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#### **Dean's letter**

#### 'A good and meaningful life'



Dean Smolla presents Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. the Law School's Green Award.

This is my last letter to the Law School community as dean of this wonderful school. I urge you to join me in welcoming and supporting John Douglass in his new role as acting dean. John is a lawyer's lawyer and professor's professor. He is widely respected in the profession, a superb scholar, a gifted teacher, and natural leader. He and I have worked closely together this spring planning the leadership transition, and the Law School could not be in better hands during this coming academic year.

I recently wrote an article

for our Law School student newspaper with some reflections on the school, the profession, legal education, and my own career, and wish to share some of those reflections again here.

One hears lawyers and judges debate whether law practice is now less of a "profession" than it once was, and more of a "business." There is a much greater emphasis now on advertising and marketing. The fierceness of competition among firms and lawyers for clients is escalating. That competition places strains on civility, on the willingness to engage in pro bono service, on adherence to the highest and best traditions of our noble calling.

We are in an epoch of trans-jurisdictional law practice, corresponding to the globalization of business and communication. Knowledge of comparative and international law is increasingly important for many practitioners and judges. Connected to this is the increasing importance of cultural awareness and sensitivity, and the imperative that the profession welcome and encourage diversity in all its polymath manifestations.

The very substance of law is increasingly complex. The content of law has for decades been shifting from the common-law and constitutional law tradition of incremental judicial evolution to the regulatory and administrative state. There is a restless disquiet, at home and abroad, over the threats to the rule of law. We are all coping with the impact of the Internet and its rapidly changing forms.

And finally, lawyers today face great stresses on their mental, physical, and spiritual well-being as they struggle to reconcile the pressures and pace of modern practice with the living of a good and meaningful life, a life that includes connections to family, friends, community, and the spirit. Students, faculty, lawyers, and judges must all participate in conversations about these changes, and about what they portend for the evolution in American law schools in coming years.

As for me, I find I've always been restless to constantly seek out new challenges in professional life. I've identified with the sentiments of Ishmael, in the opening pages of *Moby Dick*, where he talks about how, periodically, he is taken by an incessant urge to head out to sea for new adventure, or with Huck, in the closing pages of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, where he declares his intent to light out for the Western Territories. I and my family will always treasure the friendships we have made with the University of Richmond Law School community, and carry those memories in our hearts.

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Rodney A. Smolla Dean, School of Law

# FOR THE RECORD

A look at the people, events and issues making news at the Law School

#### Pursue your heart's work, Starr tells graduates

Authentic success is having the insight and courage to follow one's true passion, Robin Robertson Starr told 166 graduates of the University of Richmond School of Law May 12, as they prepared to receive their juris doctor degrees.

Starr knows what she is talking about. After graduating from the Law School, she became a corporate lawyer with A.H. Robins Co. and then spent 12 years with Williams Mullen, where she was a partner. In 1997, she decided to follow her lifelong dream of working with animals and became CEO of the Richmond SPCA.

Starr recalled the day when she received her law degree, "focused like a laser on achieving success." But that "success," she said, was defined by others, and in the early years of her career, she continued to pursue priorities "according to my perception of the priorities of others."

> "Finding your own true passion is hard work," Starr told the graduates. "There is no manual, template or on-board navigation system." The truly lucky, she said, find their passion when they are young. Others find it as a second career, and some never find it.

"In 1997, I decided to devote the remainder of my working life to what I loved" in spite of negative reactions from colleagues and friends. In her decade of service, the Richmond SPCA has become a national model of best practices for humane societies.

Starr urged the graduates to "stop carrying around the weight of other people's expectations" and set aside gender roles and stereotypes."Do the work of your heart and your soul." She advised them to "stop worrying about peer assessment of the value of what you do" and "insist on having sole custody of your life."

"If you're lucky, what is to come in your life will be nothing like what you expect it to be."

Student speaker Justin Fulton of Rustburg, Va., told his fellow graduates that there are never enough great lawyers."We have a responsibility to help others," he said."No previous generation has had the tools we have at our disposal." He advised his classmates to respond, to inspire and, "Let us lead by example."

The Hon. Donald W. Lemons, justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and John Marshall Professor of Judicial Studies, addressed graduates as the faculty speaker. He urged them to return civility to the law. "Freedom survives in civility," he said. Their aim should be "to lift the profession to higher standards." It is the privilege and duty of law, he said, "to serve your community."

> Jennifer Becker of Richmond received the Nina R. Kestin Service Award. given to the graduate who has contributed most signif-

(Clockwise from left) Speakers Robin Starr, Justin Fulton, Justice Donald W. Lemons.

icantly to the school, the community and the legal profession.

Michael Clements of Washington, Pa., received the Charles T. Norman Award for the best all-around graduating senior.

#### Dean Smolla leaves distinguished legacy



Rod Smolla

Rodney A. Smolla, whose energetic leadership brought inner confidence and international recognition to the Law School, has accepted a similar job at Washington and Lee University School of Law, effective July 1, 2007.

The University will conduct a national search to replace Smolla, with the intention of appointing a new dean by July 1, 2008.

John G. Douglass, who has served on the law faculty since 1996, was named interim dean. (See related story at right.)

"To the faculty, staff and students, Rod has been an inspiring example and a boundless source of energy and ideas," Douglass said. "We will miss him as a teacher, colleague, mentor and friend. Still, the best way to honor Rod's tremendous contribution is to show that we are more than capable of realizing—and improving upon—the vision that we developed along with him. That's our challenge for the coming year. And we've already started. There is no 'time out.""

"Rod is an example of a lawyer 'living greatly in the law," said Justice Donald W. Lemons of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the John Marshall Professor of Judicial Studies at the Law School. Smolla is "an

excellent teacher, scholar, and practicing lawyer, as well as a leader in community affairs. He will be sorely missed at the Law School."

Smolla made his decision public Upon becoming dean in 2003, Smolla

shortly before the Rule of Law Conference, which brought prominent jurists from around the world and national attention to the Law School this April. With its distinguished roster of speakers representing diverse points of view, the conference was an appropriate capstone to Smolla's tenure. set out to establish and to revitalize academic centers at the Law School to foster research, public outreach and new opportunities for students in areas such as environmental law, family law, intellectual property law, international law and health law.

The Law School also established the Institute for Actual Innocence, an academic program with clinical and classroom components to identify, investigate and litigate cases of wrongful convictions. Smolla began a fundraising campaign for a building addition to house the centers and an expanded enrollment. The campaign would increase financial aid for students. He set forth a pro bono initiative designed to emphasize service and to strengthen the Law School's ties

to the community.

He also drew praise for adding to Richmond's strong faculty some of the brightest young talents in American law schools.

"One of Rod's greatest legacies will undoubtedly be the junior faculty hires he made, both as chair of the appointments committee and as dean," said Corinna Barrett Lain, who joined the faculty in 2001. "He single-handedly raised the caliber of this school by actively recruiting top-notch candidates who have produced top-notch scholarship under his tutelage."

By example, he pushed faculty and students toward more ambitious 





#### INTERIM DEAN

Douglass cites 'terrific momentum'



John G. Douglass

John G. Douglass, who began serving as interim dean upon the departure this summer of Rodney A. Smolla, has earned a reputation as a distinguished scholar and innovative teacher during his years on the faculty.

Douglass says he intends to maintain the "terrific momentum" that now characterizes the Law School, where numerous initiatives are underway.

"The Law School could not be in better hands during this coming academic year," Smolla said of Douglass.

A graduate of Harvard Law School, where he served as editor of the Harvard Law Review, Douglass joined the faculty in 1996 after working as a practicing attorney and a federal prosecutor in Richmond and Baltimore. He was associate counsel in the Office of Independent Counsel during the Iran/Contra investigation. He is a highly regarded teacher who draws on his experience in the classroom and in his scholarship.

Douglass works as a mediator for The McCammon Group, a Richmondbased firm that specializes in mediation and alternative dispute resolution services. He has assumed numerous leadership roles at the Law School and the University. In 1999, he was honored with a University of Richmond Distinguished Educator Award.

#### AWARD

#### Professor al-Hibri among four awarded First Freedom prize



Azizah al-Hibri

The Council for America's First Freedom awarded professor Azizah Y. al-Hibri a First Freedom Award for 2007 for her contributions to the advancement of religious liberty around the world.

She was one of four distinguished advocates for religious freedom to be so honored. Others include Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. secretary of state, Abdelfattah Amor, president of the UNESCO human rights jury, and Kevin J. "Seamus" Hasson, founder and chairman of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a nonpartisan, interfaith, public-interest law firm.

Ambassador Robert A. Seiple, president of the Council for America's First Freedom, said, "These four extraordinary individuals have committed much of their professional lives to the defense of religious liberty."

"Azizah al-Hibri has been a leading national and international voice on issues relating to Islam, the rights of Muslim women, Islamic jurisprudence, and legal, political and religious issues relating to the Middle East and Islam,' said Dean Rodney A. Smolla. "Particularly in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, Azizah has been a voice for moderation and tolerance." Al-Hibri is the founder and presi-

dent of KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights.

research and writing, more engagement with various constituencies, and toward an awareness of the value of "living greatly in the law." (See the dean's farewell let-

ter on the magazine's inside cover.) Justice Lemons described Smolla as "a man of vision and energy. This combination served the University of Richmond School of Law well."

#### New family law center to host symposium

The Law School's new National Center for Family Law will host in September a symposium "State of the Family—2007" addressing current issues including the state of marriage and the family, same sex marriage and civil unions, and foster care.

The program will feature nationally known scholars, lawyers and judges such as Elizabeth S. Scott and Robert E. Emery, Stephanie Coontz, and Virginia's first lady Anne Holton, a former Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judge.



Adrienne Volenik

Adrienne E. Volenik, who has been director of the disability law clinic at the Law School's Children's Law Center, has been named the acting director of the center for family law.

The center will support the educational and training needs of law students, lawyers, judges, and others involved in both the practice and study of family law through academic and service programs that focus on public policy and the law as they relate to families and children.

The symposium, scheduled for Sept.

16-18, will be co-sponsored by Virginia CLE. For a full schedule, go to www.NCFL-UR.org.

The center enjoys oversight from an independent board of attorneys, judges, and academics chaired by Edward D. Barnes. It will work closely with the University's Center for Civic Engagement on the implementation of the "Richmond Families Initiative," which will work to deliver pro bono services to low-income families in the Richmond community.

#### Nuremburg's lessons remain valid in law and life

One of the last surviving prosecutors from the Nuremburg war crime trials recently declared, "The rule of law is not such a fragile thing."

"The force of law can stand up to the law of force," Henry T. King said in a sometimes-moving April address at the Law School. King spoke of how Nuremburg's lessons apply today in a world where borders often seem irrelevant.

With terrorism threatening security and stability globally, King said the United States should rejoin the International Criminal Court (ICC) to help shape international law so it can better respond to terrorism. President Clinton signed onto the ICC, though he recognized significant flaws. President Bush has been "outwardly hostile" to the court, King said.

"While the ICC is not perfect, the United States now has the opportunity to take the lead in this aspect of international law," said King, 88, a professor at Case Western Reserve Law School. "Identifying and addressing gaps in current laws and treaties could be the most significant legal development since Nuremburg."

William J. Benos, L'88, whose practice includes international law. introduced King to a near-capacity audience that included three survivors of the Holocaust. Benos said King's appearance

at the Law School just after the Rule of Law Conference served to "bring us all back to an understanding of the rule of law" as defined at Nuremburg.

King also spoke on a more personal level to the many law students in the crowd. He said he left a lucrative "dream job" on Wall Street at age 27 to go to Nuremburg. "I was told by a great many people that I was giving up my place in line on the road to success."

But, King said, Nuremburg became "the defining experience of my life that I would not trade for anything. Nuremburg gave me that frame of reference, those ideals and values that provide a sense of what is truly important."

Nuremburg remains relevant, he said. It codified existing international law and affixed enforceable penalties for violations. It established the principle that everyone is accountable before the law, be they heads of state or soldiers "following orders."

It "denied the concept of sovereign immunity," which might have shielded Nazi leaders acting on behalf of the state, King said. Years later, these precedents meant that Slobodan Milosevic, Augusto Pinochet and Saddam Hussein could be tried in courts of law.

"The Nuremburg judgment lays ground work for the concept that some crimes, particularly crimes

Henry T. King, former Nuremburg prosecutor.

against humanity, were so egregious that the accused could be tried anywhere," King said.

King highlighted the role U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson played as chief prosecutor at Nuremburg. It was Jackson who led four legal cultures—American, Russian, British and French—to "the foundation of modern humanitarian law."

Jackson insisted that the Nuremburg tribunal "reflect America's belief in fair trials, convictions based on evidence, and the rights of the accused."

might, and sometimes did, result in acquittal for some defendants.

"But the result for the Allies, for Germany, and for the world, was not darkness and chaos," he said. The result was "a much higher level of credibility, further discrediting the Nazi ideology and preventing a resurgence of violence." From his perspective as a prosecutor, King said, "I saw how in victory, civilization had responded not with like violence. hatred and persecution but with the rule of law, with fairness and accountability. It was the guiding light for my life's work. What more could anyone ask for?"

As in the war on terror, King said, there was "a very legitimate fear" that a public trial would give Nazis a forum that might incite violence, inspire recruits, and result in release of information harmful to those fighting the threat. A fair, public trial also



#### **SPEAKER**

#### Tests of values come with career



Walter Pavlo

A former senior manager at MCI told an audience at the Law School in February to anticipate ethical challenges in professional life. "The chances of you facing an ethical dilemma in your business career is 100 percent," said Walter Pavlo. "It will happen."

Pavlo spent two years in prison for his role in an accounting scam intended to cover bad debt incurred by the former telecommunications company.

The trouble began when the division Pavlo worked with at MCI began piling up debt while Wall Street analysts and company executives were putting on pressure to reach performance goals he knew were unattainable.

He turned to questionable accounting practices to cover the debt, but the situation only worsened.

Pavlo found himself wondering if every car on the street contained FBI agents. He worried that friends and business associates might be wired.

"What kind of life is that?" he asked.

"You'll never know the value of your values, what your values are worth, until the test," he said. "When you're tested, what are you going to do?"

AWARD

#### Spencer named state faculty 'Rising Star'



A. Benjamin Spencer

A. Benjamin Spencer, an assistant professor at the law School, has been named the "Rising Star" in the 2007 Virginia Outstanding Faculty Awards, sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Spencer began teaching at the Law School in 2004. He also holds a master's of science with distinction in criminal justice policy from the London School of Economics, where he studied as a Marshall Scholar. As an undergraduate, he was valedictorian of his class at Morehouse College.

"It is no exaggeration to rate him as one of the fastest-rising university professors in the country, a person who has made an extraordinary name for himself in an astonishingly short period of time," said Dean Rodney A. Smolla. "He has written a top-selling book, published in the most prestigious national law reviews, endeared himself to his students and been a generous contributor of service to the University and the community."

Before joining the faculty, Spencer clerked for Judge Judith W. Rodgers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

#### Student fellowships provide unique opportunities

Two law professors are working as mentors to undergraduate students this summer through fellowships awarded by the Richmond Quest/Bonner Center for Civic Engagement Student Research Fellowship Program.

Joel B. Eisen is mentoring Catherine Eason, '08, for her project "An Analysis of the Potential Local Effects of Global Warming on Richmond Area Communities and Possible Implications for the Environmental Justice Movement."

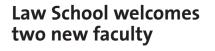
A. Benjamin Spencer is mentoring students Lesley McCall, L'08, and Capri Miller, L'08, in a collaborative research project titled "The Impending Judicial Crisis: How Politics and Indifference Are Destroying Our Federal Courts."

The students receive \$4,000 to conduct their research. They will present their findings at a special program in September sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement, and at an arts and sciences research symposium in the spring.

Amy Howard, the center's acting director, said, "The students' work has significant implications for improving our understanding of an important dimension of civic, social and economic life in Richmond."

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One of the student fellowships will focus on the effects of global warming on the Richmond area.



The Law School welcomed Jessica Morrell Erickson and Tara Casey to the faculty this summer.

Erickson is an assistant professor of law. She has been an associate at Hunton & Williams since 2003, focusing on corporate governance and securities litigation, appellate litigation, commercial contract disputes, and business torts.

Erickson graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where she served as editor-in-chief of The Harvard *Journal of Law & Technology*. She also taught legal research and analysis as a member of the Board of Student Advisers.

She received her bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Amherst College in economics and law, jurisprudence, and social thought.

Following law school, Erickson clerked for Chief Judge Michael Boudin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Erickson will teach corporations, contracts and advanced courses in the corporate and business areas.

Tara Casey is the Law School's new director of pro bono services.

She will promote and coordinate pro bono activities by law students working with area lawyers, legal service agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Casey also will work with the University's Center for Civic Engagement in a program called the Richmond Families Initiative, which will involve law students and undergraduates.

Casey is a 1994 graduate of the University of Virginia. She received her JD in 1999 from Washington University in St. Louis. Since 2002, she has served as assistant U.S. attorney in Richmond, and has taught in the Lawskills program.

Casey won the Richmond Bar Association's Pro Bono Award in 2005.

#### **Professor Berryhill retires** after 31 years

Wade Berryhill, professor of law who joined the faculty in 1976, retired this May, but will continue to teach part-time.

The Law School honored Berryhill by

#### A bridge to the community

#### By Roberta Oster Sachs



As the nation commemorated the 100th anniversary of Jamestown, the Law School became a hub of

intellectual discourse and civic engagement. Hundreds of people from around the world came to Richmond for the Rule of Law Conference.

The Law School continues to distinguish itself as an essential community resource offering public events where people from different worlds can come together to learn about current issues. It is a bridge connecting the campus and the community.

I invite you to look at our new interactive Web site to view all of our exciting initiatives: www.law.richmond.edu

This spring, the Law School hosted many other outstanding events including talks by: Sister Helen Prejean, world renowned anti-death penalty advocate; Henry King, one of three surviving U.S. prosecutors who participated in the Nuremberg trials following World War II;

Virginia Attorney General Robert F. McDonnell; and Walter Pavlo, a former MCI WorldCom executive imprisoned for his role in a finance scam.

Press, the Richmond Times-Dispatch, local radio and television.

Today many people get their civic education from TV sound bites, but those who participated in our programs gained a deeper understanding of controversial issues in a forum where people can agree to disagree.

We will build upon the success of the Rule of Law Conference with programs of interest to the community. For example, the new National Center for Family Law will host a National Family Law Symposium on the State of the Family on Sept. 16-18.

Our students and faculty are working hard to create such engaging programs. The Law School is a resource within a few miles of a million people, and it is making a difference in the community.

awarding him emeritus status.

Berryhill has taught courses in environmental law, environmental law and policy, land-use planning, law and religion, ocean and coastal law, property law, real estate transactions and secured credit. He earned his law degree in 1972 from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, and practiced as a partner in Moore, Logan & Berryhill. He also holds a master of laws degree from Columbia University.

The Rule of Law Conference received extensive coverage from The Associated Virginia Lawyers Weekly, the Virginian-Pilot, and The Washington Post, as well as

#### **SPEAKER**

Nun. best-selling author calls on students to fight injustice



Sister Helen Prejean

Sister Helen Prejean, renowned death penalty activist and author of the bestseller Dead Man Walking, told law students to join the fight against injustice during their careers.

"In the professional house that you build," she told the audience in the packed Moot Court Room, "just leave one room dedicated to helping the poor."

Sister Helen has traveled around the world speaking to notables from Larry King to the Pope about alternatives to the death penalty and the importance of a well-balanced adversarial judicial process.

Prejean works at the Death Penalty **Discourse Center in New Orleans but** spends much of her time speaking to groups around the world about injustice. In addition to death penalty issues, she spoke at Richmond about the "unbalanced racial divide in the practice of justice."

Her appearance at the Law School on April 23 was sponsored by the Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest.

Afterward, Sister Helen dispensed praise: "The students were such amazing thinkers," she told Thomas Strelka, Ľ07.

# FACULTY BRIEFS

Faculty achievements, publications and appearances

Azizah al-Hibri was invited by the American embassies in Belgium, Holland and Saudi Arabia to lecture in May on topics including "Women's Rights in Islam," "Virtual Corporations in the Age of Internet," and "Women's Roles in Developing Societies." Al-Hibri, the founder of KARAMAH, Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights, met with KARAMAH's International Muslim Women Jurists Network for the Gulf region in Bahrain, and in Egypt for the North African region during a tour financed by the National Endowment for Democracy. As a member of its C-100 Club of religious leaders, al-Hibri attended the World Economic Forum held this summer in Jordan. The topics for discussion included women's issues, interfaith issues, and world peace. In April, al-Hibri lectured at the Wharton Business School on "Introduction to Corporate Law." She spoke to a class of Arab women lawyers sent to the United States through the Middle East Partnership Program. (See related story on page 4).

Margaret Ivey Bacigal was elected to a second term as the Law School's representative to the

Virginia Bar Association's board of governors.

Joshua Burstein, associate dean for career services, was appointed a member of the National Association for Legal Career Professional's recruitment practices advisory group for 2007-08. This is his third appointment to an NALP committee.

Timothy L. Coggins, associate dean for Library and Information Services, served as the co-chair of a planning group for the National Summit on the Authentication of Digital Legal Information, which was held in Chicago, April 20-21. Judges, reporters of decisions, technologists, legislative staff members and others participated. The goal of the summit was to develop a plan for authenticating digital legal information released by the federal and state governments. Coggins also served as the coordinator of the 2007 Institute for the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries in Baton Rouge, La. The institute focused on the working relationships between law librarians and legal technologists.

#### Chris A. Cotropia's article

"Nonobviousness and the Federal Circuit: An Empirical Analysis of Recent Case Law," was published in the Notre Dame Law Review, 2007. His article "Patent Law Viewed Through an Evidentiary Lens: The 'Suggestion Test' as a Rule of Evidence," was published in the BYU Law Review, 2006. Cotropia contributed a chapter titled "Nonobviousness as an Exercise in Gap Measuring" to the book Intellectual Property and Information Wealth, Praeger Publishers, 2006. Cotropia moderated the panel "Re-Writing Patent Law: The Supreme Court's Decisions in MedImmune. KSR and Microsoft" at the American Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Conference in Washington, D.C., in April. He testified before the U.S. International Trade Commission in "Certain Baseband Processor Chip and Chipsets, Transmitter and Receiver (Radio) Chips, Power Control Chips, and Products Containing Same, Including Cellular Telephone Handsets" in Washington in March. Cotropia presented "Intellectual Property Injunctions after eBay" to the Greater Richmond Intellectual Property Law Association in March.

He presented "Reforming Patent Law's Disclosure Requirements" at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in February 2007. He also presented "Fraud before the Trademark and Copyright Offices" at the American Intellectual Property Law Association's midwinter institute in New Orleans. Cotropia presented on the topic "Obviousness" at the Advanced Patent Law Institute in San Jose, Cal., and at the 2006 Advanced Patent Law Institute at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, Va., in November 2006. He was a panelist discussing "What's Ahead on Highway 101," sponsored by George Washington University Law School and Oracle Corporation in Washington in November 2006.

John G. Douglass presented a paper in January at a symposium on "Prosecutorial Ethics and the Right to a Fair Trial" at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. The paper, entitled "Can Prosecutors Bluff? Brady v. Maryland and Plea Bargaining," will be published by Case Western Reserve Law Review. Douglass lectured on "Hearsay and Criminal Justice Since Crawford v. Washington" at the annual criminal law seminar of the criminal law section of the Virginia State Bar in Charlottesville and Williamsburg. In April, he served as a panelist on "Teaching

Professionalism in Law Schools," as part of the annual leadership conference of the American Inns of Courts, which met in Richmond in conjunction with the Law School's Rule of Law Conference. Also in April, Douglass served as a panelist in a program for mediators entitled "Breaking Impasse." The program was presented by the Joint Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia Bar Association.

Joel B. Eisen's article "Brownfields At 25: A Critical Reevaluation" was published in the May issue of the Fordham Urban Law Journal. Eisen spoke on "Brownfields and BRAC: Which Is More Compatible?" at a February symposium on environmental law and the military sponsored by the William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review. He also contributed an article to the review's symposium issue. His essay on "Smart' Brownfields Development" is in the Environmental Law Institute's book, Stumbling Toward Sustainability—Five Years Later, which was published this summer. Eisen also moderated a panel discussion on Virginia's recent electricity re-regulation law at the National Regulatory Conference in May in Williamsburg.

David Frisch's article, "Rational Retroactivity in a Commercial





Left to right: Azizah al-Hibri, Margaret Bacigal, Joshua Burstein, **Timothy L. Coggins** and Chris Cotropia.













Context," was published this spring in the Alabama Law Review. His essay, "Chattel Paper, Shakespeare, and the Insoluble Question of Stripping," was accepted for publication by the UCC Law Journal. This summer Frisch is teaching a course on international sales in Barcelona as part of the University of San Diego's summer abroad program.

James Gibson published the article "Risk Aversion and Rights Accretion in Intellectual Property Law," in March in the Yale Law Journal. A shorter version of the article is available on the Yale Law Journal's "Pocket Part" Web site (http://yalelawjournal.org/), along with commentary by two other scholars. Gibson has presented at three conferences so far this year: "What If We Used IP Rights To Impede Evil Industries? What Ifs ... and Alternative Stories in Intellectual Property and Cyberspace Law," Michigan State University School of Law; "Risk Aversion and Rights Accretion in Intellectual Property Law," Intellectual Property Symposium, University of Texas School of Law; "Privacy, Technology, and Privacy," Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of Richmond School of Law.

Ann C. Hodges spoke at the Center for Leadership in Education to administrators and leaders of the







Left to right: John Douglass, Joel Eisen, David Frisch, James Gibson and Ann Hodges.

Chesterfield County Public Schools on "Employment Law and Sexual Harassment in the Education Workplace." The center is a partnership between the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the School of Continuing Studies.

**Phyllis Katz**, L'82, and Hodges taught a course this spring on nonprofit organizations to 28 law and MBA students. The students then helped two organizations complete legal and operational documents to become incorporated as 501(c)(3) organizations. She wrote an op-ed article titled "Virginians Deserve a Living Wage: Commonwealth Should Follow Maryland's Lead." The article appeared in the Washington Post. Hodges also served on the executive committee of the American Association of Law Schools section on labor relations and employment law.

Corinna Barrett Lain presented a paper "Deciding Death" to a faculty colloquy at the Law School, and at the Center for Civil Engagement. The paper has been accepted for publication by Duke Law Journal. Lain also moderated panels for the law review's symposium on the death penalty, which was held in April.

**Kristen Osenga**'s article "Linguistics and Claim Construction" was published in Rutgers Law Journal, fall

2006. Her article "Rembrandts in the Research Lab: Why Universities Should Take a Lesson from Big Business to Increase Innovation" was published in a symposium issue of Maine Law Review, summer 2007. Osenga presented her article "The Componentization of Information" at the annual Intellectual Property Scholars conference at Michigan State University in January 2007. She also spoke at the American Intellectual Property Law Association's spring meeting in May on a panel discussing the implications of MedImmune Inc. v. Genetech Inc. She received a grant from the University to provide iPods for use in her trademark class this spring. The devices were used for a multimedia project where students conducted a mock survey on consumer confusion.

Noah M. Sachs presented his article "Strengthening Tort Remedies in International Environmental Law" at the Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum on May 19. It was chosen as the best article submitted by junior faculty in private international law. Harold Hongju Koh, dean of the Yale Law School, and Alan Sykes, professor at Stanford Law School, were the commentators on the paper.

On March 26, Sachs, professor Joel B. Eisen and 15 students from the environmental and energy law classes toured Dominion's

Chesterfield Power Plant. The tour was arranged through the Merhige Center for Environmental Studies. Sachs is the center's faculty director. The tour included a briefing by the plant's environmental compliance officer on how federal environmental laws apply at the facility.

Roberta Oster Sachs, associate

dean for external affairs, has been presented with the Willie L. Moore Award. The Black Law Students Association presents the award annually to a faculty or staff member who has continued in the tradition of the late professor Moore by showing strong support for the BLSA and the student body as a whole. Tracey Evans, BLSA's pastpresident, in presenting the award, noted Oster Sachs' numerous contributions to the association and the student body, including moderating events, participating in the Minority Student Open House, and working with BSLA presidents on program planning.

Rodney A. Smolla published the treatise Law of Lawyer Advertising (two volumes), Thomson West 2006. He also published *Law of* Defamation, second edition, Thomson West 1999, Smolla and Nimmer on Freedom of Speech: A Treatise on the First Amendment, third edition, Thomson West 1996, and Federal Civil Rights Acts, third edition, Thomson West 1994.

Smolla's article "Cornerstone Principles: Rule of Law Helps Maximize Freedom, Stability," appeared in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, April 8, 2007.

His appearances included the keynote speech at the l'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court XXVII, May 9, on "Are We Failing to Properly Educate and Mentor Law Students and New Lawyers?" Smolla was keynote speaker April 12, before the Virginia Department of Historic Resources reception for Virginia Indian tribal leaders. His address was: "Justice for Virginia's Indian Tribes." Smolla delivered the keynote address to the Commonwealth Education Law Conference in Williamsburg, April 12. His topic: "Making Sense of the Senseless, the Virginia Tech Tragedy."

Smolla was a panelist on a program "The Magna Carta and the Four Foundations of Freedom," April 10, at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art in Virginia Beach. He spoke on "How Has the Legal Profession Changed in the Last 100 Years and How Should Law Schools Respond to those Changes?" in the keynote address to the Ted Dalton American Inn of Court in Roanoke, April 9. Smolla spoke on "The Changing Legal Profession and the Changing American Law School," at the Hunton & Williams luncheon in Richmond, Feb. 22. He spoke on "Equality and Race in Public Schools," Issues in Leadership series

for Chesterfield County public school administrators at the Richmond Center for Leadership Education in Richmond, Dec. 15. Smolla served as moderator

for the Rule of Law Conference at the Law School in April.

A. Benjamin Spencer's casebook, *Civil Procedure: A Contemporary* Approach, has been published by Thomson West. His article, "Anti-Federalist Procedure," has been published by the Washington and Lee Law Review. (See related story on page 6).

Peter N. Swisher is co-author of a new treatise, Virginia Tort and Personal Injury Law, which was published this summer by Thomson West. Other co-authors of this treatise are **Robert E. Draim, L'79**, and David D. Hudgins, L'80. Swisher also wrote "Causation Requirements in Tort and Insurance Law Practice: Demystifying Some Legal Causation Riddles," which appeared in the Summer 2007 issue of the Tort & Insurance Law Journal, a publication of the ABA tort trial and insurance practice section. Thomson West also recently published the 2007 revised edition of Swisher's treatise Virginia Family Law: Theory, Practice and Forms, with co-authors Lawrence D. Diehl and James R. Cottrell, L'77.

Carl W. Tobias published an essay on charitable immunity in the





Left to right: Corinna Lain, Kristen Osenga, Noah Sachs and Roberta Oster Sachs.







University of Richmond Law Review and a book review of a book on Ex Parte Quirin in the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. His articles on federal judicial selection appeared in the National Law Journal, the Baltimore Sun and Jurist. Tobias published articles on capital punishment in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch, FindLaw,* and the National Law Journal. Tobias published articles on U.S. attorneys in *FindLaw*, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, and the Providence Journal. He published articles on the federal courts in the *Providence Journal, FindLaw* and *Jurist*. Tobias also published articles in the Washington Post on the environment and in FindLaw on politics, punitive damages and domestic surveillance. His letters to the editor on the U.S. attorneys controversy appeared in the Economist. the New York Times. the Los Angeles Times, and the Chicago *Tribune*, and on judicial selection in the Washington Times. Tobias gave a Donohue Lecture at Suffolk Law School in Boston. He was a widely quoted contributor to the debates over judicial selection, U.S. attorneys, as well as the Vonage, Padilla and Hicks litigation, appearing on outlets including WTVR, German Public Radio, Dutch Public Radio, National Public Radio, Bloomberg Radio, Wisconsin Public Radio, CBS Radio, ABC Radio, and KCBS.





Left to right: Rodney A. Smolla, A. Benjamin Spencer, Peter N. Swisher and Carl W. Tobias.

## STUDENT NEWS

Student news and accomplishments

#### **Students win honors** mooting by the Bay

Six Richmond law students and professor J.P. Jones returned this spring from a trip to San Francisco with a boatload of awards in the Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition.

The team made up of **Amanda** Binns, Christine Owen and Justin Paget was named this year's overall champion, the fourth time a team from the Law School has achieved such success. They also won the Maritime Law Association of the United States Award for the competition's best brief. The brief will be published in the *Tulane* Maritime Law Journal.

Owen also was selected as the best oral advocate of the championship round.

Paul Catanese, Brandon Santos and Michael Wall were runners up for the best petitioner's brief award.

For three days over spring break, after training on the ski slopes of the Sierra Nevadas and in the tasting rooms of California's wine country, the teams from Richmond faced 20 others from schools including George Washington, Gonzaga, Texas and Tulane.

The competition, including six rounds of oral argument, took place in the en banc courtroom of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before a panel led by the Hon. David F. Levi, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. (Levi is now dean at Duke Law School.)

The trip is made possible by the generosity of graduates who practice maritime law, or who as students participated in this competition.

#### **Portugal interns** in Vienna, Austria

Vinicius Portugal is spending this summer in Vienna, Austria, working as an intern with the U.S. State Department's Mission to International Organizations.





Vinicius Portugal

Portugal, a native of Rio de Janeiro, participated in a highly competitive application process that included interviews in three languages to earn the position. Landing the job was particularly impressive because Portugal just completed his first year at the Law School, and the internships usually go to students in their second or third years.

The mission helps guide U.S. participation in international organizations and conferences based in Vienna, including the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the United Nations in Vienna, and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

After graduation, Portugal, who holds a degree in political science and international affairs from George Washington University, plans to practice international law.

#### Law students join hurricane relief

Over the 2006 winter break, 12 Richmond law students went to New Orleans to volunteer with the Student Hurricane Network, a national association dedicated to providing long-term assistance to

communities affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Ramsey Bronyah, Devin Pope and **Ben Silbert** worked with a center assisting people with mental and physical disabilities. Much of their work involved taking information from those seeking assistance, and matching their needs with volunteer help. Typically, callers needed help with issues ranging from making utility payments, coming up with rental deposits, and reconstructing damaged homes. Students also served as witnesses for wills and performed research on behalf of disabled people who wanted to know if they had a cause of action.

Charlotte Dauphin worked with the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice, which she described as "completely surprising."

"I expected to be doing legal research, but I did not expect to be standing on a street corner near a suburban Home Depot, acting as a buffer between illegal immigrant workers and the police," she said. I found myself among people who were experienced grassroots organizers, who called each other 'brother' and 'comrade.' I felt like a fish out of water."

"I came out of the week with a changed perspective," Dauphin said."I emerged with an open mind and better understanding of the social situation in New Orleans."

Brian Tacey, Kristen Kelly, Cara Sims, Molly Geissenhainer, Chelsea Dunn, and Jamie Specter, worked with the Gert Town Revival Initiative, a grass roots organization that focuses on the revitalization of the Gert Town community. Richmond students worked on a mapping initiative to photograph and otherwise document all the



properties within the community and to research the ownership of the homes. This included determining whether each house was occupied and its condition.

The survey provides information for a database that will be used in saving and rebuilding the historic area.

Brody Reid and Chris Hoadley worked with the Association of Community Organization for Reform Now (ACORN). ACORN's mission in New Orleans is to ensure that owners of damaged property can return to the city to rebuild. ACORN contracts with property owners to "gut" the damaged houses for free if the owner signs a contract agreeing to rebuild the property. Private contractors charge as much as \$15,000 for this service. ACORN has preserved close to 2,000 homes and hopes to save another 2,000 in the coming year. Gifts from the Law School faculty, alumni and AirTran made this

trip possible.

Admiralty competition participants were (from

left) Paul Catanese, '07;

Christine Owen, '08; Justin

Paget, '08; Amanda Binns,

'07; Professor John Paul

Jones: Brandon Santos.

Brody Reid (left) and Chris Hoadley survey New Orleans homes.

#### Of note

Alysha Fulkerson and Ramsay Bronyah won the 2007 Moran Kiker Brown Trial Advocacy competition

Matthew Foote's article, "Not 'Christian,' U.S. Was Founded on Judeo-Christian Values," was published Aug. 13, 2006, in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Kimberly A. Brown won the District 4 National Association of Women Judges Equal Access to Justice Scholarship competition for students at the Law School. She received a \$1,000 award.

Winners of the 2006-07 Moot Court competition are:

- Barnett competition: Scott Jones
- Barnett best brief: Jon Goodrich
- Carrico competition: Emily Bishop and Evan Miller
- Carrico best brief: Emily Bishop

# Bedrock of Democracy



#### Rule of law conference brings international recognition

By Rob Walker

our hundred years after the founding of the Jamestown colony, lawmakers, jurists and leaders from around the world gathered this spring to celebrate and examine the colonists' most valuable import: the rule of law.

In a four-day conference that concluded April 14, the Law School hosted presentations that paid tribute to lawyers and lawmakers from Thomas Jefferson and John Marshall to civil rights icon Oliver W. Hill.

The gathering culminated with a star-studded event at Historic Jamestowne, where John G. Roberts Jr., Chief Justice of the United States, and his British counterpart, The Rt. Hon. Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, along with retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor unveiled a plaque honoring the rule of law and those who dedicate their lives to it. Before the cover was lifted from the plaque, a fife and drum corps in full costume played historic tunes and a replica of the Godspeed, one of the three ships that brought the first English settlers to Jamestown, sailed past.

In presenting the plaque on behalf of the English Inns of Court, Lord Phillips said, "We are bound together not just by friendship but by a mutual dedication to the rule of law."

While presenters at the conference spoke eloquently of the rule of law as a cornerstone of democracy and human rights, others offered strikingly different perspectives on how the rule of law has been applied throughout history. Among the most eloquent voices were those of a Native American leader, a veteran of the American civil rights struggle, and a Chinese dissident working to bring democratic reforms to China.

Many of the discussions also addressed the role the rule of law will play in building new and emerging democracies. Speakers outlined the challenges posed by technology and globalization in a world of disparate cultures and systems of justice.

At a black tie dinner at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, the Law School presented its most prestigious honor, the William Green Award for Professional Excellence, to Chief Justice Roberts. In his speech that evening, Roberts cited a Virginian, Chief Justice John Marshall of Richmond, who saw the fundamental importance of the separation of powers and an independent judiciary. "That separation and independence is the United States' greatest contribution to the rule of law," Roberts said. "It was in America that English ideals of liberty took root."

He noted that the ideals of liberty continue to move back and forth across the Atlantic. The British Parliament enacted the Constitutional Reform Act of 2005, creating an independent judiciary there.

The Law School also honored Hill, the Richmond-



born civil rights attorney and pioneer, with the first Oliver W. Hill Social Justice Award. Elaine R. Jones, former President of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, presented the award to Hill. Together with Dean Smolla and Justice Lemons, Jones read a Proclamation outlining Hill's commitment to building a more just and inclusive America and securing equal rights for African-Americans. The proclamation also noted his many awards, including the 1999 Presidential Medal of Freedom. (See related story, page 17.)

The conference played to enthusiastic audiences many of them standing-room-only—at venues on campus, in Richmond and in Jamestown. It received expansive coverage in local and national media.

Conference panelists included, among others, Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court, Dean Kenneth W. Starr of Pepperdine Law School, Erwin Chemerinsky, professor at Duke University School of Law, and Joe Shirley Jr., president of the Navajo Nation. Lord Phillips was joined by The Rt. Hon. Lady Justice Arden, Court of Appeal of England and Wales, The Rt. Hon. Lord Mance, Appellate Committee of the House of Lords, and The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Rix, Court of Appeal of England and Wales.

Conference co-chair Justice Donald W. Lemons of the Supreme Court of Virginia, said, "The rule of law is the bedrock principle of democracy. From shared history, culture, traditions and values, we reach some fundamental consensus on the rules that govern our society. It is helpful to have a public dialogue about the rule of law as we confront new and challenging issues."

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Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. at Jamestown. (*Opposite page, from left*) Justice Stephen G. Breyer, retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Elaine Jones, Xu Wenli, Joe Shirley Jr., Lord Justice Rix and Kenneth W. Starr.

#### **'A LOT OF WRONG DECISIONS'**

The conference opened with a panel discussion before an audience of over 400 people on "Global Issues and the Rule of Law." Lord Phillips and Justice Breyer were among the 10 high-ranking British and American jurists asked by Dean Rodney A. Smolla, moderator and the conference's co-chair, to define "rule of law."

Justice Breyer described it as a complicated system that satisfies citizens' natural desire for fairness. "We make a lot of wrong decisions in our court. I admit it," Breyer said. "But people will follow them even when they're wrong. That's the rule of law."

The rule of law "is an antidote to insidious corruption of power," said Lord Justice Rix. "By promoting rationality, it promotes the dignity of man."

Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals described the rule of law as "an exquisite balance" between liberty and order. It confers rights but those rights are not absolute. It must be applied, he said, with "humility and restraint. Its abuses usually arise from arrogance and highhandedness." And despite the lofty sound of the term, rule of law is applied every day "by DMV clerks renewing your license or by agents of the IRS."

Those public servants should do their duty with humility, "putting themselves into the shoes of the motorist or the taxpayer, just as the judge puts himself in the shoes of the litigant," Wilkinson said.

> Judge Carl Stewart of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, said rule of law "gives citizens confidence that there are norms. They will get a fair shake."

Justice Breyer said that after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, he became aware that "there is a division in the world between the forces of reason and of irrationality." By advancing the rule of law, the United States and Britain are "trying to further the force of reason."

In his keynote address that evening at the Jepson Alumni Center, Lord Phillips stressed that the rule of law will help resolve the struggle between free countries and those that "deny all the basic individual rights we now take for granted."

#### **AN ELUSIVE REALITY**

On the second day of the conference, speakers focused more critically on how the rule of law has been applied throughout history. From slavery and the separate-butequal doctrine to the destruction of American Indian nations, rule of law has been for many an elusive reality and a tool for oppression. For them, the 400th anniversary of Jamestown is something to commemorate, but not to celebrate.

Professor Kevin Gover of the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University, and Joe Shirley Jr., president of the Navajo Nation, the largest and most influential Indian tribe in North America, offered insight into the plight of Native Americans, past and present, and how the law has been used to deny their basic human rights.

Gover cited opinions by Chief Justice Marshall, who had been lauded throughout the conference by other speakers, that gradually stripped away Indian rights. Marshall's rulings, he said, turned the rule of law "into a tool, a weapon for dispossession of Indians." As a result, said Professor Gover, "Indians have very little confidence in the rule of law."

Gover added that, in Chief Justice Marshall's opinions, the Indian tribes were treated as wards of the United States, not as sovereign nations. "What it comes down to is that [in Marshall's writings] European nations represented a superior civilization," Gover said,

#### "We are bound together not just by friendship but by a mutual dedication to the rule of law."

- Rt. Hon. Lord Phillips

#### Social justice award honors civil rights icon

With the creation of an award bearing his name, the Law School honored Oliver W. Hill during the rule of law conference for a lifetime of work that furthered social justice.

Elaine R. Jones, former president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, joined Dean Rodney A. Smolla and Justice Donald W. Lemons of the Supreme Court of Virginia to honor Hill with the first Oliver W. Hill Social Justice Award. They presented the award to Hill, who

turned 100 May 1, at a luncheon during the conference. Hill was greeted with a standing ovation. "One of the last living giants of the early civil



rights era," as the Richmond Times-Dispatch called him, Hill was born in 1907, in a city, state and nation that legally sanctioned segregation. Hill spent his vigorous professional life working to push rule of

law back onto the right path. Eventually, the courts concurred.

The resolution accompanying the award spoke of landmark civil rights cases dealing with schools, public facilities, voting rights, fair housing, and service on juries.

In a passionate address, Jones, who described Hill as "a mentor and friend," spoke of being the first black woman to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law.

"It was an experience for all of us," she said with a laugh. He found in the system of justice that came to Jamestown "a system he could challenge under," Jones said. "Oliver Hill saw that this She discussed rule of law from the African-American perspective, beginning in the 17th century. "I have read that history," Jones said. "I law could work for all of us." have never had more depressing reading." The luncheon ended with the crowd of about 280 singing "Happy

She recounted how slaves were legally constrained from owning Birthday" to Hill, who took the microphone and said, "I want to thank property. Their masters could punish them, sell them, mortgage or everyone who has had anything to do with this."

while the Indians were made increasingly dependent, and their rights, including access to courts, were denied. Over time, he said, "there was an outright effort to destroy these tribes as entities."

"The treatment of the Indians, even more than our treatment of other minorities, marks the rise and fall in our democratic faith," Gover concluded.

Gover's hard legal lesson was followed by Shirley's powerful and emotional description of what has happened to his people "since the foreigners came across the big waters."

He spoke of how the U.S. government spends billions of dollars on relief overseas while Indians languish in poverty and disease.

"I am seeing what goes on in my world," he said. "The U.S. agreed to be our trustee. With the rule of law, we should be doing well, but our people live in

Shirley called for a return to sovereignty for Indians, and for aid to help the Indian nations recover. Doing so would fulfill broken promises and the rule of law, he said. "Stop trying to assimilate us. We were created by our Creator. We want to keep our culture, our way of life. Life is about standing on our own two feet."

lease them at will. A slave could not go before a tribunal against his master for any reason.

Even after the Civil War and constitutional amendments aimed at righting wrongs, the courts supported laws that disenfranchised blacks again. A century passed before the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed, fully guaranteeing blacks

the right to vote.

The task fell to lawyers, with Hill at the forefront, to work in courthouses and capitals against the inequality in "separate but equal," and to work within the law to overcome injustices.

"The founding fathers were very smart men," Jones said, but "we're talking about the rule of law."

Jones recounted the threats Hill and his family faced. He once came home to find his wife sitting on the porch with

a gun because she had been threatened. The Hills would not allow their children to answer the phone. A mortician once arrived at the house to collect Hill's body.

The lesson from Hill's life, Jones said, is that "a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. As lawyers, we can make a huge difference."

shacks without running water."

He said the American Indians who were "discovered" by the settlers at Jamestown already had a government in place that was, effectively, a democracy run by rule of law. The colonists took ideas from them. "We helped create the U.S. government."

#### **GLOBAL RULE OF LAW**

Speaking through an interpreter, Xu WenLi, a founder of the Chinese Democracy Party and now a senior fellow at Brown University, told the rapt audience that

the rule of law has been non-existent in China for most of its history. Xu was first arrested in 1982 for his prodemocracy activities and for publishing underground newsletters. He spent 16 years in prison. In solitary confinement, he watched the web-spinning and mating habits of spiders in his cell to keep from going crazy.

Finally released from prison on Christmas Day in 2002, Xu and his wife were granted asylum in the United States. While grateful for the sanctuary offered in America, he said he was perplexed by the exploitation of immigrants that often takes place and by the complexity of the justice system here.

"Righteousness can survive in this society but so can evil," Xu said.

As the United States and China have become close commercial partners, leaders of the democracy movement there still remain in prison.

Andrew Prozes, global CEO of LexisNexis Group,

#### Jamestown events underscore connection

#### By Susan Godman Rager, L'87

The rain came down steadily as we left Richmond and headed toward Jamestown. I thought back to the three small ships with 105 people aboard, beginning a journey with none of the comforts we were experi-

encing. How daunting rain would have been to them. Bad weather had kept them hovering off the English coast until February 1607. On our journey the rain subsided, and by the time our motorcade reached Jamestown, the sun was coming through. The three small ships had none of the support we had, and probably had diminished expectations of arriving, or certainly of arriving on any sort of schedule.

Sir George Yeardley, governor of the colony and convener of the first legislative assembly on this soil, a paternal ancestor of mine, is buried under the chancel area of the Jamestown Memorial Church, which was erected near the time of the colony's 300th anniversary. Robert Beheathland, gentleman, an ancestor of my mother's, was aboard one of the three ships that made landfall at Jamestown in May 1607.

Revisiting the island this time was, in a sense, seeing familiar territory with new eyes. Although I frequently visit, and often think about my personal connections to Jamestown, I had never before focused so intently on the embodiment of principles of English law in the fledgling colony.

Before there was a legislative assembly to address the need for

laws in the colony, rules were promulgated by the ventures that had funded and sent the explorers. While the rules necessarily were tailored to the primitive settlement, their basis was English law and **English experience.** 

Chinese say not to worry."

On April 14, we gathered to see the ceremony for the plaque pre-



sented by the four English Inns of Court to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in America. As British and American speakers of distinction addressed those assembled, it was suddenly more right than ever to acknowledge the debt of one society to the other.

an international information management company,

spoke of the rule of law in international business.

Prozes' credentials go deeper than his years as a business leader and lawyer on the world stage. His parents fled

Estonia in 1944, ahead of the Soviet army, only to end

ing about laws. "There was no rule of law under the

largest of which is China, where "just a tenuous sense

of rule of law exists." There, the political process enters

into the judicial system. A strong nationalist sentiment

favors Chinese businesses. Intellectual property, which

is the core of his business, is not protected. "We send

so much information and data there, and we are fearful

of what is happening with it," Prozes said. "The

Prozes recalled his father pounding the table, talk-

Today, his firm is advancing in world markets, the

up in the German labor camp where he was born.

Soviets," he said. "Those experiences shaped me."

Dr. William Kelso, director of archaeology for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities Jamestown Rediscovery project, led us on a tour of the archaeological dig that is underway, and noted that as the first colony of England, Virginia was the beginning of what became the British Empire. In the intervening years, America and England both have seen expansion and contraction, but the principles that were here at the beginning

have served both America and England well. It was a fitting way to reaffirm the bond between the two nations, and a way to make the ocean in between seem smaller.

Susan Godman Rager is governor of the Chesapeake Bay Company (http://JamestowneChesapeakeBayCompany.com) of the Jamestowne Society. She practices law on Virginia's Northern Neck.



Moving into China is an opportunity to make money, he said, but it also is an opportunity to move that emerging giant toward processes and cultures that support the rule of law.

"Corporate economic activity is based on trust," he said. "People who live in countries with the rule of law expect that." Nations and businesses have obligations beyond their own borders and shareholders to see that the protections of the rule of law are enjoyed throughout the world."

Rory Brady, attorney general of Ireland, described issues his nation faces in implementing rule of law with the recent evolution of the European Union. In a keynote address, Brady explained how court systems in many E.U. member nations are overburdened and, therefore, not as effective as they should be. Said Brady, "Delay can undermine the rule of law."

Brady, who used arbitration and alternative dispute resolution to help bring about Ireland's transformation into a prosperous democracy, said those same processes should resolve many problems in the E.U.

"That will require a cultural shift among lawyers and litigants," he said. They must recognize "that justice can be obtained outside the justice system."

#### CHURCH AND STATE

Debate over separation of church and state was a highlight of the conference, with panelists agreeing that sharp disagreement on public issues is an indicator of a healthy society.

"The freedom to believe or not is woven into our system," said Ambassador Robert Seiple, president of the Council for America's First Freedom. "Ours is a country where we can debate our differences."

Dean Starr spoke of the Jamestown colonists "embarking on those ships seeking gold and finding disease." He said that with the First Amendment, the founders "broke through a powerful cultural barrier" and demonstrated that "peace could prevail even with religious pluralism."

In the debate over "ecclesiastical freedom," Starr

said, religious organizations enjoy the right to govern themselves "and limits on that require a higher step." Professor Chemerinsky, whose parents fled Nazi persecution, described Thomas Jefferson's wall between church and state as "high and impregnable." He said there are several justices on the U.S. Supreme Court who now seem willing "to abandon the establishment clause."

Representatives from the Law School and other Virginia colleges and universities that held events in conjunction with the Jamestown 400th anniversary conference series will gather in Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg and at the College of William and Mary Sept. 16-19 for the World Forum on the Future of Democracy. They will join leaders from mature and emerging democracies for closing programs. For more information see: http://www.jamestown2007.org/se-democracyforum.cfm.



"Why trade something that has worked so well for so long for something that's worked so poorly elsewhere?" Chemerinsky asked.

When his turn came, Chief Judge James R. Spencer of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia said, "This is getting good." Robust debate demonstrates "the pure genius" of the drafters. "The creative tension was intentional."

Many of the nation's founders' ancestors had experienced persecution on religious grounds, Spencer said. They understood that a state-sponsored church could become dictatorial. They wanted to ensure that all religions would be protected, but they also intended to keep religion in check, "to protect against the tyranny of the majority," Spencer said.

"People are going to be debating this long after we are gone," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, that's a good thing." ■

The Rule of Law Conference was part of the International Conference Series on the Foundations and Future of Democracy, sponsored by the Jamestown 400th Federal Commission.



From left: Andrew Prozes. **Rory Brady, Robert** Seiple, Erwin Chemerinsky and James R. Spencer.

# the public good'

#### **Emphasis renewed** on community service

By Rob Walker

uy Collier, L'76, is one of many "baby boom" generation lawyers marching toward retirement, but Collier has different plans for the future.

A partner in the firm McDermott Will & Emery, Collier is vice chair of the Washington, D.C., bar's pro bono committee, where he has become a leading advocate for a project that matches older lawyers with pro bono opportunities.

The Senior Lawyer Public Interest Project began in 2005, and its role is expanding, Collier says. The project and the American Bar Association's Second Season of Service program are matchmakers for senior lawyers and those who need their help.

"I live in a city where there are a lot of unmet legal needs," Collier says. "We also have a lot of lawyers here who are winding down their practices, handing off to the next generation. Why not bring together these senior lawyers, many of whom have been interested in public service since their youth, and give them an alternative to retirement?"

Older lawyers have a reservoir of judgment, "and this business is all about judgment," Collier says. Someone who has practiced for decades brings valuable experience into public service, and through their firms, their law schools and the agencies they serve, they also can be mentors to those who will carry on this legacy.

As Collier promotes pro bono work among veteran attorneys, the Law School proceeds with its own pro bono initiative, which fits into Dean Rodney A. Smolla's often-stated message that "to live greatly in the law," lawyers must provide pro bono service to the justice system and the community.

Major firms like McDermott, where Collier works, Hogan and Hartson in Washington, and Hunton & Williams in Richmond, credit their lawyers with billable hours for some pro bono work, and some even expect a minimum hourly contribution from their attorneys.

John M. "Jay" Holloway III, L'95, a partner at Hunton & Williams, says his firm gives associates credit for 50 billable hours for pro bono work. "It's a part of the firm's culture, a core value. We give something back," says Holloway, who leads his firm's pro bono domestic violence program.

But the practice of law "for the public good" is still a secondary consideration at many bottom-line-oriented law firms, and among law students.

Many firms' stated commitment to pro bono service "seems to be more lip service than reality," says Charles F. Seyfarth, L'99, who is active in the Richmond Bar Association's pro bono committee. "For most firms, it's still a business. It's up to the individual to make time for community service and pro bono work."

Greg Overholser, a third-year law student who worked for the Virginia Poverty Law Center during his years at Richmond, says the Law School administration "is doing as good a job as it can promoting pro bono work." But making that work part of most students' routine is a challenge. Apathy, burnout and debt from student loans contribute to the lack of involvement, he says.

Still, "virtually all students here would say that pro bono service is a noble service and hold it in high regard," Overholser says.

Students should come out of law school understanding that they are privileged, says law professor Margaret Bacigal, a member of the Richmond Bar Association's pro bono committee and point person for many of the Law School's community service initiatives. "We are privileged to be lawyers and with that privilege comes an obligation to help effectuate changes and shepherd people through a system that can be daunting."

Over the past few years, Bacigal has seen an increase in interest among students in pro bono work. Recent graduates, she says, are even inclined to ask prospective employers about pro bono opportunities.

Ashley R. Dobbs, L'05, left law school thinking she would go into public interest law. "I was probably the least likely person in my class to end up at a big firm," she says.

Although there was no formal program promoting pro bono service during her law school years, Dobbs says, "The message came through from the professors. I'm just not sure everyone heard it."

Dobbs decided to take a job with Hogan and Hartson in part because the firm offered strong support for lawyers interested in community service. It credits up to 100 billable hours for pro bono work.

She has worked on animal welfare and death penalty cases.

"Law is a very specialized area that puts the lay person, especially if he's poor, at a tremendous disadvantage," Dobbs says. "We need to do what we can to help those who don't have access to legal resources."

The Law School receives calls regularly from agencies and individuals who need help, Bacigal says, and students are ready to work.

Recently, the Law School began a program in

which students pledge at least 35 hours of community service or pro bono work a year, and faculty and top administrators pledge 50 hours. The program, championed by former Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico of the Supreme Court of Virginia, has drawn a large number of participants, Bacigal says.

Among several new programs, the Law School, the Legal Aid Justice Center and Virginia Commonwealth University Hospitals are collaborating on a child health advocacy program, Bacigal says. The program will help meet legal needs of indigent patients and their families. Students will volunteer to do initial intake screening and work with the attorneys assigned to the case.

"This holds great potential," Bacigal says.

The list of pro bono and public service activities at the Law School is long, ranging from work with Virginia Indians and in on- and off-campus clinics, to the investigation of capital cases through the Institute for Actual Innocence. (For more information, see: http://law.richmond.edu/probono/index.php.)

When he was in law school there were people who seemed to be drawn to that kind of work, Seyfarth says, but "there was no big push for students to do" pro bono work. He has seen more interest since Smolla became dean and Bacigal joined the bar's pro bono committee. "It's impressive what they are doing now," he says.

For Erin Murphy, a second-year law student, pro bono activities have provided a significant share of her law school education. She has volunteered at the Virginia Poverty Law Center, helped with the Just Children program at the Legal Aid Justice Center, and helped start a Street Law Program. Much of her pro bono work has been on behalf of children.

"This experience has not only made me feel good about helping innocent children in unfortunate circumstances, but also has helped me see how I can be a better lawyer," Murphy says. "It has shown me the importance of every decision, argument, and conversation."

Christie Marra, L'91, has made a career in public interest law, working for Central Virginia Legal Aid and the Virginia Poverty Law Center, her current employer. Volunteer Richmond law students are a valuable resource, she says. "Students help get to the clients more quickly. They handle paperwork; they do research. They bring enthusiasm and fresh perspectives into situations that can seem so overwhelming. They really do seem to enjoy what they do. They are a great resource."

# Medicine Law

Medical malpractice course seeks common ground between ofter opposed professions

By Joan Tupponce

r. Rami Indudhara's days are filled with patient visits and surgeries, so the urologist and surgeon in Redlands, Calif., doesn't have much free time.

But on six weekends since late January, Indudhara flew from Los Angeles to Richmond to take part in the Law School's new "Medical Malpractice Law and Litigation" class, which was offered this year for the second time to law students and health care professionals. The course offers an overview of medical malpractice law.

"I am totally ignorant of the legal aspects of the practice of medicine," Indudhara says. When he read about the course in the American Medical Association's newsletter, he decided to enroll, despite the cross-country commute. "It has never been taught

formally in my long, 15-year medical training though it's the most frequently talked about subject among health care providers."

The benefits of the class outweigh the costs of getting there, he says. "It's the only place in the country that provides me an opportunity to interact with law students ... within a classroom structure."

Porcher L. Taylor III, associate professor of paralegal studies in the University's School of Continuing Studies, came up with the idea for the class. Sean Byrne, R'93 and L'97, a partner at Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle in Richmond, developed and teaches the class.

"My goal was to create an innovative, rigorous learning laboratory for law students and doctors who could learn from each other about the sensitive medical malpractice field," Taylor says. "This is an area of considerable conflict that we hope we can help resolve."

The practices of law and medicine, Taylor says, seem to require different mindsets that are often at odds with one another. He hoped to bridge that divide by bringing law students and health care professionals together in the classroom. "I've sat in on four classes, and I'm an eyewitness to the vigorous and robust dialogue and interaction between the doctors and law students," he says. "I've seen the camaraderie and academic friendships that have developed."

To entice physicians to take the class, Byrne and Taylor negotiated with The Doctors Company, a physician-owned medical malpractice insurance provider that endorsed the course. "If TDC-insured physicians take the class and successfully complete it, they can reduce their annual malpractice premium by 5 percent," Byrne says. "We hope other malpractice insurance carriers will follow suit."

The physician students also receive continuing medical education credits through an arrangement with Virginia Commonwealth University's Office of Continuing Professional Development.

W. Clark Williams Jr., associate dean of the Law School, worked with Taylor and Byrne to ensure that the course was sufficiently rigorous to earn credit for law students while being accessible to medical professionals.

The resulting course, he says, "Demonstrates the kind of unique academic experience we can deliver with collaborations like this between the Law School and continuing studies, and other schools within the University."

The first class was offered in spring 2006. Eighteen physicians, two hospital risk managers and 13 law students enrolled. "We drew from Northern Virginia, Tidewater and the western part of Virginia, as well as Richmond," Byrne says. "We were excited about the turnout." More than 20 students enrolled this spring.

Seven six-hour classes are held on Saturdays. The final session is a mock trial, Byrne says.

Students study topics including informed consent, analysis of common medical negligence claims against physicians and hospitals, claims and defenses, and medical records issues. The course touches on emerging fields like telemedicine/e-health law, and more familiar matters, such as depositions and trial preparation.

Because it is unique, the course is generating its share of media attention. "We've gotten inquiries from interested professors at other law schools around the country such as the universities of Texas, Florida, Miami and North Carolina at Chapel Hill," Byrne says.

"The Association of American Law Schools knew of no other law school in the country that had opened up a medical malpractice course to practicing physicians when we rolled out the course," Taylor says.

Second year law student Tim Lingo was attracted to the class for several reasons. "It was more pragmatic in its approach," he explains. "You could get practice rather than straight theory. You could be involved in a mock trial and also talk to practitioners."

Lingo and Indudhara say they also learned from the guest speakers, who are usually working professionals. Lingo notes that it is interesting how attitudes of

defense attorneys differ from their counterparts who work for the plaintiffs in malpractice cases. For the Feore family, the course proved to be an unusual educational opportunity. Dr. Colman Feore is a prac-

wouldn't benefit from this class." During class sessions, participants learn practical aspects of medical malpractice law, such as how cases are investigated and prepared for trial. They also learn trial strategy. At the end of the class, students play various roles in a mock trial based on an actual case. Last semester, Dr. Richard Rosenthal, an allergist from Johns Hopkins University, was so convincing in his role as plaintiff's attorney that some people watching the trial thought he was a seasoned lawyer.

Frequent, free-flowing debates help participants share perspectives. For example, Byrne brought in as guest speakers an insurance company CEO and a trial lawyer who represents patients in malpractice cases to debate the hot topic of tort reform. "I try to get everyone in the class to see their commonalities and debate how the system should work theoretically and how it currently functions practically. Is it just and fair as is, or is the medical liability system broken?"



ticing obstetrician. His wife, Janet, is a legal nurse consultant, and their daughter, Margeaux, is a second-year law student at Richmond. The three of them are taking the course together.

"Physicians and lawyers talk a different talk," says Colman Feore, who notes that obstetrics is an area of high risk for malpractice claims. "I wanted to see inside a lawyer's head."

Janet Feore, whose work combines medicine and the law, says, "I can take what I've learned in the class and turn it around and use it in my work." She gives credit to Byrne for making the course work. "He can speak to both health care professionals and lawyers. I don't think there is a physician or medical person who

Rosenthal enjoyed the course so much that he came back this semester to audit some of the classes.

Several of Indudhara's peers have been involved in malpractice litigation. "It appears that every patient we see and every act of care given to a patient is a potential source of litigation," he says.

"Malpractice isn't all about suing doctors to make money. I believe it provides a system of checks and balances for the common good," Indudhara says.

Indudhara believes the class is important to both health care professionals and lawyers. "Our society is based on rule of law and is increasingly demanding perfection in every aspect of our lives."

During mock trial, Wanda Hines has **Dr. Richard Rosenthal** demonstrate the visibility of a bandaged wound. Sean Byrne looks on as judge.

# Special counsel

Powerbroker **Richard Cullen** leads mega-firm

**By Richard Foster** 

ack in 1987, as part of his work as a special counsel to U.S. Sen. Paul Trible in the Iran/Contra hearings, Richard Cullen interviewed Richard Nixon at a Washington, D.C., hotel.

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"I went over during lunchtime to [the former president's] hotel to meet with him," Cullen recalls, "and he's talking to Trible, asking where are you from, and he said to me, 'Where are you from, where did you go to law school?' and I said the University of Richmond, and [Nixon] said, 'Oh, the Spiders!' Which I thought was pretty cool, a former president knowing the **Richmond Spiders!**"

In the years since, Cullen has frequently crossed paths with the powerful, the famous and the infamous.

A former Virginia attorney general and U.S. attorney for Virginia's Eastern District, Cullen, 59, took over in January as chairman of McGuireWoods, the firm he has worked for (with brief interruptions) since graduating from the Law School in 1977. The nation's 45th largest law firm, Richmond-based McGuireWoods employs around 800 lawyers in 16 offices worldwide. The firm's clients include Dominion Resources, CSX,

Verizon, Smithfield Foods, DuPont and AOL Time Warner.

Prior to being named chairman, Cullen headed McGuireWoods' White Collar and Government Investigations Team. He's representing former U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay in a corruption probe tied to federally convicted GOP lobbyist Jack Abramoff. An influential Virginia Republican, Cullen is also state finance chair for former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's presidential bid.

Former Reagan White House Chief of Staff Ken Duberstein said in a 2006 interview with the Richmond Times-Dispatch that Cullen "is one of the best-kept secrets in Richmond because he is a true legal powerhouse who also understands the politics of Washington."

Cullen sees his new job as chairman as part strategist, part rainmaker and part motivator. But he's "still a lawyer first and foremost," he says. "I think if you looked at most major firms ... the chairman continues to be a lawyer practicing law. It's important that you don't lose touch with your clients' needs, and how can you motivate the lawyers if you're just sitting around?"

McGuireWoods counts many University of Richmond alumni among its top attorneys. Cullen's predecessor as chairman, Robert Burrus Jr., R'55, is a University trustee and former rector. The firm's managing partner is William J. Strickland, B'64 and L'70, and its Richmond office managing partner is John V. Cogbill III, L'79.

McGuireWoods actively recruits Richmond law graduates. "The top law students at the University of Richmond are comparable to the top law students anywhere period," says Cullen. "We want Richmond kids. They're well-trained and they're good lawyers."

Cullen has been an adviser to exiting Dean Rodney A. Smolla, who says, "Our law school has been fortunate in that many of our graduates have risen to leadership positions in prominent law firms, and Richard is a stellar example of that. And there's no question that that is good for the Richmond law school on many levels, including career opportunities for students."

Cullen says he's sorry to see Smolla leave, but he hopes to get more involved with the Law School during his time as McGuireWoods' chairman.

After all, Cullen's son-in-law, Erik Siebert, a former Washington, D.C., police officer, is a student at the Law School.

#### Forming political ties

Born in New York, Cullen moved as a young child to Staunton, Va., where he played football for Robert E. Lee High School. His father, Walter Cullen, 90, is a retired human resources executive, and his late mother, Helen, worked for the Virginia Lung Association. Cullen graduated from Furman University and worked as a newspaper reporter in Staunton until he was offered a job as campaign press secretary for Republican congressional candidate M. Caldwell Butler.

"Then he got elected, we went to Washington and he gets assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. And lo and behold, there's the [Nixon] impeachment," Cullen says. As a swing vote, Butler became an important figure in the impeachment hearings, and Cullen found himself fielding calls from The New York Times. "I didn't know what I was doing, but I was bluffing it," Cullen says with a laugh.

Working for Butler, the young Cullen became a lifelong Republican. "I was into sports as opposed to politics growing up," Cullen says. "If Butler had been a Democrat, who knows what would have happened?"

Instead, Cullen went to law school and kept up his political ties, becoming a close friend, inside adviser

"Richard's very influential in statewide Republican politics," says Toby Vick, L'79, former Henrico County commonwealth's attorney and an influential Republican himself. "I would go so far as to say he's a kingmaker." Former Virginia gubernatorial candidate Jerry



Before that, Allen had appointed Cullen to co-chair his task force on abolishing parole, one of Allen's signature gubernatorial achievements. As Allen's state public safety secretary, Kilgore was also on the task force, and he and Cullen barnstormed the state to build support for the initiative. Cullen also was instrumental in building bipartisan support in the General Assembly to abolish parole. "He had a lot of Democratic friends and a lot of Republican friends, and he was able to help us reach

and successful fundraiser for major state Republicans including former U.S. Sen. George Allen.

Kilgore says Cullen was a key policy adviser in his campaign. Kilgore describes Cullen as "one of those go-to people for me who gave me sound advice, and I think he serves that role well for a lot of people. He's somebody you can bounce ideas off of ... and he'll be honest with you, whereas so many people won't be."

Despite his strong GOP ties, Cullen has never run for public office, though he considered running for Virginia attorney general in 1997. After making several speeches statewide in an effort to secure the GOP nomination, he decided against it, finding the campaign process too "all consuming" for him and his family. He and his wife, Aggiem, have four children,



Thomas, a federal prosecutor in Charlotte, Anne Gray Siebert, a reading teacher at Collegiate School, Lizzie, a school development officer in Louisville, Ky., and Richard, a senior at Furman.

Cullen eventually became attorney general for several months, when then-Gov. George Allen appointed him to finish the term of Jim Gilmore, who had stepped down to run for governor.

"He didn't drop the ball as AG," Kilgore says. "He didn't just rest on the laurels and keep the trains running on time as most of those interim AGs do."



Cullen's professional ties cross political party lines.

across the aisle and get some of the conservative Democrats in Virginia to join," Kilgore says.

Cullen chalks that up to a lesson he learned in law school, to see both sides of the argument and not to become needlessly hostile to the attorney representing the other side. After all, when he played high school football, he became good friends with some opposing team members.

"Some of the best friends I have are lawyers I [opposed] in a case," Cullen says. "They're just representing the client."

For example, even though he's been an ardent Republican, Cullen held a fundraiser for former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, a Democrat, in Wilder's successful campaign for Richmond mayor.

"He doesn't wear his party on his sleeve. You don't have to be of his party for him to form friendships," Wilder says of Cullen, whom the mayor and former governor describes as a good friend.

In a move that Cullen describes as "very controversial," Cullen crossed party lines as a U.S. Attorney during Wilder's governorship, helping Wilder author and pass a law limiting handgun purchases in Virginia, an NRA stronghold. "We could never have gotten it passed without Richard's support

and help," Wilder says.

It was part of Cullen's aggressive attack as federal prosecutor on violent crime during the crack cocaine epidemic. He also prosecuted gun traffickers, and successfully sought the death penalty against members of Richmond's feared Newtowne Gang, which was responsible for at least 10 murders.

#### **Building a great firm**

As chairman of McGuireWoods, Cullen will be "a terrific leader," says Burrus, his predecessor. In addition to having a broad network of potential clients, Burrus says, Cullen is a creative problem-solver and "an excellent strategist."

Wilder calls the McGuireWoods board's decision to make Cullen chairman a "tremendous choice and a fine tribute to him. He's an excellent ambassador for the firm. Richard is well-respected in legal circles as well as in political circles."

Says Vick, "He's a wonderful guy to work with. He has the ability to put clients at ease and to counsel them through very, very complicated situations and to lower their blood pressure."

Cullen wants the firm to continue growing to enhance its reputation as a national leader. When Cullen joined McGuireWoods 30 years ago, it had 80 attorneys. Now it has around 800.

"To be a great national firm, you have to be recognized by your peers to have a national scope, to work on things that are of utmost importance to [client] companies and to have lawyers that are recognized [as some of] the best in the country in several different areas, and that's what our aspiration is," Cullen says.

Cullen wants McGuireWoods to be in clients' board rooms "so that the things that are keeping the CEO awake at night are the things we're being asked to work on."

Cullen remembers his beginnings and wants his rising attorneys to realize how fortunate they are to work at a firm like McGuireWoods.

Most importantly, he wants them to do everything they can for the client.

"You don't want your doctor being lazy, cutting corners, saying, 'Oh, I've done enough.' So try to take it that seriously because a lot of times when you're representing a client, it's their whole life," Cullen says.

"Never lose sight that you're there to serve people and they're counting on you. When they wake up in the morning. And they're wondering, 'Is he working hard? Is he going to call me?' Never forget that if it weren't for the clients, we wouldn't have a job."

As Virginia Attorney General in 1998, Cullen answers reporters questions about the State Board of Elections case that went before the Virginia Supreme Court, while then Gov. George Allen (left) listens.

# CLASS NOTES

Class news, alumni profiles and events

Richmond Law magazine is looking for information on alumni to include in Class Notes. If you have news or if you would like to gather and send news of your classmates, please contact us at LawAlumni@Richmond.edu or Law Alumni, University of Richmond School of Law, University of Richmond, VA 23173, (804) 289-8028.

#### **1960**s

**S.D. Roberts Moore, L'61**, has been named to Virginia's Legal Elite by *Virginia Business* magazine. He is an attorney at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, Va.

Irving Michael Blank, L'67, has been certified as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership in the forum is limited to attorneys who have won million- and multimillion-dollar verdicts, awards and settlements. Blank is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America. He is a partner with ParisBlank in Richmond.

**R. Carter Scott III, L'67**, is a member of the business section at Hirschler Fleisher. His practice focuses on corporate and securities law matters, including the formation and capitalization of corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies. He is the former director of the Greater Richmond Technology Council and the Virginia Biotechnology Association.

#### **1970**s

**Frank Overton Brown Jr., R'60 and L'76**, is the 19th recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Award, presented annually by the Virginia State Bar's General Practice Section. The award recognizes a Virginia attorney who has dedicated time and effort to activities that assist

time and effort to activities that assist the community while improving the standing and image of general practice attorneys in the eyes of the public.

Ramon E. "Trip" Chalkley III, L'73, was reelected to a two-year term on the board of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation. The foundation promotes delivery of pro bono legal services in the Richmond area, and sponsors law-related educational and service projects.

**Edwin A. Bischoff, R'70 and L'74**, is a substitute judge for Virginia's 14th Judicial Circuit. As a substitute judge, he



will serve as needed on the bench of Henrico County's General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations courts. Bischoff operates his own firm specializing in general civil practice.

**Peter Connors, L'76**, was named to *Euromoney*'s list of the world's leading tax advisors. He is a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in New York City.

**Bruce C. Stockburger, L'76**, has been named to Virginia's Legal Elite by *Virginia Business* magazine. He is an attorney at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, Va.

Lewis T. Stoneburner, L'76, a trial lawyer with CantorArkema in Richmond, was listed in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* for having three of the top verdicts in Virginia in 2006. He was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Trial Counsel, is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and is an advocate in the National College of Advocacy.

**Richard Cullen, L'77**, was elected chairman of McGuireWoods, which is, according to the *National Law Journal*, the 45th largest law firm in the United States. He regularly represents corporations in complex civil commercial litigation and advises corporations and key executives facing investigation by prosecutors or other governmental investigative agencies. (See story, page 24).



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### Developing good citizens economically



A basic understanding of both law and economics is critical to personal and professional success, says Sarah Hopkins Finley, W'74 and L'82.

That helps explain Finley's non-traditional career path from the Law School to practice with top Richmond firms, posts in state government, and on to her role as executive director of the Virginia Council on Economic Education.

Her goal today is ensuring that "all students graduate [from Virginia high schools] with an understanding of basic economic principles and the decision-making skills needed to be good citizens, wise consumers, savers and investors, and productive employers and employees."

A Roanoke, Va., native, Finley has lived in Richmond since earning her law degree. She worked with Mays & Valentine and Williams Mullen, concentrating on local government work and lobbying the General Assembly. She joined Gov. Mark R. Warner's administration as a senior policy advisor and went on to become deputy secretary of education, with responsibility for K-12 schools and museums.

In that position, Finley met with representatives from the economic education council from time to time, and she came to realize how important a basic understanding of economics is for all high school graduates. It's "critical, not only for our personal success but also for our global economy," Finley says. "The more I looked at what the council did, the more I appreciated its mission."

When Finley's term in the Warner administration ended, the council offered her the post as executive director and she says she eagerly accepted.

The council is based in the business school at Virginia Commonwealth University. It has centers at colleges and universities across the state through which it seeks to ensure that all K-12 teachers in Virginia have the necessary resources to help their students become economically and financially literate. Some 4,000 state teachers attend the council's workshops each year.

The council also runs the Stock Market Game, where students learn risks and rewards of trading stocks.

Finley says her law school education has helped her make the transition to economics and education. "A good lawyer looks at things from many sides," she says, and since economics permeates almost every aspect of daily life, it calls for similar examination.

In her work, she hopes she is "helping to contribute to a much greater understanding of what economics is, and how important it is that we all understand its basic principles."

Finley has remained active at the Law School, serving on its alumni board and frequently attending programs on campus. The contact is "extremely valuable and useful," she says.

A strong law school education, she says, "can be valuable no matter what you do."

By Marisa M. Norona

Raymond A. Gill, L'77, has been named one of the Top Ten Attorneys in New Jersey for a second time, and has made the list of New Jersey Super Lawyers for the third consecutive year. He founded his firm, Gill and Chamas, in Woodbridge, N.J., in 1986. He and his wife and three children live in Monmouth County, N.J.

**Grant Grayson, L'77**, is an attorney at CantorArkema in Richmond.

**Charles J. Zauzig III, L'78**, has been elected president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. Managing partner of the firm Nichols Zauzig Sandler PC, in Woodbridge, Va., Zauzig's practice includes products liability, personal injury, medical malpractice, and brain and spinal column injuries. The VTLA represents 2,500 attorneys from across the state.

James V. Meath, L'79, was inducted into the Virginia Law Foundation's 2007 Class of Fellows. He is a partner and vice chairman of the board of directors at Williams Mullen in Richmond.

#### **1980**s

**Cham Light, L'80**, is the 2007 president of the Historical Foundation in Lynchburg, Va. He is senior claims counsel for Nationwide Mutual Insurance and is an adjunct faculty member at Liberty University Law School, where he teaches insurance law.

**Richard L. Sisisky, L'80**, has been elected to the board of directors of Baptist Health, a faith-based healthcare system in Jacksonville, Fla. Sisisky is president of The Shircliff & Sisisky Company, a management consulting company.

Mary G. Commander, L'81, is one of 15 lawyers throughout Virginia selected as Leaders in Law by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*. She is listed as one of the Legal Elite in the field of family law by *Virginia Business* magazine.

**Douglas A. Barry, L'82**, has been named president of the Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen law firm in Richmond. He is the

first non-family member to serve as president of the firm, which specializes in personal injury cases.

Steven L. Higgs, L'83, has been named Local Bar Leader of the Year by the Virginia State Bar's Conference of Local Bar Associations. Higgs has been involved in numerous service projects through the Roanoke Bar Association. He teaches in Continuing Legal Education programs, and is chair of the Roanoke Bar Association Foundation. He also is involved in scouting and other community activities. He and his wife Diane have three children.

#### Send your news!

Write to LawAlumni@ Richmond.edu or Law Alumni, University of Richmond Law School, University of Richmond, VA 23173.

> Fleet W. Kirk, R'75 and L'84, John L. Lumpkins Jr., L'88, and M. Eldridge Blanton III, L'94, founded the firm Blanton Kirk Lumpkins PLC.

Malcolm P. McConnell III, L'84, is a shareholder at Allen Allen Allen & Allen. He is the editor and co-author of the legal text, *Medical Malpractice in Virginia*, which is updated annually.

Matthew W. Broughton, l'85, has been named to Virginia's Legal Elite by *Virginia Business* magazine. He is an attorney at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, Va.

Attending the 1870 Gala and farewell for Dean Smolla were (from left) Archie Yeatts, R'64, L'67; George Tidey, R'55, L'63; Joyce Tidey, W'57, G'77; Courtney Mueller, L'02; Dave DePippo, L'02; and Neil Talegaonkar, L'99.



**Mary Costello, L'85**, is a judge of the Superior Court for Hudson County, N.J. She works in several divisions of the court, including criminal, civil and family.

James C. Cosby, L'86, is an attorney with CantorArkema in Richmond.

**Mary Burkey Owens, l'86**, has opened a new practice, Owen & Owens, with W. Joseph Owen, R'72, and Samuel J. Kaufman, R'99, in Midlothian, Va.

**Thomas J. Dillon III, L'87**, has been elected to the board of directors for Hirschler Fleischer.

**Stefan M. Calos, L'87**, joined Sands Anderson Marks & Miller at counsel level. He is a member of the firm's business, finance and real estate practice group and has practiced nearly 20 years in the areas of business and corporate law, real estate, wills and trusts and civil litigation.

**Michael G. Phelan, L'87**, is an attorney at CantorArkema in Richmond.

**Kirk T. Schroder, R'84 and L'87**, has been named to the board of directors for InternDirect.

**Stanley P. Wellman, L'87**, has been elected treasurer of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys.

**Gloria L. Freye, L'88**, has been named to Virginia Commonwealth University's Real Estate Circle of Excellence.

**D. Gregory Carr, L'89**, is secretary of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation.

**Richard S. Samet, L'89**, has joined FloranceGodonBrown as counsel.

#### **1990**s

**Elizabeth Borreson, L'90**, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the National Guard last September. After finishing a tour of duty in Afghanistan, she began another active duty tour as an administrative law attorney at the National Guard Bureau, Office of Chief Counsel, in Arlington, Va.

Thomas J. Dillon, B'87 and L'90, was elected to the board of directors at Hirschler Fleischer. Active in the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and the University of Richmond Law School Alumni Association, he is a graduate of the Leadership Metro Richmond Class of 2004 and serves on the board of the Virginia Home for Boys and Girls.

**Stephanie E. Grana, L'90**, is an attorney at CantorArkema in Richmond.

**Courtney Allen Van Winkle, L'90**, has been elected to the board of directors of Comprehensive Health Investment Project (CHIP) of Virginia.

Kenneth Rupert Beirne, L'91, has been named partner in the litigation practice group at Meyer, Goergen & Marrs.

Jason W. Donvicka, l'91, is a shareholder at Allen Allen Allen & Allen. He serves as a governor at large for the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.



**Curtis G. Manchester, L'91**, is managing partner in the Richmond office of Reed Smith. His practice focuses on commercial litigation.

Keith B. Marcus, L'91, is an attorney at ParisBlank.

Peter B. Baruch, L'92, is an associate at Parcell & Webb.

**Ellen Firsching Brown, L'93**, has opened Liberty Hall Books, an antiquarian bookstore in Richmond that specializes in collectable and gift-quality vintage books. She also writes for *Fine Books & Collections Magazine*.

#### Save the date!

Make plans to join friends and classmates October 19 and 20 for Fall Gathering and reunion events. This year, reunions will honor classes that graduated in years ending in '2's and '7's.

> Mark F. Leep, L'93, is principal of Human Research Law Group PLC, a Richmond firm that focuses on biomedical and behavioral research law, regulation and ethics. He formerly served as vice president, laboratory services, for the Bon Secours Richmond Health System, and as a business and medical research attorney with Feil, Pettit & Williams in Charlottesville, Va. He has served on the Bon Secours system institutional review board for the past eight years.

Alicia Zatcoff, l'94, was a recipient of *Style Weekly*'s Top 40 Under 40 award that honors community service and personal achievement.

#### Nadine Marsh-Carter, W'86 and L'95,

was featured in the "People and Places" column of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. She is president and chief executive officer of the Children's Home Society of Virginia.

Adriaen M. Morse Jr., l'95, was promoted to partner at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. His practice focuses on securities enforcement defense, securities litigation and regulatory counseling. He has represented clients in joint investigations and actions by U.S. and European Union securities regulators and criminal authorities, investigating potential civil and criminal violations of securities laws in several jurisdictions.

David J. Walton, L'95, was named a 2006 Pennsylvania Rising Star by *Law* & *Politics*. He was listed in the December 2006 issues of *Philadelphia* magazine and *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*. He is an attorney at Cozen O'Connor in Philadelphia.

Richard D. and Audrey Swank Brindisi, L'96, live in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., with their children Chase, 9, Cogan, 6, and Declan, born Oct. 4, 2006. Rich joined Plante & Moran of Southfield, Mich., as an insurance consultant and Audrey retired from the U.S. District Court.

**Carlos L. Hopkins, L'96**, is director of training and attorney certification at the Indigent Defense Commission. He also is a captain in the Army National Guard.

Carrie Hallberg O'Malley, B'91, M'96 and

**L'96**, is a member of the real estate section at Hirschler Fleisher. She works in the firm's Fredericksburg, Va., office. She is co-author of a chapter and several subchapters of the Virginia CLE handbook titled *Contract Law in Virginia*.

Nicholas "Nick" Pace, L'96, is senior vice president and deputy general counsel at AMERIGROUP Corp. in Virginia Beach. AMERIGROUP works to improve healthcare access and quality for lowincome Americans by developing innovative managed health services for the public sector.

Judy Lin Bristow, L'97, was named a partner at Williams Mullen. She is a member of the firm's business section and practices in Richmond. Her practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private securities offerings, private equity and venture capital transactions. Michael Horvath, L'97, is associate counsel with Starr International Advisors Inc. in New York City. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, foreign investments and private equity.

**Stephen McCullough, L'97**, deputy state solicitor general in the office of Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell, has been named a U.S. Supreme Court Fellow by the National Association of Attorneys General.

**Russell Elton Nance, L'97**, was promoted to income partner at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP.

**Robert J. Wheaton Jr., L'97**, is a senior associate in the estate planning and administration group at CantorArkema in Richmond.

**Turner A. Broughton, L'98**, was named a partner at Williams Mullen. He is a member of the firm's litigation section and works out of the Richmond office. His practice focuses on consumer classaction and products-liability litigation with a particular emphasis on mass torts, business torts and nursing home litigation, as well as general commercial litigation.

**Stephen Faraci, L'98**, and his wife, Katherine, gave birth to a son, Stephen Matthew Faraci Jr., on Feb. 25, 2007.

Joshua H. Rahman, L'98, is an associate at Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle in the firm's Richmond office. He practices in the areas of commercial law specific to matters facing proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies and other business organizations, and commercial real estate.

Maria de Guzman Aguila, L'99, has formed her own solo practice in Jacksonville, Fla. She focuses on immigration law, adoptions, housing and real estate. She also teaches legal writing at Florida Coastal School of Law, and has a 5-year-old daughter and a daughter born Aug. 11, 2006.

**Carl Hill Bivens III, L'99**, has been named partner with Troutman Sanders.

**Robert H. Burger, L'99**, was named a partner at Williams Mullen. He is a member of the firm's litigation section and practices out of its Virginia Beach office. He concentrates on commercial litigation with an emphasis on construction, banking and real estate.

**Elizabeth Everett Cherkis, L'99**, is a principal at Wright, Robinson, Osthimer & Tatum in Richmond. She and her husband, Dan, have an 18-month-old daughter, Bailey.

**Robert Michael Doherty, L'99**, is an associate with WootenHart in Roanoke, Va.

**Mary Beth Long, L'99**, is an associate at Michael Blanks Jr. & Associates, where she practices family law.

Joan M. Mielke, l'99, has joined Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle, where her practice focuses on all types of healthcare regulatory and compliance issues, medical staff issues, and employment law.

**Richard D. Scott, l'99**, an associate at LeClair Ryan, received the Young Lawyer of the Year award from the Roanoke Bar Association Foundation.

**Charles Kalman Seyfarth, L'99**, has been named partner with O'Hagan Spencer.

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**Leslie A.T. Haley, L'oo**, was reelected for a two-year term to the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation.

**Molly D. McEvoy, W'93 and L'00**, has joined Armstrong Bristow & Farley as an associate in real estate planning.

**Ramona L. Taylor, L'oo**, is assistant city attorney in Richmond. She represents the Department of Social Services in matters in Richmond area courts.

Jason Cecil, L'O1, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Young Democrats at Jekyll Island, Ga.

**Brock Cole, L'01**, is an associate at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller.

#### **ALUMNI PROFILE**

### Richmond's honorary consul practices across borders



As Canada's honorary consul to the city of Richmond, William J. Benos, L '88, promotes everything from music and culture to trade and development. This past year, more than 700 school children in the Richmond area and thousands of National Folk Festival participants got the chance to hear the music of Le Vent du Nord from Quebec thanks to the consul.

"I put people in touch with appropriate contacts to bring a bit of Canadian culture to Richmond," Benos says.

A Canadian citizen, Benos graduated from the University of Western Ontario School of Law and passed the bar in Canada. When he moved to Virginia in 1987, he discovered that he couldn't practice until he attended an American Bar Association accredited school and passed the bar again. Now a partner at Williams Mullen, he focuses on international business law and immigration.

Richmond is one of 20 U.S. locations earmarked by Canada for honorary consulate. Benos was appointed to that post 2004.

"I work with cross-border business development," he explains. "I serve as the interface between [local] companies that want to expand to Canada and Canadian companies that want to expand to Richmond."

At Williams Mullen, Benos deals with much broader international and immigration issues. "There's no time zone that we don't cover," he says. "Most of our clients are from around the world, helping companies like Brinks bring workers into the country."

Benos says immigration is a busy area of practice today, as the number of prospective immigrants and of companies seeking to hire them continues to grow. At the same time, the U.S. government wrestles with how to maintain secure borders. "There is no simple solution," Benos says.

Benos addresses these issues in his classes at the Law School. He teaches in the International Business Practice Program, which he describes as "one of the most innovative and unique classes in the country." The program connects law students with students from the Robins School of Business and the business school at Virginia Commonwealth University with Virginia companies.

"We pick companies that are looking to expand their business overseas, whether it's exporting or creating more jobs here or looking for the opportunity to diversify their operations," Benos explains. Students identify the company's goals as well as issues that need to be addressed. "They present their findings to the school and senior management of the company."

The teaching is as challenging as it is rewarding, Benos says. "It requires you to stay current. It's also a constant reminder that you have to stay young and flexible in your thinking. It is one of the best things that has happened to me personally and professionally."

By Joan Tupponce

Jayne A. Pemberton, L'O1, is a member of the risk management practice group at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, where she concentrates on the defense of companies and individuals in insurance litigation and on insurance coverage issues. She also focuses on defense of toxic torts including defense of lead paint litigation.

Ashton Jennette Harris, L'02, has joined the Richmond office of Woods Rogers. She practices in the areas of civil and corporate litigation with a concentration in general civil litigation, commercial litigation, toxic torts, and personal injury defense.

Joel C. Hoppe, L'02, has joined Spotts Fain as an associate in the commercial litigation group.

**Robert R. Musick, L'02**, is an associate at ThompsonMcMullan.

**Christopher Peace, L'oz**, represents the 97th District in the Virginia House of Delegates. He is the director of the Historic Polegreen Church Foundation, which works to preserve the birthplace of religious and civic liberty.

**Paul W. Emigholz, L'03**, is a member of the local government practice group at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, where his practice is centered on land use, zon-

#### IN MEMORIAM

**Robert Cantor, L'49** April 18, 2007

J. Peter Holland III, L'50 February 19, 2007

John M. Carter, R'49 and L'52 December 13, 2006

**Richard Earl Smith, L'53** January 4, 2001

James W. Renney, L'55 April 26, 2007

John F. Kelly, R'51 and L'56 February 27, 2007

William W. Coppedge, L'57 April 30, 2005 Henry Franklin Minor, R'56 and L'59 December 22, 2006

Henry Alexander Thomas, L'59 February 20, 2007

**Oliver D. Rudy, L'60** March 13, 2007

Susan M. Hagerty, L'63 January 29, 2007

Albert W. Schlim, L'93 March 2, 2007

**Richard Wigley Perrott Johnson, L'94** January 19, 2007 ing, condemnation, other local government issues and general civil litigation.

**Kevin J. Funk, l'o3**, is an associate at CantorArkema in the firm's commercial litigation and bankruptcy practice groups.

**Tara Manson, l'o3**, has joined Setliff and Holland as an associate.

**Gregory L. Pimentel, L'03**, has joined the business and intellectual property law firm of Clark & Associates. His practice concentrates on real estate and planning matters.

**Michael C. Cooper, l'04**, is an associate in the business section at Spotts Fain.

**Nancy Kaplan, L'04**, has joined Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle as an associate in the corporate practice group.

**Cassandra Peters**, **L'04**, has joined the board of directors of Prevent Child Abuse Virginia.

**R. Brent Rawlings, L'04**, is an associate at McGuireWoods.

**Rebecca Adams, L'05**, published the article "Violence Against Women and International Law: The Fundamental Right to State Protection from Domestic Violence" in the *N.Y. Law Review*.

**Ryan D. Frei, L'05**, has joined McGuireWoods as an associate in the commercial litigation department.

**Jeffrey C. Meyer, L'05**, is an associate in the real estate section at Hirschler Fleisher.

**Gauhar Naseem, L'o5**, has published "The Application of Federal Common Law to Overcome Conflicting State Laws in the Supplemental Disgorgement Proceedings of an SEC Appointed Receivor" in the fall 2006 issue of the *Seton Hall Circuit Review*.

**Brandy S. Singleton, W'96 and L'05**, has joined Spotts Fain as an associate in the creditors-rights group.

**Brent Timberlake, L'05**, is an associate at Setliff and Holland.

Leas K. Anderson, L'06, has joined Spotts Fain as an associate in the creditors-rights group.

**Brock Cole, R'o1 and L'06**, is an associate at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, where he works with the firm's business and professional litigation practice group in Richmond.

**Bary W. Hausrath, L'06**, is an associate at Richard J. Knapp & Associates.

Kathryn E. Kransdorf, L'o6, is an associate at Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle, where she practices with the firm's corporate health law and commercial litigation teams.

Neal H. Lewis, L'o6, is an associate at Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle, where he concentrates on representing physicians and other healthcare providers with the firm's medical malpractice defense team.

Andrew J. Petesch, L'06, practices in the litigation group at Poyner & Spruill in Raleigh, N.C.

Manesh Shah, L'OG, is a clerk with the Hon. Robert G. Mayer of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria. In September he will begin working as an associate in the business finance and restructuring department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges in Houston.

**Kimberly A. Skiba, L'06**, is an associate at Hall & Hall.