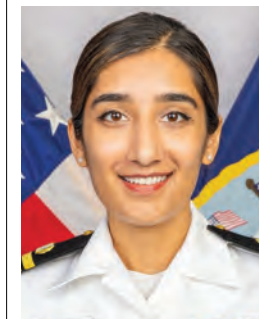


**TYLER S. JOHNSON** joined Williams Mullen's corporate section as an associate in Richmond, Va. Johnson focuses his practice on assisting founders, entrepreneurs, management teams and strategic investors in executing a broad array of equity and debt financings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and company formation transactions. Johnson advises emerging growth companies on governance, commercial contracts and other general corporate matters.

## 2020



**ALLEN BRADDOCK** joined Pierce Atwood in Portland, Maine, as an associate in the tax practice group. Braddock previously served as a senior tax attorney for Exxon Mobil Corp. in Houston, where he participated in negotiations with state governments to reduce or drop multimillion-dollar tax assessments against the company.



**MANAL CHEEMA** was named one of the American Bar Association's On the Rise - Top 40 Young Lawyers. Cheema is a U.S. Navy JAG Corps lieutenant and serves as a legal assistance attorney and branch head at the Region Legal Service Office Western Pacific branch office in Guam. In May, Cheema was named the Naval Legal Service Command Junior Officer of the Quarter for the civil legal assistance she provided to service members and families stationed in Guam and her support of the prosecution of an international drug ring.

**HUNTER WATERS** joined Herrick Feinstein as an associate in the restructuring and finance litigation department in New York. Previously, Waters was an associate at Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch and served as a clerk to **JENNIFER L. ATTREP '06**, chief judge of the New Mexico Court of Appeals.

**TIMOTHY J. WHITTLE** is an associate with Bradley Arant Boult Cummings' Government Contracts Practice Group in Washington, D.C. Whittle advises government contractors in their business dealings, including handling bid protests and other contract disputes. Whittle joined the firm from McGuireWoods.

## 2022

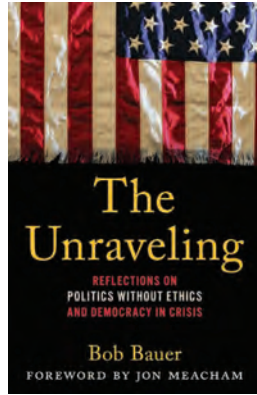


**ELIZABETH C. ADLER** is a 2024-25 U.S. Supreme Court Fellow assigned to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, the agency responsible for establishing sentencing policies and practices for the federal courts. Adler joined the program from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, where she clerked for Judge Eric L. Clay. She was previously in private practice in Washington, D.C.



# Alumni Books

## NONFICTION



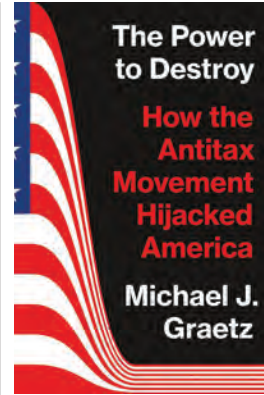
### THE UNRAVELING

Reflections on Politics Without Ethics and Democracy in Crisis

**BOB BAUER '76**  
ROWAN & LITTLEFIELD

Part memoir, part rumination on the declining moral compass of the American political class, “The Unraveling” places restoring political ethics at the center of the renewal of American democracy. Bauer asks where the line falls between the “hardball” of politics and attacks on the very foundation of democracy.

Looking back on 46 years in the political arena, Bauer tries to better grasp what has gone wrong and to understand what shaped his own decisions and actions. He offers anecdotes, perspectives and insights on our world today, including efforts in 2020 (and 2024) to defend our democratic system of elections from attack and distrust, and the struggles with social media, such as Meta, to combat disinformation in a post-truth politics. He writes about the various personal experiences along the way—the highs, the lows and the absurd.



### THE POWER TO DESTROY

How the Antitax Movement Hijacked America

**MICHAEL J. GRAETZ '69**  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS

The postwar United States enjoyed large, widely distributed economic rewards—and most Americans accepted that taxes were a reasonable price to pay for living in a society of shared prosperity. Then, in 1978, California enacted Proposition 13, a property tax cap that Ronald Reagan hailed as a “second American Revolution,” setting off an anti-tax, anti-government wave that has transformed American politics and economic policy. “In The Power to Destroy,” Graetz tells the story of the anti-tax movement and argues that it has hobbled the nation’s ability to meet basic needs and fix critical problems.

In 1819, Chief Justice John Marshall declared that the power to tax entails “the power to destroy.” But “The Power to Destroy” argues that tax opponents now wield this destructive power. Attacking the IRS, protecting tax loopholes and pushing tax cuts

from Reagan to Donald Trump, the anti-tax movement is threatening the nation’s social safety net, Graetz says—increasing inequality, ballooning the national debt and sapping America’s financial strength. The book chronicles how the movement originated as a fringe enterprise promoted by zealous outsiders using false economic claims and thinly veiled racist rhetoric and how—abetted by conservative media and Grover Norquist’s “taxpayer protection pledge”—it evolved into a mainstream political force worldwide.



### FAMILY, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMPANIES

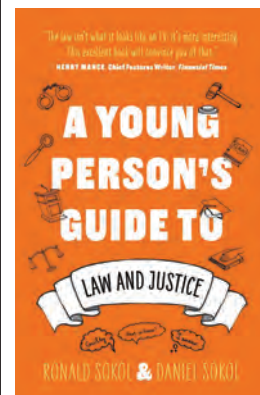
From Assur to Amsterdam

**BARRY E. HAWK '65**  
JURIS PUBLISHING

The most common legal business organization before the Industrial Revolution was the basic partnership. Partnerships then were confined to designated activities like a single long-distance voyage, fragile in the sense that it was easily terminable and ended with withdrawal or the death of a partner,

and closed in the sense that partnership interests could not be traded.

Hawk’s book surveys business organizations before the Industrial Revolution in nine pre-industrial societies in their economic, political and social contexts: hunter-gatherers, Mesopotamia and Near East, Egypt, Athens, Rome, the Islamic world, India, China and Europe. In an epilogue, Martin Gelter discusses the modern development of business organizations that began in the 19th century.

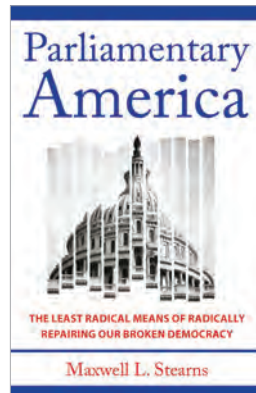


### A YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE TO LAW AND JUSTICE

**RONALD SOKOL '62 AND DANIEL SOKOL**

THE BOOK GUILD

Written by a father-and-son team experienced in both the law and education, this book provides a guide to the legal system for young people by blending the philosophical and practical sides of the law.



### PARLIAMENTARY AMERICA

The Least Radical Means of Radically Repairing Our Broken Democracy

**MAXWELL L. STEARNS '87**  
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PRESS

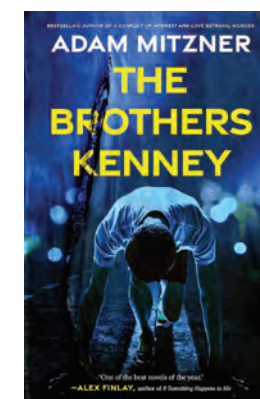
Americans face increasingly stark choices each presidential election and a growing sense that government can’t solve the nation’s most urgent challenges. Stearns argues our 18th-century system is ill-suited to our 21st-century world. Information-age technology has undermined our capacity to face common problems together and turned our democracy upside down, with gerrymanders letting representatives choose voters rather than voters choosing them. In “Parliamentary America,” Stearns argues that the solution to these complex problems is a parliamentary democracy.

Stearns considers such leading alternatives as ranked choice voting, the national popular vote and congressional term limits, but says these can’t solve our constitutional crisis. Instead, he proposes three amendments expanding the House of Representatives, having House party coalitions choose the president and letting the House end a failing presidency based on no confidence to produce a robust multiparty democracy. These amendments hold an essential advantage over other proposals: by leaving every member of the House and Senate as

incumbents in their districts or states; the amendments provide a pressure-release valve against reforms threatening that status.

Stearns takes readers on a world tour—England, France, Germany, Israel, Taiwan, Brazil and Venezuela—showing what works in government, what doesn’t and how to make the best features our own.

## FICTION



### THE BROTHERS KENNEY

**ADAM MITZNER '89**

BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING

Former track star Sean Kenney used to be on top of the world, but that was a very long time ago. Now he’s been estranged from his loved ones for the past two years—until the unthinkable calls him home. While struggling to make sense of the devastating death that has shaken the Kenney family to its core, Sean grasps at the opportunity to seek forgiveness for his past mistakes, while clinging to the belief that if he can discover what really happened that day, he might somehow be redeemed.

Both a family saga and a mystery, “The Brothers Kenney” searches for “forgiveness and the meaning of home as assiduously as it does the identity of a killer.”



### THE SUMMER PACT

**EMILY GIFFIN '97**  
BALLANTINE BOOKS

Four freshmen arrive at college from completely different worlds: Lainey, a California party girl with a flair for drama; Tyson, a brilliant scholar and aspiring lawyer from Washington, D.C.; Summer, an ambitious, recruited athlete from the Midwest; and Hannah, a mild-mannered Southerner who is content to quietly round out the circle of big personalities. Soon after arriving on campus, they strike up a conversation in their shared dorm, and the seeds of friendship are planted.

As graduation nears, their lives are forever changed after a desperate act leads to tragic consequences. Stunned and heartbroken, they make a pact, promising to always be there for one another, no matter how separated they may become by circumstances or distance.

Ten years later, Hannah is anticipating what should be one of the happiest moments of her life when everything is suddenly turned upside down. Calling on her closest friends, it soon becomes clear that they are all facing their own crossroads. True to their promise, they agree to take a timeout from lives headed in wrong directions and embark on a shared journey of self-discovery, forgiveness and acceptance.

# THE FRONTRUNNER

## BRAD FAWLEY '83

GREEN WRITERS PRESS

To lifelong runner Brad Fawley '83, distance running is an expression of love. Born from the concept of a screenplay, his debut novel “The Frontrunner” explores themes pulled from his own life, with each character representing an aspect of himself.

From seventh grade through college, Fawley ran (and placed) competitively, with dreams of one day competing in the Olympics. With an interest in environmentalism and the drive to pursue postgraduate degrees, however, something had to give.

Fawley abandoned high-end competitive running while he earned his master’s at Old Dominion University, though in the decades that followed, he still ran and often mused about the thrill of crossing finish lines. The book became “my idea of living that dream without actually doing it,” Fawley told The Commons, a Vermont weekly.

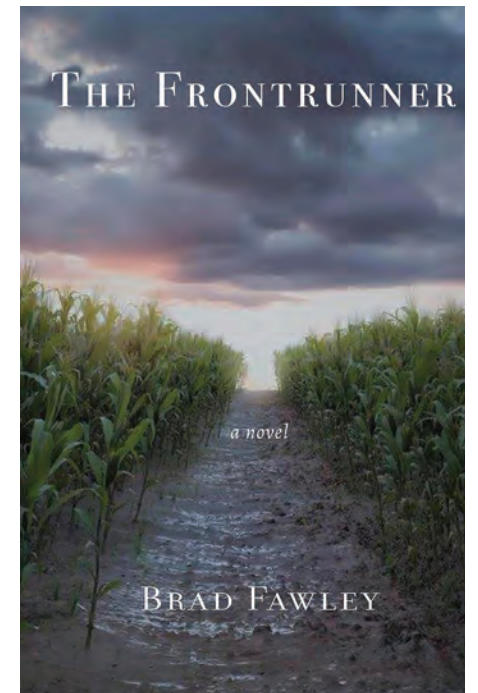
Inspired by his bygone dream of winning gold, the somewhat autobiographical novel follows beleaguered protagonist Russ Clayton as he faces mental setbacks and physical limitations, teaming up with a similarly burned-out ex-marathoner. Fawley weaves themes of community, parenting and the hurdles of training through the text as readers follow the stories of three young runners.

In considering “what makes a champion tick,” Fawley felt inspired to give insight into the body, mind and spirit of a runner, he told The Commons. His wife, Anne Marie Howard, led a three-decade career in television, film, commercials and voice-overs, so his first inclination was toward the silver screen. He worked on a screenplay, only to feel his enthusiasm falter upon learning how extensively the script can be changed in production.

Pivoting to a novel helped him feel confident that if a screenplay were to follow, his original vision would live on in the book.

Fawley practiced at a Hartford, Connecticut, law firm until 1993, when he moved away from the tri-state area in favor of small-town living. He became a litigation partner with Downs Rachlin Martin, in Brattleboro, Vermont. Since 2019, he has worked in litigation on trade secrets, copyrights, trademarks, patent and environmental law. “The Frontrunner” has won accolades from former Olympians and Boston Marathon legends, as well as Kirkus and indie book reviewers. Fawley currently has another book in the works, as well as a sequel to “The Frontrunner.” He still runs today.

—Josette Corazza





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# David Baldacci '86

BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**DAVID BALDACCI '86** RECENTLY VISITED THE LAW SCHOOL to talk about his career path from lawyer to international bestselling author and his new novel, "A Calamity of Souls."

Baldacci, whose writing career took off with "Absolute Power" in 1996, is also writing a new chapter for some students. Through a \$1.5 million donation, he is endowing a scholarship, public service summer fellowship and public service loan forgiveness fund in his name.

## What inspired your latest book?

Growing up in Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil Rights Era made a huge impact on me. I started writing "A Calamity of Souls" on Christmas Day in 2012. I did the first 150 pages by hand in a journal that my wife gave me as a present. Then I set it aside for nearly a decade, continually going back to it and wondering if I had the capacity to finish it. Finally, seeing how the country was going at many levels, I felt the story still had relevance.

So I spent the last two years finishing it. It's autobiographical in many ways, and that is a humbling endeavor for any writer, particularly one used to producing fiction.

## How did you have time to write as a young lawyer starting out? Did your legal training help?

I'd been writing since I was a child. When I was at UVA Law School, I remember being back in my apartment trying to write short stories while my classmates were sensibly trying out for law review and moot court. It's just something I've always wanted to do with my life. Being a lawyer certainly helped that cause. The only arrows in my quiver as an attorney were words. And as a lawyer, I was a storyteller. I had the same trial record as the other side, but I had to fashion creative arguments and polemics that would convince a judge or jury to consider my version the most plausible. Plus, the business background that I gained from practicing has served me well in doing my own publishing and film deals.

## We heard you called on the UVA Law Library and others for help with your latest book. What did they assist with?

The UVA Law Library staff were able to find a rules of evidence publication as well as a litigator's courtroom and investigation procedural reference work from around the time period the book was set, which was enormously helpful. In addition, Emeriti Professors Richard Bonnie and Mildred Robinson read an early draft and provided valuable and insightful feedback.



## What's a fond memory of your time from law school?

When I studied the UCC [the Uniform Commercial Code], I did an old-fashioned version of a spreadsheet. Namely, I taped 20 or so pages of copy paper together and worked out how each UCC article worked with and flowed into the next. When I went to the library, I would unroll it across the floor and my study mate and I would use it to prepare for class and exams.

My first day of school, my car wouldn't start, so I had to walk hauling all of my books. I went through neighborhoods to get there, since Route 29 was not pedestrian-friendly. I got hopelessly lost, got directions from multiple people I passed and ran the last half-mile or so, spurred on by my having been told that if you didn't show they would give your seat to someone on the waitlist. [He made it to class with 10 minutes to spare.]

## Which of your books would you recommend for the UVA Law audience, and why?

"A Calamity of Souls" and "The Simple Truth." Both are law-dominated and have lawyers as main characters.

## Why did you want to give to UVA Law? What do you hope your gift will do?

I give to UVA Law because a law degree can be used for so many different endeavors that can positively impact society. People joke that we already have too many lawyers. That may be the case in some ways, but in other ways I feel we don't have enough lawyers using their degrees to push for actions, precedents and laws that can help millions realize better lives and thereby uplift society as a whole. A high bar indeed, but why not shoot for the stars? I hope my gifts funding scholarships, and stipends and debt forgiveness for those going into public-sector careers, will help to push such an agenda forward. My family is a constant, gentle reminder of what truly matters.



ALEX FINE

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*Metropolitan Club*

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HOLIDAY RECEPTION

**DEC. 16 RICHMOND, VA.**

*Jefferson Hotel*

With Dean Leslie Kendrick '06

6:30-8 P.M.  
HOLIDAY RECEPTION

**JAN. 15 MIAMI**

*Greenburg Traurig*

With Dean Leslie Kendrick '06

6:30-8 P.M.  
ALUMNI RECEPTION

**MARCH 12 NEW YORK CITY**

*Yale Club*

With Dean Leslie Kendrick '06

11:45 A.M.-1:30 P.M.  
ALUMNI LUNCHEON

**MARCH 25 DALLAS**

*Arts District Mansion*

With Dean Leslie Kendrick '06

NOON-1:30 P.M.  
ALUMNI LUNCHEON

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