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The College of Law boasts an ever-expanding, powerful alumni network: more than 11,000 law alumni in all 50 states and in 66 nations, making up part of a more than 250,000-strong Syracuse University alumni community. There’s no doubt that the vast Orange Network has a truly global reach, but these numbers would mean little if our alumni weren’t as thoroughly engaged with their alma mater as you are.

This issue of the Giving Book arrives at the end of a year of many social, political, and economic disruptions and inflection points. From my interactions with you throughout the year, it is apparent College of Law alumni throughout the world are meeting head-on the challenges of COVID-19, racial injustice, rapidly changing working conditions, and financial uncertainty.

Behind the scenes, the perspectives you have shared with me and our students have informed our agile and targeted responses. Your support has enabled us to provide our students the highest quality legal education despite the pandemic’s many roadblocks, to support them financially, to advocate for them in matters of the bar, and to double our efforts to create a diverse, inclusive, and rich law school experience.

You have been willing and at the ready when it comes to fostering community across new virtual networks, too. In addition to celebrating your generous philanthropy, this magazine includes stories and profiles that illustrate the extent to which our alumni have gone above and beyond in visible support of our students who are experiencing an unusual and stressful year of law school.

In September, we kicked off the semester with a memorable virtual Law Alumni Weekend conference that connected more than 600 of our alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends from all over the world and showcased the expertise and leadership of our College of Law community.

Since the beginning of the fall 2020 semester, more than 300 students have met online with you, to discuss your career paths, explore emerging areas of law, and discover the extraordinary lives you have built on the foundation of a Syracuse law degree. In doing so, they are discovering the potential that is also theirs to achieve.

Then, to make the second annual Syracuse National Trial Competition in October run smoothly online for 22 nationally recognized advocacy teams, we recruited a staggering 150 judges and evaluators. As always, you stepped up, and in doing so you made the College of Law an exemplar for virtual advocacy competitions nationwide.

In this year’s “The Many Ways You Give Back” feature, Kaylin Grey L’06 recalls the “blast” she had judging the SNTC. “I missed coaching trial teams, so I’m grateful I could get involved this way,” she says.

Your optimism and energy drive our mission and inspire our students. Whether you serve on a board or committee, meet with a class or a student, mentor our students, judge or coach an advocacy competition, or supervise an extern across the country, you are making a difference in the lives and futures of our students. Thank you.

Wherever in the world you are reading this Giving Book, I want you to know that here in Syracuse we feel the powerful and positive force of our network of extraordinary alumni. In some ways, the coronavirus pandemic—and a significant strategic investment in technology—has brought us closer together than ever before. And together, we are stronger.

Very truly yours,

Craig M. Boise
Dean and Professor of Law
When we consider your legacy at the College of Law, one word comes to mind: resilience. Completing your final semester of law school virtually due to a global pandemic was probably not at all what you had envisioned, but your accomplishments have set a powerful example in strength and determination for those who follow in your footsteps.

As the incoming students to the College of Law, we represent three class years: the J.D. classes of 2023 and 2024 and the LL.M. Class of 2021. Seventy-three of us are enrolled in JDinteractive, 60 are first-generation college students, 32 of us are veterans or active-duty members of the military, and 28% of us identify as students of color. We represent 40 states and four nations, we hold a combined 47 advanced degrees, four of us hold Ph.D.s, and two of us are medical doctors. We’re proud to join the College of Law’s highly credentialed student body.

In addition to your academic achievements as law students, your philanthropy sets an example for future students. Please know that your support of the Class Act! campaign is an important part of the legacy you leave behind and another example you set.

Your individual gifts and the historic J.D. class gift to ‘Cuse Law Cares, an emergency fund for College of Law students adversely impacted by the pandemic, have been recognized prominently on the Class Act Giving Wall in the Travis H.D. Lewin Advocacy Commons in Dineen Hall. Rest assured: when our time comes, we will continue this proud tradition.

We hope to meet many of you in Dineen Hall or virtually next fall during Law Alumni Weekend 2021, or as interns and externs in your firms. All our best wishes to you as you launch your careers—and Go Orange!

Sincerely,
The J.D. Classes of 2023 and 2024, and the LL.M. Class of 2021

In Fall 2015, then-J.D. Class President Dustin Osborne L’16 and the Class of 2016 launched the College of Law’s first-ever Class Act! campaign, buoyed by the support of College of Law Board of Advisors Member Alan Epstein L’74.

A University-wide senior class giving campaign, Class Act! encourages students to make their first-ever gift to the University a symbolic amount in honor of their class year—$20.21, for the Class of 2021. We hope these gifts will be the first of many more as our students graduate, join our alumni family, and build their careers.

Five years later, the tradition continues, and—as with other aspects of the student experience at the College of Law—it grows in innovative ways.

A Historic Class Gift, and a New Participation Record for LL.M. Students

In spring 2020, the University suspended the Class Act! Campaign, in deference to students and in recognition that they were facing unforeseen financial and personal challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By that point, led by then-3L Class President Aubre Dean L’20 and the Class Act! Giving Committee, J.D. students had achieved a 32% giving participation rate.

Monetary gifts by students to any law fund of their choosing qualify for their Class Act! participation. Usually, most students elect to designate their gifts to the Law Annual Fund or the Scholarship and Financial Aid Fund. But this year—making the best of an unusual situation—students voted to pivot their focus from a campaign of individual gifts to a class gift using funds raised collectively by the class earlier that year.

This new gift was earmarked for ’Cuse Law Cares, an emergency fund for College of Law students adversely impacted by the pandemic. For their part, the LL.M. Class of 2020, led by Betania Allo LL.M. ’20, had already achieved a record breaking individual Class Act! giving participation rate of 97%.

All these achievements have been recognized on the Class Act Giving Wall in the Travis H.D. Lewin Advocacy Commons in Dineen Hall. We are grateful for the generosity and philanthropic leadership of both the J.D. and LL.M. classes.

Class of 2021: A Tradition Reimagined

As of November 2020, the Class of 2021’s campaign is already well underway. The class voted to expand the scope of its campaign by adding new options for giving: donations of basic needs items to Hendricks Chapel and/or donations of casebooks to the Law Library for use by future law students, along with the traditional monetary gift.

The class will recognize these new giving options along with the traditional philanthropic gifts in its Class Act! participation rates. This is new territory for Class Act!, driven by students’ desire to leave a unique and meaningful legacy.

Best wishes to the Class of 2021 for a successful campaign!
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Every semester, College of Law students in the Innovation Law Center (ILC) benefit from the extensive expertise and broad experience of practitioners who supervise student research projects for real-world clients. Often those practitioners are drawn from the ranks of alumni who have graduated from the College’s preeminent technology commercialization and intellectual property (IP) law program. One such adjunct professor is Brian Gerling L’99, Senior Counsel for Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC (BSK).

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At BSK, Gerling’s practice focuses on intellectual property, data privacy, cybersecurity, and economic development in the beverage, environmental, and plastics industries. He also is engaged with the autonomous systems industry, serving as legal advisor to local unmanned aerial vehicle businesses. As an adjunct professor, Gerling oversees one of ILC’s experiential learning practicums, working with students, as well as ILC clients, to research the technical, legal, and business aspects involved in bringing new technologies to market.

When did he first become interested in technology? “Even as a kid, I was curious how or why things worked,” recalls Gerling. “Whether it was electricity or the human body, I found it fascinating, and that’s what led me down the path to a degree in biology.”

During that process, Gerling studied medical and laboratory processes and equipment, which are often the result of innovative technological advancements. While studying for his undergraduate degree, he “discovered that I could marry my passion for biotechnology and the law, and that’s what brought me to Syracuse to focus on IP law.”

Hagelin and Rudnick: “True gentlemen”

Gerling’s reason for giving back to his alma mater—and specifically the Innovation Law Center—primarily came from wanting to settle back in Central New York after living away from the area after graduation. In addition to his local roots, Gerling’s experience learning technology law under the late Professor Ted Hagelin drove his decision to get involved. While at the College of Law, Gerling says that he got to know Professor Hagelin through classes and by editing the Syracuse Journal of Science and Technology Law, and he marveled at not only Hagelin’s brilliant mind but also his character (“a true gentleman,” says Gerling). “Professor Hagelin started the Technology Law Commercialization Program, the precursor to ILC, and he just left an indelible impression on me,” says Gerling. “I learned from him about navigating through legal issues, and even more about life. I have used the principles I learned while at the College of Law throughout my career.”

After a year or so back in Central New York, Gerling says he met ILC Director M. Jack Rudnick L’73 through local business circles. “After meeting Jack a couple of times, I thought to myself he was very much like Ted, a sharp legal mind and just a true gentleman,” says Gerling. “I then learned that he was running Professor Hagelin’s program. I discussed the ILC with Jack and ways that I could get involved, and here we are.”

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In addition to your financial gifts, loyal and engaged Orange alumni help their alma mater in many other ways—from hiring graduates and hosting externs, to guest lecturing and teaching, to coaching and judging advocacy teams. Every way you contribute makes a difference for our students, not least in the personal and professional bonds that are formed among generations of Orange lawyers.

Here we offer a few vignettes about how alums have been offering their time and talent in the past year, and why they do it.

**The Many Ways You Give Back**
“Really neat technologies”

When asked about his favorite part of joining the ILC team, Gerling says that his colleagues at the ILC are all accomplished, and it is just a joy to work with them. But he says his favorite part hands-down is working with the students. “Their intelligence and eagerness to learn is kinetic. It is just a different vibe and energy from working with—or against—other attorneys,” observes Gerling. “I look forward to class each week, and I enjoy and appreciate their perspectives on life and society. That is inspirational because it challenges me to be a more rounded educator and person.”

Gerling says the companies that he and his students have worked on recently include technologies ranging from protecting energy grids, to biosensor masks, to unmanned aerial systems operations, “so the students have been exposed to a wide spectrum of really neat technologies.”

As far as adjustments due to COVID-19, Gerling’s team has had to navigate the challenges associated with a hybrid learning environment, but this format worked well in Gerling’s view. That success in this trying time, he attests, is a testament to not only to College and University leadership but also to the students.

HOSTING EXTERNS

Communication Is the Key to Success

For Cisco Palao-Ricketts L’03 (left, top)—a Partner in US Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation at DLA Piper and a member of the College of Law Board of Advisors—contributing to the College of Law’s success begins with staying in touch with your alma mater. In Palao-Ricketts’s case, that engagement led to a new externship opportunity for students at DLA Piper, one of the world’s largest and best-known law firms.

“This new externship came about because Dean Boise visited the West Coast to meet with alumni,” says Palao-Ricketts. “We met over lunch to discuss how the school is doing. By being communicative like this, you can find out many different ways you can help.”

Palao-Ricketts took the initiative to create an applied learning opportunity at DLA Piper for Syracuse students passionate about learning tax law at a multinational law firm that represents leading companies across many industries.

To Palao-Ricketts, Syracuse’s tax program—and dedicated teachers such as professors Robert Nassau and Greg Germain—consistently produces strong graduates. “I told Dean Boise it would be good to let tax students showcase their wares at DLA Piper.”

The first DLA Piper extern to take on this formidable challenge—in spring 2021—will be 3L June Lafayette. Palao-Ricketts explains, “I cannot tell you how quickly I would have been in line if this externship had been available to me!”

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, DLA Piper offices in Palo Alto—where Palao-Ricketts is based—won’t return to in-person business until at least Jan. 1, 2021. “So we’ve adjusted the externship to be done remotely, but the projects we work on won’t change,” Palao-Ricketts explains.

Echoing his advice for alums looking to help the College, Palao-Ricketts says online communication between extern and supervisor will be the key to success.

JUDGING ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS

This Is a New Era

By all reckoning, the second annual Syracuse National Trial Competition—held online Oct. 16 to 18, 2020—went extremely smoothly.

That’s down to the organizational skills of Director of Advocacy Programs Todd Berger, long-time coach Jeanne Van Dyke L’87 (left, top), and Advocacy Program students, technology that enabled online argument and scoring; and scores of volunteer alumni who help to fill an awe-inspiring 150 judge and evaluator spots.

To fill that many positions, Van Dyke turned to Advocacy Program veterans. “We had alum evaluators from California, Florida, Texas, and Georgia—from all over the country,” explains Van Dyke, acknowledging the silver lining that virtual competition affords. “The fact we were able to bring back former students as judges and evaluators was huge. It was great to see them and their enthusiasm.”

Van Dyke adds that she received many emails and thank you cards after the tournament. “Former students said judging SNTC made them feel as though they were back in law school!”

One of those enthusiastic alumni was Kaylin Grey L’06 (left, bottom). “The tournament was really well run, and I had a blast,” Grey says. “I judged three rounds, and I couldn’t get enough!”

Now a partner in the Miami of office of MG-M, Grey coached Syracuse trial teams when she lived in Rochester after graduation, and she was hoping to return to Syracuse to help judge SNTC in-person. “I missed coaching trial teams, so I’m grateful I could get involved this way,” she says. “I was able to reconnect with people I hadn’t seen in a long time.”

According to Van Dyke, engaging the Advocacy Program virtually has inspired some SNTC judges to get even more involved with the Advocacy Program, coaching teams and judging other competitions remotely.

“I will continue to help out,” says Grey. In fact, since SNTC she has coached Syracuse Tournament of Champions and National Civil Trial Competition teams.

Collaboration software isn’t just revolutionary advocacy tournaments, adds Grey. “I told the young advocates that online is the new thing. Recently, I’ve been doing virtual depositions and evidentiary hearings—this is a new era.”

HIRING CLERKS

The Great Experience

Erin Lafayette L’13 (left) is a prime example of why it’s a great idea for students and graduates to keep in touch with the Office of Career Services. She happened to inquire about openings at just the right time in late 2013 when alumnus the Hon. Robert D. Mariani L’76, US District Judge of the US District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, was looking to hire new clerks.

“I was living in California when I contacted Career Services and learned that Judge Mariani had lost a clerk,” recalls Lafayette. “So I sent in my résumé and was called in for an interview. That was in January 2014. I started two weeks later.”

Lafayette says that Judge Mariani had been on the bench in Scranton, PA, for two years at that point and decided to turn to his alma mater for law clerk candidates. “He also hired Matt Clemente L’14. Matt was hired before me, but I was the first to start. After six months of being a term clerk, it became a permanent job.”

Since Clemente and Lafayette, Judge Mariani has hired Dana Novins L’16, Carly Ralph L’20 (pictured, at right), and Kathrine Brisson L’20. “Judge Mariani likes to hire Syracuse graduates because of the great experience he had at the law school and because of what he got out of his education,” explains Lafayette. “Syracuse professors taught him what he needs to know, he tells me.”

Lafayette says that the variety of cases—civil rights, personal injury, constitutional matters, and first and fourth amendment issues—is part of what makes her work so satisfying. As any clerk knows, that broad docket means plenty of research, reading, and drafting so the court runs smoothly and the judge has the information needed to pass orders and opinions. “My advice to students looking for a clerkship is focus on your writing skills,” she observes. “You must be able to write clearly, processing information and cases so you can synthesize what you learn and get to the point.”
Pearl Rimon L’14 (left, top) says she has a “legal job of the future.” That description might be a little tongue-in-cheek, but consider this: her employer—San Francisco-based Rocket Lawyer, a cloud legal service for which Rimon is a Senior Legal Researcher—actually has seen significant growth in business during the coronavirus pandemic. “When everything goes online, that’s when we shine,” says Rimon.

The pandemic also changed Rocket Lawyer’s hiring practices, and Rimon was in a position to look beyond the Bay Area for a summer intern, the best candidate who could assist Rimon remotely, from any location. She reached out to Interim Director of Career Services Sam Kasmarek and together they tapped 3L Dominique Kelly (left, bottom) for the job.

There’s an energy about the students that I love,” says Kristen Smith L’05. “It reminds me of what was exciting about law school—the optimism and the energy. It’s good to be around.”

That’s just one of the reasons why Smith, Corporation Counsel for the City of Syracuse, likes to help out with College of Law Orientation. In fall 2020, she was asked to join the student/alumni roundtable and break-out sessions to introduce the incoming class of JDinteractive students to Orange Nation.

“This was my second time helping out at JD Orientation,” says Smith. “In 2019 it was in Dineen Hall, but this time it was via Zoom. In addition to an open forum, I discussed law school and legal careers. I was very impressed with the technology.”

The students, recalls Smith, asked questions about study habits, how externships work for students with full time jobs, and whether or not an online program graduate will be able to find employment.

Addressing this last question, Smith reminded students that there isn’t much data on employment for online program graduates, “but as long as they have a strong academic record and do well, employers will look at their credentials. Besides, now that law schools are online due to the coronavirus pandemic, a fully online law degree will be less unusual.”

Not only does Smith enjoy the energy and optimism of the matriculating students, she also likes staying connected to her alma mater. “I think that graduates have to stay connected for the sake of the classes that come after us,” she observes. “It’s an important thing to do for an institution we care about.”

OFFERING CAREER ADVICE
The Optimism and the Energy

HIRING INTERNS
Welcome to the Future

LAW 2020
BY THE NUMBERS

Thank you, alumni, faculty, students, and friends for making the 2020 Law Alumni Weekend Conference a resounding success!

Visit alumniweekend.law.syr.edu to view videos and photos from the conference!

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Law Honors Awards and Alumni of Color Awards. Visit law.syr.edu/alumni-friends for more information about the awards and the nomination process.

617 registrations
369 attended the US Supreme Court preview (highest attended event)
47 alumni presenters, panelists, and hosts
18 faculty presenters, panelists, and hosts
16 unique events
10 virtual reunions
8 awards bestowed
6 student organization co-hosts
4 CLE credits offered
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The Law Firm Giving Challenge Is On!

And...they’re off! The fiscal year 2021 Law Firm Giving Challenge kicked off on Oct. 1, 2020, coinciding with Boost the ‘Cuse, the University’s annual Day of Giving. The Challenge is a friendly competition between Syracuse-area law firms, during which alumni working at each firm are asked to make a gift in support of their alma mater.

The idea behind the challenge is to continue to foster a culture of philanthropy among local Orange lawyers, help strengthen ties to the College of Law and, in turn, help meet the needs of local law firms and our legal community.

The rules are simple. Any size gift, to any College of Law fund, made during Syracuse University’s fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021) counts toward participation. Participation rates among Syracuse alumni at each firm are then tallied, with firms competing in three categories: large firm, medium firm, and small firm. Bragging rights are at stake!

Congratulations to last year’s winners: Harris Beach (large firm category), Bousquet Holstein (medium firm), and Bottar Law (small firm). Will they take the prize again this year? Time will tell...

It’s easy to get involved. To learn more, contact Assistant Director of Development Fritz Diddle at fjdiddle@law.syr.edu. If you have not yet made your gift, there’s no time like the present!

Many thanks to all participating firms and firm challenge leaders, and to everyone who has already made a gift. Above all, many thanks to all our alumni who give so much of themselves in support of our mission. As the pages of this Giving Book make clear, the impact of the time and effort our alumni give to teach, mentor, connect with, and volunteer for our students is immeasurable.

Thank You for the “Boost!”

We are deeply appreciative of our alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends who participated in the University’s fourth-annual day of giving—Boost the ‘Cuse—on Oct. 1, 2020. From midnight to 11:59 p.m. we asked you to consider making a gift in any size to show support for the College of Law, and once again, you responded with generosity and enthusiasm!

When the dust cleared and the gifts were tallied, the College of Law received gifts from more than 360 unique donors totaling $74,841.53!

When comparing the unique donor counts among schools and colleges, the College of Law came in third place behind the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and the College of Arts and Sciences, and ahead of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Given the significantly larger alumni, student, faculty, and staff population of those schools, there is much to celebrate! Yet again, the College of Law punches well above our weight!

Many thanks to everyone who made a gift toward the effort—and it’s never too late! Gifts of any size at any time will help to “boost” the programs and offerings that will help prepare the next generation of College of Law students for the legal profession.

Make your gift at law.syr.edu/giving

Last but not least, special thanks to our Board of Advisors and the Board of our Syracuse University Law Alumni Association for joining forces in a generous $10,000 matching challenge. Thanks to your generosity, these challenge funds were unlocked!

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In 2019, the College of Law announced two new scholarship programs to enable and encourage talented law students from around the globe to pursue the advanced study of disability rights, policy, and law at Syracuse University. As a measure of their programs’ success in their first year of deployment, both the JAF Foundation and the J&K Wonderland Foundation renewed their scholarship programs for the 2021-2021 academic year.

Meet the 2020-2021 J&K Wonderland Foundation Scholars

Two students have been named this year’s J&K Wonderland Foundation Scholars: LL.M. student Kwabena Mensah, from Ghana, and J.D. student Matthew Yanez, from California.

Mensah’s multi-disciplinary background combines his legal education and passion for human rights with his experience as a broadcast journalist, to tell the stories of marginalized people and persons with disabilities in Ghana.

"By the kind courtesy of the J&K Wonderland Foundation scholarship, it is possible for me to pursue my master of laws degree. I am profoundly grateful for this timely and generous gesture amidst the global pandemic," says Mensah. "I have benefitted from the scholarship award immensely given my desire to pursue a specialization in disability law, yet it wasn’t until I began that I fully realized how urgent the need is for me to further my studies so as to combat rampant violations of human rights and discrimination against the disabled worldwide."

In 2016, motivated by his observations of the injustices against persons with disabilities, Mensah founded Spread Love Home & Abroad, an NGO that provides mentoring and skills-training to visually impaired persons who desire to enter the workforce. A master’s degree in law will not only open new professional opportunities for Mensah to advocate for the marginalized and vulnerable as a barrister, it will also qualify him to enter academia and teach future generations of disability and civil rights lawyers in his home country.

Mensah reports that after beginning his LL.M. studies at the College of Law, the National Council on Persons with Disabilities in Ghana invited him for a consultation on amending the Disability Law of Ghana (Act 715). He also has been made one of six steering committee members to direct a broad consultation on the preparation of a global report to the United Nations about the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

In other words, Mensah’s College of Law studies are already paying off, and they are yielding exactly the results the J&K Foundation hoped to achieve through its scholarship program—a deep impact in his field, in service of persons with disabilities.

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—Kwabena Mensah

Meet the 2020-2021 JAF Foundation Scholar

The JAF Foundation supports social welfare, conservation, and human rights programs, including academic scholarships. In the College of Law’s case, the Foundation provides scholarship support for scholars from Africa.

Isaac Onyango, an LL.M. student from Kenya, received the JAF Foundation Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Dedicating his career to advocating for persons with intellectual disabilities, Onyango works as a consultant and strategist for the Downs Syndrome Society of Kenya. There, he leads the investigation of cases involving abuse and exploitation of persons with intellectual disabilities, often traveling to rural areas to interview and collect information for reports to the local police and governing authorities.

Onyango also conducts training for members of the judiciary, prosecutors, and police officers on the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities, and he writes on domestic and international legal frameworks designed to provide and protect these rights and proposed changes and improvements to the laws.

Not surprisingly, as an LL.M. candidate at the College of Law, Onyango is focusing his studies on disability law and international human rights. Explains Onyango, "The JAF Foundation scholarship is a beacon of hope to international students like myself, and it has enabled me to expand my field of vision and deepen my knowledge in international human rights and disability law, in order to defend the disabled.”

Deepening and translating knowledge into practice—that’s exactly what the Wonderland Foundation aims to promote.

Matthew Yanez, a Class of 2023 J.D. candidate, is a young disability advocate who is determined to create an inclusive and equitable world for all. Before law school, Yanez worked with several non-profit groups in the field, including the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, the National Association of the Deaf, and Arc of the United States.

Yanez also completed a Disability Law Fellowship with the Coelho Center at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. The Coelho Center’s mission is to cultivate leadership and advance the lives of people with disabilities by, among other things, working to create a pipeline of lawyers and leaders among people with disabilities.

“My journey to law school has been a bumpy road, but my passion for disability rights has never been stronger,” says Yanez. “Thanks to the generosity of the J&K Wonderland Foundation, I’m able to focus on securing summer internships and preparing for my career in law instead of worrying about how I will pay for next semester’s tuition. For people who have never been able to see themselves as legal professionals, this scholarship gives us validation on our own self-worth.”

In addition to his J.D., Yanez will pursue a joint master of public affairs degree at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy. He hopes his degrees will give him the tools he needs to help dismantle and eradicate injustices that people of color, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations face.

Yanez continues, “I intend to use the benefits of this scholarship toward a career in public service focused on the issues I care the most about. By not having to worry about student loans, I can invest my full attention towards a future of advocacy for equitable and inclusive public policies. My goal is to one day work with the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice. With the help of this scholarship, I am one step closer to realizing that goal.”

“I intend to use the benefits of this scholarship toward a career in public service focused on the issues I care the most about.”

—Matthew Yanez
The Schuppenhauers: Making Their Legacy Count

Given his deep ties to his community, John A. “Jack” Schuppenhauer’s L’76 advice to law students should come as no surprise: “I’d say to students that the law is an honorable profession. It provides an opportunity for an attorney to help others and serve their community.”

Jack has served his community as principal of the Canandaigua Academy before taking a bachelor’s degree from Ohio State University and an M.P.A. from Northeastern University. He entered the legal profession in 1977 and started his eponymous law firm in 1981. Six years later, looking to the future, Jack took on a partner—Betsy (his wife of 34 years), and Erika has created the Schuppenhauer Family Scholarship for College of Law students, through a bequest in their wills. “It’s our way of giving back to the University and College and to acknowledge the future it provided to us,” says Jack.

“It’s easy as can be”

As a general practice law firm, estate planning, trusts, and wills are among the services the Schuppenhauer Law Firm offer their clients. To set up their own family bequest, Erika and her parents sat down to look over their wills and decide what legacy this community-minded family wished to leave. “I wanted my will to coincide with my parents’,” says Erika. “Syracuse University was on the top of our list of organizations to bequeath to, and dad especially wanted to donate to the University and College.”

Erika admits that when she started out at the Schuppenhauer Law Firm, she had much to learn about how to practice law and help run a business. Then again, her relationship with her mentor is a pretty solid one. “I've been so lucky to learn under my dad and to have someone who has taken me under his wing, while being very patient!”

Given her learning curve since graduating law school, Erika’s own advice to law students shouldn’t come as a surprise either. “Take every opportunity to learn something new every day,” she says. “General practice challenges you every single day. So take that challenge and go at it. There will be bumps in the road, but you should keep going!”

Located along Canandaigua’s historical, picturesque Main Street—surrounded by nineteenth century brick buildings with mansard roofs and decorative cornices—Jack says his law firm “has given me a great opportunity to get to know people in my community and become involved in local organizations.” Both Jack and Erika volunteer for local charitable organizations, and Jack has served as a part-time Canandaigua City Court Judge since 1996.

“Having a small practice provides you with a real identity in the community, as opposed to a large firm to which you might commute from another community,” Jack says, adding that both he and his daughter live only about a mile from their office.

“Take that challenge”

A family law firm in a pretty Upstate lakeside town might conjure up images of times past, but Jack and Erika acknowledge that technology is evolving the way they practice. “People Google everything now,” observes Erika. “Clients are internet educated, and they shop around. They are more likely to want ‘drive by’ legal advice these days.”

“The nature of the law consumer has changed, and people are more astute, and more demanding,” agrees Jack, adding that since his career started in the 1970s, government and statutory regulations also have dramatically changed the legal profession.

Although a relatively new law graduate, Erika says these technological changes appear to have accelerated since she passed the bar. Students, she says, need to pay attention to them. “I graduated six years ago, yet even I did research in books. Everything is online now, and you have thousands of cases at your fingertips to comb through. Students definitely need to be computer savvy,” she explains, adding that she’s also had to learn how to be a businesswoman as well as how to provide general law services. “Students need to gain customer service skills and business acumen, especially for a small practice.”

Erika says, adding that both he and his daughter live only about a mile from their office.

“Take every opportunity to learn something new every day.”

—Erika Schuppenhauer ’09
“So Extraordinarily Rewarding”
Martin Feinman ’83 Deploys Fellowships to Help Recruit Social Justice Lawyers

“The idea has always been to do what I can to steer students in this direction,” says Martin R. Feinman ’83, Director of Delinquency Training in the Juvenile Rights Practice at The Legal Aid Society of New York, the largest social justice law firm in the United States. Over the years, Feinman has steered students toward a career in social justice law by funding stipends for students working in the Children’s Rights and Family Law Clinic, by encouraging The Legal Aid Society to host Syracuse interns and externs and to hire graduates, and by offering students advice and guidance, as he did at an Oct. 28, 2020, panel discussion on careers in social justice, hosted by the Office of Career Services.

Now Feinman is leveraging his generous financial contributions to promote careers in public interest with a focus on juvenile justice. Fellowships are awarded to students who secure externships or postgraduate positions providing criminal defense on behalf of indigent persons and/or legal advocacy on behalf of youth and young adults in the juvenile justice or welfare system.

Life-Saving, Difference-Making
With more than 30 years’ experience in the field—in which he has advocated for children and families, defended indigent adults, trained young attorneys, and advised policymakers—Feinman knows what he’s talking about when he says the need for social justice lawyers is enormous. “But needless to say this work isn’t for everyone and doesn’t always pay as well,” he adds.

“Students have loans to repay and might wonder whether a public interest career can meet their aspirations,” Feinman continues. “I say it can, and through this fellowship program, I want to motivate students to at least try this area of practice.”

Feinman admits that there can be barriers other than financial to a career in his field.

“This work can be intimidating and emotionally overwhelming, especially when you are the difference between an adolescent or adult client’s freedom or incarceration, or when you are representing a young child who has been neglected or abused,” says Feinman. “Then, there are the overwhelemed court calendars and stressed-out judges pressuring you.”

“But on the flip side, it’s just so extraordinarily rewarding,” Feinman asserts. “You are engaged in work that can be life-saving and difference-making.”

Tremendous Need
When he trains young attorneys, Feinman emphasizes that The Legal Aid Society lawyers often support clients unconditionally in ways that nobody else has ever done, sometimes not even family members. “We are there to do everything we can to help the client,” Feinman explains, “and to be that kind of advocate is inspiring, motivating, and rewarding, but sometimes heart-breaking.”

Feinman admits he has been “crushed” sometimes when adults he has represented have been jailed or youths sent away from home, but that he’s also had “the thrill of making arguments that have changed people’s lives. The potential for job satisfaction is tremendous.”

The need for attorneys at The Legal Aid Society is tremendous too. Feinman explains that the Juvenile Rights Practice group represents children charged as delinquents in family court as well as children whose parents are being charged with abuse and neglect.

“We represent tens of thousands of kids a year, the numbers are even greater. Then there’s The Legal Aid Society’s civil practice, the mental health side, the criminal defense side... the list goes on and on.”

Exploring Paths to Success
How can a student discover if a social justice career is a good fit? Feinman says that the law school years are the perfect time to try different areas of practice “because once employed the more you establish yourself as one type of attorney, the greater the chance that that is what you’ll continue to do.”

“But in law school,” he observes, “there’s a great opportunity to experiment, to see what you are passionate about, and to see if something can work for you in a way you hadn’t anticipated.”

The foundation for that advice is Feinman’s own career. At one point, being a lawyer was the last thing on his mind. He started his career as a social worker, taking an M.S.W. from Syracuse University before working as a therapist and then becoming Program Director of the Adolescent Unit at Hutchings Psychiatric Center in Syracuse.

Feinman recalls interviewing with the social work director at Hutchings, who said he might want to consider law school. “At the time, that was furthest from my mind,” he says.

But a couple of years later, Feinman was enrolled at the College of Law. His advisor in the early 1980s, Professor Richard Goldsmith, soon set him on another career trajectory. “He said, you might think about being a litigator, to which I said, ‘You’re out of your mind!’”

But again Feinman kept his mind open and got involved with the College’s legendary Advocacy Program, then coordinated by Professor Emeritus Travis H.D. Lewis, who felt in love with trial work and criminal law, and his successful three-decade career combining social work, juvenile advocacy, criminal defense, and litigation ensued.

But not before he explored another route. “After a one-year federal court clerkship, I tried the private sector for one and a half years,” Feinman recalls. “I represented banks in foreclosure proceedings and building designers whose designs were flawed. They were entitled to representation, of course, but at the end of the day, I didn’t care for that work.”

Ultimately, Feinman’s advice to students is to expose themselves to the many kinds of law practice during law school. “You never know what will grab you and shake you. And like me, you might find there are unanticipated events that alter the career path you are on.”

Feinman says he hopes his new fellowships will be an incentive for students to explore his practice area, one whose rewards—in terms of changing lives, advocating for the vulnerable, and providing hope and justice—are priceless.

“I have had the thrill of making arguments that have changed people’s lives. The potential for job satisfaction is tremendous.” —Martin R. Feinman ’83
Law Alumni Weekend Promotes New Scholarship; Part of College of Law’s Focus on Diversity

Felicia Collins Ocumarez L’98, G’98—who received the 2020 Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Legacy Award at the Alumni of Color Award Ceremony during Law Alumni Weekend (LAW)—has generously spearheaded an effort to establish a new scholarship to expand diversity at the College of Law. This scholarship initiative honors William Herbert Johnson L’1903 (photo on page 22.) Johnson was the first African American to graduate from the College of Law. With a steady call for action during LAW, College of Law alumni and friends have reached their first fundraising target of $150,000.

“I thank Felicia Collins Ocumarez for her extraordinary leadership and generosity in spearheading this scholarship at the College of Law. This is a transformative investment in diversity and equity whose benefits will ripple out into the legal profession and society at large,” says Dean Craig M. Boise.

Syracuse University Trustee and College of Law Board of Advisors Member Vincent Cohen Jr. L’95 says, “I am proud of the role my father, Vincent Cohen L’60, played in the diversification of ‘Big Law’ back in the early 1970s and I continue to build on his belief that the legal profession needs to reflect the people it serves,” says Cohen Jr. “With this new scholarship, the College of Law is set to further expand the diversity in the profession by attracting the best and brightest aspiring Black attorneys. I am proud to be a part of this urgent equal access to justice movement.”

“Felicia Collins Ocumarez is the epitome of a trailblazer who advocates for the Black community and does so with tenacity and excellence. I am grateful for her support of the Black Law Student Association,” says 2L Mazaher Kaila, President of the Black Law Student Association.

To support this scholarship, contact Assistant Dean for Advancement and External Affairs Sophie Dagenais at 315.560.2530 or sdagenai@law.syr.edu.

“Felicia Collins Ocumarez is the epitome of a trailblazer who advocates for the Black community and does so with tenacity and excellence. I am grateful for her support of the Black Law Student Association.” — 2L Mazaher Kaila
This year, 2020, marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of the College of Law. Today, as in a number of those prior years, the College faces global, societal, demographic, and technological challenges, which the coronavirus pandemic has brought into sharper focus and accelerated.

Yet, in the face of these challenges, the College has not only persevered but has grown in stature and relevance because of its pioneering efforts and a culture of innovation. The 2020 Yearbook highlights a number of innovations that have occurred over the rich history of the College, as well as the remarkable contributions alumni, faculty, and students have made to the legal profession and beyond. I would like to underscore two.

Syracuse University, through the work of disability rights pioneer Dr. Burton Blatt, has been a leader in humanizing services for people with disabilities. Today, the College of Law, thanks to the work of the Burton Blatt Institute and Director and University Professor Peter Blanck—as well as the scholarship of professors Arlene Kanter and Robin Paul Malloy, among others—continues to pioneer research and scholarship regarding not only how persons with disabilities are viewed and treated by society but also how laws, such as the American with Disabilities Act, can function as a force for change.

Research by BBI has been instrumental in helping to shape policy for the promotion of inclusion opportunities. Similarly, Professor Kanter’s Disability Law and Policy Program and the Disability Law Clinic provide hands-on experience for students, here and abroad, while Professor Malloy has written extensively on the intersection of disability law and land use, as a way to ensure greater accessibility within our communities. The importance of these efforts to provide a more inclusive and accessible society cannot be understated.

Among the communities that are facing dramatic challenges due to the pandemic are institutes of higher education in general, and legal education in particular. In fact, their challenges began well before the pandemic. Traditional job opportunities for law school graduates have been reduced as firms downsize, leading in part to a reduction in the number of applicants to law schools. The landscape is ever changing. The shifting landscaping creates pressure on all law schools to find innovative ways to compete. Our JDinteractive program—developed before the pandemic—has placed us at the forefront of online legal education now that it is experiencing a paradigm shift. JDinteractive has enabled our faculty to develop a deeper understanding of the multiple dimensions for effective online learning, far in advance of other institutions. That effort, along with the immediate success of the program, has made the College a much sought-after resource for other institutions across the country as they try to grapple with the pivot toward remote learning.

These and our other extraordinary achievements over the past 125 years could not have come about without the dedication and persistence of the College community of alumni, faculty, students, and friends over these years. Your unwavering commitment to the College, especially in these challenging and difficult times, is a testament to the role the College has fulfilled and will continue to fulfill in preparing generations of thoughtful, articulate, passionate, and compassionate leaders both within and outside our profession.

On behalf of the Board of Advisors and the faculty and students at the College today—and all those who will follow—I want to thank you for your generosity and support.

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Message from SULAA Board President Mark O’Brien L’14

Dear Alumni and Friends of the College of Law:

“What a time to be alive!” No, I’m not talking about Drake and Future’s mixtape, nor am I using the phrase sarcastically. I lately find myself repeating these words often, and when thinking about the year 2020 (so far), it’s hard not to do so.

From social and racial justice protests to a global pandemic to a presidential election and everything else in between, we—collectively and individually—have confronted difficult questions, reexamined our values, and, in between, we have welcomed alumni participation across our many committees and initiatives. There are many ways to get involved in our alumni network—how will you participate?

In September, SULAA, the SULAA Inclusion Network, and the College of Law honored eight distinguished alumni and faculty during the annual Law Honors and Alumni of Color awards ceremonies during the first-ever virtual Law Alumni Weekend. The reunion saw record-breaking turnout and featured kickoff celebrations of two new alumni affinity groups: the Travis H.D. Lewis Advocacy Honor Society and Advocacy Program Alumni Group and the Disability Law and Policy Program Alumni Group. How will you reconnect and reengage with the College of Law and your former classmates?

In October, SULAA partnered with the Board of Advisors to launch a first-of-its-kind initiative—a massive dollar-for-dollar match on the first $10,000 donated by law alumni during Boost the ‘Cuse. In addition to the synergy of alumni commitment, beneficiaries of the campaign included a new scholarship spearheaded by Felicia Collins Ocumare L’98 in honor of William Herbert Johnson L’1903. Which College of Law programs or initiatives will you support through your financial generosity?

In November, SULAA will launch a new outreach initiative to engage and empower our newest alumni through communication, knowledge, and resources. How would you like to see SULAA advance its mission of linking the past, present, and future of our College of Law family?

I don’t ask these questions rhetorically. On the contrary, I welcome your input and participation. SULAA is your law alumni association (remember, all alumni become members upon graduation). We would love to hear from you; please contact Kristen Duggleby at kduggleby@law.syr.edu. Help us make the most of the opportunities that 2020’s challenges have presented us.

Warmly,

Mark O’Brien L’14
President, Syracuse University Law Alumni Association

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Stephen Davis L’60

After many years of experience in Real Property Litigation, Steve Davis concentrates his practice in Hudson Valley tax certiorioris. He leads the Tax Certiorior and Condemnation group at McCarthy Finger LLP, a leading White Plains law firm which inter alia represents owners of income producing and development property at redressing their valuation grievances and other abuses by municipalities. Davis still plays baseball, primarily in the Men’s Senior Baseball League (MSBL), offering local league play over the summer and weekend tournaments across the country over the fall and winter, including in Phoenix, Palm Springs, and Las Vegas. He has supported the College’s Annual Fund for more than 50 years!

What brought you to the College of Law?

After graduating from Queens College and living at home for those four years, I wanted to try living away for a few years. Since Harvard didn’t seem the right spot for me, I chose Syracuse. After my time at Syracuse, I concluded that Harvard would not have been any more difficult. I noticed that ease or difficulty at school seems directly related to inclination. I find competition and its rewards fascinating.

Any law school memories that stood out?

I enjoyed everything about the law school. In particular, I remember a Real Property test Dean Ralph Khuras sprung on us in the middle of the semester. It was the only Law School test on which I attained the highest grade in the class. By happenstance, I read about the topic the night before: equitable adjustment. Most of the class had no idea of the subject, and consequently failed!

My most cherished memory though, is meeting Sandra Rosenberg, the girl who ultimately became my wife, for 50 years until she passed.

When and why did you start to give back to the College of Law?

For the same reason I love America—the pride of a first generation American in a leading American institution. The College of Law makes us better. I began giving back financially about four years out of school.

In what ways have you given back?

I make an annual gift to the Annual Fund. I also sponsored a seat in the Gray L’81 Ceremonial Courtroom in memory of Sandra. I also give back to Queens College in the same manner.

Why is philanthropy important to you?

At the time I attended law school, compared to today, it was a bargain. Consequently, I felt the need to give back to ensure it remained attainable. Although the cost of graduate school today spirals higher, the need remains for keeping legal education costs within reach. The College of Law prepared me well for my career.

Do you have a message to recent graduates about giving back?

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Joe Vumbacco L’70

Giuseppe Vincenzo “Joe” Vumbacco L’70

Joe Vumbacco stood down as CEO, President, Vice Chairman of Health Management Associates Inc. — $4 billion revenue organization managing more than 60 hospitals in the southeast and southwest—in 2008. “But I don’t consider myself retired.” Since 2008, Vumbacco has learned to speak and write Italian, gained a Certificate of Finance from Harvard Business School to manage his own investment portfolio, and has turned his hand to writing novels. The Ghost of Bowdoin College was published to acclaim in 2018, and Vumbacco has completed the manuscript for his follow story of “money, murder, and the mob.” The Return of the Ghost of Bowdoin College.

What was your favorite class and professor at the College of Law?

More than one person gave me a break over the years, but I’ll never forget what Dean Robert Miller did for me. I was married in my senior year at Bowdoin and my wife, Lee (pictured), and I had our first child in 1966. I wanted to go to law school, but coming from a factory background in Meniden, CT, I had little money, just enough to get through the first year and pay rent on married student housing. But I felt responsible for my family, so I walked into Dean Miller’s office in the summer of 1968 and asked him to save my place, so I could work to raise more funds. I thought he wouldn’t know who I was, but he said he had reviewed class grades, saw I was near the top, and offered me a full scholarship. Not only that, he called his friend Gary Axenfeld in Syracuse and I went to work as a clerk at Axenfeld, Webb, Marshall, Bersani and Scolaro. From there I became Research Editor at Syracuse Law Review and was elected to Honor Court and the Order of the CoF.

My first year at Syracuse was also Professor Emeritus Travis H.D. Lewin’s first year. He went on to have a brilliant career, and he is an outstanding teacher.

How did your SU College of Law degree help you reach your career goals?

I wanted to be one of those people who broke the ceiling of non-Ivy League law graduates getting a job with a Wall Street corporation. After graduating, I practiced law in Manhattan with Mudge Rose Guthrie & Alexander before joining the “tough and tumble” world of beer and bread as a senior vice president of the F & M Schaefer Corporation. I then became the Executive Vice President of the Turner Corporation—the largest general contractor in the US—before leading Health Management Associates.

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When Lee and I got to the point when we weren’t poor, we started to give to certain causes, and top of the list was Syracuse. Later, I was asked to serve on the Board of Advisors during the period when Dean Hannah Arterian was raising money for Dineen Hall.

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After leaving Health Management Associates, I became a Master Mason, and I helped to revive a scholarship program here in Maine. Plus, my wife and I helped to found a non-denominational “church without walls” in southwest Florida, the Jubilee Fellowship of Naples. I also try to do a lot of counseling with high school and college students. I have a cardinal rule for them: don’t strive to be the smartest person, be the most organized. Work first, then play.

Work advice can you share with recent graduates just starting their law careers?

I learned the following from Gary Axenfeld. If you want to be a successful lawyer or businessperson, there are four things you have to do—answer mail, return calls, have big ears, and a small mouth. I’ve practiced that for 50 years. I worked very hard on listening, for instance, not just listening to important things, but everything.

An example of having a “small mouth” is from my Turner days when we managed top secret government contracts. I had a reputation for never breaching confidence, which goes back to growing up in a rough place.

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Jeri D’Lugin L’80

Jeri D’Lugin operates her own retirement planning practice in Greensboro, NC as the owner of a wealth management company. After beginning her law career at a large law firm in Miami, FL, she returned to North Carolina where she headed the tax division of a bank’s trust department and eventually became a regional trust officer.

D’Lugin counts herself as one of the many College of Law graduates whose law degree helped propel her career in different and unexpected ways. “A law degree is great for anything you do in life, as it provides you with a broad background of knowledge and skills. You understand liabilities, where you can make mistakes, and it provides you with the intellect to avoid making those mistakes. Being an attorney has helped me with every career move I’ve made.”

It was her first position out of law school, at a large Miami law firm, that set in motion D’Lugin’s continued engagement with the College of Law in many ways. “I felt fortunate to have the position at the firm, and the blend of my College of Law, Syracuse Law Review, and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Policy experiences played a big role in getting that position. As soon as I could, I started giving back to the law school,” explains D’Lugin.

D’Lugin is a consistent supporter of the Law Annual Fund, a fund that gives the law school maximum flexibility in addressing its most pressing needs. She’s also made a gift to dedicate a room in honor of her parents in MacNaughton and White halls.

Giving back to the law school encompasses more than monetary donations for D’Lugin. She welcomes any prospective or current College of Law student in her offices for discussions about law school and legal careers. She also served on the College’s Board of Advisors (now the Board of Advisors) during Dean Daan Braveuman’s tenure.

To D’Lugin, giving back is an obligation to make the world a better place, if you are fortunate enough to be in a place to give back to your community and beyond. “I’ve heard a local gentleman put it best: ‘You need to put more wood on the pile than you have taken off the pile.’”

D’Lugin believes that recent graduates should begin to give back to the College as soon as they are able. “Recent graduates have benefitted from the alumni who preceded them and have given to the College, so they can get a good reputation of the school reflects on all of us.”

When thinking about the challenges recent graduates face as they begin to make career decisions, D’Lugin looks to her career and the careers of her classmates for direction. “If you start in an area of law and feel that you haven’t found your niche, don’t give up,” she observes. “There are so many opportunities in front of you because of your law degree. A law degree is a door opener, whether it’s to leadership positions in non-profits, or financial services, or whatever.”

Her classmates and their diverse career paths continue to be an inspiration and point of pride for D’Lugin. “We have alumni who have gone on to be successful in real estate and financial services, a leading adoption law expert [that is, her dear friend Golda Zimmerman L’80] to a judge on the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. There is no one-size-fits-all career path.”

To celebrate everything the Class of 1980 has accomplished and to help the next generation of Orange law students make their mark, D’Lugin and Zimmerman announced a Class of 1980 Challenge shortly after their 40th anniversary reunion over Law Alumni Weekend.

Adds D’Lugin, “After issuing the challenge in October, we quickly heard from classmates that our message encouraged them to give back to the College. I really believe we’ll have a great showing by the end of the campaign, and I thank all who give to the College.”

Golda Zimmerman L’80

Golda Zimmerman is an internationally recognized expert and frequent speaker and lecturer on adoption law and family formation. She is currently retired from the active practice of law, but she continues to serve as an expert witness and consults on difficult cases nationally and internationally...

My story starts at the end of the 19th century. It begins with two left shoes. A young man is so poor that he could only afford two left shoes. He journeyed alone in steerage on a boat from his homeland: He came in search of freedoms, to worship as he desired, to have economic opportunity, and to be safe from the ongoing threat of attack and death.

He was a butcher and worked in New York City. He visited Syracuse to see some friends from his village. While in Syracuse he saw a beautiful young woman hanging clothes in her yard. So taken, he immediately asked her father if he could marry her. Her father said “no” as she was only 14 years old. He told the young butcher to come back in two years when she was 16. He did come back, and he married her. That young butcher and the beautiful young woman were my grandparents.

Perhaps this family story has been embellished over the years, but every new year for as long as I can remember we all were bought a new pair of shoes: one right and one left. The purpose of those shoes was to remind us of the wonderful opportunity and life we were blessed to have; to not forget where we came from; and most importantly to remember others and help them if we were able.

My family’s values and lifestyle have always encouraged philanthropy at whatever level is appropriate. My husband and I started to give back to the College of Law once we were somewhat established and knew that our family was secure. We began our efforts in the 1980s. (As an aside, one of my grandfather’s children and three of their grandchildren are graduates of the College of Law.)

I have always felt that my professional success started with the foundation I received at the College. Law school taught me how to ask the right questions and gave me the skills to seek out the answers. I have used these skills in my international and domestic practice.

My entire professional life has centered on children, especially international and domestic family formation. It was natural for us to support law students who were interested in pursuing the area of law most important to me.

Many of my closest friends are classmates from law school. Jeri D’Lugin L’80 and I have kept a close and important friendship these past 40 years. As we were not able to convene the celebration of our 40th reunion in person, we felt that a giving challenge might encourage our fellow classmates to remember that during these difficult times, the law school is especially in need of our financial support.

My advice to recent graduates starting their law career is simple. When the door of opportunity presents itself, have the courage to walk through it. The College of Law has well prepared you to be successful. Use what you have learned, remember your moral compass and life experiences, and be secure that you have the skills to succeed.
Stephen J. Jones is a Partner at Peabody Nixon’s Rochester, NY, office. Jones leads the firm’s Labor and Employment Class Action Team and is regularly called upon to defend “bet the company,” high-stakes litigation. His experience includes defense of approximately 100 class actions and collective actions under the FLSA, ERISA, FCRA, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

What brought you to the College of Law?
I was drawn to the College for several reasons, including its strong reputation in oral advocacy, beautiful campus, an academic scholarship, and a big-time Division 1 college sports atmosphere.

What law school memories stand out for you?
My fondest memories are of the highly competitive moot court competitions (and even more competitive flag football league!); going to Cosmo’s Pizza with my good friend Roy Gutterman L’00; Professor William Wiecek’s intense lectures; nights out in Armory Square; and some great games in the Dome.

When and why did you start to give back to the College of Law?
I started giving back soon after graduation because of my very positive experiences and my desire to help make the College stronger.

In what ways have you given back?
Over the years I have supported the Law Annual Fund, and more recently, I have supported the College through the University’s Hill Society. I also serve as Chair of the Syracuse University Law Alumni Association Giving Committee.

Why is philanthropy important to you?
I strongly believe in the responsibility of citizens to give back to the cultural, civic, religious, and educational institutions that comprise the core of American life.

Do you have a message to recent graduates about giving back to their alma mater?
Some people might think that donating is only for more senior alumni, but a recent graduate should know that a donation of any size can make a difference as we pursue our fundraising goals.
Edward (Ted) Townsend L’10

As an attorney in the Health Care and Human Services practice group at Rochester, NY-based Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, Ted Townsend advises hospitals, physician practices, and other health care providers, facilities, and organizations with a variety of operational, compliance, and governance matters.

What brought you to the College of Law as a student?

I was living in Boston at the time and made the decision to return to school after working for five years. My search focused on schools that offered broad opportunities and strong programs across the board. In addition, I did not want to be pigeon-holed into a particular geographic market, or area of law, after graduation. After visiting Syracuse, there was really no other logical choice. I felt immediately comfortable. The students and staff were genuine. The programming was strong and diverse. Also, the collaborative nature of the student body was readily apparent, which was a distinction from other schools. In addition, although I did not end up pursuing it, the joint degree options with the Maxwell School were very appealing.

What law school memories stand out for you?

Without question, the day in February 2009 when I met my wife. Jennifer (Haralambides) Townsend L’11 (pictured, with children Henry (6) and Georgia (5)). We use our law degrees very differently today, which is a testament to the range of legal education the College of Law offers.

When it comes down to it, what I miss about law school is my classmates and the relationships we developed. I found a community that was invested in working hard and supporting each other, but also not taking itself too seriously. Coming back after five years, I was not anticipating making lifelong friends at Syracuse, but that’s exactly what happened.

I was also Editor-in-Chief of the Syracuse Law Review—as was Jenn, which she insists I add!—and, while I look back on that as quite a challenge, I also have great memories of working with our Executive Board and the other members of Law Review.

When and why did you start to give back to the College of Law?

If it wasn’t the first year after graduating, it was certainly the second. We gave only what we were able to, but believe that participation, even at a low level, is important. Syracuse was an incredible experience for both of us. Through our continued support, we have been able to stay connected and involved to ensure that others can have a similar experience.

In what ways have you given back?

We have given back financially, served on panels, and have helped out at Orientation. We both remember what it was like to be there, we remember the support we had, and we try and contribute wherever possible. Another way I help is through the hiring process, by doing on campus interviews on behalf of my firm and connecting with students informally to talk through their career options. Even if they don’t choose Harter Secrest, I try to make myself available as a resource for students who have questions about the next phase of their career.

Why is philanthropy important to you?

I think Jenn and I consider ourselves lucky to have had our opportunities, so our goal is to provide the same for others in any way we can.

Do you have a message to recent graduates about giving back to their alma mater?

It’s important to remember that even if you are not top of the ladder in terms of dollars, you can add value nonetheless. Any financial contribution goes a long way, and to the extent you can, that’s a great avenue for support. However, it’s not the only avenue. For instance, you can reach out to prospective students or offer advice to current students. If you stay involved, you can find great opportunities to contribute.

Betania Allo LLM’20

After graduation, Argentinean Betania Allo was selected for a Syracuse University Robert B. Menschel Public Service Fellows Fund award. She is using her Menschel Fellowship to complete service at the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, specifically in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) coordination, conducting technical assessments of member states and helping to mitigate terrorist use of technology.

What brought you to the College of Law?

I was looking for a master of laws program that would allow me to specialize in cybersecurity and tech law. Unfortunately, few law schools acknowledge the importance of educating tech-savvy lawyers. Syracuse was my top choice because I loved the course offerings, the outstanding faculty, and the opportunity to work at the Institute for Security Policy and Law to dig deeper into the convergence of law and emerging technologies.

What law school memories stand out for you?

Representing my LLM cohort before the Student Bar Association and performing senator duties gave wonderful memories. In addition, being the commencement speaker and sharing the Class of 2020 tribute video with professors and remarkable alumni—such as President-Elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. L’68—were true honors. Also, the Boost the ‘Cuse related events were so much fun! As Class Act! ambassador, I got the opportunity to get to know J.D. students and alumni better as we worked together toward a fulfilling cause.

When and why did you start to give back to the College of Law?

Ever since my first day at the College of Law, I started getting involved in projects, affinity groups, and student government to give back to the school and enhance my fellow students’ experience.

In what ways have you given back?

Giving back does not only mean donating money. Giving back also means putting time and talent to the service of the school. During the Boost the ‘Cuse events, I led the Class Act! fundraising efforts from LLM students, achieving an all-time record with 96.5% of my cohort donating to the College. In addition, I proudly represent the College of Law everywhere I go because I am grateful for the education I received. Here, I completed the competitive profile that today is awarding me so much professional success.

Why is philanthropy important to you?

Philanthropy is important because it opens opportunities. As an international student from Argentina, I wouldn’t have been able to attend Syracuse and pursue my LLM. If it wasn’t for the generous donations to the College of Law Scholarship fund. Funds go to help students like myself pursue legal degrees to contribute toward a more equitable and just society.

Do you have a message to recent graduates about giving back?

Yes. Stay in touch and contribute with your time, leadership, talent, or donations to create opportunities for current and future students.
Class Notes Are Online!

Looking for the Class Notes? You can find all updates on the College of Law website at law.syr.edu/alumni-friends/class-notes.

Please send us your career moves, professional milestones, awards, and significant accomplishments. Make sure to include a high-resolution portrait photograph.

Be sure to check the website often as Class Notes are continually updated.

You can submit your Notes ...
by email to: su-law@law.syr.edu,
by mail to: Syracuse University College of Law Office of Advancement Dineen Hall Suite 402 Syracuse, NY 13244.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Our Back Pages

Do You Remember? Help Us Caption Our Mystery Photos!

The College of Law’s photo archive is a fascinating visual history of your alma mater, full of nostalgia, anecdotes—and a few mysteries. That is, some of our prints and slides lack information or captions. That’s where you come in. In this feature, we challenge you to help us recall the people and scenes in our mystery photos.

This time around, the scene is a snowy one that will be sure to bring back happy memories of Syracuse winters! There are no notes on this print at all, but as it is in our archives, we assume the three people battling the elements are law students.

If you know anyone in this photo and/or where it was taken (Marshall Street?), please email Director of Alumni Relations Kristen Duggleby at klduggle@law.syr.edu, and we’ll publish what we discover in a future issue.

Here’s to “The Roommates”

Thank you to Andrew M. Wong L’94 for helping to identifying some of the people in the 2020 Yearbook mystery photo: “I know a couple of the people in the mystery photo. Seated in the front row on the left is Dena Narbaitz, next to her is Jan Folena, and I would guess next to them is Amy Collini, all Class of 1994. They were good friends and used to sit together in classes. In the back row seated is, I think, Anthony Calabrese L’93.”

Alumna Jan Folena L’94, correctly spotted by Andrew Wong, helps to complete the picture. The photo, she says, was taken in Professor Marty Fried’s fall 1993 tax law class: “The three women in the front row (L to R) are Dena Narbaitz, me, and Amy Collini. Many referred to us as ‘The Roommates’ as we shared an apartment and were rarely seen apart,” explains Folena. “Dena, originally from California, now practices law and resides in San Francisco, CA. Amy, originally from New Jersey, now practices law and resides outside of Cleveland, OH. Also from New Jersey, I now practice law in Washington, DC, and live in Vienna, VA. ‘The Roommates’ remain friends and are in regular contact.”

Folena adds, “I’m not positive, but I believe the gentleman in the Syracuse Law sweatshirt is Ken Koh. Behind Amy Collini, reaching down for a backpack, might be Tony Collazzo. The Class of 1994 was a raucous bunch, highly opinionated, and always striving to improve the standing of the law school. In those years the school soared above the rest in trial and appellate practice under the guidance of Professor Travis H.D. Lewin. Thanks for pulling this photo out of the files. It brought back good memories and fun times at the ‘Cuse.”

Mary Roberts Bailey L’82 has a different take on the identity of the student standing over the open textbook: “He looks like Takahiro Miyata, an international student from Japan. If it is him, that was how he would look when he was deep in thought. I was Assistant Dean for Students during Takahiro’s time, and I knew him and the other international students fairly well. But I could be wrong. Takahiro would have graduated in either 1995 or 1996.”

Thank you for helping us to enrich our College of Law archives!
The College of Law Mourns the Passing of Professor Emeritus Peter E. Herzog L’55

Professor Herzog had a distinguished career as a scholar and academic at the College of Law, where he spent 37 years teaching torts, international law, comparative law, and other subjects. He was widely teaching in these areas, at times with his wife Brigitte Herzog L’75 as a co-author. He was also a visiting professor at the universities of Paris (Pantheon-Sorbonne), Dijon, and Fribourg. In addition to the Melvin Professorship, Professor Herzog was awarded the Chancellor’s Citation of Academic Excellence.

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Born in Vienna, Austria in 1925, Professor Herzog studied at the University of Vienna before coming to the United States, where he earned his undergraduate degree from Hobart College, an LL.B. from the College of Law, and his masters of law from Columbia University. He began his legal career as a New York State deputy assistant attorney general. He then became an assistant in touch long after their graduation. He was an avid supporter of the College of Law and our legal career as a New York State deputy assistant attorney general. He then became an assistant in touch long after their graduation. He was an avid supporter of the College of Law and our legal career as a New York State deputy assistant attorney general. He then became an assistant in touch long after their graduation. He was an avid supporter of the College of Law and our legal career as a New York State deputy assistant attorney general. He then became an assistant in touch long after their graduation. He was an avid supporter of the College of Law and our
dental University. He was a very gracious man and a delight to be around.

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I grieve Peter’s passing. He had the finest mind of anyone I know. But even better than his mind was his gentle, kind, and loving personality. As a friend and colleague, I miss him.

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—Professor Emeritus Thomas Maroney L ’63

Held the pleasure and privilege to know European Union law from Professor Peter Herzog, and I am proud to have followed his footsteps by teaching EU and International Law today. He will be missed, and he contributed tremendously to our community and many students’ careers and futures.

—Professor Cora True-Frost L’01

I can only echo what others have said. Peter was learned, kind, and gentle, a model of what a law school teacher ought to be. We have lost a great and dear colleague. May he rest in peace.

—Professor Emeritus William Wieczek

I first met Professor Herzog in the Fall of 1952 at the law school then situated in an edifice directly southwesterly from the Onondaga County Court House. Our entering class included a cohort of Hobart College alumni (including Bill Burrows, Walt Ferris, and Peter and Ty Pan). What little I knew about Peter as an emigre to the US must have originated from them.

Fast forward to the Spring semester of 1955. We were the only two students in a Labor Law Seminar led by Dean Ralph Khouras. We sat side-by-side in front of his desk. Unlike a more rewarding class with Professor Robert Kortetz, I can only say that both were most attentive to one another. I must have been a patient listener. As Editor-in-Chief of the Syracuse Law Review, he certainly passed judgment upon the trio of recent decisions I authored. We had a classmate named Lauren Colby (aka “Cites” [for short]). The meter maids policing prized parking spaces on the Montgomery Street side of the law school did a land-office business issuing overdue parking citations. During our first year, “Cites” owned an old fin-tailed goliath of a car. The next year, he was able to park his newer Crosley between two otherwise “legally” positioned parking spaces. Between classes, all of us would act as cheering witnesses to the tussles between the ticket issuers and law students. Peter’s sotto voice comment to me about “Cites” ingenuity was, “Detroit should know better!”

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—Kevin O’Shea L’69

I had Professor Herzog for Torts and Conflicts and enjoyed both courses. He was an excellent professor and a nice person. My condolences to his wife and family.

—David B. Weisfuse L’73

I had Professor Herzog for first-year torts in 1979. Had a great experience in his class learning about torts and the famous railroad case.

—Jay A. Press L’81

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“A Gentle Soul With a Brilliant Mind:” Remembering Professor Herzog

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—Professor Christian Day

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Like others, Peter was my mentor to whom I will be eternally grateful. A man of giant intellect possessed of unsurpassed concern for his students and a charming sense of humor, he conspicuously displayed a sincere humility often lacking in men of such tremendous accomplishment. He will be long remembered and sorely missed.

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Peter E. Herzog L’55

SU-Law@law.syr.edu.
My condolences to the family. I remember Professor Herzog as my Comparative Law Professor in 1987-88. It was a very good class. He was an expert on the European Union, and I learned a lot about the law of various states. I also learned through the legal publishing academic world and law writing. The law school community suffered a big loss.

—Ronald New 1998

It was an honor to have been taught by Peter. Thank you for your dedication to the law and teaching.

—Elizabeth Morrow L’92

Professor Herzog was sterling intellect, an exceptional talent, and a fine human being—gracious, generous, and congenial. He was more than my teacher. He was my shining north star. I missed him when I graduated and left Syracuse in 1993, and I miss him even more now. Our lives have been made better for having known him. He now belongs to the ages. I missed him when I was sad to hear of the death of Professor Herzog. Back in the fall of 1990, I sat in the front row of Professor Herzog’s Torts class as a 1L. About midway through the semester, after reviewing a series of cases about slips and falls on railroad platforms (you know the cases?)

Professor Herzog was met with two very different banana peels on his podium! One was old and brown, and the other quite fresh. It was in his moment of recognition about our engagement with what we were reading about, and his obvious pleasure at the gesture, that the wall of separation between professor and 1L students in their first semester began to crumble. His obvious delight at this attempt at humor helped us see Professor Herzog in a new and very human dimension. He was so wonderfully helpful, and I will always remember it, as well as his warmth and humanity. We were probably in no position to see that earlier in the semester. It informed my law practice and my teaching. In gratitude for all my professors who informed my practice.

—Bruce Lee-Clark L’93

Through his stories and his teaching, he inspired me to want to study at The Hague Academy of International Law, where he once taught. Eventually, I was able to attend the academy and live in The Hague with my wife and our newly born son.

Professor Herzog was one of those few people that I hoped I could stay close to following studies. I wrote to him asking for mentorship, and he and Brigitte were so kind to me and my family. We went from teacher/student to Professor Herzog being a mentor and friend to me. During visits, we would discuss law, travel, children, their children and grandchildren, and The Hague Academy that was so special to all of us.

—Dominic DePerlas L’98

As Professor Herzog was discussing a point of comparison between EU and US law, one of the secretaries from the Dean’s office appears in the back of the lecture hall, trying to get Professor Herzog’s attention.

Professor: “Can’t help you!”

Secretary: “Dean Hoeflich left his coat here and he has to be in Rochester in two hours for an alumni lunch.”

Professor Herzog sees the coat, picks it up and walks it over to the secretary.

Professor: “Well, it’s not a Dean does. He goes and begs the alumni for money.”

The secretary gasps while we all start laughing.

Professor: “Well, that is what I do. Dean Herzog left his coat here and he has to be in Rochester in two hours for an alumni lunch.”

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Thank you for the breadth and depth of his knowledge and the kindness of his nature. Through his stories and his teaching, he inspired me to want to study at The Hague Academy of International Law, where he once taught. Eventually, I was able to attend the academy and live in The Hague with my wife and our newly born son.

Professor Herzog was one of those few people that I hoped I could stay close to following studies. I wrote to him asking for mentorship, and he and Brigitte were so kind to me and my family. We went from teacher/student to Professor Herzog being a mentor and friend to me. During visits, we would discuss law, travel, children, their children and grandchildren, and The Hague Academy that was so special to all of us.

—Dominic DePerlas L’98

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—David Moffitt L’96

Dean Herzog was met with two very different banana peels on his podium! One was old and brown, and the other quite fresh. It was in his moment of recognition about our engagement with what we were reading about, and his obvious pleasure at the gesture, that the wall of separation between professor and 1L students in their first semester began to crumble. His obvious delight at this attempt at humor helped us see Professor Herzog in a new and very human dimension. He was so wonderfully helpful, and I will always remember it, as well as his warmth and humanity. We were probably in no position to see that earlier in the semester. It informed my law practice and my teaching. In gratitude for all my professors who informed my practice.

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I lived with Peter during my three years at Syracuse. He was a wonderful person and also my Torts professor. Accordingly, my first year Torts class includes some of the fondest memories of my time at Syracuse with many funny stories from Peter at the top of the list. I specifically remember the story of the recalcitrant donkey that illustrated the doctrine of last clear chance, while the donkey didn’t survive the story, Peter had the entire class in hysterics while learning a lesson. I still remember to this day. I was lucky to have had him as a professor and also to have known him as a friend.

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