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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM DEAN

As we get ready to start another academic year, I’m honored to serve as your interim dean. I’m grateful for the strong partnership I formed with Dean Michael Kaufman, who became the dean of Santa Clara University School of Law on July 1, and I wish him and his family all the best. You can learn more about Dean Kaufman’s remarkable 35-year Loyola career and the legacy he leaves behind on page 6.

I look forward to carrying our law school’s vision forward and fulfilling our renewed mission to prepare graduates who will be ethical advocates for justice and equity and who will lead efforts to dismantle racism and all forms of oppression. As we work to live up to our mission, we will continue to evaluate what we are doing now and how we can do better moving forward. And part of doing better means doing more: more to attract, encourage, and support racially diverse students, faculty, and staff to join our law school. More to ensure that students receive our promise of cura personalis—care for the whole person—which is necessary to secure their academic success. More to financially support students so they can complete their legal education. You can learn more about our efforts on page 3.

The past year has been challenging for all of us in many ways, and the School of Law is proud of the manner in which we adapted to serve our community during the COVID-19 pandemic—see page 13.

I’m excited to welcome students back to campus this fall, under the University’s health and safety guidelines, for another successful and engaging academic year. And I’m so grateful to you—our alumni—for all you do to inspire our students and set incredible examples for our graduates. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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This fall, the School of Law plans to welcome students back to campus. The University had to move to remote learning in March 2020. Based on increasing vaccination rates and improving health conditions in Chicago, the law school anticipates being able to return to the classroom with some limitations as determined by city guidelines for classroom capacities. Some remote instruction will continue, including in the part-time JD program and for upper-division electives.

Students returning to campus will be required to be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination. Loyola will grant exemptions for medical contraindications or religious reasons consistent with University policy. Students, faculty, and staff who have not been vaccinated will be required to participate in weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing.

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To learn more about how the School of Law has navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, see page 13.

Loyola prepares to welcome students back to campus

School of Law takes steps to address racial injustice

AS A JESUIT INSTITUTION, Loyola University Chicago has long been committed to social justice. In 2020, after the killing of George Floyd and in the wake of increasing calls for ending systemic racism and racial violence, the University and the School of Law recommit to help uproot persistent racism and dismantle systemic racial injustice. Here are some of the steps the School of Law has taken to better support our students, make our law school more welcoming and inclusive, and address racism in our community:

• CREATED a new mission statement, based on input from students, alumni, faculty, administrators, and staff, that clarifies the school’s calling to work to dismantle the structures that generate and sustain racism and all forms of oppression.

• ENGAGED in a full-day faculty retreat to begin developing an action plan and priorities to implement the new mission objective to dismantle structures of systemic racism and oppression.

• PROVIDED a required series of anti-racist workshops and trainings for all faculty and administrators. Trainings included anti-racist pedagogy and discussions on recognizing, preventing, and intervening in microaggressions in the law school classroom and community.

• CONDUCTED a joint diversity, equity, and inclusion workshop with alumni and the Dean’s Diversity Council.

• DEVELOPED a survey tool with consulting firm Ntixons that will provide the law school community with an external assessment of progress regarding the School of Law’s climate and culture.

• HOSTED dozens of events and programs dedicated to anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion in law, legal education, and the profession. Faculty, staff, and students—including student-led law journals—planned many of these impactful events, which included some of the best scholars and experts in the field of racial justice.

• STRENGTHENED the Professional Identity Formation class, which launched in 2018 as a course dedicated to addressing anti-racism, intersectionality, and implicit bias in the legal profession. This course is a requirement for all first-year students.

• CONTINUED collaborative efforts, and made more visible the multiple processes for reporting incidents of bias and harm in the community.

• CHARGED each of the law school’s committees and councils—including those devoted to admissions and financial assistance, teaching and curriculum, hiring, and student conduct—with actualizing our anti-racist mission.

• DRAMATICALLY INCREASED financial assistance and scholarship support for incoming and continuing students, including through the creation of the faculty-led and supported Faculty Diversity Scholarship Fund.

The Professional Identity Formation class is a course dedicated to addressing anti-racism, intersectionality, and implicit bias in the legal profession.

To get involved in the School of Law’s racial justice efforts, contact Assistant Dean for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Josie Gough at jgough@luc.edu.
Students take top honors at competitions

LOYOLA’S STRONG ADVOCACY TRADITION results in regional, national, and international wins in most court, mock trial, dispute resolution, and transactional competitions. During the 2020-21 academic year, 114 students participated on 29 teams and in 37 competitions. Competitions took place online because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The School of Law virtually hosted the Region 9 academic year, 114 students participated on 29 teams and in 37 competitions. Competitions took place online because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The School of Law virtually hosted the Region 9

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21. Hunton Andrews Kurth Marsh, Moot Court Competition National Championship Best Oralist

21. National Black Law Students Association MSNBC Championship Best Oralist

21. National Ethics Trial Competition Top Advocate (Preliminary Rounds)

21. National Moot Court Competition Regional First Place Regional Best Final Round Oralist Regional Best Petitioner Brief

21. Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition Best Oralist

20. Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition Regional First Place

THEY’RE BUSINESSPEOPLE and health care professionals, educators and state legislators. Many have small children, aging parents, or volunteer commitments. These “weekend warriors” have a wide mix of life experiences, but they share a common objective: earning a law degree that works with their busy schedules and diverse geographic locations.

Loyola’s innovative Weekend JD program celebrates its fifth anniversary this fall. In March, U.S. News & World Report named Weekend JD the #7 part-time JD program in the country, making it the top part-time JD program in Chicago, the Midwest, and west of the Eastern Seaboard. And it’s opened the door for many who otherwise couldn’t have attended law school.

“There’s no way I could have enrolled in other part-time law programs, where you had to do it in the evenings,” says Amina Jaffer (JD ‘20), who was a stay-at-home parent with four children and an active volunteer when she looked for a law school.

“Loyola’s program was perfect because in-person classes were only every other weekend.” Jaffer, who was welcomed 43 students ages 22 to 66, with 32.5 percent from out of state.

“Two-thirds of the Weekend JD program is conducted in person. Students, who come from all over the country, attend classes on Loyola’s Chicago campus every other weekend, with lodging available on campus. The other one-third of classes are online and asynchronous, so students can complete coursework whenever their schedules allow. (During the pandemic, the program switched to a remote-only format that will continue through fall 2021.)

“Many law schools are just getting into the idea of weekend education,” says Kirk Walter, director of the Weekend JD program. “We’ve been in this space for a while, so we just need to be made, and the longevity of what we’ve successfully done sets us apart.”

Weekend JD program celebrates its first five years

Combo of in-person and remote learning works with the busiest schedules

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Notable alumni: Christian Mitchell (JD ‘19), deputy governor for Illinois; Josh Goldland (JD ‘20), ‘2009 Honors Program resident mentor; Keisha Lewis (BS ‘12, JD ’20), former national attorney at U.S. Department of Education

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John D. Blum, health law pioneer, retires

PROFESSOR JOHN D. BLUM, a pioneer and widely respected expert in health law, retired from the School of Law in December 2020. As the founding director of Loyola’s nationally recognized Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, he launched new specialized health law degree programs at Loyola. He also expanded the school’s health law curriculum offerings and taught numerous health law and policy courses. In 2018, he was named the inaugural Beazley Chair in Health Law and Policy.

Blum, who joined the faculty in 1986, is widely published in health law and policy areas, and he lectured at universities in North America, Europe, and Asia.

The founding editor of Loyola’s student-run Annals of Health Law and Life Sciences, he served on numerous editorial boards including Bloomberg Health Law News and the American Health Lawyers Association leadership positions in the American Health Law Association, ABA Health Law Section, American Public Health Association, Center for Telemedicine Law and E Health, Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys, and World Association for Medical Law. In 2011, Blum received the Jay Meadley Award from the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics in recognition of his contributions to health law education. In addition, Blum served as an adjunct professor of medical humanities at Loyola University Chicago’s Stritch School of Medicine. He has been awarded the title of Professor of Law Emeritus.”
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Why did you choose teaching as a career, and what brought you to Loyola in 1986?

I've loved teaching ever since I helped my two younger brothers with their homework. When I graduated from law school, the idea of teaching law called to me, but I was told the best way to do this was to first get some real-life practice experience. I went to a Chicago firm and loved the challenging work. Loyola Professor of Law Anie-Mari Rhodes was of counsel to the firm then, and she told me that Professor Richard Michael—a legend at this law school—was taking some time off to write a book. So I got a job teaching Civil Procedure at Loyola for a year, and I never left.

AFTER 35 YEARS at Loyola University Chicago School of Law—including five years as dean—beloved educator and administrator Michael J. Kaufman became dean of Santa Clara University School of Law in California on July 1. Known for his forward-looking pedagogy, his deep respect and care for every individual, and his sustained commitment to expanding equity and inclusion, Kaufman leaves a powerful legacy at Loyola.

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– MICHAEL J. KAUFMAN
A LEGACY OF EMPATHY AND EXCELLENCE

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1. Professor Michael J. Kaufman in the late 1980s. 2. Kaufman continued to teach while serving as a law school administrator. 3. With Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. 4. With civil rights activist and congressman John Lewis.

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“The most important thing I learned from Dean Kaufman is that kindness is strength. I tutored for him twice for Civil Procedure. My co-tutor and I took cues from how he interacted with our students, and the dean in turn encouraged our diligent efforts to be radically available to the students and connect with them on a human level. We watched it pay off in grades, in morale, and in the students’ dedication to Loyola and the law.” –Katharine P. Austvol (’22)

“The most important thing I learned from Dean Kaufman is to bring compassion and civility to every interaction, even those that are highly charged or adversarial…that behind every case or rule of law is a human story. I have watched him bring that sense of empathy to every classroom, lecture, and virtual town hall.” –Kate Finch (JD ’21)

“Michael Kaufman is truly a scholar and gentleman. His kindness is something I will carry with me always.” –Josia Gough (BA ’74, MA ’78, JD ’94), Assistant Dean for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity

“Dean Kaufman is a transformational leader who has secured the prominence of our school for decades to come as the model for socially just, anti-racist legal education in a diverse and ever-changing academic environment. His ability to build sustainable bridges across differences and above conflict has improved the culture and learning environment for students, faculty, staff, and administrators alike.” –Zaida Harris, interim Dean

“Professor Kaufman was always available for questions or concerns. I have tried to carry myself in a similar way throughout law school and beyond.” –Jeffrey L. Kwall, R. Jones Professor of Law

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have honored our impactful faculty with a growing number of named professorships and endowed chairs.

Throughout your career as an administrator, you've continued teaching. Why has that been so important to you, and will you continue at Santa Clara?

Yes, I will teach Civil Procedure at Santa Clara. Teaching is still the best part of my job. I love the interaction with students, including online. I get goosebumps when I see a light go on in their eyes. And when I do orientation programs and welcome students for the first time, I get chills to see them all together starting their careers. It's very moving to me.

More tangibly, teaching allows me to connect right away with a large group of students. I know what they're going through. I understand when they're incredibly stressed, when they're having midterms and writing assignments and finals, and that gives me a strong sense of being there in their shoes. I hope that makes me a better dean for all students.

You've mentioned that the major impetus for moving to California was to be closer to family. As you know, I'm not Catholic; I'm a Jewish dean at a Jesuit, Catholic law school. But the Jesuit mission sings to me in its sense of purpose and of caring deeply for each other. The acts of loving kindness I see at Loyola are also part of my family tradition, my faith tradition. It's really a tremendous call: the idea that if we work hard enough and try hard enough and teach well enough, we can help educate the next class of students to go out and build a better world and the future of justice. It's part of the DNA of Loyola, and it's authentic and true and lasting and enduring. That's true in Santa Clara as well.

For several years, you've worked closely with Zelda Harris, who served as associate dean of academic affairs and steps into the role of interim dean. How do you envision the transition unfolding?

Just as I had with David, Zelda and I have an incredibly tight partnership. She is spectacular in every way, and she's managed all aspects of our law school with prudence, wisdom, and grace, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shes got a great vision for the law school and is going to be terrific. Because Loyola and Santa Clara are both Jesuit law schools with tremendous program synergies, I'm hoping we'll be doing a lot of collaboration. In fact, I hope people at Loyola will think of Santa Clara as Loyola West. We'll be doing a lot of collaboration. In fact, I hope people at law schools with tremendous program synergies, I'm hoping will be terrific. Because Loyola and Santa Clara are both Jesuit law schools with tremendous program synergies.

The new dean at Santa Clara?

Zelda Harris takes the helm as interim dean

ZELDA HARRIS is Loyola University Chicago School of Law’s interim dean, effective July 1, following the departure of Dean Michael Kaufman. Her appointment ensures continuity and a smooth transition in law school leadership.

Harris joined the faculty of the School of Law in August 2012 as director of the Dan K. Webb Center for Advocacy. Under her leadership, the School of Law’s trial advocacy program became nationally ranked, and student teams regularly win regional, national, and international competitions. She provides leadership in all aspects of the advocacy program, including curriculum development, program growth, and alumni relations.

In January 2018, Harris was appointed associate dean of academic affairs. In this role, she led, supervised, and managed the law school curriculum for JD and other graduate programs, and developed courses, academic policies, and other curricular programming. In addition, she recruited professional adjunct faculty to teach upper-level courses.

She is the architect of the School of Law’s Professional Identity Formation (PIF) course, an anti-racism, intersectionality, and implicit bias course required for all first-year students, which launched in 2018. She works with PIF director Carla Kupco to recruit diverse alumni to teach the course.

In addition, Harris is a Mary Ann G. McMorrow Professor of Law and teaches courses in trial advocacy, evidence, and domestic violence law.

Prior to joining Loyola, Harris served for 14 years on the law faculty at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law and worked as director of the Domestic Violence Law Clinic and co-director of the Child and Family Law Clinic. She has extensive experience as a litigator and advocate on behalf of victims of family violence. Harris also is involved with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, where she provides advocacy training to new attorneys across the globe.

“Loyola is so blessed to have Zelda Harris at the helm,” says Kaufman. “She is spectacular in every way, and she’s managed all aspects of our law school with prudence, wisdom, and grace, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Dean Kaufman has been an incredible sponsor, mentor, and advocate for me,” Harris says. “I look forward to carrying our vision forward and growing the law school based on our shared and renewed mission to prepare graduates who will be ethical advocates for justice and equity; who will lead efforts to dismantle the legal, economic, political, and social structures that generate and sustain racism and all forms of oppression; and who will advance a rule of law that promotes social justice.”

The School of Law adapts to provide the best possible educational experience amidst an evolving public health crisis

BY GAIL MANSFIELD

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the way we work, learn, and socialize. When lockdowns went into place in March 2020, the School of Law’s longstanding leadership in remote education allowed it to quickly bring instruction and student support online. In the months since, the law school has further improved, expanded, and refined its approaches as a virtual learning community. Here, Loyola shares their insights on lessons learned during the first year of the pandemic.
of the entire Loyola law community, use Sakai, the learning management system campus in the fall, Loyola’s deep bench apparent that classes would remain off faculty members taught classes through the remote pedagogy” to finish out the spring Education Lindsay Dunbar calls “emergency Assistant Dean for Graduate and Online continues to help her colleagues one-on- “At first, some faculty members showed resistance grounded in the fear of not doing a good job,” says Youngberg, who Youngberg says, the “coalition of the Write” began learning the more advanced tools from each other. “It’s a reminder that not every new student is still important, we also need to communicate through our strong website presence, daily announcements, virtual social media. What works is a multiple media to multiple stakeholders in multiple ways of engagement.” Even with this multipronged effort, the challenge continues. Says Harris, “Many of us haven’t been relying on word of mouth, in some measure, as a communication strategy—which only works when people are in the building and running into each other. This year, the communication has had to be very intentional. We’ve learned we still need to get more information out and do it more frequently—even when we get back to campus.” And students’ voices are part of it. “It’s not just us providing them with information. We’ve got to listen to concerns from the students, and they need to hear from each other.”

7. LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE

VALERA IS NOT THE ONLY LOYOLAN considering the ways pandemic practices might continue once it’s safe to gather again. Discussing the new teaching techniques many instructors have adopted, Assistant Dean Dunbar notes, “Some things will stick around, others will fade away.” But, she adds, “We all have Zoom fatigue, but going forward, we’ve got to be nimble about delivering legal education that meets the needs of people where they are.”

6. FIND THE BEST PRINCIPLES

STAYING POSITIVE, many Loyolans identified unique benefits of the pandemic experience. First-year student Crockett Stevenson is from the Snoqualmie Nation in Washington State. When he learned his classes would be remote, he based himself at his parents’ house in South Carolina for the year. Though he hasn’t taken a course on campus yet, Stevenson says the law school is making remote education “as close to the classroom experience as you can get. And, as the kind of person who liked to do all my studying on campus as an undergrad, I’m finding online learning is more efficient and permits a much smarter use of my schedule.” As a 3L, Shavina Rish is a chief justice of Loyola’s moot court program. Because all tryouts, practices, and competitions were online this year, “We were able to extend offers to a couple of Weekend JD students who wouldn’t ordinarily have been able to participate,” she says. “That’s been a big plus from all of this.”

Student Puja Vakani jokes that she can “roll out of bed 10 minutes before my first class and avoid going through bad weather to get to school.” While not being able to gain a stronger foothold among previously resistant law firms and other employers, “I’m hoping a big positive to come out of this experience will be improved work-life balance,” she says.

5. CONNECT CREATIVELY

LOYOLANS SAY IN PERSON contact is the thing they’ve missed the most this past year. Many students set up in-person study groups that are “very productive and opens up my schedule. ” Student Puja Vakani’s take is that she can “roll out of bed 10 minutes before my first class and avoid going through bad weather to get to school.” While not being able to gain a stronger foothold among previously resistant law firms and other employers, “I’m hoping a big positive to come out of this experience will be improved work-life balance,” she says.
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October 23. (Visit to learn more about the event.)

which will be presented at the Reunion and Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday.

individuals stand out as particularly strong symbols of service. Here are the

2021 School of Law awards honor Zachary Ziliak, Michael J. Kaufman, Alkaraki, and others

BY GAIL MANSFIELD

IN A SCHOOL KNOWN FOR
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Michael Alkaraki (JD ‘06)

St. Robert Bellarmine Award

The St. Robert Bellarmine Award recognizes a graduate who earned a JD within the past 15 years for distinguished service to the community, the legal profession, and to the School of Law.

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November 4, 2016

Alkaraki's contributions to the law school are numerous. He’s a member of the Law Alumni Board of Governors and Dean’s Diversity Council; serves as a judge in trial competitions, and shares professional insights as a panel speaker. As an adjunct professor, Alkaraki teaches courses in legal writing, trial practice, and professional identity formation. The willingness to give back, he says, “is built into the infrastructure of the school. By design, a Loyola law education prepares you to recognize you’re part of the school’s community and broader legal community. Loyola’s great at keeping people engaged in all the ways they want to be.”

An emphasis on building and keeping connections runs through all of Alkaraki’s activities. “This profession is one in which relationships are emphasized,” he says. “Especially in an adversarial situation, the way you work, your professionalism and civility, matter. Those relationships matter. It’s easier to be on a case with good lawyers, and I try to be one.”

As everyone says, the world is round. “You’re going to work with those same attorneys again.”

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In this new, more effective learning environment, relationships are still the key. “We know from neuroscience and educational psychology research that people learn in the context of relationships—at the law school, that means peers, faculty members, administration, staff, and alumni,” Kaufman says.

“The learning culture is critical, and Loyola is a community in which people are encouraged to develop meaningful relationships from which knowledge and values, and skills are constructed.”

Understanding and responding to the diverse ways people have been at the heart of Kaufman’s wide-ranging professional pursuits. He led a large board of education in the Chicago area and is a highly respected scholar in the area of pedagogy at all levels of education, including early childhood. Kaufman’s casebook, Education Law, Policy, and Practice (Aspen, 5th ed. 2021) is a leading text in both law school and graduate school classes. During his years at Loyola, Kaufman put his research into practice, founding the Education Law and Policy Institute, which conducts conferences, academic programs, direct representation, and advocacy to enhance educational access and equity.

Kaufman helped to create the innovative Weekend JD program and to expand the school’s Master of Jurisprudence programs for nonlawyers. Recognizing the centrality of interpersonal skills to professional success, ethical conduct, and the act of learning itself, he ensured that students learn engaged listening, interviewing, and counseling.

As dean, Kaufman garnered many other notable accomplishments. He led the law school in instituting concrete actions to expand equity and seek racial justice; increased the diversity and academic credentials of incoming students; improved bar passage and employment outcomes for graduates; served as the head of the University’s strategic planning team; strengthened alumni outreach, and continued to publish his research in other areas of interest: securities regulation and litigation, civil procedure, and jurisprudence.

Through it all, he continued to teach, considering his one-on-one connections with students invaluable and in the classroom “the best part of my week.”

“The law school has escalated and thrived under Dean Kaufman’s dedicated and passionate leadership,” says Freddi Greenberg (JD ’75), president of the Law Alumni Board of Governors. “His warmth, respect, and generosity to the law school community, and beyond, exemplifies the qualities that the law school hopes to develop in its students.”

“I am moved to tears and overwhelmed with gratitude,” Kaufman says of the opportunity to receive the Medal of Excellence. “To be included among true my heroes who have received this honor in the past brings me tremendous joy, humility, and fulfillment, and I live forever grateful for the love and support of my dear Loyola friends.”

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Celebrating extraordinary service

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“The learning culture is critical, and Loyola is a community in which people are encouraged to develop meaningful relationships from which knowledge and values, and skills are constructed.”

Understanding and responding to the diverse ways people have been at the heart of Kaufman’s wide-ranging professional pursuits. He led a large board of education in the Chicago area and is a highly respected scholar in the area of pedagogy at all levels of education, including early childhood. Kaufman’s casebook, Education Law, Policy, and Practice (Aspen, 5th ed. 2021) is a leading text in both law school and graduate school classes. During his years at Loyola, Kaufman put his research into practice, founding the Education Law and Policy Institute, which conducts conferences, academic programs, direct representation, and advocacy to enhance educational access and equity.

Kaufman helped to create the innovative Weekend JD program and to expand the school’s Master of Jurisprudence programs for nonlawyers. Recognizing the centrality of interpersonal skills to professional success, ethical conduct, and the act of learning itself, he ensured that students learn engaged listening, interviewing, and counseling.

As dean, Kaufman garnered many other notable accomplishments. He led the law school in instituting concrete actions to expand equity and seek racial justice; increased the diversity and academic credentials of incoming students; improved bar passage and employment outcomes for graduates; served as the head of the University’s strategic planning team; strengthened alumni outreach, and continued to publish his research in other areas of interest: securities regulation and litigation, civil procedure, and jurisprudence.

Through it all, he continued to teach, considering his one-on-one connections with students invaluable and in the classroom “the best part of my week.”

“The law school has escalated and thrived under Dean Kaufman’s dedicated and passionate leadership,” says Freddi Greenberg (JD ’75), president of the Law Alumni Board of Governors. “His warmth, respect, and generosity to the law school community, and beyond, exemplifies the qualities that the law school hopes to develop in its students.”

“I am moved to tears and overwhelmed with gratitude,” Kaufman says of the opportunity to receive the Medal of Excellence. “To be included among true my heroes who have received this honor in the past brings me tremendous joy, humility, and fulfillment, and I live forever grateful for the love and support of my dear Loyola friends.”

On July 1, Kaufman became dean of Santa Clara University School of Law. See page 6.

Celebrating extraordinary service

2021 School of Law awards honor Zachary Ziliak, Michael J. Kaufman, Chleece Walker-Neal-Murray, and Michael Alkaraki

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Chlece Walker-Neal-Murray (MSW ’15, MS ’18)

Public Service Merit Award

The Public Service Merit Award recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to public service and social justice.

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As a Loyola law student, Walker-Neal-Murray says that Loyola helped her to become the lawyer and person she wanted to be. She says that Loyola’s Center for the Human Rights of Children, where Walker-Neal-Murray works as a research assistant on child trafficking issues, is one of the projects that she is most passionate about.

Zachary Ziliak (JD ’06)

The Francis J. Rooney/St. Thomas More Award recognizes continuous, outstanding loyalty and dedicated service to the School of Law.

Zackary Ziliak (JD ’06) didn’t expect to build a career in the law— even when he decided to go to law school. A Rhodes Scholar with six college and graduate degrees, Ziliak worked for years in math, finance, and trading before attending the School of Law. “I wanted a job I could enjoy that would make a valuable contribution to the world, and I thought about going into education or government,” he says. “Law school seemed like a good path to one of those.”

After graduating first in his class and clerking for Judge Janice Rogers Brown on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Ziliak delivered on both the litigation and transactional law for financial industry clients at the Chicago office of Mayer Brown.

In 2013, he opened Ziliak Law, a firm built on its roots in the trading industry, to offer a broad range of services to clients in finance, entertainment, and media. Much of the firm’s work is related to blockchain and cryptocurrency issues.

“[My] new venture is a hypothesis, and mine in building this firm was that clients would want lawyers who understand their business, who sit beside them as partners,” Ziliak says. “I wanted to build a place that welcomed attorneys with nontraditional backgrounds, people who had worked in the industries we’re serving. We’re sometimes too quick to think that by age 25 you’ve looked into your life’s work. I don’t mind hiring people who graduated law school in their 40s, studied law in another country, or only want to practice for a few years.”

Many of those employees come from Loyola. Assistant Dean for Career Services Mariam Douglass, who nominated Ziliak for the award, says that Ziliak is not only generous in hiring Loyola law students and alumni, “He speaks regularly with our students to share his nontraditional legal education course.”

Ziliak says it’s a “great honor” to receive the Francis J. Rooney/St. Thomas More Award. “My association with Loyola has been instrumental in my career,” he says, “and I look forward to continue building on that.”

The Podvocate – Megan Kirby

The Podvocate is a student-run podcast that brings legal issues to life.

AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE VIROLOGIST. A history of spooky legal cases. The in-house counsel at Tesla. The subject matter of The Podvocate, the weekly podcast run by School of Law students, ranges far and wide.

Since its 2019 birth, The Podvocate has released more than 50 episodes and attracted national-profile guests. A recent episode featured Senator Cory Booker’s lead counsel. Each episode brings in about 150 listeners, according to Editor-in-Chief Matt Doran, and the target audience has evolved from Loyola students to any young person interested in law.

For Doran, a large part of the podcast’s power comes from the immediacy of recording and sharing conversations that allow for follow-up questions, detours, humor, and heart. “The student body appreciates the fact that we are engaging in sometimes difficult situations with mance and thoughtfulness,” Doran says.

Origins

The Podvocate began under the name Dialogue, De Novo, a capstone project run by Loyola students Richard Labovitz and Jake Rheamu. Law student Radhika Sutherland met the pair when she was invited to be a podcast guest. When they asked if she would join the new executive board, Sutherland says, “It was the most inviting, emotional, intense episode of The Podvocate I’ve ever done.”

Next steps

The Podvocate continues to grow. The podcast recently partnered with Loyola student radio station WLUW-FM for help with editing and production. Its website, ThePodvocate.com, now includes related written content and research articles. Sutherland, who graduated in May 2021, is excited to see The Podvocate expand its scope and reputation. “Legal journals are storied,” she says. “Everyone wants to be on the journal at a law school. Our goal was to make The Podvocate into the medium version of a law journal.”

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Why did you want to put your group therapy experiences into a book?

When I started writing Group I didn’t think it was going to be a book. I was writing to teach myself how to write. I was going to practice, build some chops, and learn about the craft. A lot of people have said it reads like a novel. That’s because I was trying to teach myself how to write a novel, but I didn’t know how, so I started with the boundaries of the truth of what happened in my life and then it started taking on a life of its own.

It’s so easy now to look back and say I wrote this to help people and spread the word about group therapy. But it’s not true. It’s a self-serving, wonderful revision of history. I really felt called to write. I just loved it, and it fed me in a way that my legal practice didn’t.

You detail your lifelong eating disorder, anxiety and depression, and sex life. How did you find the guts to put those vulnerabilities on the page?

The number-one way was by living in the thought it will never be a book, so who cares? It’s not like my mom ever going to read this? When it was just a file on my computer, I could literally develop it with all the vulnerability necessary… Also, the writing art that I really love does what I did. Memoirs by Roxane Gay, Samantha Irby, or even Myriam Gurba really are starting, and they lift the curtain on what it feels like to be in a body in the world. I felt really drawn to that kind of art. I was inspired by writers who had done that themselves.

Through the process of writing the book, you said that you learned to become more empathetic toward some of your ex-boyfriends. What else did you learn about yourself?

I learned the notion that certain processes take a long time: writing a book, getting well, going to therapy, unwinding bad habits. Those things take a long time but not forever. It didn’t take forever for me to get into a healthy relationship. It didn’t take forever to write a book. Now when I’m in discomfort, when I’m in a situation without a quick fix, the writing process is a pretty tangible reminder that you’ve got to inch forward a little bit, a little bit more, and a little bit more. That feels like a super-helpful little lesson because most of the things I want can’t happen overnight.

I also don’t think we [as a society] give a lot of space to narratives. A lot of progress is a few steps forward, slide back a few steps. I think that’s what my story shows. It wasn’t “Woo-hoo, I got therapy” and afterward was full progress, all forward movement—which was heartbreaking to me. I really felt like I was doing therapy wrong, or it wasn’t working as I had pictured. I had a pretty rigid picture of what getting well would look like, and I kept not looking like that. And I do think I took steps backward at times in the service of moving forward, but [society doesn’t] like that part of the story. We don’t like the mess. We like to edit that part out, and I wanted to put that into the world because it’s real.

Since the book’s publication, what have been some of the best rewards?

The tenderhearted, loving messages I get from readers who told me about their eating disorders, their therapists, their singledom, their law careers. I’m so blown away by these beautiful missives from other people’s hearts thanking me and telling me how they related to the book. I certainly expected hate mail because people are very sensitive about therapy: I did not know how much love was going to pour out to me through email. It’s been unbelievable. I’ve even really appreciated the emails that have expressed criticism or reservations about the work, the book itself, or about Dr. Rosen. They’re products of deep engagement… Something I learned in group is that when a criticism comes at me, I can engage with it. I don’t have to be defensive; that felt really liberating to me.

How has your life changed since publishing your book and being on The New York Times Best Seller List? The biggest thing that’s changed is I can no longer walk around and ask myself, “Am I a writer now?” Because if I’m not a real writer now, if I won’t claim it now, there is no hope for me. The ways in which I participated in my own imposter syndrome, in my own diminishing of the work, have been knocked right out from under me, which is a wonderful thing. I am a writer. ■
Paul Hletko (JD ’96) founded and runs award-winning FEW Spirits in Evanston

BY LIZ MILLER

PAUL HLETKO (JD ’96) is not an attorney. He used to be, for almost 20 years. Now, he is a maker, specifically a whiskey and gin maker. Hletko is the founder and president of FEW Spirits, an award-winning, grain-to-glass craft distillery based in Evanston, Illinois. Hletko’s path to being named one of Crain’s Chicago Business’s 2020 Notable Entrepreneurs is a story you could spend an entire evening listening to, maybe sipping a bourbon, neat. Here we condense it to the essentials.

I’m a third-generation Loyola grad on my dad’s side. I truly loved law school. What I really like is making stuff, creating, having something exist at the end of the day that didn’t exist when I woke up. That was the part of practicing law that I liked: being creative, knowing the rules, figuring out how to use them, putting the puzzle together. I just got sick of fighting over things like getting a six-hour deposition instead of a four-hour deposition.

One day, when my daughter was 6 or 7, she was upset about not getting a perfect score on something at school. She said, “If I don’t do good in school, when I grow up, I’ll only be able to work [minimum wage jobs] or be a lawyer.” My unhappiness was teaching her that being a lawyer was a bad job, but of course, it was just a bad job for me.

Prior to World War II, my [maternal] grandfather’s family owned a brewery in the Czech Republic. When the Nazis invaded, they took the brewery and murdered the family in the camps. My grandfather was the only survivor. He spent the rest of his life wanting to get back into brewing but never did. When he died [in 2008], it struck me that all this family legacy is gone forever unless I do something about it.

I made beer at home for 20 years, but when I looked at the local beer market at that time, I saw I would have to compete with Half Acre, Revolution, Metropolitan, and others that were already established. When I looked at spirits, I saw there was almost no one in the country doing what I wanted to do.

It seemed a good bet that the same market trends that drove the rise of craft beer would eventually drive the rise of craft spirits. In Evanston, where I live, distillation was illegal, but before I gave up I went to the city and said, “Here’s what I want to do. Do me a favor and tell me no.” Then I could accept it and move on. But they said yes, and they were good partners. We had to rewrite liquor laws, zoning, restaurant licenses. It was a lot of work, but it was collaborative.

When all the [distillery] equipment was delivered, still in pieces, I remember sitting in the space with boxes everywhere—total chaos—and thinking, “What have I done? Now I have to actually do this.”

When I started FEW, there were maybe 30 or 40 people in the country doing the same thing. In a group that small, the others are friends, not competitors. Even now, we’re all still most interested in growing the market. If I have to compete with another distillery over the sale of a bottle, that means the market isn’t growing, and it doesn’t matter which one of us gets the sale. We’re both in trouble.

When we collaborate with bands, it’s because it’s really fun. Take the Flaming Lips: It was so interesting to work with a psychedelic band to make a psychedelic whiskey. We came up with a super-spicy and super-fruity whiskey. That’s a pretty psychedelic flavor pairing.

You have to know what you want out of any collaboration. Is it money? Is it fun? Is it marketing? Is it press? For me, it’s the act of creation, the riffing on a newcomer’s idea, and not being afraid to fail.

FEW donates regularly to Loyola for events. For coming on 100 years, my family has had a connection to Loyola. Loyola Med gave my grandfather and my father their career success. Loyola Law is a part of my history, and I think it’s important to support where you came from.

If my grandfather could see me now, I think he’d be pretty proud. •
Here’s a sampling of recent and forthcoming work:

CYNTHIA M. HO
Clifford E. Vickrey
Research Professor


Should doctors, patients, and policy makers have complete information about new drugs? Publicly available information is often incomplete because companies consider the extensive clinical data submitted for regulatory approval to be proprietary. A further complication is that undersubscribed international intellectual property laws apply to whether countries can disclose this clinical data. This article provides the first comprehensive analysis of whether disclosure is possible in all World Trade Organization member countries and concludes that international intellectual property agreements can jeopardize domestic policy in ways not contemplated at the time they are concluded.

JUAN F. Perea
Curt and Linda Rodin Professor of Law and Social Justice

“Immigration Policy as a Rhetoric of a Crisis at the Border. Undocumented persons in the U.S. are unsupported by evidence of increased criminality, drug trafficking, or job loss due to undocumented immigrants. The only remaining explanation is that deportations and the visible defense of white national identity. The only remaining explanation is that deportations and the visible defense of white national identity. Undocumented persons in the U.S. are estimated to number 11 million, unchanged since 2007 despite rhetoric of a crisis at the border.

ALEXANDER TSESIS
Raymond & Mary Simon Chair in Constitutional Law
Free Speech in the Balance (Cambridge University Press, 2020)

In this first comprehensive study of proportional analysis in free speech theory, Tsesis challenges the U.S. Supreme Court’s categorical approach and explains the importance of understanding the breadth of concern arising from regulations directly and indirectly impacting expression. The book provides in-depth analysis of important social and political principles governing campaign financing, university speech codes, secondary school rules, incitement, and threats.

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James Thuo Gathii, Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law, has been elected vice president of the American Society of International Law (ASIL). He also was appointed to be the ASIL delegate to the American Council on United Nations Societies. Gathii was invited to join the editorial advisory boards of the Journal of International Economic Law and the Caribbean Law Review. He also was appointed to serve a two-year term on the Strategic Advisory Group of the recently initiated Advancing Land-based Investment Governance project, a collaboration between the International Institute for Environment and Development, the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, and Namati.

Gina Gerardi, assistant director of the Dan K. Webb Center for Advocacy, was elected vice president of the Lawyers for the Creative Arts Associate Board for a second term. Melissa A. Hala, director of academic success and bar programs, is president of the Association of Academic Support Educators. She also is chair of the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Academic Support.

Zelda Harris is interim dean of the School of Law. A Mary Anne & McK Morrow Professor of Law and director of the Dan K. Webb Center for Advocacy, Harris previously served as associate dean of academic affairs. See inside front cover and page 12.

Paul E. Kantwill (BA ’83, JD ’86), Distinguished Professor in Residence, has been appointed founding executive director of the Loyola Rule of Law Institute. See page 28.

Margaret L. Moses, Mary Ann G. McK Morrow Professor of Law, has been appointed chair of the School of Law’s Rank and Tenure Committee.

Charles “Bud” Murdock (JD ’63), professor of law, has been reappointed to the Illinois State Bar Association’s Business and Securities Law Council, which is the governing body for the Business and Securities Law Section of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Steve Naughton is director of the Center for Compliance Studies.

Demetrius Patterson is coordinator of faculty and event support.
In the news
School of Law faculty members have been featured prominently in the news this year. Here’s a sampling:

**Samuel D. Brunson**, Georgia Reithal Professor of Law, was featured in Fox News and Salt Lake Tribune stories around issues related to taxes and the LDS church.

**Jordan Paradise**, Georgia Reithal Professor of Law and co-director of the Reiley Institute for Health Law and Policy, was quoted in a CBS news story about vaccines and the Bayh-Dole Act, and a Quartz story about FDA authorizations of COVID-19 vaccines.

**Stephen Rushin**, professor of law, was quoted or had his research cited on issues related to police accountability and reform in dozens of media outlets, including Axios, the Buffalo News, Christian Science Monitor, Civil Beat, the Des Moines Register, the New York Times, ProPublica, the Seattle Times, and Vox.

**Dean A. Strong**, Distinguished Professor in Residence, co-authored Boston Globe op-eds about how Supreme Court rulings on traffic stops reinforce structural racism in policing, and about what Trump’s pardons say about criminal justice. He also published columns for the Progressive Media Project, Trump’s pardons say about criminal justice. He also published columns for the Progressive Media Project, published columns for the Progressive Media Project, published columns for the Progressive Media Project, took part in a Fox News segment, had his research cited on issues related to police accountability and reform in dozens of media outlets, including Axios, the Buffalo News, Christian Science Monitor, Civil Beat, the Des Moines Register, the New York Times, ProPublica, the Seattle Times, and Vox.

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FACULTY EXCELLENCE

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Leading the way in the rule of law
With a $6 million gift, Trustee Barry McCabe expands Loyola’s global influence at a critical time

**Barry McCabe**

**LIVING WITH HIS FAMILY** in southern Germany—where his military father was stationed—just after World War II, Barry McCabe had a profound experience that shaped his future.

“On day 1 got on a bus and went to Dachau, which was open but hadn’t yet been officially set up for visitors,” he recalls. “I was the only living person in that concentration camp: I walked around and looked into the ovens and the gas chambers. And as an 11-year-old, I thought, ‘How can this be? How can a government treat its people like that?”

Though McCabe hadn’t yet heard the phrase, that incident sparked a deep and lifelong interest in the rule of law. A member of Loyola University Chicago’s Board of Trustees and an integral part of the School of Law’s Rule of Law for Development (PROLAW) academic program since its inception, McCabe made a generous gift of $6 million to establish the groundbreaking Loyola Rule of Law Institute.

**FACING WORLDWIDE CHALLENGES**

The rule of law is essential to addressing today’s global challenges: infringements of human rights, violence, environmental destruction, poverty, and hunger. The Loyola Rule of Law Institute will research and analyze domestic and international rule of law issues, develop solutions for those problems, and, together with University and external partners, implement those solutions.

Housed in the law school, the new institute will be a pan-University entity: “Truly effective solutions for those problems, and, together with University and external partners, implement those solutions. The Rule of Law Institute will research and analyze rule of law issues, develop solutions for those problems, and, together with University and external partners, implement those solutions.”

**COVID-19 PANDEMIC** as an excuse for limiting democracy through military law and other authoritarian tactics.

The institute builds on the foundation of its well-established academic arm, the PROLAW program. Offered at Loyola John Felice Rome Center, PROLAW confers Master of Laws (LLM) and Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) degrees in rule of law for development, preparing professionals from diverse countries to advance the rule of law across public and private sectors at home and abroad. PROLAW has partnership agreements with the African Union and the Organization of American States and is unique among rule of law academic programs for basing its curriculum on the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

In addition to PROLAW, components of the institute include three new centers focused on scholarship, governance, and international cooperation: the
Our programs, degrees, and clinics empower students and graduates to address social problems and serve others. Your support strengthens the School of Law’s mission to educate responsible leaders and ethical advocates for justice. Every gift, no matter the amount, is put to use wherever it’s needed most.

Make a gift today at LUC.edu/law/GiveBack.
Bill Stovall (JD ’74, MSIR ’80) joined Ingridion as director of labor relations, leading all aspects of labor and employee relations for U.S. and Canada manufacturing.

Donna Kier (Ippolito) (BA ’73, MSIR ’90, JD ’93) was recognized by Christ the King Jesuit College Prep during National Volunteer Week for her commitment and impact on the community.

Mary Meg McCarthy (JD ’91) was awarded the 2020 Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Distinguished Public Service Award.

The Honorable John A. Simon (JD ’92) was recognized by the Diversity Scholarship Foundation for his tireless work as a DSF committee member promoting diversity over many years and for his recent ascension to the bench.

Luis Machado (JD ’94) joined Siphofa Corporation as general counsel and corporate secretary.

Thomas R. Mukey II (JD ’78) was named an Illinois Super Lawyer for 2021.

Robert H. Murtal (JD ’93) joined Hoke LLC’s policyholder recovery group as a partner following his service as director of the Illinois Department of Insurance.

Gary A. Newland (BA ’90, JD ’93) was named one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.

Michelle F. Kantor (JD ’87) was elected chair of the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners as the next chief executive officer of Los Angeles World Airports.

Thomas A. Andreoli (JD ’97) was named an associate general counsel at Cresset as associate general counsel.

Donna R. Klett (JD ’96) was sworn in as president of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association.

The Honorable Maria T. Cenzon (JD ’99) was selected to serve as administrative law judge for the Illinois Department of Employment Security following 20-plus years as an administrative law judge for the Civil and Criminal Trial divisions of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

Amy E. Simpkins (JD ’94, MA ’94) was named president and CEO of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago.

Michelle F. Kantor (JD ’87) was named one of Grant Thornton LLP’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.

Thomas F. Elsner (JD ’85) was named one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.

Kevin E. Conley (BA ’77, JD ’79) and his daughter Kate (JD ’11) and July were featured in a recent Chicago Bar Association article highlighting their family legacy in legal practice.

Mitchell E. Garner (JD ’75) joined the USA Track & Field Board of Directors representing the National Junior College Athletic Association, Running USA, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the National Federation of State High School Associations, and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The Honorable Day Hartog Levin (JD ’73) was elected chair of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, where she will oversee grants serving individuals and families experiencing poverty in the foundation’s priority communities, including Chicago.

Laurel G. Belows (JD ’74) was elected as chair of the Loyola University Chicago Board of Trustees.

Kevin J. Conway (BA ’73, JD ’76) and and the National Federation of the USA Track & Field Board of Trustees.

Susan S. Shi (JD ’74) was elected as chair of the UConn Hartford Chapter.

L. Steven Platt (JD ’78) was added as senior counsel in Miller Cintex FPLC’s Chicago office.

Lauren G. Bellofus (JD ’74) was named one of Cointin 2020 Notable Women in Law.
Advancing equity

Cameron Webb (JD ’12), MD, serves as the Biden administration’s senior policy advisor for COVID-19 equity.

On January 15, Cameron Webb (JD ’12), MD, was named the Biden administration’s senior policy advisor for COVID-19 equity. In the role, Webb addresses issues of racial disparities in the impact of the virus and works to ensure equitable distribution of vaccines.

“As a physician who treats coronavirus patients, I can tell you there is nothing made up or exaggerated about this virus,” Webb told The Guardian in January. “There is nothing exaggerated about its economic impact. We have to reconcile these two issues—as well as the crisis of racial injustice facing our communities.”

As an intern at the University of Virginia Health System, Webb treated patients in UVA Medical Center’s COVID unit throughout the pandemic. He also served as director of health policy and equity at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, and he is the founding director of UVA Health Equity Law and Policy Research (HELPR) Laboratory.

Prior to joining the faculty at UVA, Webb spent a year as a 2016 White House Fellow in the Obama administration’s Office of Cabinet Affairs, where he served on the My Brother’s Keeper initiative addressing opportunity gaps facing young men of color. Valued for his rare breadth of experience, he also was drafted onto the health care team helping cabinet agencies coordinate awareness of open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act insurance exchanges. In 2020, Webb ran as the Democratic nominee for Virginia’s 5th Congressional District and lost. Yet he wouldn’t be gone from Washington for long.

Upon his appointment to Biden’s COVID team, Webb took to Twitter: “For the past 18 months, I’ve been inspired to seek greater service—motivated by the challenges facing my community. I’m so humbled or forward to serving and working for an equitable COVID-19 rescue and recovery.”

2000s

Sonia A. Antiochos (JD ’01) was appointed as a judge on the Illinois Court of Claims.

Jennifer Ballard Craft (JD ’08) assumed the new position of chief legal officer for INTREN, a women-owned utility specialty company.

Michelle M. Comella (JD ’04) joined McDermott Will & Emery as global director of career services.

Francisco E.Connell (JD ’06) was included in Crain’s 2020 list of Notable Minority Executives in Accounting, Consulting & Law.

Matthew R. Devine (JD ’04) joined White & Case LLP as a partner.

Amy K. Doschring (JD ’00) was named one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.

Lauren Norris Donahue (JD ’07) was named to the 2021 Illinois Super Lawyer list.

Ryan J. Mahoney (JD ’07) was named one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.

Lindsey P. Markus (JD ’06) was named one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.

Kristy M. Gonzowen (JD ’04) began her term as president of the Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago and was installed as president of the National Filipino Lawyers Association.

Christine M. Harvey (JD ’08) was added as counsel at Duane Morris Wittenberg Keoninger LLP.

Michelle M. Kohut (BS ’94, JD ’02) was included among Lawdragon’s 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers for the second year in 2020.

Bwita K. Kramas (JD ’03) was named one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.

Kenneth M. Lukenski (JD ’01) celebrated 20 years of practice in Chicago as a personal injury and workers’ compensation attorney.

James F. Lynch (JD ’07) was promoted to partner at Tannen, Pollock, Sherry & Fidlerman, LLC, and named to the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin’s list of Under 40 Illinois attorneys.

The Honorable Laura M. Thomas (JD ’96) joined FisherBroyles, LLP, as a partner in its corporate, finance, and investments practice group, and in its global human capital and compliance practice.

William T. “Toby” Eveland (JD ’04) was named managing partner at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP’s Chicago office.

Andrew M. Geier (JD ’00) joined FisherBroyles, LLP, where he advises businesses on corporate and transactional matters, including commercial contracts, acquisitions, joint ventures, and governance issues.

Matthew T. Glavin (JD ’09) was promoted to member at Green O’Connor.

Stephanie A. Smithhey (JD ’91) became the practice group chair for the Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation practice group at Ogletree Deakins, where she is an equity shareholder.

Karen J. Sullivan (JD ’93) joined international law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as a partner in the firm’s global corporate department.

The Honorable Sanjay Tailor (JD ’91) was appointed as an at-large judge by the Circuit Court of Cook County.

The Honorable Laura M. Thomas (JD ’96) was appointed as a district court judge in Minnesota’s Fourth Judicial District.

Ross M. Tumianon (JD ’94) joined Butler Worron after working at Dykema for more than 17 years.

Frank G. Tuzelkoks (JD ’90) celebrated the 30th anniversary of his firm, Frank G. Tumilillo and Associates, and was named a 2021 Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters.

Alhida Vega (BS ’96, JD ’99) was appointed by the Pritzker Youth Budget Commission.

Norma W. Zeitzer (JD ’95) was named one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.

Anneliese Wermuth (JD ’99) was elected a fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and was recognized as one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law and an Illinois Super Lawyer.

Norma W. Zeitzer (JD ’95) was named one of Crain’s 2020 Notable Women in Law.
Benjamin Beard (JD ’14) joined Ballastone as an associate with a concentration in counseling insurance carriers in connection with both third-party and first-party coverage matters.

Carla D. Burgess (MU ’16) was appointed director of special project of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) New Lawyers Division.

IN MEMORIAM

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Robert P. Billsley (JD ’62)
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Charles W. Williams (JD ’70)
Harold W. Whalen (JD ’86)
Corinne J. Wood (JD ’79)

CLASS NOTES

Alyson C. Miller (JD ’09) was appointed to the new position of chief of staff and policy for Cook County Health’s Attorney Kim Foxx.

Brian T. Monaco (JD ’04) was named treasurer of the Justinian Society of Lawyers.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

MARCH MADNESS

Onward LU

The Loyola University Chicago men’s basketball team celebrates after winning the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, which solidified their place in March Madness.

The Ramblers dominated on the basketball court again this year. Led by senior co-captains Cameron Krutwig and Lucas Williamson, the team put together one of the best seasons in program history, culminating in a Sweet 16 run in the NCAA Tournament. It was the second appearance in March Madness for Krutwig and Williamson, who were both freshmen on the historic 2018 Final Four team.

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2020

Jackie M. Taylor Holsten (JD ’99)
Medal of Excellence

Romeo S. Quinto Jr. (JD ’00)
Francis J. Rooney/St. Thomas More Award

Desiree F. Moore (JD ’05)
St. Robert Bellarmine Award

The Honorable Lisette L. Shirdan-Harris (JD ’90)
Distinguished Jurist Award

2021

Michael J. Kaufman, Former Dean
Medal of Excellence

Zachary J. Ziliak (JD ’06)
Francis J. Rooney/St. Thomas More Award

Michael Alkaraki (JD ’06)
St. Robert Bellarmine Award

Chlece Walker-Neal-Murray
(MS(JD)’13, MS ‘18)
Public Service Merit Award

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With that in mind, our outstanding faculty established a new scholarship that will benefit the School of Law and our students for years to come. The School of Law Faculty Diversity Scholarship provides critical aid to support the matriculation of diverse students into our student body. The generosity of our faculty will ensure that any student can find a home within our halls if they wish, and allows Loyola to remain true to its promise of being the school of choice for diverse, talented, and dedicated law students.

Please consider joining our faculty in making a gift to support scholarships like this one at the law school today. No matter the amount, your gift will help enrich our students’ academic experiences and allow them to focus on becoming the legal professionals and ethical advocates of tomorrow that our world needs.

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