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On the Border: How students assist immigrants

Creating Connections for New Americans

Nubia Willman (JD ’10) serves Chicago’s communities
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

I hope you and yours are staying safe and well during this challenging time. Over the past few months, the School of Law rapidly put in place new learning formats and resources in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You’ll find stories about these efforts throughout this issue.

This summer, the University made the wise decision to place almost all fall classes online, rightly prioritizing the health, safety, and well-being of all members of our community. Our school’s strong tradition of online education is serving us well, allowing us to train our professors in best practices for remote learning. We’re also providing extra help for student connectivity and learning space issues, and we’re continuing to serve clients through our clinics. With creative approaches, we continue to deliver an extraordinary legal education that emphasizes knowledge in the service of others.

Based on input from students, alumni, faculty, administrators, and staff, we’ve also revised the School of Law’s mission statement to make clear the calling to help dismantle the structures that generate and sustain racism and all forms of oppression. You can read the new mission statement at LUC.edu/about/mission.

This fall, we’re delighted to welcome three extraordinary new faculty members: Carmen G. Gonzalez, Dean Strang, and Charlotte Tschider. Learn about their impressive careers on page 7.

As always, we’re grateful for the ongoing engagement of our alumni and friends. Many of you have extended a hand in this difficult employment environment by contributing to a student hardship fund or placing students in internships and other professional opportunities (see page 34). Thank you so much for the deep care you continue to show for your alma mater and for Loyola lawyers.

Michael J. Kaufman
Dean and Professor of Law

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In mid-March, when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the University to close its campuses and move the remainder of spring classes online, the School of Law acted quickly. Within nine days, the law school had shifted nearly all of its 210 classes to an online format, ensuring that students could continue their educations from safe, remote locations. “I was extremely proud of the effort shown by every person to ensure continuity and minimal disruption,” says Dean Michael J. Kaufman.

Although on-campus events for the spring and summer had to be canceled, the law school creatively reconstructed many of them. Summer school continued in an online format, and a virtual commencement ceremony was pushed to August. (At press time, an on-campus commencement for 2020 grads is slated for spring 2021.) To assist students and new graduates, the School of Law created an emergency relief fund to lessen the financial burden for those most in need. The school also established a bridge program, which provides a comprehensive array of educational, financial, and professional resources designed to address employment scarcity and the economic turbulence brought on by COVID-19. These include additional fellowship opportunities within the law school’s clinics and centers. In addition, the Office of Career Services developed micro-internships and apprenticeships for students and others in need. Shannon Glover is an overnight care staff member at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, a residential treatment facility for young people in Chicago. Her responsibilities include helping youth manage anxiety, reduce exposure, and improve hygiene. Peter McGoor, MD, is an emergency physician at the Carle Richland Memorial Hospital in Olney and Crawford Memorial Hospital in Robinson, both in downtown Illinois. “There has never been a situation this dire in my lifetime, where doing my job well is this important,” he says. Maggie Pfleider worked as a registered nurse in the COVID intensive care unit at Amuk Health Saint Mary’s Medical Center. “I had five years of nursing experience before coming to law school, including ICU experience, but the economic turbulence brought on by COVID-19. These include additional fellowship opportunities within the law school’s clinics and centers.

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In addition, the Office of
Veterans Practicum awarded foundation funds

THE LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO VETERANS PRACTICUM recently got a boost, thanks to gifts totaling $95,000 from the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation, the Illinois Bar Foundation, and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. The practicum, a member of the Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network, provides pro bono legal services and extensive case management to honorably discharged veterans and their family members. Directed by Emily Vaughan (JD’14), the practicum also provides holistic services designed to address the roots of problems veterans may face. Support from the three foundations will allow the practicum to continually provide increased services as well as expand the program.

ACCOLADES

U.S. News & World Report once again has ranked Loyola University Chicago among the top law schools in the country in several specialty areas. (Rankings are for 2021 and were published in March 2020.)

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TRIAL ADVOCACY GRADUATE PROGRAM

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PART-TIME JD PROGRAM

MILESTONES

This summer, three faculty members retire after decades of distinguished and dedicated service to the School of Law.

Program BOOST

FULLY ACCREDITED

We are proud to announce that the Loyola University Chicago School of Law has received full-accreditation for its graduate programs, effective immediately. This accreditation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students.

Congratulations, class of 2020

THE CLASS OF 2020 experienced an unprecedented final semester. The Office of Alumni Relations asked School of Law alumni to provide a few words of encouragement and congratulations to graduates.

"Think back to why you decided to become a lawyer. Be daring!" – Brad Johnson (JD ’02)

"Your inability to control the current situation may be making you crazy, but your ability to overcome the crazy is what is going to set you apart." – Sarah Levine Nau (JD ’07)

"Loyola's deans, faculty, and students will remain your closest friends and be with you through the ups and downs of life and the law." – Niya Kelly (JD ’13)

"Life contains so many twists and turns. Keep great friends, find a great therapist, and subscribe to a great podcast!" – Mary Meg McCarthy (JD ’89)

"Your work inspires. Your work contributes to a better society. May you indeed be a person for others, crazy is what is going to set you apart." – Mary Meg McCarthy (JD ’89)

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Students take top honors at competitions

**LOYOLA’S STRONG ADVOCACY TRADITION** results in regional, national, and international wins in moot court, mock trial, dispute resolution, and transactional competitions. During the 2019–20 academic year, 125 students participated on 28 teams and in 33 competitions. A number of competitions were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Here are the top awards taken home by the School of Law:


2. 2019 Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition Best Brief

3. 2020 International Trademark Association Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition Best Oral Argument

4. 2020 National Black Law Students Association Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition National Champions

5. 2019 National Board of Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions National Champions

6. 2019 National Health Law Moot Court Competition Best Final Round Advocate

7. 2019–20 National Moot Court Competition Regional Champions

8. 2020 National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law Best Brief

9. 2020 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Regional Best Memorial

10. 2020 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition Regional Champions

11. 2019 Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition Best Brief

12. Regional Champions Regional Best Brief Regional Best Oralist Regional Best Brief

13. 2019–2020 Moot Court Competition National Champions

14. Carmen G. Gonzalez is a world-renowned expert in international environmental law, human rights and the environment, environmental justice, and food security. She has taught at prestigious academic institutions around the globe and participated in environmental law capacity-building projects in Asia, Latin America, and the former Soviet Union. Gonzalez is co-editor of the critically acclaimed book Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia (University of Michigan Press, 2012) and Presumed Incompetent II: Race, Class, Power, and Resistance of Women in Academia (University of Michigan Press, 2020). Recent publications include International Environmental Law and the Global South (Cambridge University Press, 2015) and Energy Justice: U.S. and International Perspectives (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018). Named a Morris L. Leibman Professor of Law at Loyola, she is teaching Torts and International Environmental Law.

15. Dean Strang is a globally recognized criminal defense lawyer with more than 30 years of experience. Strang’s professional experience includes five years as Wisconsin’s first federal defender, co-founding a criminal defense firm, serving as assistant U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and working as a litigation associate in a civil law firm. Strang was lead counsel or co-counsel in two United States Supreme Court cases and has argued in five federal circuits. He is an outspoken opponent of systemic injustice and advocates ways to pursue both justice and safety. In 2017, he co-founded the Center for Integrity in Forensic Sciences, a nonprofit focused on strengthening forensic sciences as a way to improve the reliability of criminal prosecutions. Prior to coming to Loyola, Strang was a visiting professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law and a visiting fellow at the School of Law at the University of Limerick. He also was an adjunct professor at the law schools of the University of Virginia, the University of Wisconsin, and Marquette University. In 2006 and 2007, Strang represented Steven Avery, a Wisconsin man accused of murder—a case that received worldwide attention after the release of Netflix’s documentary series Making a Murderer. Strang has authored two books, Keep the Wretches in Order (University of Wisconsin Press, 2019) and Worse than the Devil (University of Wisconsin Press, 2013). He has written more than 20 academic articles and essays. Strang is a distinguished professor in residence.

16. Charlotte Tschider is an expert in information privacy, cybersecurity law, and artificial intelligence, with a focus on the global health care industry. Prior to her time in academia, Tschider served in upper management and consultative roles in information technology, cybersecurity, privacy, and legal compliance for Target Corporation, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, and Medtronic Corporation. Today she advises a number of government entities and professional associations on legal matters related to privacy, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. She is an assistant professor in the School of Law.

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“I love what I’m doing now to help new Americans access programs, get the support they need, and become more civically engaged.”

– NUBIA WILLMAN

CREATING CONNECTIONS FOR NEW AMERICANS

Nubia Willman (JD ’10) represents vulnerable communities in her mayor-appointed role serving Chicago immigrants.

WHEN CHICAGO MAYOR LORI LIGHTFOOT appointed Nubia Willman (JD ’10) director of the city’s Office of New Americans in May 2019, she hired someone uniquely qualified for the job.

Willman, the first lawyer to hold the position, has spent her career representing and empowering some of the city’s most vulnerable residents: people affected by poverty, domestic violence, human trafficking, and employment discrimination. Today, Willman helps set immigration policies and works with city partners—including community organizations, academic institutions, and the private sector—to strengthen economic development, increase civic engagement, and protect the well-being of the city’s more than 560,000 immigrants and refugees.

BY CARLA BEECHER
Willman speaks at an event in Little Village to reveal a mural sponsored by AARP.

In her role, Willman helps immigrant entrepreneurs navigate policies related to owning a business.

As head of the Office of New Americans—a one-person office—the Mexico-born Willman also acts as a clearinghouse for issues surrounding language barriers, food access, housing assistance, immigrant rights, business ownership, health care, legal assistance for immigrants granted deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA), access to remote learning, and school enrollment. On one day she may meet with community leaders at a neighborhood chamber of commerce to discuss solutions to challenges affecting immigrant and refugee communities; on another day, she may connect with national partners on other major issues, such as how to coordinate a response to the latest DACA decision from the Supreme Court.

The coronavirus pandemic in many ways exacerbates difficulties facing immigrants, especially those who own small businesses. For example, undocumented workers and business owners cannot file for unemployment or apply for other federal government benefits—even though they are have been an important part of the city’s economic wheel,” Willman says. “So I press my colleagues who create plans for relief and have been an important part of the city’s economic wheel, “Willman says. “So I press my colleagues who create plans for relief and have been an important part of the city’s economic wheel.”

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Willman also cited recent changes to the federal “public charge” rule affecting immigrants by restricting their visas or deporting them if they receive public assistance, “even though they are facing employment discrimination or suffer from domestic abuse or sexual assault. She spent her last year as a supervising attorney for immigration and asylum, human trafficking, criminal victimization, and employment discrimination cases.

Notes on Nubia

BORN IN MONTERREY, MEXICO, Nubia Willman at age 4 moved to Indiana with her mother and eventually settled in Indianapolis. After earning a degree in sociology with a focus on criminology in 2007, she attended Loyola University Chicago School of Law as a first-generation law student. She interned at Latinos Progresando in Little Village, providing legal assistance to domestic violence survivors, and in the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender. She also completed an externship at Legal Aid Chicago (then the LAF), providing free legal assistance in noncriminal cases to people living in poverty in the metropolitan area.

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Learning in London

One of Faught’s premier accomplishments is establish-
ment of the popular London Comparative Advocacy Program, which was offered for the 32nd time in January. “It all started on a whim,” says Faught, explaining that his law school classmate Lorna Prope (JD ’75) had the original idea for a London program.

Faught sometimes acted as a courier for DHL, accompanying important documents as they traveled overseas, and he promised then-dean Appel he’d combine a courier trip with an impromptu tour of London courts and legal institutions.

From strong friendships he formed with London legal figures early on, the program has become a fixture of the law school’s winter break. “Our colleagues in London really indulge our students, giving them access to things they’ll never see otherwise. What are the top-40 hits in 1967? Faught gives an example: ‘My Old Kentucky Home’ by the Four Tops’ Levi Stubbs 25 feet from you. Stubbs waved and walked over. He’s a great teacher.”

“Persist is his greatest testaments to Faught,” says Appel. “He’s truly ‘a person for others.’”

hyperlink reference to the article: https://www.loyola.edu/law/business/2020/12/01/jim-faught-first-40th-anniversary
Natrina Kennedy once dreamed of becoming a neonatologist. During her early college years, she took a job at a medical office that treated primarily affluent women. “I was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, and I realized that my family and friends did not have access to quality care or resources like the women I came across every day in my work,” she recalls. “I quickly learned there were other ways to help improve health outcomes in my community beyond being a physician.”

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Business with a Heart

At Loyola’s Business Law Clinic, students sharpen transactional skills while serving clients who are reshaping their communities

By Gail Mansfield

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**1999**

YEAR THE BUSINESS LAW CLINIC WAS FOUNDED

8 to 12

NUMBER OF CLIENTS EACH SEMESTER

**120+**

NUMBER OF CLIENTS PER YEAR WHO RECEIVE HIGH-QUALITY PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH THE BUSINESS LAW CLINIC

**Practical skills, real-life clients**

A transactional law clinic that maintains a long waiting list of clients, the BLC gives students the chance to develop essential lawyering skills in an interactive, live-client environment. “We’re empowering law students to advocate on behalf of their clients,” says Professor Patricia H. Lee, who joined Loyola’s faculty last fall and serves as co-director of the BLC and executive director of the Business Law Center.

While it helps clients who might not otherwise afford legal counsel, the BLC also has multiple benefits for students, notes Lee. “Our student clinicians work on their transactional skill sets, reflect on their own career goals, become comfortable meeting with clients, and learn about the financial and other constraints often faced by people trying to effect change in their communities,” she says.

The BLC includes co-hosting a seminar—sometimes featuring Loyola law alumni as guest speakers—and a client service component. Under the guidance of supervising attorneys, each student usually handles between eight and 12 clients, at least one of whom is a new client each semester. Student clinicians handle entity formation and registration, tax exemptions, labor and employment matters, organizational and financial document drafting, and zoning and license applications.

In keeping with Loyola’s mission of serving society’s most vulnerable populations, the BLC has always specialized in assisting social change- and health-focused clients. Among the Chicago-area organizations that seek BLC assistance, many are taking creative approaches to addressing specific challenges they see in their communities.

**Saving hearing, one pair of ears at a time**

Audiologist Jenna Paley calls herself a blue-sky thinker and innovator, so when she became concerned about the lack of accessible and engaging education about hearing protection, she jumped into the breach. Her for-profit business, Project Decibel, helps other audiologists teach people to high-noise jobs not covered by U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations—like music industry professionals, bar staff, and airline industry employees—to protect their hearing. Project Decibel creates and disseminates educational materials and hearing protection equipment with the support of partners such as the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences’ MusiCares Foundation and the music rights organizations BMI.

Students at the BLC helped Paley reincorporate her business and, with the pro bono co-counsel of alum Justin Gingrich (JD ’15) of Chicago firm Howard & Howard, drafted a website privacy policy for Project Decibel. Dual JD/MBA student Joe Oliver brought his business expertise to helping Paley’s thriving business grow. Oliver advised Paley on a unique project: collecting ear measurements from a wide range of people to help companies that manufacture earbuds and similar products to improve their fit and design.

“We measure what’s called ear geometry—the physical dimensions of the external parts of the ear—in people from all over the world” who vary in age, gender, and ethnicity, Paley says. Because manufacturers until recently have relied on measuring on-staff volunteers, she says, most existing data are demographically limited.

“To collect this data, I have to physically see and touch each person; it can’t be done remotely.”

**THROUGHOUT MY WHOLE CAREER, I’VE WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE CREATE HEALTH, WEALTH, AND HAPPINESS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES,” SAYS PROFESSOR PATRICIA H. LEE, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE BUSINESS LAW CLINIC AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BUSINESS LAW CENTER.**

**Professors help students build client skills**

With a membership of 10 members from all over the world, Project Decibel is jump-starting a movement to create health, wealth, and happiness in communities—“and it’s delightful to watch them find their footing with clients as the semester goes on,” says Lee. “They grow,” she says, “and it’s delightful to watch them progress.” The BLC offers a rich experiential education that’s unique to each student; one will become a specialist in a particular kind of contract; another will learn about a specific area of industry. The experience is driven partly by students’ own goals.
Because the BLC helped Paley address legal issues necessary to move forward on data collection, “I saw 1,000 people I wouldn’t have been able to see without the clinic’s help,” she says.

Inspiring young entrepreneurs

Anthony Morris started working odd jobs when he was only 8 years old. Now a successful public speaker and life coach, Morris is turning a lifetime of volunteer events, and Saturday seminars. The YDCAs’ goals are to encourage entrepreneurship and financial literacy, reduce crime, and boost social, educational, and character development. “Our high school graduation rate is 100 percent, and three-quarters of our students return to be mentors themselves,” Morris says. Morris originally came to the BLC for help revising bylaws. He stayed to ensure that his for-profit public speaking business followed legal requirements for remaining separate from the YDCA.

Clare McKeown, a 2L this past year, worked with Morris on a project that illustrates the BLC’s value-added approach. She put together a list of grant-writing resources that immediately benefited Morris and also became a resource for future BLC clinicians.

“The BLC can help small businesses and not-for-profits at all stages of their development,” Joe Oliver says.

Taking aim at health inequities

Natraja Kennedy, who founded the Women’s Health Initiative (WHI), earned a Loyola bachelor’s degree and is now a student in Loyola’s Master of Public Health program. The WHI’s newest program, the Color of CARE, is built on her capstone master’s project. CARE, which stands for Culture, Active Self-care, Resilience, and Education, is a five-year initiative that addresses chronic and toxic stress, depression, and poor mental health outcomes among African-American women aged 15 to 45 living on the South Side of Chicago.

“The Color of CARE’s goal is to reduce the number of frequently stressed days among African-American women by building resilience, encouraging active participation in healthy self-care practices, mental health education, and increased social support through connection to culture and community,” Kennedy says.

Kennedy has worked with four BLC clinicians, who have performed tasks ranging from developing her website’s privacy policy and terms of service to filing required forms with the Internal Revenue Service to drafting vendor contracts for a fundraiser. “Each student had different strengths and brought something unique and valuable to the table,” she says, “and I think they learned from me, too.”

Cameron Woolley, a 3L clinician this past spring, worked with businesses at all stages of development. “I worked with one from the conceptual stage all the way through formation and creation of a management structure,” he says. “Natraja’s organization was already well established when she came to us, but we were still able to help with advanced matters,” he says. “I like that the BLC can help small businesses and not-for-profits at all stages of their development.”

Without the BLC’s help, Kennedy says, “I’d have been stuck at square one and wouldn’t have accomplished half of what I’ve been able to do.”

Editor’s note: Starting in March, the COVID-19 pandemic created a unique set of challenges for the BLC and its clients. Many clients struggled with mandatory closures and sheltering in place. Some became difficult to reach when I talk to people: ‘Is this person really excited about what I’m doing?’ You don’t have to motivate BLC students,” he says. “They’re already interested in what you’re trying to achieve.”
On the Border

During the first week of March, before the COVID-19 pandemic began to restrict person-to-person contact in the United States, 11 Loyola law students spent their spring break volunteering to assist immigrants being held in detention centers in Arizona. The social justice experience will have a lasting effect on their law careers and on the lives of the people they helped.

“The Glaring Early March Sun” beats up the asphalt and surrounding desert on the highway from Tucson to Eloy, Arizona. It’s a bleak route for the Loyola law team traveling between two federal detention centers in the state’s central part of the state. But it’s nothing compared to the long and harrowing journey most immigrants endure as they come to America’s borders in search of a better life.

“Our big-picture goal was to provide as much legal assistance to as many as possible in a week’s time,” says Professor Katherine Kaufka Walts, who, along with eight student volunteers and a few professional colleagues, spent spring break providing free legal aid to some of the state’s 7,000 immigrants—2,500 of whom are held at the

“Each of us had a visceral reaction to seeing the border wall in Nogales. I don’t think we realized how disturbing it would be to see the layers of razor wire, cameras everywhere, and armed Customs and Border Protection officers.”

—KATHERINE KAUFKA WALTS

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers in Eloy. The primary purpose of the Immigrant Detention Project trip—generously funded by The John & Kathleen Schreiber Foundation—was to assist lawyers at the Florence Immigrant & Refugee Organization—along with the Refugee Rights Project, the only organization in Arizona that provides free legal aid and social services to detained men, women, and children who are under threat of deportation. Many of the immigrants have fled their home countries due to horrendous circumstances, such as severe political unrest, crushing poverty, and chronic gang-related violence. “Because deportation is a civil, rather than criminal, sanction, detainees are not afforded the constitutional protection of representation under the Sixth Amendment,” Kaufka Walts says. “The forms are written in English, so unless there is a charitable organization assisting the refugees with translation, they can’t understand them,” he says.

For Elvis Saldias Villarroel, a student with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status who spent the first nine years of his life in Bolivia before moving to Ohio with his mother and sister, the situation was disturbing. “It was really tough to see the desperate situations refugees encounter while awaiting asylum at our border,” he says. “The forms are written in English, so unless there is a charitable organization assisting the refugees with translation, they can’t understand them,” he says.

According to Kaufka Walts, detained immigrants, particularly those held in remote locations, face the additional obstacle of accessing counsel from a secured facility. During the one-week trip, the Loyola team in Arizona worked with five asylum clients, observed more than 50 immigration court hearings, and assisted with information intake for 15 detainees at a know-your-rights presentation. Three additional students stayed on campus in Chicago with a supervising legal scholar to develop a manual for immigration attorneys working with detained children on how to report abuses against children. “It was a pretty intense week for us,” says Kaufka Walts.

FABIOLA VILLALPANDO
HOMETOWN: AURORA, ILLINOIS
My parents are immigrants, so I have always felt a personal connection to immigration work. I assisted with detained individuals’ asylum applications. The Florence Project provides free legal aid to detained immigrants in Arizona, but due to the high volume of detainees, it is unable to provide direct representation to everyone. The individuals we helped during our week of service likely would not have been assisted otherwise. No class lecture can compare to doing immigration work on the ground, especially so near the border.

ELVIS SALDIA S VILLARROEL
HOMETOWN: WAUSEON, OHIO
My client was a young woman from Venezuela who fled after being kidnapped, tortured, and threatened with death for refusing to align her political views with the Maduro regime. We helped her fill out her Withholding of Removal application after the judge rejected her initial attempt. She said we gave her story breadth and felt much better about her odds in her upcoming hearing. My family came to America from Baltijsk at the turn of the century or so that they could get out of a tough situation, but we nevertheless felt that we were given a chance to improve on that situation. With asylum law, it often feels like the executive branch is setting the rules of the game and also refereeing. Cases that would have met the elements of a successful asylum claim a year or two ago don’t anymore because of new policies. These are policies that seem to make it as hard as possible for an asylum seeker to win.
returned to their country. Students also received skills-based training in trauma-informed interviewing and managing vicarious trauma. “I had never been in a detention center before this trip,” says student Fabiola Villalpando, who helped a client facing political persecution. “There were armed guards and razor wire on top of the walls, and the men and women were prone jumpsuits. It was a hostile environment.”

On the first day, Villalpando spent four hours with clients gathering information needed for their asylum applications and explaining the hearing process. She then spent two days helping them complete their forms, and one more afternoon reviewing and signing their documents. “It was definitely a crunch because we wanted to be as thorough as possible with their applications, but we were facing time constraints,” she says.

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Throughout the entire trip, Giambastiani has drawn on her Loyola education and the idea of cura personalis—care for the whole person—to guide her. “I followed and applied the law,” she says, “but also tried to conduct myself with a degree of compassion.”

For Loyola’s School of Law, the trip exemplifies a critical social justice step to provide a vulnerable population with a necessary legal service. “Students were face to face with clients, working within very tight deadlines, and spending 11-hour days putting together applications that would affect the rest of their clients’ lives,” says Kaufka Walts. “The stakes were high.”

Pointing again to Sycouc’s 2019 TRAC data, Kaufka Walts says that of the 1.2 million U.S. deportation cases decided between 2007 and 2012, clients who had representation in court were 10 times more likely to get relief. But less than 15 percent of detained immigrants have legal representation.

“This is why the Immigration Detention Project is so important—the presence or absence of legal representation for detained immigrants can mean life in the U.S., or persecution or even death in their home country,” Kaufka Walts says. “It can mean family reunification, or the devastation of family separation. It’s important work.”

Katherine Kaufka Walts coordinated the Immigration Detention Project trip with Gus Castañeda (JD ’13), a special projects attorney at the Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project, which is named for its location in Florence, Arizona.

Caitlin Chenus
HOMETOWN: TOULOUSE, FRANCE

I was on the Chicago team. Our project was to create a manual for attorneys and advocates to guide them on how to report abuses against migrant children in federal custody. The project taught me how truly difficult it is to work as an immigration advocate and how hard it is for immigration attorneys to navigate the U.S. immigration system. There are so many different agencies and departments regulating immigration and migrant detainees, and it is extremely difficult to nail down where to turn for certain answers to these problems. But I also learned how passionate and hardworking immigration advocates are.

Francisca Wolfenson
HOMETOWN: MIAMI

I moved to the United States shortly after my 11th birthday with my mom and two younger brothers. It took almost 15 years for us to obtain legal status. During that time, I lived in fear of deportation every single day—not just for my own future and safety, but that of my family as well. The individuals I met were all fleeing extreme violence and were desperate for safety. They were not criminals. Instead, they wanted an opportunity to have a new life—similar to why my mother moved our family to the U.S.

DAIANA ESTRADA
HOMETOWN: SALT LAKE CITY

Immigration lawyer Tess Feldman (JD ’12) serves clients whose very lives are endangered in their home countries—and rapidly evolving policies and case law make her job even harder.

I became really interested in immigration after my parents were deported to Mexico 10 years ago. They were poorly represented, which motivated me to want to pursue a career in law and to help give back to the immigrant community.

My client was a young man who had fled El Salvador because he was afraid of being tortured by a dangerous gang that he had targeted his family. His case made it a bit more difficult to find him relief because he had traveled through Guatemala and Mexico and did not seek asylum in either country before reaching the U.S. I helped him write a compelling story in his application that not only told all the evidence needed to support his claim. It was heartbreakingly hard to hear about his wife and son, and the sacrifices he had to make by leaving them.

“Our clients come from dozens of countries, and in most of them, they could be killed for their expression of who they are or the person that they are.”

Tess Feldman (JD ’12) is on the front lines of an uphill battle. As manager of the Immigration Law Project at the Los Angeles LGBT Center, she provides direct services to people from dozens of countries who are fighting deportation or seeking asylum from war, gang violence, and human rights abuses. Here, she discusses why she pursued a career in immigration law, how ever-changing laws hurt her clients, and why she’s become a better lawyer.

Caring for clients
I don’t serve only immigrant clients, and I don’t serve only LGBT clients. Many of our clients identify as LGBTQIA+ in some way, but their family members may not. And while they may be members of that community, they’re also members of indigenous communities or other marginalized communities. Because it is so dangerous for my clients to be who they are in [their home] countries, we have incredible demand for legal representation in asylum cases.

On the job
The majority of the cases that I do now are for refugees and asylum seekers who are fighting removal and
“There is nothing like seeing a client win a case and seeing that they won’t be returned to a place where they were harmed.”

Many of the changes that have made it more difficult for our clients to win asylum are related to developments in cases resulting most clearly when former attorneys general Jeff Sessions started referring cases to himself and...redrafted who qualified to win asylum and those who had a strong asylum case. Cases that were strong, that we could confidently win for our clients five years ago, are nearly impossible now. The outcome of that is that families are split up and people are deported. And it’s terrible. We’ve really seen change on the ground based on any new policy rooted in intolerance or any recent case law that seeks to provide fewer protections for survivors. Another major development is the MPP [Migrant Protection Protocols] program in Mexico, where asylum seekers are no longer allowed into the United States to process their cases. In closing the border, we’ve done irreparable damage to the ability of refugees to safely come to the U.S. and avail themselves of the protections that we have offered so far, so many years.

A client story “Luna” walked from Guatemala to the U.S.—Mexico border. Luna identifies as a nonbinary person, and they were discriminated against in every town they walked through. They met up with other LGBTQ people to travel together safely and try to find housing and food and shelter along their way. This group, while they had safety in numbers, were also discriminated against in many, many places they went. My office met Luna in Tijuana, Mexico, in an LGBTQ safe house. We brought them humanitarians for food and medical care, and provided legal services and support so that they would successfully get themselves over the border and processed through the beginning of the asylum process. We were able to find them in ICE custody, where we could represent them inside the detention centers. We were able to pay them out of the pocket to the legal aid of the center. We became their sponsors.

When I was a senior at Oberlin College, Alvarez says a semester in a border studies program in Tucson, Arizona, opened her eyes to the history of United States and Latin American relations. She learned about Operation Streamline, a Department of Homeland Security process in which 20 or more people are shackled together for criminal proceedings and quickly tried one by one. “People meet their attorneys an hour before the proceeding,” says Alvarez. “There’s a need for attorneys who want to do that work. I wanted to help fill that need.”

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“Eyes open”

Multi-racial people and people of color, particularly LGBTQ people, often endure danger—often their home countries to escape violence, where they often endure danger—often their experiences are disproportionately detained in the courtroom. They are often housed with men, and disproportionately victims of sexual assault and harassment, are often not provided life-saving medications, are often put in solitary confinement, and are often tossed to their asylum cases if they are already in ICE custody. “As told to Hannah Lorenz

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Learning from mentors

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At the ACLU of Minnesota, this staff attorney fights to defend constitutional liberties for all.

David McKinney (JD ’11) became the Charles Samuelson Constitutional Crisis Staff Attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Minnesota in 2018. There, he leads a team of pro bono attorneys who work through the courts to defend and extend constitutional liberties for all. Before joining the ACLU, McKinney spent three years as senior associate attorney at the Minneapolis office of Ogletree Deakins, one of the world’s largest labor and employment law firms. This interview was conducted in late March, nearly two months before the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. McKinney discusses his path to the ACLU, what inspires him, and the state of civil rights in America today.

How did you decide to pursue a law career?

I initially felt my calling was full-time ministry, but as I was pursuing that, I found myself frustrated with what I thought were inadequate responses from the church to issues of full participation of LGBT individuals, the role of women, racism, and other social justice issues. That got me looking other places, especially the law. I went to a Loyola preview day, where Michael Kaufman, who was then associate dean, held a mock class working through a social justice issue, and I thought, if this is law school, this is what I want to do.

How is corporate practice similar to and different from your current work?

After law school, I went into law firm practice because it’s the best training ground for new lawyers. I got deep litigation training and mentorship from lawyers at different levels of experience, and I learned a tenacious focus on serving my clients. At the ACLU, instead of focusing on one client in one case, I focus on impact litigation—advancing the client’s interest in a way that also advances broader societal issues. We have a case now involving a transgender student who was denied access to the boys’ locker room at his school. The case, which involves the issue of whether the school district discriminated against the student in violation of Minnesota state law, is before the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and an incredible number of organizations have filed amicus briefs in support of the student, including the state’s department of education and bar association. It’s an example of how cases at the ACLU involve broad societal issues.

What personal skill do you need most to practice in pro bono law?

Compassion has to be part of your legal practice. I try to invite clients to share more than the facts. For example, when our office was working on a case about a police-involved shooting, we invited a woman whose fiancé was killed by police to talk to us. She was part of a victims’ rights group, and her comments were pretty rehearsed and unemotional. So I asked her, “How did you feel about all this?” Then her demeanor changed, she got tearful and relaxed, and she talked about the human impact of her fiancé’s case. It’s not easy to get our clients to let down their guard, because oftentimes we’re representing people who have reason to distrust authority, institutions, the legal system itself.

What were the high and low points for civil rights in the U.S. since you began working at the ACLU?

Here’s the low point: We recently prevailed in a case in which we challenged a state law restricting people from helping others to vote—specifically, others who are disabled or have English-language deficiency. The Republican National Committee and the Republican Party of Minnesota filed a notice to intervene in the case, stating that their interest in upholding the restriction was to ensure elections “remain competitive.” Think about that. The only reasonable inference is that they wanted to keep these voters out of the polls because they believe such voters typically support Democrats. This mirrors what we’re seeing nationally. Not that long ago, voting rights and First Amendment issues garnered bipartisan support. Now some of the fundamental issues around democracy and humanity have become partisan. The highlight of recent years is that we’re seeing the public engaged in civil liberties at a level that’s unprecedented in the 100-year history of the ACLU.

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The highlight of recent years is that we’re seeing the public engaged in civil liberties at a level that’s unprecedented in the 100-year history of the ACLU. Donations have poured in, and we’re seeing lots of willingness to volunteer. People young and old, of every race and ethnicity, are deeply interested in what we are doing, especially our work related to racial justice and voting rights, criminal justice and police reforms, and immigrant rights.

What do you want lawyers who practice in other areas to know about the work that you do?

The ACLU can always use more people. Lawyers are uniquely positioned to be the protectors of our civil rights and liberties. They are trained to think critically, to be effective at research and writing, to be advocates for their clients. I think all lawyers should consider pro bono work; it’s a rewarding endeavor.

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Professorships

Loyola’s law faculty enjoys a national reputation for excellence and expertise. This year, the School of Law announced several new professorships, the highest awards the University can bestow.

Sacha Coupet, Carmen G. Gonzalez, and Kalyani Robbins have been named Morris I. Leibman Professors of Law. The professorship was established to honor the legacy of Morris I. Leibman, a senior partner in the Chicago law firm of Sidley & Austin; founder of the National Strategy Forum, a nonprofit private organization for discussion of foreign affairs; a civilian aide-at-large to the secretary of the Army from 1964 to 1979; and past chairman of the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Law and National Security. Coupet joined the Loyola law faculty in 2004. Her research focuses on the regulation of families, including the privileges, rights, and interests of those within the family. A visiting professor in 2019–20, Gonzalez is an expert in international environmental law, human rights and the environment, environmental justice, and food security. Robbins is an expert in biodiversity and ecosystem management, climate change policy, environmental federalism, environmental law and policy, criminal law, and property.

Barry Sullivan has been named the inaugural George Anastaplo Professor of Constitutional Law and History. Anastaplo gave up a promising legal career by defending his First Amendment rights before the McCarthy-era Illinois Bar and eventually the United States Supreme Court. He taught at the School of Law from 1981 until his death in 2014. Sullivan, a renowned litigator, scholar, teacher, and university administrator, is also Loyola’s first Cooney & Conway Chair in Advocacy. He joined Loyola’s full-time law faculty in 2009.

Faculty and staff appointments

Sarah Diaz is associate director of the Center for the Human Rights of Children and a lecturer in the School of Law.

Lindsay Dunbar has been promoted to assistant dean for graduate and online education.

Kristin Finn (JD ’11) has been promoted to executive director of the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy.

Teresa F. Friske (JD ’86), director of the Dispute Resolution Program, was re-elected vice president – U.S.A. of the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR) for a two-year term.

Josie Gough (BA ’74, MEd ’76, JD ’94), assistant dean for inclusion, diversity, and equity, and the Curt and Linda Rudin Assistant Professor of Social Justice, serves on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.

Melissa Hale, director of academic success and bar programs, was chosen to be a Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) fellow for academic support; promoted to chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) section on academic support; and elected president-elect of the Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE).

Kathleen Howley is associate director of the Annual Fund in the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations.

Andleeb Jawaid is associate director of corporate and foundation relations in the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations.

Patricia Lee, Randy L. and Melvin R. Berlin Professor of Business Law, is co-director of the Business Law Clinic and executive director of the Business Law Center. She is also president of the Arch Metro STL Unit Board of Directors parliamentary unit.

Charles “Bud” Murdock (JD ’63) has been reappointed to the Illinois State Bar Association Business and Securities Law Council.

Julie Pautsch is an anti-bullying fellow in the Civitas ChildLaw Center.

Jenna Prochaska is a clinical teaching fellow for the Health Justice Project.

Nadia N. Sawicki, Georgia Reithal Professor of Law, has been appointed co-director of the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy. She has been reappointed to the editorial board of the American Health Law Association’s Journal of Health & Life Sciences Law.

Charlotte Tschider is an assistant professor. See page 7.

Alexander Tesis, Raymond and Mary Simon Chair in Constitutional Law and Professor of Law, accepted an appointment as general editor for the Oxford University Press Theoretical Perspectives in Law book series.

Kristi Turnbaug is director of communications. She succeeds Elisabeth Brisker, who served in the role for 15 years.

Lauren Vogelsmeier is assistant director of donor engagement in the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations.

Note: See page 7 for new appointments.

Jew-Gough serves on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.

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STEPHEN RUSHIN
Associate Professor of Law


This article empirically illustrates that legal doctrines permitting police officers to engage in pretextual traffic stops may conclude statistically significant increases in racial profiling. By relying on a comprehensive data set of 8,257,527 traffic stops conducted by the Washington State Patrol from 2008 through 2015, the authors show that the introduction of a state rule using restrictions on pretextual traffic stops was associated with a statistically significant increase in stops of nonwhite drivers relative to white drivers. Further, the authors find that relative increase in traffic stops of nonwhite drivers concentrated during day-time hours, when officers were more likely to ascertain a driver’s race through visual observation. The authors also find evidence that police officers searched the vehicles of nonwhite drivers more frequently than white drivers after this change in law. The findings are consistent with numerous scholarly predictions about the effect of pretextual traffic stop doctrines.

BARRY SULLIVAN
Conovan & Connelly Chair in Advocacy and George Anastaplo Professor of Constitutional Law and History

"Supreme Court Journalism: From Law to Spectacle?, " 77 Stanford Law Review 1931 (2020, with Cristina Carmody Tilley)

"The Supremacy of the Jurisprudential" 343 (2020, with Cristina Carmody Tilley)

Most of what the public knows about the Supreme Court necessarily comes from the press. But how does the press describe the court’s work, and has that changed over the past several decades? These questions are of considerable importance for our constitutional democracy. This study, which compares the language used in print media coverage of two important cases decided 50 years apart, suggests that the contemporary press is no more likely than its mid-20th-century counterpart to discuss cases in terms of the justices’ political commitments rather than the legal questions presented. If this is a valid description of the court’s work, it is important for the public to know it. On the other hand, if the description is not accurate, the public’s expectations about the Supreme Court may be needlessly lowered, and the public may not be able to understand the court’s decisions.

NADIA N. SAWICKI
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CHRI$TINE KEKEL CHABOT
Distinguished Scholar in Residence and Associate Director for Regulation, Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies


Originalists have argued that the Federal Reserve’s independence from presidential control conflicts with the original meaning of the Constitution. Chabot’s article demonstrates that the Fed’s creation was intended by the framers to be an independent body, and the Federal Reserve’s subsequently conducted open-market purchases of U.S. securities pursuant to a statutory mandate. The article then traces the implications of this history for the Fed’s independence.

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Gifts from alumni and friends address urgent economic needs

When the coronavirus pandemic turned the world upside down, the School of Law acted immediately to support students in a variety of ways, including addressing urgent student financial needs due to the sudden loss of employment opportunities. This funding went to law students who needed immediate financial assistance outside of tuition: for child care, health care, and living expenses that couldn’t be covered due to income loss.

During the same time, the School of Law also established a bridge program, which provides a comprehensive array of educational, financial, and professional resources to address employment scarcity and the economic turbulence brought on by COVID-19. These include additional fellowships within the law school’s clinics and centers. In addition, the Office of Career Services developed micro-internships and apprenticeships to help graduating students find meaningful work opportunities. Many alumni also responded to the school’s requests to connect with students and graduates seeking internships and jobs.

Annual donors helped make this relief fund and bridge program possible. In addition to supporting programs and merit scholarships for students, they also helped students continue their education during a tumultuous time. This support is transformative for our students and for our community.

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2019 Reunion Weekend and Alumni Awards Dinner

MORE THAN 250 ALUMNI and friends gathered in Chicago on September 27–28, 2019, for Reunion Weekend. Friday’s inaugural Women in Law CLE program brought together panelists from diverse backgrounds to share their experiences and lead community conversations. The School of Law’s annual Reunion and Awards Dinner, hosted by Dean Michael Kaufman and the Law Alumni Board of Governors, celebrated members of the classes ending in 4 and 9, and honored the 2019 award recipients at the Palmer House Hilton.

1. At the 2019 Alumni Awards celebration, from left, are Peter Carey (JD ’69), Francis J. Rooney/St. Thomas More Award recipient; Matthew Adair (JD ’09), St. Robert Bellarmine Award recipient; Dean Michael J. Kaufman; Diane Geraghty, Medal of Excellence recipient; and Patrick Gray, accepting the Public Service Merit Award on behalf of his wife, Leah Duckett Gray (JD ’99), who passed away in 2018.

2. Women in Law keynote speaker Wendy Muchman and Associate Dean Zelda Harris.


4. At the 2019 Alumni Awards celebration, seated from left: The Honorable Thomas Mulroy Jr. (JD ’72), Elaine Mulroy, Mary Ann Scali (MDW ’97, JD ’97), and Diane Geraghty. Standing from left: Ralph Barna (JD ’20), Imani Hollie (JD ’20), Alice Perlin, Ray Bacon, and Tom Geraghty.

5. Women in Law advocacy breakout panelists Christina Liu Rosenberg and Anne Bauer (JD ’18).
Globetrotter

Brendan Courseau (BA ’75, JD ’78) has completed 100 marathons—in every state and on every continent

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IOWA

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Jesuá O'Connor-Ochion (JD '21) was added as an attorney at Conlin LLC.

Edward W. McNabola (JD '22, MA '96) was installed as treasurer of The Society of Trial Lawyers for the 2019–20 year.

Francis P. Morrison (JD '93) was elected as a vice president of The Society of Trial Lawyers for the 2019–20 year.

Gary A. Neeland (BA '90, JD '93) was installed as first vice president of the Northwest Suburban Bar Association.

Marc V. Richards (JD '93) was elected to a second two-year term as chair of APIPP. He is a partner at Appellate Advocates, Inc., the U.S. chapter of APIPP (the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property), which consists of more than 300 IP attorneys and professionals in more than 125 countries.

Michele C. Anderson (JD '94) was installed as president of The Society of Trial Lawyers for the 2019–20 year.

John J. Duffy (JD '94) was elected as a partner at Sidley Austin LLP.

David A. Wheeler (JD '99) was named partner at Corby & Dormett.

Marc E. M. Harrison (BA '01, JD '04) is an attorney at Mayer Brown LLP. He focuses his practice on representing corporate counsel and individuals in complex trust and estate litigation, corporate fiduciaries and individuals in complex trust and estate litigation and family-owned business disputes.

Elizabeth A. McKillop (JD '04) was named partner at Levin Schiele & Carey’s trust and estate controversy resolution group. McKillop focuses her practice on representing corporate counsel and individuals in complex trust and estate litigation and family-owned business disputes.

Dawn O. Gile (JD '06) was selected to serve as president-elect of Military Spouses' Network (MSN) (formerly Joint Venture Formations Board of Directors). In her practice she counsels clients on estate planning, probate, labor and employment, business formation, intellectual property, and tax risk management.

Thomas R. Mulvey (JD '08) was named an attorney at The Vanguard Awards celebration. He is a partner at the law firm of Fox Rothschild.

Alessa 'Sab' J. Bulcower (JD '10) was added as general counsel for Revolution Enterprise, a multistate cannabis operator in the health and wellness sector. She previously served as vice president, deputy general counsel, and chief compliance officer.

Michael S. Ferreri (JD '19) was added as a partner at Epstein Becker & Green. Ferreri represents employees, administrative agencies, and organizations in medical malpractice, and product liability.

Brian M. Dougherty (BA '96, JD '99) was added to the DuPage County Bar Foundation’s Board of Directors. He was promoted to partner at the law firm of Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP.

The Honorable Tyra B. Walton (JD '95) was appointed as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge in the First Judicial Subcircuit. The appointment was effective June 23, 2019, and will conclude on December 7, 2020, following the November 2020 general election.

Alessa Andrews-Cooker (JD '98) was promoted to the position of an associate at Kelley Austin LLP.

Lori L. Deem (JD '98) was named as a partner at Mayer Brown.

Thomas A. Doppka (JD '95) joined the firm as a partner in the litigation department. He was previously a law clerk at Doe & O'Brien LLP. Previously Robinson Montgomery, Inc., the law firm of Robinson Montgomery.

Jonathan P. Grant (JD '94) has joined Greenberg Traurig as its first director of innovative strategies.

Eric S. Tower (LLM '96) was elected to a second term on the board of directors of AIPPI-US, a division of AIPLA. AIPPI-US is the U.S. chapter of AIPPI (the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property), which consists of more than 300 IP attorneys and professionals in more than 125 countries.

Sandra M. Blake (JD '03, MA '04) was installed as the Appellate Lawyers Association's (AFLA) president on June 9, 2020. Blake previously worked at Jones Day.

Gretchen Harris Sperry (JD '05) was installed as the Appellate Lawyers Association's (AFLA) president on June 9, 2020. Sperry previously worked at Jones Day.

Mark J. Calagno (JD '06) was appointed to a four-year term on the Illinois State Advisory Committee for the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

Lindsey E. Danzillo (JD '06) was added as an attorney in the felony division at the Washtenaw County Office of the Public Defender.

Jordan Shaw (JD '07) was added as a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

Michael F. Alkaraki (JD '06) was installed as a partner in Polsinelli's energy & natural resources practice group. He focuses his practice primarily on the representation of clients in the energy industry and their credentials as a certified professional coach.

Sara Howard (JD '08), Kenneth E. Overwater (JD '07) & Farha Chowdry (JD '04) were installed as new partners at Polsinelli.

Michael S. Ferrell (JD '02) was promoted to international tax practice group. He focuses his practice on cross-border transactions.

Sarah E. Toney (JD '03) was appointed as a member of the Silver Society of Trial Lawyers for the 2019–20 year.

Michael S. Ferrell (JD '02) was elected as a partner at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg. Ferrell serves as managing partner of Fox Rothschild, one of the nation’s largest law firms.

Drew L. Block (JD '03) was appointed as counsel at Mayer Brown. He focuses on representing corporate counsel in complex trust and estate litigation and family-owned business disputes.

Lydia C. Kunkel (JD '04) was named counsel to a second year as president of The Society of Trial Lawyers for the 2019–20 year.

Michele C. Anderson (JD '94) was installed as president of The Society of Trial Lawyers for the 2018–19 year. Anderson had been named as a member of the Silver Society of Trial Lawyers for the 2018–19 year. Anderson previously served as president of the Silver Society of Trial Lawyers for the 2017–18 year.

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Executive Committee. Senator Sims is the current chair of the Midwest Energy Legislative Committee, and Senator Howard serves as co-chair of the Bowley Institute for Legislative Leadership Development Steering Committee. Both Senator Sims and Senator Howard are graduates of the Harry Toll Fellowship and the Bowley Institute for Legislative Leadership Development.

Kyle Vanpee (LLM ’07) led a webinar discussion titled “The Hospital Without Walls Program: Legal Risks and Opportunities.”

Patrick A. Brennan (JD ’08) was named one of Chicago Daily Law Bulletin’s 40 under 40.

Adam J. Fremm (JD ’08) was promoted as a member at Clark Hill PCL’s intellectual property and technology division.

Richard T. Kiefer (JD ’08) was named one of Chicago Daily Law Bulletin’s 40 under 40.

Roberto Marcella, Jr. (JD ’08) was recently appointed to the board of education for Community Consolidated School District 59.

Louis S. Chiappetta (JD ’09) was added as a partner at Mayer Brown LLP’s restructuring, bankruptcy, and insolvency practice. He focuses on Lentz & colleagues’ restructuring, bankruptcy, and insolvency practice. He focuses on the representation of lenders, committees of creditors, creditors’ committees, asset purchasers, and debtors in Chapter 11, Chapter 15, and Chapter 117 proceedings.

Carolyn F. Newell (JD ’09) joined the University of Chicago Law School as a staff to Dean Thomas J. Marks and Clifford B. Munce, professor of law and economics. Previously, Newell was the firm director of practice management at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Chicago, Illinois.

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Marianne R. Kennedy (BA ’11, JD ’16) was named as an associate at Jenner & Block LLP. She focuses on utility regulatory matters and commercial litigation.

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David C. Fein (JD ’09) was promoted to shareholder at von Briesen & Roper, s.c. He focuses on provides representation to clients and assists the firm’s corporate clientele.

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Christina M. Sanfelippo (JD ’15) was named to the international Women’s Insurability & Restructuring Conference Board of Directors and will be serving on its Managing Committee.

Robert P. McFarland (JD ’15) was added to the 40 Under 40 class of The Times of Northwest Indiana’s Young Leaders. He was added as an associate at Baker & McKenzie.

Ricardo N. Arroyo (JD ’14) was elected as president of the Black Women Lawyers’ Association.

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Tamara A. Avery (JD ’11) was elected to the board of directors at the American Bar Association of Illinois.

Andrew J. Bossburg (JD ’11) was elected as vice president of the Arab American Association of Illinois.

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LAURA CALDWELL—alumna, professor, and founding director of the School of Law’s Life After Incarceration Initiative—passed away on March 1 at the age of 52. The cause of death was breast cancer, which she had been battling for several years.

After earning her law degree in 1992, Caldwell became a trial lawyer specializing in medical malpractice, insurance defense, and entertainment law. She joined the School of Law faculty in 1994. That fall, she published her first novel, Burning the Map, which became a New York Times bestseller. She went on to write more than a dozen novels, which were published in more than 20 countries and translated into more than 13 languages.

While researching her sixth novel, Caldwell discovered the criminal case of Joan Mosley, who had been sitting in a Cook County cell for more than five years without a trial. Moved by his story, Caldwell teamed up with friend and criminal defense attorney Cathy O’Daniel to defend him, ultimately proving his innocence. Caldwell’s first nonfiction book, Long Way Home: A Young Man Lost in the System and the Two Women Who Found Him, detailed Mosley’s experience. It highlighted the fact that, while many support services existed to help ex-offenders after their release, most states provided no lighted the fact that, while many support services existed to help ex-offenders after their release, most states provided no

Laura Caldwell (JD ’92) 1967–2020

on a wide range of disputes and regulatory issues.

Kristina V. Ruhl (JD ’14) received a postgraduate fellowship from the Illinois Bar Foundation. She handled more than 20 domestic-relations and probate cases for low-income civilians and veterans.

George H. Sweeney (JD ’18) has been added as an associate at Kopen], and has served as an associate in Freeborn & Peters LLP’s corporate practice group. She focuses her practice on the creation of organizational and corporate matters, representing clients on matters involving mergers and acquisitions, business disputes in both state and federal courts, and health care, general trial practice, and corporate practice. He assists clients in the full range of real estate matters, including appeals and zoning, and development matters.

Vicente A. Ramirez (JD ’15) was added as an associate to Palandech Ponzi & Rudloff PC.

Melissa A. Miller (JD ’19) was added as an associate counsel for Chicago’s Department of Public Health.

Robert D. Michigan (JD ’01) was added as an associate at Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP.

Carol J. Miller (JD ’01) was added as an associate with Chicago-based firm Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP.

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IN MEMORIAM

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Helping hands

IN THE MIDST OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, Zach Waickman wanted to help. Waickman, manager of the Searle Biodiesel Lab in Loyola’s Institute of Environmental Sustainability, has mastered the process of making fuel, as well as the biosoap found in most campus soap dispensers, from discarded cooking oil. His summer project: learning how to make hand sanitizer. After completing what he calls a “mildly dangerous” amount of research, Waickman received the needed FDA approval and was soon up and running. The project takes advantage of a temporary FDA policy allowing nontraditional manufacturers to develop sanitizer, which is proven to reduce pathogens when soap and water aren’t available. Waickman is following FDA guidance on ingredients, quality control procedures, and labeling requirements. If he puts in enough sweat equity, he can produce 100 gallons each day, funneled into one-gallon jugs. Those jugs would cost $10 each to produce; on the open market, they can run up to $30. Waickman’s measuring and mixing as often as he’s able will ensure that Loyola has enough sanitizer to stock its three main campuses perpetually—valuable preparation for the future when all students, faculty, and staff will be able to return safely to campus.

Sanitizing hands

Zach Waickman, manager of the Searle Biodiesel Lab in Loyola’s Institute of Environmental Sustainability, makes hand sanitizer.
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