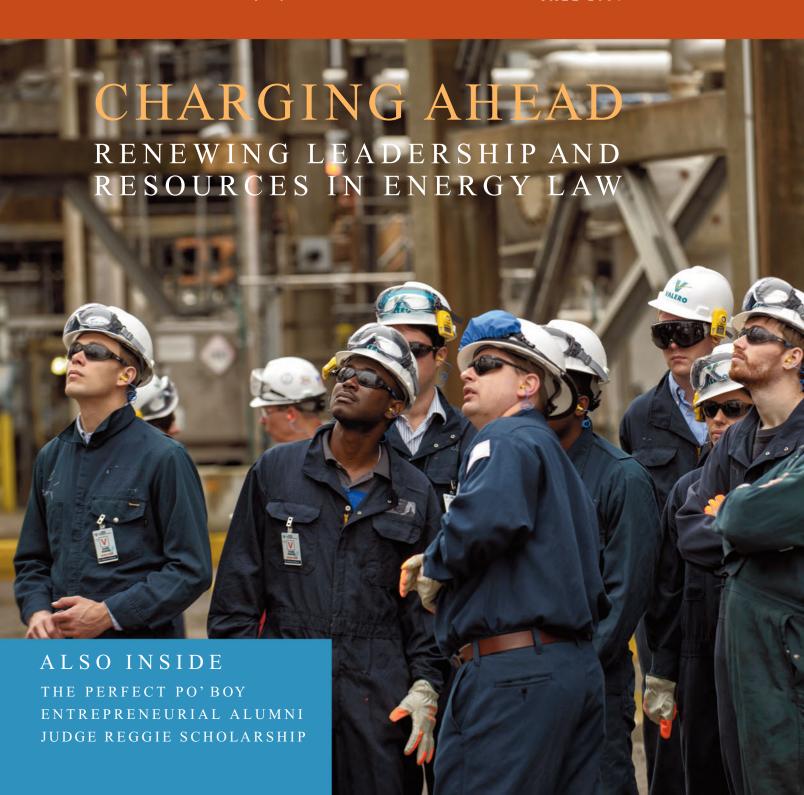
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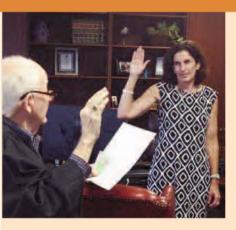
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ON THE COVER: Students tour Valero's St. Charles Refinery during a spring 2014 field visit. Photo by Jackson Hill

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U.S. District Judge Madeline Hughes Haikala (L '89) of the Northern District of Alabama takes the oath of office on Oct. 21, 2013.

The March 2014 investiture of U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael North in New Orleans increased the number of Tulane Law School graduates on the federal bench to 28. Tulane alumni also hold upwards of 75 state or local judgeships, including in the District of Columbia.

BENCH MEMO

TULANE LAW SCHOOL'S JUDICIAL ROSTER KEEPS GROWING

3 U.S. Court of Appeals Judges (5th and 11th Circuits)

3 Senior U.S. Court of Appeals Judges (5th and Federal Circuits)

9 U.S. District Judges (Louisiana, Alabama, Pennsylvania)

Senior U.S. District Judges (Louisiana, Connecticut)

U.S. Magistrate Judges (Louisiana, Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania)

2 U.S. Bankruptcy Judges (Louisiana, Kentucky)

U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge (District of Columbia)

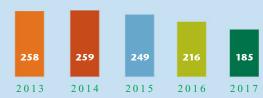
75 State/Local Judges (Louisiana, and 19 other states, plus the District of Columbia)



U.S. Magistrate Judges Sally Shushan (N'73), Joseph C. Wilkinson, Jr. (L'80) and Karen Wells Roby (L'87) congratulate new Magistrate Judge Michael North (L'97) on his investiture March 21, 2014.

CLASS PORTRAIT

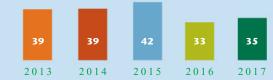
CLASS SIZE



PERCENTAGE FROM LOUISIANA

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14%	18.5%	21%	20%	29%
2.0.1.3	2.014	2.0.1.5	2.016	2.017

NUMBER OF U.S. JURISDICTIONS REPRESENTED





THE 2017 CLASS INCLUDES:

A classically trained pianist who's an avid jazz/blues fan

An oyster harvester who worked at a Northeastern shellfish farm

A former Kansas City Chiefs player who hopes to study sports law

A Hurricane Katrina volunteer and Malawi NGO worker

A past resident of four different countries who plans to pursue international human rights law



Dean David Meyer, Mitchell Franklin Professor of Law

A NEW ENERGY

he forces that have been remaking the legal profession have brought challenges, to be sure, but have also created an environment ripe for innovation.

At Tulane, the climate has yielded bold action — almost all in partnership with our alumni — to ensure that we emerge stronger than ever.

Thanks to a strategic downsizing, this fall's entering class of 185 students is the smallest since 1972. With increased alumni scholarship support, it is also

academically stronger and likely to make Tulane one of just a handful of law schools nationwide to make gains on both LSAT and GPA medians.

The smaller class size will boost not only selectivity, but also the educational experience. Smaller classes facilitate more innovative programs like Tulane's lawyering-skills boot camp, taught by a corps of more than 100 seasoned lawyers and judges who descend on New Orleans each January to give students an intensive simulation of law practice.

Alumni also are playing a new role in a redesign of Tulane's approach to job placement. The new plan matches each student with a team of advisors that includes not only career counselors but also professors and alumni fitted to particular career goals. To help facilitate more contact with students, Tulane's Career Development Office relocated during the summer from the annex it has occupied for decades into prime real estate on the first floor of Weinmann Hall.

Finally, as featured on the pages that follow, alumni support is driving an

exciting and ambitious expansion of Tulane's leadership in energy law. A glance at the daily news headlines makes clear that energy is at the center of the world's most significant challenges and opportunities. Conflicts over energy resources shape geopolitics and national security, from the embattled oil fields of Iraq to the South China Sea, while new energy technologies offer both tantalizing economic opportunity and environmental questions.

Tulane is already a world leader in the fields most closely aligned with energy law, including maritime, environmental and international law. Now, we are building the same leadership in energy law.

Thanks to a landmark gift from Jim McCulloch (L '77) and his wife, Susan, an international search is underway for the first McCulloch Chair of Energy Law. And, in the months to come, we will be rallying additional support for a new endowed center in energy law.

In partnership with our alumni, we are ensuring that Tulane Law School's best days are still ahead.

Toronto-based Axel Kindbom (L'96) is among more than 100 seasoned lawyers and judges who volunteer a week in January to give Tulane students an intensive simulation of law practice.







Tulane Law School Po' Boy Appreciation Society's current and past presidents, David Freedman (L'15) Peter F. Black (L'14), Greg Stein (L'13) and Charlie Marts (L'12), indulge in the club's purpose: cuisine and camaraderie.

PO'BOY SOCIETY CELEBRATES CUISINE AND CAMARADERIE

n the dinky, dark room that houses Killer Poboys in the rear of the Erin Rose bar, the four presidents of the Tulane Law School Po' Boy Appreciation Society munched their way through a late-summer lunch. Grilled shrimp, pork belly, meatloaf and roasted sweet potato po' boys all hit the spot.

Though the four collectively have consumed dozens of signature creations across New Orleans, only one of the aficionados had visited this French Quarter gem just off Bourbon Street.

"I have had sandwiches all over the country, but never have I known the delights of the true po' boy until now," 3L David Freedman, the current society president, declared in appreciation.

Charlie Marts (L '12) traced the club's founding to his first year at Tulane Law, when he read a newspaper's rankings of best po' boys. Marts and some friends, feeling "intimidated" that they might not get to taste them all during just three law school years, started gathering at a different restaurant each Friday.

Marts, now an attorney with Newman, Mathis, Brady & Spedale in Metairie, said the society plays a vital role in a law school setting: "It allowed me to connect with my classmates in a low-stress way."

New Orleans native Greg Stein (L '13), who succeeded him as president,

undertook it as a responsibility to connect fellow students to his hometown.

"As a local, I saw the club as an opportunity to bring students into the community to give them a literal taste of New Orleans," said Stein, who works at the Tulane Office of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Development.

News of each week's location spreads largely by word of mouth, as well as through a Facebook page that has more than 300 members. Though some students aren't yet aware of this unique culinary confab, past President Peter F. Black (L'14) said he heard of it before arriving

at Tulane as a 2L transfer from Maryland. He made sure to tuck the affiliation into his resume while job hunting.

Friends, alumni, significant others, adjunct faculty and others who appreciate good taste sometimes attend society gatherings. Black said the rules are so lax that it's possible to be a member in spirit — which he'll have to do, having moved to New York to work for Charles Taylor P&I Management (Americas) Inc. as a claims executive for the Standard Club.

"You don't actually have to show up to meetings," he said. But, Marts chimed in, "it's more fun if you do."

Lagniappe

Tulane Law School Po' Boy Appreciation Society members slip mention of their involvement into their resumes — but they can wear their membership, too, with neck ties and scarves sporting a specially designed logo: a Tulane University crest featuring scales of justice balancing law books and Louisiana seafood, flanked by



Po'Boy Appreciation Society tie

gators, shrimp and oysters. The motto, "Die veneris cenamus" translates roughly to "We eat on Friday."

To order a tie or scarf, please contact lawcommunications@tulane.edu. The Po' Boy Society plans to donate profits from tie and scarf sales to the Public Interest Law Foundation.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT WINS ABA AWARD

n August, the ABA's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources honored Tulane's 2013 Summit on Environmental Law and Policy as the section's Student Program of the Year. The summit featured a presentation by Patagonia founder Yvon Chouinard and two days of cutting-edge programs on environmental and energy issues.

The 2013 event was the 18th annual summit, planned, organized and run by student volunteers from Tulane's Environmental and Energy Law Society. More than 700 people attended panels covering topics from Hurricane Sandy and dusky gopher frogs to carbon markets and lessons from the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster.

"All of us organizers learned a lot about logistics and hospitality on top of all the great information from the panels," said Brett Korte (L '14), who chaired the 2013 summit.

Keynote speakers at the 2014 summit were ocean scientist Sylvia Earle, former head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and researcher Marcus Ericksen, whose 5Gyres Institute seeks to reduce plastic pollution in the world's waterways.



Researcher Marcus Ericksen brought his plastic-bottle raft to the 2014 Environmental Summit.



Laura Cottingham and Brett Korte (both L '14) accept an ABA award for the 2013 Summit on Environmental Law and Policy.

CRAVENS WINS BURTON LEGAL WRITING AWARD



Annalisa Cravens (L'14), won a national Burton Award for a Tulane Law Review comment on immigration law.

nnalisa Cravens (L'14) received a Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing, one of the country's most prestigious and competitive honors in legal writing. The June presentation included a gala at the Library of Congress highlighted by comedian Jay Leno.

Cravens' winning *Tulane Law Review* comment, "'This Is Not the System Congress Created': Rethinking Louisiana's Immigration Law After *Arizona v. United States*," argued that Louisiana's Prevention of Terrorism on the Highways Act, which makes it a felony to drive while in the United States illegally, is an improper state foray into immigration regulation. While the piece was going to press in

Volume 88, Issue 1 of the law review, the Louisiana Supreme Court ruled that federal law preempted the statute.

The nonprofit Burton Foundation, in association with the Library of Congress, honors excellence in writing by practicing lawyers and students.

Cravens, who completed a law degree and a master's in Latin American Studies, also received the Faculty Medal, a Dean's Medal and the John Minor Wisdom Award. She was the *Tulane Law Review*'s senior articles editor. After a year-long judicial clerkship with U.S. District Judge Martin L.C. Feldman (L '57) in New Orleans, she plans to work as a litigator at New York-based Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.



Zack Rosenthal, Colorado Rockies assistant general counsel (left), talks shop with baseball arbitration competition organizers Drew Respess (L'15) and Jeff Tiedeman (L'14).

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SALARIES ASSIST LEGAL SKILLS-BUILDING

he haggling over Kansas City Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer at Tulane Law School in January wasn't idle fantasy-league bartering but the finals of the 7th Annual National Baseball Arbitration Competition.

A student team from Emory Law School beat Chicago-Kent before a trio of baseball executives — including Alex Winsberg (L '00), director of legal affairs for the Los Angeles Angels — serving as guest arbitrators. Emory earlier had edged out Tulane's team of Jesse Stratos, Tarryn Walsh and Lamar Weeks (all L '14) in a quarterfinal judged by guest arbitrator Jay Reisinger, a Pittsburgh attorney who has represented Yankees stars Alex Rodriguez and Andy Pettitte and advised former Chicago Cub Sammy Sosa.

The competition, organized and run by students in the Tulane Sports Law Society, attracted teams from 36 law schools to New Orleans for the unique moot court that includes networking with Major League Baseball executives, lawyers, agents and other industry representatives.

"It's a nice experience to interact with the kids," said Winsberg, who joined the Angels in 2013. Also judging was Las Vegas-based baseball agent Marc Kligman (L '95), who left a criminal defense practice in 1998 to found Total Care Sports Management.

"Salary arbitration is a very unique

and often misunderstood process," said attorney Jon Fetterolf, a former William & Connolly colleague of Tulane Law Professor Gabe Feldman, founder of the event. "It's interesting to see the way people look at some of the cases." Colorado Rockies Assistant General Counsel Zack Rosenthal, who helped judge the finals, said that the attraction was baseball but that competitors were "learning a skill they can apply no matter what they're doing."



Tulane student Brittany Smith (L'16) talks with one of the youngest Waldo Burton Home residents.

SBA MEMBERS CONNECT WITH WALDO BURTON BOYS

o give Tulane Law School students more opportunities to interact with the New Orleans community, the Student Bar Association began organizing visits to the Waldo Burton Boys' Home in New Orleans for outdoor games followed by pizza and conversation.

Businessman William L. Burton endowed the home in the 1920s as a memorial to his son, William Waldo Burton. Today, it provides a home for 35 boys, from pre-kindergarten to high school age.

More than 15 Tulane students played touch football and kickball with the Waldo Burton boys then chatted with them about dreams, goals and college aspirations during the first visit, in October 2013. The event was so popular that the SBA organized visits in February and October to further an ongoing relationship with the home's residents.



Global pro bono

Valerie Barrios Arce, Sumner Fontaine and Jennifer Richards (all L '16) provide pro bono assistance for a resident of Rio Congo Arriba in Panama during a fall 2013 Global Brigades trip by 19 Tulane Law students.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS GROUP GETS NATIONAL NOD

ulane Law School's chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice received the Student Policy Advocacy Award from the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights in fall 2013.

The CRR cited several of the student group's projects, including its hosting of the 2013 LSRJ South Regional Conference, which brought together more than 80 advocates for reproductive rights, health and justice from five states to share their expertise.

The Tulane chapter has worked with New Orleans-area attorneys to establish the Louisiana Judicial Bypass Project, developing a "Guide to Judicial Bypass" to be distributed at health clinics for minors seeking court approval to get abortions. The chapter also partnered with Tulane Law Women, the Human Rights Law Society and the Black Law Students Association on a Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign, which included a panel discussion on violence in relationships and resources for assault victims.

FEDERAL BAR CHAPTER BUILDS NETWORKS

new student chapter of the Federal Bar Association quickly attracted more than 40 members eager for opportunities to meet with judges and connect with New Orleans lawyers in federal practice.

In November 2013, U.S. District Judge Jane Triche Milazzo hosted a "coffee with the court" at which she and U.S.

District Judge Carl Barbier shared behind-the-scenes details about working in a judge's chambers and offered advice for those who aspire to federal clerkships and a federal court practice.

In February, members of the FBA's Young Lawyers Division held a wellattended session on do's and don'ts for internship and job interviews. Presenters included Tulane Law alumni Michael DePetrillo (L '07), a Jones Walker partner, and Christopher Weema (L '10), an associate at Krebs, Farley & Pelleteri.

Below: Tulane student Graham Williams (L'15) (far left) listens to interviewing advice from Federal Bar Association Young Lawyers Division members, including Michael DePetrillo (L'07) and Christopher Weema (L'10).







ALUMNI INFLUENCE BOTH SIDES OF AISLE ON CAPITOL HILL

Pablo Carrillo, John McCain's chief of staff

nterning in the office of famed New Orleans organized crime and political corruption prosecutor John Volz in the 1990s, Pablo Carrillo (L'97) didn't foresee that he would pursue government misconduct at the highest levels in Washington, D.C.

But Carrillo, now chief of staff to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz, seized opportunities as they arose.

In 2003, Carrillo headed the Senate's investigation into the Boeing refueling tanker scandal, which resulted in termination of Boeing officials and a nine-month jail term for a former Pentagon staffer.

When McCain moved over to chair the Indian Affairs Committee in 2005, Carrillo led the investigation of infamous lobbyist Jack Abramoff that resulted in 17 guilty pleas and convictions.

Carrillo became chief of staff in 2013. The best part, he said, is "having the privilege of being part of things that are so important to the senator and having him trust me to handle them."

McCain said Carrillo has demonstrated valuable qualities, including "sound professional judgment, an acumen for identifying potential opportunities and challenges around the corner before they present themselves, an efficiency in addressing them if they do and a professional demeanor that brings the best out of those around him."

Carrillo said he advises young law students to prepare for change: "What you end up doing in today's market, the law firm that you end up working with just out of law school, will likely not be where you are going to be three

years out or six years out."

He grew up in New Orleans and started out in maritime litigation at Fowler Rodriguez. A lobbying assignment for the Cuban American National Foundation (he's not Cuban, but of Colombian and Guatemalan heritage) required occasional trips to Washington, where the political bug bit him.

Working for Indiana Rep. Dan Burton on the House Oversight and Investigations Committee, Carrillo investigated Marc Rich and other Clinton Administration pardons. When Burton was term-limited as chairman in 2002, Carrillo landed a job with McCain on the Senate Commerce Committee.

Capitol Hill publication Roll Call dubbed Carrillo, 45, one of "Five Hill Aides to Know" in the defense area for his work with McCain on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

- Elaine Povich, a veteran Washington and Capitol Hill correspondent.

Liz Craddock, Landrieu's committee staff chief

hortly after assuming the chairmanship of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in February, Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., named Elizabeth "Liz" Leoty Craddock (L '05) as committee staff director.

A native of Delhi, Louisiana, Craddock took part in the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic

during law school and joined Landrieu's office in 2006 after working for U.S. House members from Florida and Michigan. Craddock brings to her staff leadership role experience with energy, environment, agriculture and trade, all areas central to the committee's broad jurisdiction.

Craddock said this is a great time for Landrieu to chair the committee.

"We're at a point in time in our nation's history when we have an abundance of natural resources," she said. The way those are managed helps drive the economy and advance the middle class, she said. "It's energy policy, but it's really much more than that."

A nola.com story called Craddock, the first woman to serve as Senate Energy Committee staff director, Landrieu's "key staffer" in developing the 2012 Restore Act, which dedicates 80 percent of all Clean Water Act penalties paid by those responsible for the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil disaster to Gulf Coast restoration.

In appointing Craddock, Landrieu called her "an effective leader in my office for eight years for Louisiana and our country."

Craddock said her job requires weeding through massive amounts of information and finding areas of agreement with people who are reluctant to compromise. "If there is a good idea out there, there's always a way to move forward," she said.

— Linda P. Campbell



COURTESY OF SEN. MARY LANDRIEU'S OFFICE

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BREWING BUSINESS ADVENTURES: LAWYERS TRANSLATE LEGAL SKILLS FAR AFIELD

By Geoff Campbell

aw school might conjure images of standard career paths: six-figure salaries in Big Law, devotion to legal services for needy clients, crusading work in criminal justice.

But even practitioners who initially follow traditional routes often discover that legal training isn't confining — instead, it translates to alternative careers. A trio of Tulane Law School graduates say their education prepared them to transition to second, even third professional lives.

Taste for adventure

Kevin Afghani (L '04) said he was drawn to the legal profession because he wanted to help people through international law. But he recognized he wouldn't be able to help anyone if he couldn't pay his bills.

"At some point, I realized I needed to make money," he said. "I started to buy into the law firm lifestyle." That's how he landed in patent law, he said.

Afghani worked at a firm in Dallas, where he grew up, but left in 2009 to found Afghani Law Firm, which he continues to run.

Still, he wasn't satisfied and had no interest in growing the firm, he said.

Afghani's major change of course started when he and his wife, lawyer Cathrine Kinslow, invested in Deep Ellum Brewery, a Dallas microbrewery. That investment led the couple to open their own business, Craft and Growler Beer Filling Station (craftandgrowler.com) in November 2012. It sits across from Dallas' Fair Park, a concert/festival/football venue that's home every fall to the State Fair of Texas.

Afghani said he drew his inspiration for Craft and Growler's friendly, relaxed ambiance from Rue de la Course, a New Orleans coffeehouse on the corner of South Carrollton Avenue and Oak Street. The underlying concept recalls the days when customers brought beer home from local pubs in tin buckets. Craft and Growler sells a clever variety of air-tight growlers — from pint-size bottles to multiple-serving jugs — for customers to carry home an array of microbrewed craft beers.

Afghani hasn't put his legal training on

the shelf: one of the most intriguing elements of his business is a unique tap system for which he wrote a patent. The system uses a beer gun that injects carbon dioxide into the growler before the beer flows. As the beer rises, the CO₂ forms a protective barrier so the beer stays fresh longer.

Afghani said he is grateful for his Tulane education — and for lessons learned from attending school in New Orleans.

"Going to law school in a unique city opened my eyes to the possibility of doing something other than what I was trained to do," Afghani said. "You create your own destiny, lawyer or not."

A career makeover

Vesna Maras (L '95) had a more jarring denouement: "When I could eat lunch on top of an autopsy photo, I knew it was time for a change," she said.

After graduating from Tulane, she worked as a prosecutor in Los Angeles, where she was exposed daily to emotionally difficult cases.

"Lawyers are paid to solve other people's problems," she said. "The weight of having someone's problems, multiplied by the up to 50 people you might see in a day, is a heavy load, and you have to be able to put up a barrier to it. If you took on the energy of all these problems, you'd become a depleted shell."

But Maras decided that 13 years was enough. She moved back to New Orleans and worked five years for the Louisiana Supreme Court.

"I enjoyed what I did. The atmosphere was collegial and friendly," she said. But sitting at a desk eight hours a day writing briefs didn't fit her personality.

For her latest career, she opened dual



Patent lawyer Kevin Afghani (L'04) operates Craft and Growler Beer Filling Station in Dallas.





Former prosecutor Vesna Maras (L '95) opened Mint Uptown Salon spa and adjoining apparel/home goods boutique Frances & Finch.

businesses on Dec. 2, 2013: Mint Uptown Salon (www.facebook.com/mintuptown-salon), a neighborhood spa, which shares space with Frances & Finch, an apparel and home goods boutique. The venture, located on Dryades Street near Napoleon and St. Charles avenues, continues a long-time interest: even when she was a prosecutor, Maras sold apparel through a limited liability corporation.

Maras said she's encountered two reactions — either shock that she would walk away from a legal career, or jealousy that she could do it. But she hasn't really left the law.

She's an instructor on Tulane's trial advocacy faculty. But, more fundamentally, she's applied her legal training to maneuvering through problems in a new field.

"It gives you a foundation," she said of her legal education. "I had no problem transferring my skill set in a different direction."

Making fun work

David Rubin (L '86) was seeking a new direction, so he left admiralty practice at Phelps Dunbar to set up a business that involves the seas but also air and land.

Rubin said he found the law firm work interesting, but "it didn't fulfill my passion for international travel."

A lifelong traveler, he noticed that most of his firm colleagues didn't share his

eagerness to get away from the office. "I was one of the few at Phelps who took every day of vacation I had," he said.

To combine what he loved with what he did, Rubin in 1996 launched DavidTravel (www.davidtravel.com),

a travel agency and concierge service specializing in custom-designed, upscale and adventure travel worldwide for both leisure and business.

His initial focus was high-end leisure travel for a gay clientele, but now his clientele is roughly half LGBT and half straight and includes an increasing number of families, he said.

"Fortunately, the world is now moving in a way that families now include gay parents."

Rubin said he uses his law background every day: it gives him skills competitors aren't likely to have. For example, when clients charter a yacht, he makes sure to negotiate a clause to protect them by limiting liability to the cost of the charter. "No one in my industry ever thinks about it," he said.

Rubin said law school taught him to develop an expertise and to hire experts. His niche in customized travel allows him to be attuned to the special needs and considerations of international travelers, including his gay clients. He has developed contacts with local destination experts in almost every country in the world.

Law school also taught him critical thinking, he said, and he's ingrained that in his staff and the ethos of his company.

"I credit my background as an attorney to my success in navigating this industry," Rubin said. "I learned to analyze, to question and to think outside of the box. I truly value my legal education."

— Geoff Campbell, a writer living in New Orleans, has taught media writing at the University of Texas at Arlington, and at Texas Christian University.



Former admiralty lawyer David Rubin (L'86) operates DavidTravel, which specializes in custom-designed, upscale and adventure travel.

WILLIAMSON TAKES ON BALKAN REFORM

mbassador Clint Williamson's international experience spans some of the world's rockiest regions. He helped produce the first indictment against former Serbian and Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic, served as U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes issues during both the Bush and Obama administrations and acted as the first senior adviser to the Iraqi Ministry of Justice in Baghdad.

During the summer, he completed a three-year appointment as lead prosecutor for the Brussels-based European Union Special Investigative Task Force investigating atrocities in Kosovo. The task force found that some former senior officials of the Kosovo Liberation Army should be indicted for killings, inhumane acts and other atrocities during the late 1990s.

In a July statement about the findings, Williamson (L '86) said the investigative team, which included representatives from 18 European Union countries, Canada and the United States, "worked against daunting odds" to look into allegations raised in earlier official reports.

The work is another example of Williamson's career-long devotion to enforcing accountability and seeking justice.

He started as a prosecutor in the New Orleans District Attorney's Office then worked in the U.S. Justice Department's Organized Crime Section and as a trial attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague.

In August, he returned stateside as a special U.S. State Department envoy for Balkan issues, in a joint effort with the European Union, focused primarily on constitutional reform in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He'll also take up a Distinguished Faculty post with the



Amb. Clint Williamson (L'86), talking with Fulbright Scholars at the Louisiana Supreme Court while Assistant Dean Jim Letten listens, will be working on Balkan issues for the U.S. State Department.

Washington, D.C., program of Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law.

During his Kosovo investigation, Williamson took time to address Fulbright scholars representing 32 countries who were attending a November 2013 conference on the Rule of Law co-hosted by Tulane Law School, the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council and the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

At a session held at the Louisiana Supreme Court, he discussed the value of war crimes tribunals for achieving international justice, and he answered scholars' pointed questions about the International Criminal Court's selection of cases to investigate, the United States' reluctance to submit to ICC jurisdiction, the future of Egypt and the U.S. role in Iraq.

Williamson said the ICTY was met with great skepticism when it was created 20 years ago, but its success provided impetus for war crimes tribunals seeking justice for atrocities in Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Cambodia and led to creation of the International Criminal Court.

While not all human rights abuses can be policed, the prospect of holding perpetrators of heinous crimes accountable is "no longer beyond the realm of imagination," Williamson said, calling that "a huge milestone."



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Game gear

Team jerseys donated by Los Angeles Kings General Manager Dean Lombardi (L'85) and former New York Jets General Manager Mike Tannenbaum (L'95) now overlook Weinmann Hall's front foyer. Lombardi, who visited Tulane Law School after his team won the 2012 National Hockey League Championship, got to celebrate the 2014 Stanley Cup in June.

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MARITIME STUDENTS NAVIGATE DANGEROUS WATERS

By Laura Beck

he basic rules of ship navigation sound simple as summarized by Phelps Dunbar partner Mike Butterworth: Follow the rules. Go slow when you're in doubt. Turn right.

But when our group of Tulane Law students practiced steering chemical tankers and supply vessels hauling dangerous chemicals through the Houston ship channel — without crashing, running aground or otherwise causing damage, even during a hurricane — we quickly learned how dangerous and difficult a mariner's job can be.

Thirteen of us went through the exercises, guided by two of the most-seasoned maritime trainers on the Gulf Coast, along with Butterworth (L '89), a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed Master and Tulane adjunct professor. It was the kind of real-world experience that makes Tulane the premier program in equipping new graduates to work in the maritime and admiralty field.

"In order for you to try maritime cases, you need to have an understanding of all the effects of everything," said trainer Jay Cohen, a veteran vessel traffic controller who spent 20 years on Coast Guard active duty. He was referring to factors such as the wind and current, visibility, the vessel's maneuvering characteristics and surrounding traffic.

The day-long program was held at Delgado Community College's Maritime, Fire and Industrial Training Facility in New Orleans East, where Coast Guard-credentialed merchant mariners are trained in advanced firefighting, bridge team management, radar operation and cargo transfer operations.

The trainers started by explaining the "Rules of the Road" — otherwise known as the Convention on International



Laura Beck (L '15) takes a turn at ship navigation during a real-time exercise with Coast Guard-licensed trainers.

Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS). They include Rule 5: Maintain a proper lookout; Rule 6: Proceed at a safe speed; and Rule 7: Avoid the risk of collision.

After a 50-question written test, the group broke into teams to take the bridge of different vessels and practice ship-handling skills. Each team also had a chance to coordinate the vessels from a shoreside control station very similar to those the Coast Guard uses to manage marine traffic on waterways all over the country.

On the bridge — which resembled an actual vessel, with engine throttle and rudder controls and navigation electronics — we took turns in the various roles: in command ("at the con"), at the helm, at the chart, on the radio and on the radar.

Real-time exercises in navigating, communicating with other vessels in the notoriously narrow Houston channel and adapting to suddenly changing conditions — including a "white-out" fog, a ferocious storm and even a tsunami — taught us crucial lessons. Among them: when vessels run closely side by side in a narrow

channel, a dangerous suction forms between them; you should only travel as fast as you want to hit something; and when navigating, get three independent data sources to corroborate information.

Butterworth said the purpose of these hands-on opportunities is to give students "something in common with the mariner they are interviewing on a vessel investigation next year."

Activities like this are part of why I chose the maritime program at Tulane. It's important for future lawyers to connect with the real world. The shipping and offshore industries are unique and can be strange places for the unfamiliar.

Learning by doing is much more effective than learning by reading. This exercise gives students a real appreciation for the dangers that navigators and clients face, how quickly accidents can happen and how devastating they can be.

— Laura Beck (L'15) is a Coast Guardlicensed navigation officer who sailed in the U.S.-flagged merchant marine before attending Tulane Law School.

SKILLS BOOT CAMP KEEPS PUMPING UP PRACTICE STRENGTHS

rigid weather the first week of January didn't deter almost 100 lawyers and judges from around the country from converging on Tulane Law School to provide students with hands-on training and share invaluable insights into the realities of legal practice.

Participants in Tulane's 3rd Annual Intersession boot camp called it invigorating and excellent preparation.

Some of the nation's best lawyers and judges, many of them Tulane Law graduates, volunteer their time for the boot camp, which allows second- and third-year students to choose from three tracks: civil litigation, transactional law and criminal practice.

"This has been the most valuable experience I have had so far in law school," one student said.

The 163 students in this year's program undertook a rigorous curriculum that included nightly preparation for the next day's real-world assignments, including depositions and due diligence; and small-group work, such as prepping witnesses and hashing out a purchase agreement. Students in the criminal and civil litigation tracks capped the week by arguing a motion in court before a sitting judge in U.S. District Court or Orleans Parish Criminal District

Court in downtown New Orleans.

Instruction included a gripping presentation by New Orleans attorney Scott Bickford, who demonstrated deposition-taking techniques after a dramatic confrontation staged in the classroom. Attorney instructors offered constructive criticism along with a

bounty of practical advice about being prepared, communicating with clients, respecting legal adversaries and being trustworthy before a judge.

Bickford (L '82) was among dozens of alumni who help plan and execute the boot camp as a way of closing a training gap for new lawyers and giving new Tulane Law graduates an advantage in the marketplace.

"You are justifiably proud of a cuttingedge program," said Terry Oxford, managing partner of Susman Godfrey's Dallas office, who committed to return for the full week again next year. Oxford was joined for the camp by fellow partners Warren Burns and Daniel Charest, who graduated together from

Tulane Law in 2004.

Instructors included Michelle Bergman (L/MBA '94), a former general counsel for the Duane Reade drugstore chain, and Joseph Ettinger (L '56), who established a national

reputation as a leading criminal defense attorney and after retiring provided the law school with an endowment that helps sustain the boot camp. New Orleans attorneys Lynn Luker (L '81, LLM '85, LLM '92), who has her own firm, and Chris Teske (L'00), a member of Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, lead the civil litigation track.

The program is the keystone of a creative and expanding array of experiential learning options aimed at translating doctrine into skills that new law graduates can use to help clients solve real problems from the very start of their careers.

Some groups even got bonus training: Lawrance Bohm, a leading California trial lawyer who can claim two of the state's top-10 jury verdicts in 2013, was awaiting a jury verdict in a trial and let his deposition practice small group sit in on a special court hearing via cellphone when jurors sent questions to the judge. Bohm, who returned to the program for the second time, hired five

Afterward, faculty were as enthusiastic as

students while on campus. Criminal practice track student Erim Sarinoglu (L '14) emphasizes the prosecution's position in New Orleans Criminal District Court while James Perelman (L '14) waits to argue for the defense. New York-based attorney Doug Nadjari (L'83) (center) evaluates their presentations.



New Orleans litigator Scott Bickford (L '82) (with glasses) demonstrates how to conduct a deposition in a civil case, with attorney Lynn Luker (L '81, LLM '85, LLM '92) (far left) among the participants.

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students, whose evaluations raved:

"It was a great look into what the first few years of associate life looks like."

"The attorneys were able to give insight into the world of transactional law and give guidance on actual solutions to issues that I would not have found in normal classroom instruction."

"To be able to get feedback from a federal judge was phenomenal."

New York attorney Michelle Bergman (L/MBA '94) advises transactional law students before they go into a contract negotiation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS' RESEARCH HELPS COURT WATCHDOG SHARPEN ITS FOCUS

By Brad Cousins

hen Court Watch NOLA — a volunteer-driven court-monitoring group — sought to revitalize itself in 2013, we turned in part to Professor Pam Metzger's Criminal Justice Policy class at Tulane Law School. By monitoring the monitor, a trio of students developed their interviewing, writing and client-interaction skills and helped Court Watch NOLA update its mission, materials and strategic plan. The experience provided an unusual but practical perspective on the criminal justice system.

Court Watch NOLA was founded in 2007 to recruit court monitors and convince Orleans Parish Criminal District Court to handle violent felony prosecutions more efficiently and transparently. The group's volunteers — a mix of college students, retirees and other residents carrying bright

yellow clipboards — have been a visible daily presence at the courthouse. By observing more than 15,000 motion hearings, trials and other court activities, the court monitors have helped identify systemic problems while sending the message that New Orleanians care about a more accountable criminal justice system.

Our internal review found that Court Watch NOLA was on the right track but needed to adjust its mission and methods. Still, we decided to seek a second opinion before undertaking changes.

Tulane students Samantha Gurrentz, Bruce Reilly and Amber Rembert (all L '14) took on the organization as their first client: acting as anonymous court watchers; interviewing other court-monitoring groups, from Alaska to Florida, that we hadn't already contacted; and developing independent recommendations. The students' work concluded with an hour-long presentation and 25-page report with seven specific recommendations.

The results actually reaffirmed the initial findings: that CWN is succeeding as a neutral, process-focused organization but should recruit more senior volunteers, strengthen training and increase the amount of information collected during courtroom observations.

Through the partnership, the Tulane students had an opportunity to conduct an investigation and assist a good-government group. Court Watch NOLA received the detailed, thoughtful second opinion it needed and is putting these results into action. Thanks in part to this collaboration, the organization's future looks bright.

— Brad Cousins (L '09) is executive director of Court Watch NOLA.

CLINICS PUT STUDENTS IN THE LEGAL TRENCHES

Tulane Law School's five clinics gained invaluable experience arguing motions in federal and state courts, helping protect a young mother and baby, deposing witnesses and settling disputes.

In 2014, the Environmental Law Clinic also celebrates 25 years of assisting residents seeking to improve their communities.

Student lawyers are sworn officers of the court and supervised by professors and clinical attorneys.

"What distinguishes these skills opportunities from other experiential learning is the students' personal professional responsibility for counseling clients, interacting with opposing counsel and advocating before courts," said Civil Litigation Clinic Director Stacy Seicshnaydre.

Jillian Swords (L '14), who argued before the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, called the process of building a brief and preparing for arguments "humbling and one of the best oral advocacy practices" she had at Tulane. "Clinic reminds me every day why I went to law school," she said.

Here are examples of the clinics' work.

Civil Litigation Clinic

Students:

- Argued a cross-motion for summary judgment in federal court alleging that a jail's dental treatment policy violated their client's
 Eighth Amendment right against cruel and
 unusual punishment. The team also challenged officials' qualified immunity claims.
- Took numerous depositions involving civil rights claims, including a Title VII action alleging retaliatory termination, hostile work environment and disparate treatment based on race and gender.
- Retained two trial experts; managed the drafting of reports on liability and damages; and argued against a Daubert motion.

Domestic Violence Clinic

• Working with police, students helped locate

a five-month-old girl hidden by a batterer for two months; they then obtained an emergency order returning the baby to her mother. Students also tried a custody case for the mother, getting her sole legal custody of the child, with supervised visitation for the batterer.

• In a different custody case, students conducted pre-trial discovery and multiple depositions leading to a favorable settlement.

Criminal Law Clinic

- In a low-level burglary case, a trial court dismissed the charges, and the state of Louisiana waited five years to appeal.

 Students argued before the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal that the dismissal was correct and that the state waited too long to challenge it.
- In a case that spanned several years, students prevented the state from adding seven years to a client's sentence as a habitual-offender enhancement after he had been released from custody. When the state filed a writ of certiorari with the Louisiana Supreme Court, students wrote a brief in opposition and again prevailed.
- After investigating a late-night brawl for which a client was charged with felony aggravated battery, students produced evidence that persuaded prosecutors to accept a plea of misdemeanor disturbing the peace.

Juvenile Litigation Clinic

Students made weekly appearances representing clients in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Drug Court. Students also assisted clients



Jillian Swords and Ann Szatkowski (both L'14) argued before the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal in February.

who were found not competent to stand trial in delinquency felony cases due to mental illnesses, mental retardation or diminished capacity to assist their counsel.

Environmental Law Clinic

- In June 2014, the Gulf Restoration Network, the City of Hattiesburg and the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality signed a proposed consent decree to settle GRN's citizen enforcement lawsuit over the city's sewage treatment system. Lauren Kasparek and Christopher Valletta (both L '14) provided momentum for a resolution by preparing summary judgment papers detailing 5,000 violations over five years.
- Students helped reach settlements for client RESTORE in a Safe Drinking Water Act lawsuit against Waterworks District No. 3 in Beauregard Parish and for client Christian Ministers Missionary Baptist Association of Plaquemines Parish in a suit over proposed borrow pits near Ironton, Louisiana.



During a Sept. 12 ceremony at the Louisiana Supreme Court, 68 third-year students working in Tulane's law clinics for 2014–15 took the oath that enables them to represent qualifying clients in state courts, under the direction of supervising faculty.



CHARGING AHEAD

RENEWING TULANE'S LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY LAW

EERING WARILY INTO THE RED-HOT GLOW of a Claus furnace, more than a dozen Tulane Law students could catch a glimpse of the future.

Through the roiling combustion — raging at 2,000 degrees to remove sulfur from hydrogen sulfide gas produced during the process of refining crude oil — they could see the nation's future, which is increasingly dependent upon a strategic energy policy. But they could also see the future of legal education.

Sidestepping mud puddles from a sudden spring Louisiana downpour, the students negotiated a complex maze of pipes and industrial stacks snaking across Valero Energy Corporation's thousand-acre St. Charles Refinery. Though 15 miles upriver

ABOVE: FIELD VISITS
TO VALERO ENERGY
CORPORATION'S ST.
CHARLES REFINERY
HELP TULANE LAW
STUDENTS UNDERSTAND
THE COMPLEXITIES
OF LAWYERING IN THE
ENERGY INDUSTRY.

TULANE LAW SCHOOL DEAN DAVID MEYER (FAR LEFT) AND PROFESSOR HERB LARSON MEET IN MAY WITH A DELEGATION FROM BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY IN AZERBAIJAN, INCLUDING BAKU STATE LAW FACULTY DEAN AMIR ALIYEV (THIRD FROM LEFT) AND RECTOR ABEL MAHARRAMOV (FAR RIGHT).



MCCULLOCHS FUEL TULANE WITH NEW ENERGY CHAIR



JIM MCCULLOCH
(A&S '74, L '77) IS
VICE PRESIDENT AND
GENERAL COUNSEL
FOR FORUM ENERGY
TECHNOLOGIES

"THE OLDER I HAVE GOTTEN,

THE MORE I HAVE REALIZED HOW

MUCH CREDIT TULANE DESERVES

FOR THE SUCCESS I HAVE HAD."

AS A LAW STUDENT, Jim McCulloch (A&S '74, L '77) didn't plan on a career in energy law. He focused instead on maritime law, immersing himself in Tulane's unrivaled admiralty curriculum.

Now, the energy industry veteran, who serves as senior vice president and general counsel for Houston-based Forum Energy Technologies, has committed to help Tulane leverage its strength in maritime law to build the same profile in energy law.

In September, McCulloch and his wife, Susan, gave \$2 million to endow the McCulloch Chair in Energy Law. The gift will enable Tulane to recruit a top legal

scholar and is meant to be the lead gift in a broader campaign to raise funds to create an endowed center in the field.

"The McCullochs' gift is not only generous, but visionary," Dean David Meyer said. "The McCulloch Chair will enable us to drive new research and innovation in energy law and close the loop with Tulane's closely aligned strengths in maritime, environmental and international law."

McCulloch said he's excited about boosting a specialty area that complements Tulane's historical strengths.

"Energy law fits in extremely well with these other niches. It's another leg to the chair for Tulane to excel in," he said. "It's going to help propel the law school to more recognition and more interest from

prospective students."

McCulloch said Tulane can serve both students and the industry by providing expanded academic training in a field that is increasingly vital and complex.

"Most lawyers that go

into the energy industry have to learn by doing," he said.

McCulloch's focus on maritime law as a student proved instrumental in his early career, which included work for a shipping company in Florida and a stint in the admiralty section at Phelps Dunbar. He joined Global Marine, a leading international offshore drilling contractor, as an assistant general counsel in 1983 and later spent 12 years as the company's senior vice president and general counsel.

"It was helpful to have an interest in a niche area of the law," he said. But he also gives credit for his success to skills he learned at Tulane Law School. Professors, he said, "were excellent and strongly oriented toward reasoning, analysis and the philosophy of law, which have all helped me greatly in dealing with new and emerging legal issues."

The McCullochs' daughter, Lauren (L '11), an associate in Morgan Lewis' litigation practice in Houston, shares her parents' commitment to Tulane. In law school, Lauren McCulloch was senior managing editor of the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*, received the Ray J. Forrester Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law and graduated magna cum laude.

from Tulane's Uptown New Orleans campus, the students were also experiencing Tulane Law School's newest classroom.

Thanks to a new partnership with Valero, Tulane Law students have the opportunity each semester to spend a full day roving one of the largest, most sophisticated refineries in the world. The day includes a crash course on the basic science of refining and a tour of the sprawling facility to give students a sense of the business operation, plus meetings with the refinery's manager and engineers and Valero's in-house lawyers who fly in for the occasion from the company's head-quarters in San Antonio.

The goal is to give students an up-close, inside view of the role lawyers play in managing legal compliance in a dauntingly complex business enterprise. Getting students out of the classroom and into direct contact with the practice of law has been a dominant theme of curricular innovation at Tulane Law in recent years.

But the innovative field experience serves another objective as well. Combined with a host of related initiatives, the goal is also to reassert Tulane Law School's global leadership in energy law — a field of rapidly growing importance and one that is closely allied with Tulane's signature strengths in admiralty, environmental and international law.

TELLING DISASTER FOCUSED ATTENTION

When the Deepwater Horizon oil platform exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, killing 11 people and spilling millions of gallons of oil, the disaster riveted the public on what happened and why, who was responsible and what the ramifications would be for individuals, the environment and the economy.

Unsurprisingly, the search for answers quickly led to Tulane's campus, 130 miles north of the unfolding disaster. With the world's leading expertise in maritime law, and one of the country's strongest faculties in environmental and international law, Tulane Law School was tailor-made to help unravel the complex tangle of legal and policy questions surrounding the spill.

Within weeks of the disaster, Professor Martin Davies, director of Tulane's Maritime Law Center, landed on the front page of the *National Law Journal* explaining the complex interplay of admiralty statutes that would determine potential liability. White House staffers borrowed space in Weinmann Hall to meet with policymakers and stakeholders in mapping out the federal response. Professors Oliver Houck, Günther Handl and Robert Force joined colleagues from Tulane's business and science and engineering schools in organizing

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HECKMAN SCHOLARSHIP TARGETS INTERNATIONAL AND MARITIME LAW

CHRIS HECKMAN, ONE OF THE top lawyers at ExxonMobil, can trace his career to a course in marine insurance with Professor Ben Yancey and a class in carriage of goods.

"I ended up doing cargo work my first job in New York," said Heckman (L '78). More than a decade later, he was practicing maritime and insurance law in New York City when Exxon's general counsel needed a marine insurance specialist in the wake of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound.

Heckman moved to Texas for that assignment. Today, he's general counsel to ExxonMobil risk management, based at the company's Irving headquarters and handling work around the world. It's allowed him to fulfill his dreams of practicing both international litigation and maritime law.

"What I learned at Tulane as well as the prestige that a Tulane law degree brings with it has aided me in my career, so I feel that I should give back," Heckman said.

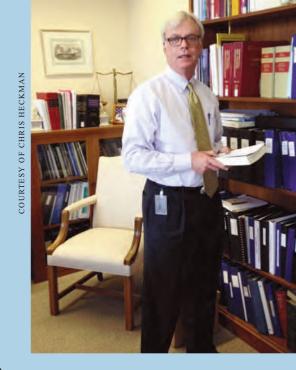
He and his wife, Nancy, established The Heckman International and Maritime Law Scholarship Endowment to support students interested in fields that Tulane excels at and Heckman has found success in. Nancy Heckman, whose father was a BP engineer, shares her husband's international interest, having grown up in Colombia and Venezuela and lived in Spain.

Chris Heckman said he came to Tulane from Minnesota for the maritime law program.

"One of the great things about the maritime law program was that the professors were practicing lawyers. It was nuts and bolts. My education at Tulane was second to none," he said.

Heckman said that even though he works for an oil company, he isn't strictly an energy lawyer. For instance, he might deal with contracts connected to constructing drilling rigs, offshore platforms or major plants around the world. He might handle large claims related to insuring vessels or facilities.

"One of the great things about being an in-house lawyer is you get to know your company," he said. "It makes me a better lawyer." The goal is to help prevent problems, not just react to them, and to help his non-lawyer clients understand legal issues that can be very complex.



CHRIS HECKMAN (L '78)
IS GENERAL COUNSEL TO
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a series of lectures examining the causes and consequences of the spill that was webcast to a worldwide audience.

While it took a dramatic episode for the public to realize the imperative of addressing the expanding role of energy in the world, subsequent developments have left no doubt about the high stakes for the economy, the environment and international security.

Innovations in renewable energy, discoveries of new energy resources and adapted methods of extraction, such as fracking to tap shale gas, have created the real prospect of American energy independence, with potentially seismic implications for the world economy and the "re-shoring" of manufacturing and other jobs. They also have posed new questions about the potential impact on the environment and stirred substantial legal and policy debates requiring the expertise of lawyers.

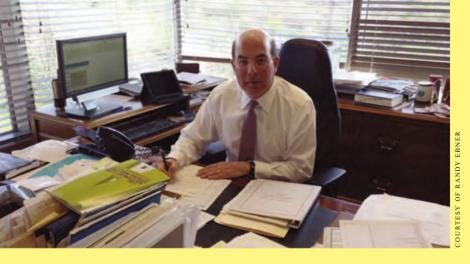
FROM THE GULF COAST TO THE CASPIAN SEA

Beyond its domestic importance, energy is also increasingly central to geopolitics and international security, tapping Tulane's distinctive expertise in comparative and international law.

The surprise discovery of massive, underwater gas fields off the coast of Israel has suddenly given Israel the prospect of energy independence but also fueled legal disputes with its neighbors over maritime rights to the find.

In August, Tulane University hosted the inaugural U.S.-Israel Energy Summit, a two-day gathering of leading academic, government and industry leaders from across Israel, Louisiana and Texas aimed at finding solutions to future energy and environmental challenges through collaboration.

"When energy industry leaders, environmental scientists and law and business faculty collaborate like they did at



"IT'S IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY TO THE WORLD ECONOMY."

RANDY EBNER (L'80) IS EXXONMOBIL'S ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL FOR COMPLIANCE AND CORPORATE.

EBNERS' GIFT ADVANCES ENERGY LAW STUDY

RANDY EBNER (L'80) intended to practice maritime law. But a job interview at Tulane Law School set in motion a career path that has led him to the highest levels of ExxonMobil's legal team.

To make sure that Tulane Law students understand the importance as well as the complexities of law issues that are inherently part of the global energy business, Ebner and his wife, Ricki, have established The Ebner Family Endowment for Energy Law to support, faculty, students and programs related to the field.

The gift significantly advances Tulane's efforts to expand its energy law program through faculty teaching and research, additional advanced-level courses, international partnerships and student field experiences at energy-related facilities.

"The education I received at Tulane Law School has opened up opportunities I could never have imagined when I matriculated as a 1L," said Ebner, ExxonMobil's assistant general counsel for compliance and corporate, based in Irving, Texas.

"It's important for students to understand the importance of energy to the world economy," he said.

The legal aspects of the energy business from the wellhead to the gasoline pump are many and touch just about every field of law practice. The impact of energy can be very local: try going without power for days in the aftermath of a hurricane. But it's also global: energy supply and demand for resources impact economies and geopolitics worldwide.

"One of the advantages of Tulane Law School is its global reach," said Ebner, a member of the Dean's Advisory Board. He hopes to help the law school continue building on that unique capability.

Ebner joined Exxon's law department in the New Orleans litigation office and over the years has taken on increased responsibility: defending oil and gas royalty and antitrust lawsuits; handling legal work related to the merger of Exxon and Mobil; coordinating commercial law issues for the company's chemical business; and overseeing the legal side of the rapidly expanding global liquefied natural gas business.

Now, he and his law team serve as the company's primary counsel advising on corporate law and compliance-related matters and processes.

"WHEN ENERGY INDUSTRY LEADERS, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS AND LAW AND BUSINESS FACULTY COLLABORATE ..., WHEN THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND SUBJECTS ARE CROSSED, GREAT THINGS HAPPEN."

—TULANE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT MIKE FITTS, JUDGE RENE H. HIMEL PROFESSOR OF LAW this week's summit, when the boundaries between schools and subjects are crossed, great things happen," said Tulane University President Mike Fitts, who is also the Judge Rene H. Himel Professor of Law. "We not only create stronger institutions that answer critics' demands that higher education demonstrate its relevance in a society yearning for solutions, we help create a new and better world."

When the U.S. State Department sought to create a better world in the strategically important Caspian Sea region, it also turned to Tulane. Seeking to bolster the rule of law in Azerbaijan, a key U.S. ally squeezed between Iran and Russia, the State Department asked Tulane Law School to advise the country's

leading law school on the creation of a new program in energy and maritime law.

For the past two years, Tulane law faculty have traveled to Azerbaijan each May to provide intensive short courses in energy, environmental and maritime law and to host the country's first-ever CLE programs. Supported by scholarships funded by the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan, two law faculty from Baku State University spent last year studying in Tulane's LLM program.

Nishat Rahimov, who immersed himself in Tulane's admiralty courses, will lead Baku State's new advanced-degree program in admiralty and energy law upon his return from New Orleans.

Zumrud Musaeva, a Baku State colleague who focused on energy and environmental law during her time at Tulane, said learning U.S. culture, history and method of legal education will enhance what she's able to share in the classroom.

"We can implement some deep and important information about maritime and energy law," she said. "We can combine our knowledge with Azerbaijan law and transmit our knowledge to students."

Tulane's outreach to the Caspian Sea region, initially supported through funding from the State Department and the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative, was extended in 2014 through support from Chevron and ExxonMobil.

For U.S. companies seeking to do business in developing regions of the world, it's critical to ensure that qualified lawyers and judges are available to protect the rule of law. For Tulane, it's another chance to share its unique expertise abroad and to deepen the international diversity of its community at home.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ENERGY LAW AT TULANE

A \$2-million gift in September to endow a new chair dedicated to energy law will position Tulane Law to seize a leadership position in the field in the years ahead. The generous gift came from Jim McCulloch (A&S '74, L '77) and his wife, Susan, of Houston, Texas. (Their daughter, Lauren, is a 2011 Tulane Law School graduate.)

Combined with other recent gifts to endow scholarships and faculty research relating to energy law, the McCullochs' gift leads off a campaign to raise additional

RIGHT: THE FLAME TOWERS HOTEL-OFFICE COMPLEX IN THE AZERBAIJAN CAPITAL OF BAKU SYMBOLIZES THE ANCIENT CITY'S TRANSFORMATION INTO A MODERN OIL AND GAS BOOM TOWN. IT WAS ALSO THE SITE OF TULANE LAW'S SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGING ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND MARITIME LAW.



NISHAT RAHIMOV AND ZUMRUD MUSAEVA WERE THE FIRST BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS TO PURSUE TULANE LLM DEGREES THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH AZERBAIJAN FOCUSED ON ENERGY LAW.



"ENERGY LAW WILL GROW ONLY MORE IMPORTANT IN THE YEARS TO COME, AND TULANE HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD."

-TULANE LAW SCHOOL DEAN DAVID MEYER

THE SCIENCE LESSON DURING STUDENTS' FIELD VISIT TO VALERO'S ST. CHARLES REFINERY INCLUDES A LOOK AT THE BYPRODUCTS OF TURNING CRUDE OIL INTO FUEL.

funds to create an endowed center in energy law on par with Tulane's world-leading Maritime Law Center and Eason-Weinmann Center in Comparative and International Law.

Tulane Law alumni already are shaping the future of energy law and policy, as industry leaders, environmental watchdogs and governmental policymakers.

"Energy law will grow only more important in the years to come, and Tulane has a unique opportunity to lead," Dean David Meyer said.

"We have a chance to bring faculty expertise to bear in solving society's most important challenges and to ensure that Tulane graduates continue to lead for generations to come."



FIELD VISIT REAPS RESULTS

"The tour of Valero's St. Charles Refinery was one of the highlights of my time as an LLM student at Tulane. In particular, the talk given by Valero's Deputy General Counsel [Rich Walsh] about his work in the communities surrounding the refineries transformed my thinking about what it means to be an energy lawyer. During my interview with Kelly, Hart & Pitre, a cutting-edge energy and environmental law firm in New Orleans, I was able to draw on my Valero experience to answer [partner] Loulan Pitre's most difficult question."

—D'Ann Penner, LLM student and Kelly, Hart & Pitre associate

VALERO TOUR

UP-CLOSE AT VALERO REFINERY COMPLEX, STUDENTS GAIN INSIGHT ON INDUSTRY LAWYERING

ENSURING REGULATORY COMPLIANCE is not only about knowing where to look up the relevant provisions in the Code of Federal Regulation. It also requires a deep understanding of the business operation of a regulated industry at the ground level.

That's part of what Tulane Law School students learn during full-day field visits to Valero Energy Corporation's St. Charles Refinery, one of the world's largest and most sophisticated plants of its kind, located 15 miles up the Mississippi River from New Orleans in Norco, Louisiana.

On Tulane students' trips during the fall and spring semesters, Valero attorneys and engineers provide up-close tours exploring the complexity of legal compliance in the energy industry. After a briefing on the refining process and instruction on plant safety, students are outfitted with Nomex fire-retardant suits, hard hats, safety glasses, ear plugs and breathing monitors, then walk through the refinery's maze of equipment to see components such as the coker, catalytic cracking unit, desalter water feed drum and 2,000-degree Claus furnace, where sulfur is removed from the hydrogen sulfide gas that the crude oil refining process produces.

"You have to understand the science before you can understand the law," said Valero Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel Rich Walsh, who was instrumental in forging



MARIA KALOUSI-TATUM (L '16) CALLED THE VALERO TOUR "INDISPENSABLE" FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO WORK IN ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION OR THE ENERGY INDUSTRY.

the educational partnership between Valero and Tulane.

Later, students hear from engineers and the company's in-house lawyers, who fly in from Valero's San Antonio head-quarters, and learn that ensuring compliance with the welter of environmental, safety, occupational and even homeland-security



ANDRE MARQUETTE,
ENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEERING
MANAGER AT VALERO'S
ST. CHARLES REFINERY,
EXPLAINS THE PLANT'S
SOPHISTICATED
MONITORING SYSTEM
TO TULANE LAW
STUDENTS.



Gillian Saltz, now a 3L student, worked during summer 2014 at Valero Energy Corporation's legal department in San Antonio

regulations that govern the plant requires an ongoing dialogue between the company's managers and lawyers and governmental regulators.

"I don't get asked an easy question ever," said Managing Counsel Elizabeth Bourbon.

Dean David Meyer, who sat in on the Valero field visits in March, said the experience gives students a lesson not

typically taught in law school.

"Students see that closely understanding a client's business operation and goals is as essential as understanding the law," Meyer said. "Both are required to be an effective lawyer."

The addition to the law school's expanding array of experiential learning opportunities already has proved beneficial.

Student Maria Kalousi-Tatum, who spent a day at the Valero facility during her 1L year, called the experience "indispensable for all students wishing to work for environmental regulatory agencies or the energy industry as a whole."

Kalousi-Tatum, who went on to intern for the New York City environmental protection department during the summer of 2014, said the visit changed some of her preconceived notions about the industry and helped her "understand that we're all part of the environment and ... we can all work together to improve it."

Mark Spansel (L '78), a partner at Adams & Reese in New Orleans who serves as Valero's outside counsel and spoke to students during the visit, said they can "get an upfront, close view of opportunities in the law in such a critical industry."

One Tulane student, Gillian Saltz, now a 3L from California, got a still-closer view: as a result of the new partnership, she landed a summer 2014 job working in Valero's legal department in San Antonio.

"It absolutely opened my eyes to the role lawyers play in the energy industry," Saltz said afterward. "They were involved in every aspect of the refining process, from transporting the crude to the refinery to delivering their product to the distributors and all the contracts, regulations and litigation in between. It truly is amazing to see the machine in action, and ... they made sure I was involved with any department I was interested in: environmental and regulation, litigation, employment and transactional."

"YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE SCI-ENCE BEFORE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE LAW." — VALERO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL RICH WALSH



TULANE STUDENTS SUCH AS RÁMON LANTIGUA (LLM '13) HAD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL INTERACTION WITH VALERO'S LEGAL TEAM, INCLUDING SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL RICH WALSH.

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TULANE PRESIDENT FITTS BRINGS INTER-DISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE TO LAW FACULTY

niversity President Michael Fitts, a visionary leader who champions interdisciplinary education, joined the law school faculty in the summer as he also took on duties as Tulane's top administrator.

Fitts, who was named the Judge Rene H. Himel Professor of Law, has long been recognized as one of the country's foremost legal scholars writing on administrative and constitutional law, especially matters relating to separation of powers. He spent 14 years as dean at the University of Pennsylvania Law School; before becoming dean, he taught for 15 years.

Fitts was chosen to succeed Scott Cowen as president by a committee that was co-chaired by Andy Wisdom (L '94) and included Darryl Berger (L '72), James Lapeyre (L '78), Sherry Leventhal (L '77) and Professor Martin Davies, director of the Maritime Law Center.

A graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School, Fitts has published more than two dozen articles, book chapters and reviews in the nation's leading law reviews. Much of his scholarship has examined the dynamics of governance in the American experience, drawing insights from political science, psychology, game theory, philosophy, economics and history in challenging conventional wisdom about legal institutions and governmental powers.

Earlier in the year, Fitts answered some questions from the Tulane Law Connection e-newsletter:

Q: How do you see Tulane Law School fitting into your vision for the university overall?

A: What's so special about the study of law is that it illuminates almost every significant issue, problem and perspective in our society. A great law school like Tulane



New Tulane University President Michael Fitts brings his interdisciplinary scholarship and long teaching experience to the law faculty as the Judge Rene H. Himel Professor of Law.

is, and should continue to be, involved in virtually all of the issues across the University. In many ways, that's been the strength of Tulane Law, and I look forward to that engagement going forward, ensuring that it continues to be a major force not only for the University, but also in legal education.

Q: What unique qualities can a law school dean bring to a university presidency that are different from presidents coming from other fields?

A: Again, it goes back to the fact that legal education intersects with almost every field in the University. A law school dean naturally brings that collaborative, cross-disciplinary approach to a presidency. In addition, legal education teaches you how to think through problems, organize issues and prioritize. These qualities are important to being a lawyer, a dean and a university president.

At the same time, it needs to be recognized that law deans have had to confront very significant financial and professional

pressures recently. Over the last five to 10 years, the legal profession has undergone significant changes, which have in turn tested every law school in the United States. Many of these same issues are and will be important to higher education more broadly, including undergraduate education. Those of us who have experienced this transformation in law and legal education are thinking through a lot of the same issues that everybody across the academy has been and will soon be addressing.

Q: What do you think lies ahead for legal education?

A: On the one hand, it's a time of rapid change. All of the changes that have been impacting other parts of American society and the economy are being felt in the profession and the legal academy, whether it's globalization, technological change, competition or economic restructuring. It makes it a very exciting time to be involved in the law, responding to these changes and making sure that we stay ahead of the curve.

AROUND THE ACADEMY

Professor Adeno Addis published "The Role of Human Dignity in a World of Plural Values and Ethical Commitments," 31 Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights 403 (2013), and has "Special Temporary Measures and the Norm of Equality" forthcoming in 2014 in the Netherlands Yearbook of International Law.

He also gave a faculty workshop on "The Idea of Human Dignity" at Emory University School of Law and presented a conference paper, "Troubled Waters: Dealing with Conflicts over Shared Rivers," at City University of Hong Kong.

Professor Adam Babich published "Twenty Questions (and Answers) About Environmental Law School Clinics," 22 Professional Lawyer, No. 1 (Dec. 2013). He also had several speaking appearances:

Panelist, "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Rural Environmental Injustice," Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, Aug. 2, 2014.

"Environmental Law Issues," Louisiana Judicial College Evidence & Procedure Seminar, New Orleans, Feb. 20, 2014.

Panelist, "Industrial Siting," University of Michigan Law School Environmental Law & Public Health Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Sept. 9, 2013.

"Cooperative Federalism in Environmental Law" (Brown Bag Seminar), Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C., July 11, 2013.



Professor Alan Childress published "A Primer on Standards of Review in Federal Civil Appeals," 293 Federal Rules Decisions 156 (West, January 2014),

and "2013 Cumulative Supplement to Federal Standards of Review" 4th ed. (Lexis Nexis, Dec. 2013). He also presented on a panel, "Rethinking the

Supreme Court & Federalism: Special Anniversary of Jesse Choper's 'Judicial Review and the National Political Process," at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 10, 2014.



Professor Martin Davies delivered several presentations: "The Legal Framework for Preventing and Suppressing Threats to Maritime

Security," at the 1st Annual OMARSEC (Qatar Maritime Security) conference in Doha, Qatar, Oct. 8, 2013.

"Incorporation of Charter Party Terms into Bills of Lading Held by Third Parties: Choice of Law Issues," 4th Annual Oslo-Southampton-Tulane Colloquium in Romsey, U.K., Oct. 4, 2013.

"Parallel Proceedings for Limitation of Liability and Insolvency," Comité Maritime International Symposium in Dublin, Ireland, Oct. 1, 2013.

Professor Claire Dickerson, the Sen. John B. Breaux Chair Emerita, was

elected a titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, the world's leading scholarly body in comparative law. Dickerson, who is known worldwide for her expertise on international business transactions, was the only titular member elected from the United States in 2014.

Professors Onnig Dombalagian and Adam Feibelman, associate dean for faculty research, hosted a roundtable of more than a dozen scholars from around the United States on March 28-29 to discuss works in progress relating to international financial regulation. The event was sponsored by Tulane's Murphy Institute as part of its Center for Public Policy Research program on responsible regulation.

Associate Professor James E. Duggan, director of the law library, was inducted into the American Association of Law Libraries Hall of Fame in July. Duggan, who was AALL president in 2008-09, has served six years on the executive board and has chaired several of the organization's committees and sections. He also is editor of Law Library Journal, the AALL's official journal.

THE JURISTS A Critical History

By James Gordley

Oxford University Press, 2013

"It is hard to underrate the achievement of the late scholastics. They synthesized two great intellectual traditions of the ancient world: Roman law, as interpreted by the medieval civilians, and Aristotelian



philosophy, as understood by Thomas Aquinas. They incorporated elements of the Christian tradition taken from canon law. They gave private law a doctrinal structure that it previously lacked and explained it by means of higher principles. Modern civil law has kept much of that structure, even though the philosophical principles of the late scholastics have fallen out of favor."

James Gordley holds a W.R. Irby Chair in Law at Tulane Law School.

FEDTKE SHARES INSIGHTS ON THE ARAB SPRING

ulane Law Professor Jörg Fedtke's work advising on human rights and constitution-building in some of the world's most volatile regions dominoed into continued requests to share his expertise on the Arab Spring.

Fedtke made several trips to Egypt in recent years as that nation's constitution was being rewritten. In January, he was part of a mission from the Atlanta-based Carter Center as Egyptian voters approved constitutional revisions through referendum. Fedtke was lead author for the center's analysis of the 2012 amendments, published in March.

He also traveled to Brussels to brief the European Parliament's Committee for Foreign Affairs on constitutional developments in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.

Fedtke has been critical of the newest Egyptian constitution, saying it's a retrenchment that "does not reflect the desire for change" that he witnessed from the 2011 revolution.

Tulane boasts one of the strongest programs in comparative and international law in the

United States. And this kind of hands-on international work enables Fedtke to enrich students' experience, giving them direct insight into the difficulties of drafting workable laws, understanding cultural distinctions, persuading obstinate leaders to negotiate and promoting the rule of law in troubled nations.

"This is comparative law in action," said Fedtke, the A.N. Yiannopoulos Professor in Comparative and International Law. He also co-directs Tulane's Eason Weinmann Center for International and Comparative Law and teaches the Berlin Summer School, which focuses on international negotiation and mediation.

"Media reports rarely convey what really happens behind closed doors," he said. "Faculty involvement in these developments provides our students a rare opportunity to look behind the scenes."

Fedtke, who was born in Tanzania to German parents, was educated in Zambia, the Philippines and Germany.

His expertise has been tapped frequently: He was an outside expert for the UN in drafting the Iraqi Constitution of 2005 and for



Professor Jörg Fedtke discusses the Egyptian Constitution at The American University in Cairo in November 2013.

several years has been a legal adviser for the German Foreign Office in Kirkuk, trying to get Kurdish, Arab and Turkmen factions to work together in the Provincial Council to improve basic government services such as housing, healthcare, waste management and schools. Fedtke also was asked to analyze human rights and decentralization provisions in drafts of the emerging constitutional settlement in Tunisia that was voted on in January.

Professor **Jörg Fedtke** published "The Changing Nature of U.S. (Common?) Tort Law" in *Festschrift Ulrich Magnus* (Sellier, Munich 2013) and "Country Report German Tort Law 2012" (with Florian Wagner-von Papp) in *European Tort Law 2012*, Helmut Koziol/Barbara Steiniger (eds.) (Springer, Vienna/New York, 2013).

He also took part on two panels: "Competitive versus Cooperative Federalism," at the Federalist Society National Lawyers Convention, Washington, D.C., Nov. 14, 2013, and Tahrir Dialogues panel discussion, "Writing a Constitution for Egypt: Comparative Insights from Kenya, Germany and South Africa," at The American University in Cairo, School of Public Affairs and Foreign Policy, Tahrir Square Campus, Nov. 11, 2013.

Sports Illustrated included Associate
Professor Gabe Feldman, aka

@SportsLawGuy, in its SITwitter100 for
the third straight year, recognizing him as
an essential source for information from
the sports world. Feldman, director of
Tulane's Sports Law program and the
university's associate provost for NCAA
compliance, contributes to the Sports Law
Blog and has written for Grantland and
The Huffington Post.

CityBusiness named Professor Joel Friedman, who specializes in labor and employment discrimination law, one of two educators among 50 "Leadership in Law" honorees for 2014. Friedman also made several presentations:

Mediation Simulation Presentation, Facultad Libre Derecho de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico, Feb. 7, 2014. "Overview of Employment Discrimination Law," Orientation Seminar for Newly Appointed U.S. District Judges, Washington, D.C., Feb. 23, 2014.

Course on American Civil Procedure as Distinguished University Visiting Professor, China University of Political Science & Law, April 21–May 8, 2014.

"Recent Developments in Employment Discrimination Law," Annual Conference of U.S. District Judges, Seattle, Washington, Aug. 25, 2014.

Professor **Stephen Griffin** blogged for *The Huffington Post* in November 2013 about the 40th anniversary of the War Powers Resolution and was co-editor of *Constitutional Theory: Arguments and Perspectives*, 4th ed. (Lexis, 2013).

Griffin, whose book *Long Wars and the Constitution* was published in 2013, also

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INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOLAR GUIGUO WANG JOINS TULANE FACULTY

uiguo Wang, a world-renowned scholar on international economic law and an entrepreneurial leader in legal education, joined the Tulane Law School faculty as Eason-Weinmann Chair in time for the fall semester.

With his broad experience, innovative ideas and extensive connections, Wang brings the ability to open new avenues for Tulane's growing influence in Asia, complementing the school's longtime strengths in Europe and Latin America.

While dean at City University of Hong Kong, he founded a center for judicial education that has had a major impact on China's judicial reform efforts. The program provides sophisticated professional training for judges from across mainland China, including sessions in Hong Kong and direct exposure to the U.S. legal system through visits to the Supreme Court, Justice Department and other institutions.

Discussions are underway about launching a similar initiative to bring Chinese judges to Tulane. The U.S. as well as China

would benefit, Wang said: "If the judicial system is improved, the business environment would be improved."

tinue his scholarship in international and comparative law and hopes to promote East-West cultural exchanges, attract more
Chinese students to Tulane and expand on joint-degree programs with top universities

in China and other Asian countries.

Wang said he expects to con-

Tulane has a dual-degree partnership, with China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, Fudan University in Shanghai and Dalian Maritime University and in 2013 started a four-week summer Institute of Chinese Law and Business Transactions.

"We are living in a highly globalized world. Individuals, enterprises, countries are very much interdependent," Wang said. "It is important for people to have a better understanding of each other."

He has published more than 20 books



New Tulane Professor Guiguo Wang was well-received at an August reception held during orientation for international law students.

and more than 100 chapters and articles, in English and Chinese. In 2012, he delivered Tulane's Eason-Weinmann Lecture.

Wang received a JSD from Yale Law School in 1984, the first person from mainland China since 1949 to do so. He was the first Chinese recipient of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research fellowship, through which he took part in seminars at the International Court of Justice and studied at The Hague Academy of International Law, the U.N. legal affairs office and the World Bank legal department. He also has been an arbitrator for more than 20 years and chairs the Hong Kong WTO Research Institute.

hosted experts on presidential war powers in October 2013 for a scholarly debate about the interplay of the executive and Congress in deciding to use U.S. military force: Law Professors Jack Balkin of Yale and Martin Lederman of Georgetown, and Politics Professors Mariah Zeisberg of the University of Michigan, William Howell from the University of Chicago and Keith Whittington of Princeton. Griffin also presented on *Long Wars* at Georgetown University Law Center in March.

Professor **Günther Handl** gave a presentation on "Flag State Responsibility for Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in Foreign EEZs" at the Third International Symposium of Laureates of the Elizabeth Haub Prizes in Murnau, Germany, Nov. 15, 2013. He presented on "Transboundary Risks of Harm from Peaceful Nuclear Activities: The Evolving International Regime" at the International Conference on Transboundary Pollution: Evolving Issues of International Law and Policy at the National University of Singapore, Feb. 28, 2014.

Professor Marjorie Kornhauser launched TaxJazzTM, The Tax Literacy ProjectTM, an education project aimed at providing Americans with accessible, non-partisan information so they can better take part in debating tax-related policies. In March, 10 Tulane Law students used the curriculum she developed (with input from Social Studies teacher Caroline Snyder) to instruct seniors at New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School.





Professor Glynn Lunney testified before a U.S. House subcommittee on proposed copyright changes in January.

Professor **Glynn Lunney**, an authority on intellectual property law, testified on pro-posed changes to copyright protection be-fore the U.S. House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual

Property and the Internet on Jan. 14. Lunney addressed whether Congress should give copyright owners the exclusive right to make their works available to the public.

Dean David Meyer, a nationally recognized scholar in family and constitutional law, spoke on "Family Values in the Age of Autonomy" when he gave the Bruce C. Hafen Annual Distinguished Lecture at Brigham Young University Law School on Jan. 16. CityBusiness named Meyer one of two educators among 50 "Leadership in Law" honorees for 2014.

Professor Vernon Palmer has two books in press: Mixed Legal Systems, East and West (with Mohamed Mattar and Anna

Koppel) (Ashgate Publishing, 2015) and The Recovery of Non-Pecuniary Loss in European Contract Law (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

He gave two public lectures in Paris in July: "Le Dommage Moral: L'Eveil Français au 19eme Siécle," to the General Assembly of La Société de Législation Comparée, and "The Integration of Islam into French Law and Society," at a colloquium at Paris-Dauphine University.



Associate Professor Sally Richardson received a mentor grant for junior faculty through the Tulane University Provost's Office that

enabled her to host Professor Carol M.

PROFESSOR FORCE HONORED AS A FORCE IN THE LAW

esignated a maritime law legend by the Seamen's Church Institute in 2001, Professor Robert Force also is highly regarded for his criminal law expertise. For his decades of service as an exemplary educator, the Louisiana Bar Foundation in April honored Force with its 2014 Distinguished Professor Award.

He joined Tulane Law Professors Emeriti Cynthia Ann Samuel (2007) and Thanassi Yiannopoulos (2001) as winners of the recognition.

Force, who joined the Tulane Law faculty in 1969, initially taught criminal law, criminal procedure and evidence. And he was a co-reporter for the Louisiana Code of Evidence. Because of that expertise, he was named special master to the U.S. District Court for a major case involving Orleans Parish prison conditions.

He later developed a specialty in admiralty and maritime law that's recognized worldwide. Force, who is the the Niels F. Johnsen Professor of Maritime Law, co-authored two

landmark texts, The Law of Seamen and The Law of Maritime Personal Injuries, both now in their fifth edition. He prepared a monograph on admiralty and maritime law for federal judges at the invitation of the Federal Judicial Center. And his international work includes helping to write the maritime codes for Panama and China.

He also became founding director of Tulane's Maritime Law Center, which he guided for almost three decades. Dean David Meyer said Force has helped to shape Louisiana law and "ensured the continued primacy of Louisiana in maritime law through his pioneering leadership of Tulane's world-leading admiralty program."

Phelps Dunbar partner Mike Butterworth (L'89) called Force "the go-to man" on maritime law and someone who attracted the best students from around the world to Tulane and nurtured them. Force and his



Professor Robert Force takes part in the questioning during the 2014 Tetley Lecture on Maritime Law in March.

wife, Ruth, a retired assistant U.S. Attorney, often opened their home to students over the holidays, Butterworth said.

Force's many fans in 2012 launched a fund to create the Robert Force Scholarship.

HOW TO DONATE

Contributions to the Robert Force Scholarship can be made at www.giving.tulane.edu/law. Please specify "Robert Force Scholarship." By email or phone: Contact Natalie Hooks at nkirsch@tulane.edu or 504-862-8837.

TETLOW TAKES DOMESTIC EXPERTISE ABROAD



Professor Tania Tetlow, wearing translation headphones, shares expertise on domestic violence law during a panel at the U.S.-China People-to-People Exchange in July.

ith her background as a federal prosecutor and current work as director of Tulane Law School's Domestic Violence Clinic, Associate Professor Tania Tetlow has increasingly been in demand as a commentator and trainer, internationally as well as nationally and locally.

In July, she took her expertise on legal issues surrounding domestic violence to Asia as part of a distinguished U.S. delegation to the U.S.-China People-to-People Exchange.

The exchange, launched in 2010 by then-Secretary of State

Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chinese State Councilor Liu Yandong, promotes discussion and collaboration on a variety of topics not typically covered in formal government summits. Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy Richard Stengel led the 2014 event, which was hosted in Beijing and included government and NGO representatives, business leaders, academics and media members.

Tetlow provided an overview of U.S. laws on domestic violence, from specific criminal prohibitions to the availability of divorce and civil protective orders. She offered lessons learned from the American experience about the need to narrow the discretion available to officials, such as police or prosecutors, who too often show hostility toward domestic violence survivors.

That followed on Tetlow's participation in a clinic for Iranian scholars in the fall of 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. She advised faculty from Shahid Beheshti University on the U.S. model of clinical legal education and legal tools for combating violence against women.

That training was sponsored by The Protection Project, a human rights research institute based at the Foreign Policy Institute at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. The Protection Project's executive director is Tulane Law School alumnus Mohamed Mattar (LLM '83, SJD '86).

Tetlow also has provided training in Nanjing, China, and Kigali, Rwanda. She said the international dimension, an outgrowth of Tulane's distinctive global engagement, adds a comparative law perspective that helps enrich students' experience.

"The constant focus of Tulane outwardly to the rest of the world informs all of our teaching in the classroom," she said.

Rose, the Gordon Bradford Tweedy Professor Emeritus of Law and Organization at Yale Law School and the Lohse Chair in Water and Natural Resources at the University of Arizona Law School, in November 2013.

Richardson also gave several presentations:

"A Comparative Analysis of Protections Against Waste," the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, August 2014; the Association of Law, Property, and Society, University of British Columbia Faculty of Law, May 2014; and the American Society of Comparative Law, Younger Comparativists Conference, Lewis & Clark Law School, April 2014.

"Introduction of E-Evidence in Family Law Cases," Louisiana District Attorneys Association Annual Conference, May 2014.

"Property Law Issues Facing the 2014 Louisiana Legislature," New Orleans Bar Association, Real Property Committee, March 2014.

In November 2013, Associate Professor **Stacy Seicshnaydre** wrote for the National Constitution Center's *Constitution Daily Blog* about the future of disparate impact as a theory for challenging alleged housing discrimination. The U.S.

Supreme Court was poised to address the issue, but the case settled shortly before oral argument.

Seicshnaydre's article "Is Disparate Impact Having Any Impact? An Appellate Analysis of Forty Years of Disparate Impact Claims Under the Fair Housing Act," posted online before the argument, was cited in amicus briefs by the American Planning Association, National Community Land Trust Network, National Fair Housing Alliance and the governments of San Francisco, Atlanta, Flint, New Haven, Philadelphia, Toledo and King County. The article later was published in Volume 63 of the *American University Law Review*.

DOWNSTREAM TOWARD HOME A Book of Rivers

By Oliver A. Houck LSU Press, 2014

"I poked around little creeks as soon as I knew they existed, and when others in college were in the library I was tying into an eight-oared shell and shoving off under an evening sky. Lisa and I spent many early weekends hauling an old canoe on top of our VW Beetle to one river or another, each with its own surprises, and it was yet another river, a very large one,



that brought me to Louisiana and changed everything about us from then on.

"This is a book about rivers and a life spent enjoying and defending them, sometimes more successfully than others but always with the conviction that they were worth it."

Oliver A. Houck is a professor at Tulane Law School specializing in environmental, natural resources and criminal law.

Seicshnaydre also gave several related presentations:

"Disparate Impact Past, Present and Future: From Griggs to Mount Holly," at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund Airlie Conference, Warren, Virginia, Oct. 11, 2013.

Panel presenter on "Segregation, Gentrification and Housing" at the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, Fit for a King Summit, New Orleans, Jan. 15, 2014.

Webinar speaker on "Developments in Fair Housing: Mount Holly and Disparate Impact," sponsored by the Legal Education and Uniform Laws group of the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, Jan. 15, 2014.

Professor **Edward Sherman**'s activities included:

"The Evolution of Asbestos Litigation," 88 *Tulane Law Review* 1021 (2014).

"'No injury' plaintiffs and standing," 82 George Washington Law Review 834 (2014).

"Suing Wrong or Unidentified Defendants: Remaining Questions as to 'Relation Back' of Amendments after the Supreme Court's *Krupski* Decision," for the Northeastern University Law School Symposium on Civil Procedure, April 10–12, 2014.

"Binding the Future: Global Settlement and the Death of Representative Litigation," a paper for the Thrower Symposium at Emory University School of Law, Feb. 6, 2014.

"Compensating Victims of Mass Disasters Through the Court System: Procedural Challenges and Innovations," 1 *Russian Law Journal* 66 (2013), the first issue of a new publication in English and Russian.

Professor **Keith Werhan** published the second edition of *Principles of Administrative Law,* (Thomson/Reuters, West Academic Publishing) in 2014; "Regulatory Federalism, Shaken Not Stirred," 29 *Journal of Law & Politics* 151-87 (2013) (University of Virginia School of Law); and "Popular Constitutionalism, Ancient and Modern," 46 *University of California, Davis Law Review* 65-131 (2012).

Senior Research Fellow Mark Davis, director of the Institute on Water Resources Law & Policy, appeared in the documentary film *MRGO-ing, GOING GONE?* released in October 2013 tracing decades of efforts to close the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet. In November 2013, Davis received a Professional Scholarship Award from the American Agricultural Law Association for an article he co-authored, "Escaping the Sporhase Maze: Protecting State Waters within the Commerce Clause," 73 *Louisiana Law Review* 175-218 (2012).

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Emeritus **Harvey C. Couch**, who taught at Tulane Law School for 45 years, died Nov. 7, 2013. He was 77.

When he retired in 2012, Couch was the Robert A. Ainsworth Professor of Courts & the Federal System. He joined the Tulane Law faculty in 1967 after teaching at the University of Michigan Law School.

An Arkansas native, he clerked for Judge Harry Phillips on the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals then practiced law in Little Rock.

At Tulane, Couch taught conflict of

laws, domestic relations and torts. He served as associate dean in 1980–84 and acting dean in 1985–86 and was



faculty adviser to the *Tulane Law*Review in 1976–80. He also wrote "A

History of the Fifth Circuit 1891–1981."

Many former students remembered him fondly. Writing on LinkedIn, Christopher Norman (L '10) called Couch "one of the best professors I ever had the privilege to learn from."

TULANE SHARES EXPERTISE TO TACKLE GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION ABROAD



ood-government advocates in developing countries across the globe have looked to Tulane Law School for expertise and assistance to tackle public corruption.

In January, a delegation of Tulane experts on public integrity, led by Assistant Dean Jim Letten (L '79) and Professor David Marcello (L '71), executive director of the Tulane Public Law Center, hosted a high-profile conference in the Dominican Republic on corruption and government transparency. They were joined by Professor Katherine Mattes, director of the Tulane Criminal Litigation Clinic, and Idella Wilson (L '88), assistant director of the Public Law Center.

That came not long after Marcello and Wilson spent a week in the Nigerian capital of Abuja, in November 2013, conducting workshops on promoting better government through the drafting of clear laws and making the process open to public scrutiny.

The Tulane contigent brought deep and direct knowledge to the task: Letten, the U.S. Attorney in New Orleans for a dozen years, handled a series of public corruption prosecutions in Louisiana, including serving as lead trial counsel in the case against former Gov. Edwin Edwards. And the Public Law Center has spearheaded numerous initiatives promoting government accountability during more than 25 years of existence. Marcello, who also leads Tulane's Legislative Advocacy Clinic, has advised mayors and numerous other officials.

The Dominican and Nigeria share a need for cleaner government to allow their economies to flourish, and the two events developed because of Tulane's influential programs with international reach.

The Dominican conference was initiated by attorney Rámon A.

Lantigua, who earned an LLM in 2013. The goal was to focus attention on effective legal responses to public corruption and to promote the relationship between Tulane and the region.

The conference was followed by meetings with high-ranking Dominican judges, lawyers and public officials to discuss partnerships, such as internship opportunities for students, that are expected to strengthen Tulane's significant Latin American presence.

Lantigua said the conversations produced "incredible synergy

Tulane Law School Assistant Dean Jim Letten (along with Professors Katherine Mattes and David Marcello) greets Dominican Supreme Court Justice Esther Agelan Casanovas.

between the participants."

The training in Nigeria was championed by Professor Okechukwu Oko, director of Legislative Support Services for Nigeria's National Institute for Legislative Studies. He had attended the June 2013 International Legislative Drafting Institute conducted by the Public Law Center at Tulane. Nigerian National Assembly Speaker Aminu Tambuwal also attended the drafting institute, in 2004, and said that experience continues to influence him.

The sessions in Abuja covered ethics codes, sunshine laws and other aspects of transparency that can help improve government openness and stability.



While conducting training sessions in Nigeria, The Tulane Public Law Center's David Marcello (L '71) and Idella Wilson (L '88) met with Speaker of the National Assembly Aminu Tambuwal, who had attended the TPLC's 2004 International Legislative Drafting Institute in New Orleans.

GRADUATION 2014: EXTENDING LEGACIES, FORGING NEW PATHS

he families, friends and graduates who packed Devlin Fieldhouse on May 17 for Tulane Law School's 2014 diploma ceremony celebrated the past as well as the future — including three generations of graduates sharing the same name.

"Conventional wisdom isn't always right, so make your own way," former U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston (L '68) told graduates. He advised them to meet the next phase of their lives with confidence, seizing opportunity, taking calculated risks and remembering to help others.

The law school conferred 268 degrees: 227 JDs, 27 LLMs, two SJDs and 12 graduate degrees through the Payson Center for International Development.

The Saloom family of Lafayette might have qualified as the largest single contingent of alumni attending the ceremony.

Judge Kaliste Joseph Saloom Jr. (L '42), who turned 96 on May 15, sat with his son Kaliste III (a 1984 alumnus known as Kal) and other relatives to watch Kaliste IV (who goes by Joseph) receive his diploma. Joseph's son, Kaliste V, even made an appearance at 10 days old with mom Bridget.

"I'm glad to start our own wing of the relatives," said Judge Saloom, a World War II veteran who served 40 years as a City Court Judge in Lafayette. His wife, Yvonne, graduated from Newcomb College in 1957. Kal Saloom works as in-house counsel for an offshore survey company headquartered in Lafayette.

Two other sons also have Tulane degrees: Lafayette City Judge Douglas Saloom (L '85) and Gregory Saloom (L '89), a Judge Advocate General and Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. Their



Dean David Meyer greets former U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston (L'68) before he addresses the graduates.

Class of 2014 President Tommy Walker offeres his classmates a farewell. In July, he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps.

sister, Leanne Saloom Howell, is a staff attorney for U.S. District Court in New Orleans and an adjunct faculty member with the Tulane School of Continuing Studies.

Livingston, a U.S. Navy veteran who also earned his undergraduate degree from Tulane, worked as a local, state and federal prosecutor in Louisiana then in 1977 became the first Republican to represent New Orleans in Congress since Reconstruction. He won re-election 11 times and formed the Livingston Group, one of the most respected, bipartisan government-relations firms in Washington, after leaving Congress in 1999.



Kara Kinser McQueen-Borden's daughters help her celebrate.



LINDA P. CAME

HALL OF FAME HONOREES INFLUENCED LEGAL PRACTICE, ACADEMIA AND COURTS

ulane Law School honored seven new Hall of Fame inductees
April 25, including a renowned maritime law authority, a transformative dean and a pioneering professor. The event also celebrated Hale Boggs, a member of the inaugural Hall of Fame class whose award was accepted this year by his daughter, veteran journalist Cokie Roberts.

Boggs (A&S '35, L '37) helped form the People's League, a grassroots organization dedicated to cleaning up state politics, along with fellow 2013 Hall of Fame inductee Marian Mayer Berkett. Later elected to 13 terms in Congress, he became U.S. House Majority Leader in 1971.

An endowed gift from Lake Charles lawyer Mike Veron (A&S '72, L '74) and his wife, Melinda, made the Hall of Fame possible.

The 2014 honorees made their marks in legal practice, academia and the courts.



Journalist Cokie Roberts chats with 2013 Hall of Fame member Max Nathan (right) and 2014 inductee Paul Verkuil (center) after the ceremony.

LIVING HONOREES

Robert Acomb Jr. (BBA'51,LLB'53), a retired Jones Walker partner, is a leading national authority on maritime law

and litigation and has taught for decades as a Tulane Law School adjunct professor. He has chaired the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute, is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board and has served on the Board of Tulane.

Cynthia Ann Samuel

(L '72), the first woman on Tulane Law School's tenuretrack faculty, helped make Louisiana property law more equitable through her service on committees advising the

Robert Acomb Jr. (BBA '51, LLB '53), a maritime law authority and former adjunct professor, is recognized as a 2014 Hall of Fame inductee. state Legislature and governor. She held the John E. Koerner Professorship and the W.R. Irby Chair in Law and served as associate dean for academic affairs in 1984–87.

Paul Verkuil, a renowned administrative law scholar, served as law dean from 1978 to 1985, helping raise Tulane Law School's national profile and powerfully energizing its research mission. He has established a new endowment to support faculty scholarship (See more on page 36.). In 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Verkuil to chair the Administrative Conference of the United States, a public-private partnership whose members devise consensus-driven recommendations to improve government operations.

POSTHUMOUS HONOREES

Charles Erasmus Fenner (L 1855), one of the law school's earliest graduates, served in the Louisiana Legislature and on the Louisiana Supreme Court. He was





Dean David Meyer congratulates the family of honoree John McCollam (L '59), son Douglas (L '91) and wife Julie (NC '56, G '98).

president of the Board of Tulane and in 1894 helped lay the cornerstone for Gibson Hall and Tulane's Uptown campus.

Mitchell Franklin, who taught at Tulane for 37 years, became a law school legend for his scholarship and his demanding yet colorful teaching style. He was instrumental in reviving interest in Louisiana civil law during his era and helped to found the Institute of Comparative Law (now the Eason Weinmann Center for International and Comparative Law).

John M. McCollam (L '59), a preeminent oil and gas lawyer, also taught at Tulane from 1963 to 1987 and mentored many young lawyers. He practiced for a decade at the Milling firm, then helped found Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan in New Orleans in 1970, litigating oil and gas disputes and serving as an arbitrator and mediator.

Dorothy Dowling Wolbrette (NC '42, LLB '45), who graduated first in her class and served as *Tulane Law Review* editor in chief, initially practiced with Duke & Porterie then worked as a Louisiana assistant attorney general, arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1968. From 1976 to 1988, she was an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration, retiring as chief judge.



Professor Emerita Cynthia Ann Samuel (L'72), a 2014 Hall of Fame honoree, speaks about her experience as a faculty member.



Hall of Fame 2013 inductee John Giffen Weinmann (A&S '50, L '52) shares a laugh with 2014 honoree Paul Verkuil, former Tulane Law School dean, during the April 25 luncheon.



U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby (L '87) (center) emphasizes a point, while Pioneering Women panelists Lynn Luker (L '81, LLM '85, LLM '92), Terry O'Neill (L '80), Cynthia Shoss (L '74) and Marlene Trestman listen.

TULANE WOMEN BUILD LONG AND PATH-BREAKING LEGACY

ulane's outsized influence in bringing women into the legal profession — long before many other law schools had seen the light — shone especially bright in the spring when the New Orleans Bar Association honored the first 100 female lawyers in the city. More than 40 of the honorees graduated from Tulane, starting with Bettie Runnels, in 1898.

Barrier breaking by Tulane Law graduates has produced generations of exemplary women working as top litigators, federal judges, financial fraud prosecutors, law firm managers, elected representatives, key government staffers, defense lawyers, successful entrepreneurs, community leaders and advocates for the voiceless.

The law school celebrated that legacy in October 2013 with a powerhouse panel featuring pioneering women whose careers collectively spanned 80 years — and a broad spectrum of experience.

For instance, Margot Mazeau (L '58), worked as a lawyer for the U.S. Arms
Control and Disarmament Agency in Geneva,
Switzerland; Terry O'Neill (L '80) turned
from handling corporate securities to teaching
to leading the National Organization for
Women; and U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen
Wells Roby (L '87) defended General Motors
in automotive products liability cases before
taking the bench.

And the panelists shared with current students the kind of advice that sustained them. "Keep going, and if a door closes, you have to find another one," Mazeau said. "You have to keep navigating until you find your place."

Cynthia Shoss (L '74), who leads the insurance practice at Sutherland Asbill & Brennan in New York, told students, "Be willing to take risks. Don't be daunted by failure. Be the CEO of your career from Day 1."

Tulane Law women have been taking professional risks and finding their niche from the beginning. For instance, respected New Orleans civil rights attorney Florence Loeber (L 1904) openly challenged inequities such as disparities in property rights for married and single women, according to a recent history written by 2013 Tulane University graduate Nicole Pelletier.

Bessie Margolin (L '30) did some of the most influential legal work of her era: defending the legality of the Tennessee Valley Authority, drafting rules that governed the Nuremberg war crimes trials after World War II and helping to implement the Fair Labor Standards Act. During more than 30 years as a U.S. Labor Department lawyer, Margolin argued 24 times in 27 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and prevailed 21 times, said her biographer, Marlene Trestman.

The current grande dame of New Orleans' female lawyers, Marian Mayer Berkett (L '37) practiced for 75 years. Berkett, now 101, fought government corruption as a law student, then became the first woman hired by a city law firm and remained a tough adversary.

U.S. District Judge Nannette Jolivette Brown (L '88, LLM '98), a former New



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Orleans city attorney who became Louisiana's first female African-American federal district judge in 2011, might have summed up the experience of many pioneering women with this perspective: "Everything that I thought was an obstacle, ... looking back I see really was a stepping stone," she said.



Miss Edna Louise Lougue and Mrs. Helen McGloin Wood graduated from Tulane Law in 1906.

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JUDGE EDMUND M. REGGIE SCHOLARSHIP HONORS "LARGERTHAN-LIFE" LEADER

law and politics reached far beyond his 25 years as city judge in Crowley, Louisiana: he counseled presidents, governors and senators, local and state officials, and candidates for public office.

By not following a directive from Louisiana's party leader (Gov. Earl Long) at the 1956 Democratic National Convention, Reggie helped catapult then-Sen. John F. Kennedy to widespread attention that was instrumental in his winning the presidency in 1960.

The son of Lebanese immigrants, Reggie (L '49) earned a scholarship to Tulane Law School but also taught undergraduate speech classes to help pay expenses. He died in November 2013 at age 87.

To honor his legacy and his devotion to his alma mater, the Judge Edmund M. Reggie Scholarship Endowed Fund has been established by his family, including Reggie's wife of 62 years, Doris, and Tulane alumnae daughters Victoria Reggie Kennedy (NC '76, L '79) and Alicia Reggie Freysinger (NC '80, G '82, L '85) and her husband, David Freysinger.

"Tulane Law School was important to my husband all of his life," Doris Reggie said. "His hero and mentor, Judge Denis Canan, was a Tulane Law graduate, and I feel sure that's why Edmund was inspired to attend Tulane."

Judge Reggie served on the Board of Tulane in 1983–92, and the law school recognized him as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1984.

His love of Tulane was infectious, Freysinger said: His six children attended Tulane, and three graduated from the law school, as did one of Reggie's nephews. In May, granddaughter Mary Doris Reggie received her JD/MBA. Son Gregory Reggie (L '82) is an attorney in Crowley.

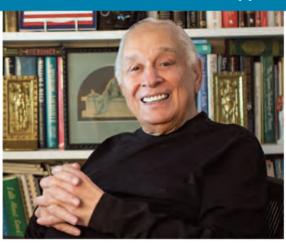
"A scholarship afforded Dad the opportunity to go to Tulane Law School, for which he was always grateful," said Freysinger, an attorney in Houston. "We hope the Judge Edmund M. Reggie Scholarship will help another student. Dad would have loved it, and knowing that makes us all happy."

Judge Reggie was not long out of law school when Canan (L '08) died, and the 24-year-old was appointed to the seat in 1950. Reggie promptly, courageously desegregated his courtroom, inviting African Americans sitting at the back to move to open seats in the front — five years before Rosa Parks spurred civil rights transformations by refusing to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama.

His sense of justice "led my father to take many other brave stances throughout his life," Victoria Kennedy said during a memorial service in July.

"My father was a man of great character, with high ideals and determination," she said.

Reggie directed the 1960 Kennedy presidential campaign in Louisiana. In 1961, President Kennedy appointed him to a diplomatic mission to the Middle East that included Lebanon. The Reggie and Kennedy families have remained



Judge Edmund M. Reggie (L '49)



COURTESY OF THE REGGIE FAMILY

Yvonne Reggie (later Yvonne Reggie LaHood) administers the Oath of Office to her brother, Edmund M. Reggie, after his first election, following his 1950 appointment as Crowley City Judge.

friends: The Reggies' daughter Victoria married U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy in 1992 (he died in 2009).

Reggie served as Louisiana's Commissioner of Public Welfare and later chaired the statewide reorganization that consolidated 350 agencies into 20 in the 1970s. He also managed successful campaigns for Govs. John McKeithen in the 1960s and Edwin Edwards in the 1980s and was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2004.

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VERKUIL GIVES FACULTY RESEARCH ANOTHER BOOST

s dean from 1978 to 1985, Paul Verkuil bolstered Tulane Law School's national reputation by emphasizing its strengths in comparative and civil law while supporting its graduates on the national stage. Tulane had two U.S. Supreme Court Clerks — William Dzurilla (L '81) and Gail Agrawal (L '83) — during his tenure.

Verkuil, a renowned authority on administrative law, also greatly energized faculty scholarship. He's continuing to underscore its essential role with the Paul R. Verkuil Faculty Research Fund, which he established with his wife, Judith Rodin, president of the Rockefeller Foundation and a former University of Pennsylvania president. Verkuil announced the fund during his induction into the law school's Hall of Fame on April 25.

The Rockefeller Foundation and the Samuel Freeman Charitable Trust also have contributed generously to the fund.

"Scholarly research is the lifeblood of any great law school, both because of its originality, which can affect legal practitioners and scholars alike, and its ability to stimulate the teaching role and enlighten the classroom,"
Verkuil said.

Dean David Meyer thanked Verkuil and Rodin for their generosity and vision: "There really couldn't be a more fitting gift coming from Paul, who did so much to advance Tulane's

research mission during his years as dean."

Verkuil has served as president of the College of William & Mary and dean of Cardozo Law School. He currently chairs the Administrative Conference of the



Former Dean Paul Verkuil and his wife, Judith Rodin, join Dean David Meyer after announcing the Paul R. Verkuil Faculty Research Fund at the Tulane Law School Hall of Fame luncheon on April 25.

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Professor Saru Matambanadzo has been named Tulane Law School's first Gordon Gamm Faculty Scholar.

GAMM SCHOLAR FOCUSES ON WORKPLACE EQUITY

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Matambanadzo, Tulane Law
School's first Gordon Gamm
Faculty Scholar, is using the award to
further her interdisciplinary work, which
includes studying workplace equity.

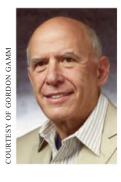
With support as the Gamm Scholar, Matambanadzo is organizing a forum of leading scholars from across the country to examine the development of antidiscrimination measures that are based on employment contracts and workplace policies, going beyond statutes and basic constitutional guarantees.

It's the kind of project that the gift from retired trial lawyer Gordon Gamm (L '70) and his wife, Grace, is furthering by providing resources for early-career Tulane professors.

"I am deeply grateful to Gordon and Grace for making this critical support available for scholarly engagement," Dean David Meyer said. He said Matambanadzo's work "is creative and interdisciplinary and offers real payoff in conceiving new avenues for understanding and combatting discrimination."

Gamm, who comes from a family of Tulane lawyers, practiced in Kansas City, Missouri, and Boulder, Colorado. He developed a unique legal perspective through his study of comparative law at Tulane and has represented all of the world humanist organizations, including before the U.S. Supreme Court. Gamm established the Bragg Symposium on Humanism in Kansas City and the Boulder International Humanist Institute, which have promoted discussion of ideas across a range of fields, including journalism, anthropology, evolutionary biology, economics, religious criticism and law.

Matambanadzo, who joined the Tulane faculty in 2010, graduated from Harvard Law School and holds a Ph.D. from UCLA in Women's Studies. She has written about legal personhood and sex discrimination and is researching a study of pregnancy discrimination law. In partnership with the Newcomb College Institute, she completed the first phase of a project studying the gender gap in the leadership of publicly traded Louisiana companies.



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Inaugural Fuller Associate Professor of Tax Law Shu-Yi Oei (with plaque) was honored at an April 10 event attended by donor Bernie Pistillo (L'81), retired Professor Hoffman Fuller (L'56), namesake of the position, and Dean David Meyer.

FIRST FULLER PROFESSOR ANIMATES TAX LAW

hen Tulane Law School
Associate Professor Shu-Yi
Oei talks about tax law, she
conveys why, as she puts it, "there has
never been a more exciting time to be a
tax scholar."

In accepting the inaugural Hoffman F. Fuller Associate Professorship of Tax Law at an April 10 ceremony, Oei explained how the issues reverberate across modern life: Implementation of health care law revisions. The future of Social Security. IRS enforcement decisions. Effective taxation of multinational corporations. Taxation of families.

"Remember, U.S. v. Windsor was a tax case," Oei said, referring to the Supreme Court ruling that struck down a law denying federal benefits to married same-sex couples.

The new professorship is named for Hoffman Fuller (L '56), who led Tulane Law's tax program for almost 50 years and chaired the Tulane Tax Institute for half a century.

The position is funded by three gifts: from tax lawyer Bernie Pistillo (L '81), a partner at Morrison & Foerster in San

Francisco; the estate of Harold Judell (L '50), an FBI agent-turned-lawyer whose municipal bond work included projects such as the Mercedez-Benz Superdome, Lake Ponchartrain Causeway, Crescent City Connection and Tulane Medical Center; and an anonymous donor.

Pistillo, whose international tax practice has taken him from New York to London to San Francisco, said lessons he learned from Fuller remain relevant: "What he was teaching us was a way of thinking — critical analysis, problemsolving — which has served me in good stead."

Oei, who holds law and theology degrees from Harvard, joined the Tulane faculty in 2009. With Professor Steve Sheffrin, director of Tulane's Murphy Institute and a member of the law school's affiliated faculty, she founded the Tulane Tax Roundtable, an annual gathering of leading scholars.

"Tulane is the perfect place to do interesting and cutting-edge scholarship,"
Oei said. "The culture of this place has made it OK for young scholars like me to take risks."

PANAMA SCHOLARSHIP MULTIPLIES REACH

received his Tulane LLM in
Law and Development in May,
the first recipient of a Tulane Alumni
Association of Panama Scholarship
Award landed a job as executive assistant
to Panama's new Vice President and
Minister of Foreign Affairs Isabel de
Saint Malo de Alvarado.

Wood's quick rise to such a prominent position in the newly installed administration demonstrated the impact of the alumni scholarship. Funded by members of the university's large and thriving alumni base in Panama, the scholarship covers all Tulane Law School costs and provides a stipend for living expenses.

Tulane's Panama connection, particularly through the Maritime Law program and Payson Center for International Development, is among the most successful in the law school's broad international network. Tulane Law School boasts more than 150 living Panamanian alumni, including Cabinet ministers, Supreme Court justices, diplomats and many of the country's top lawyers.

A large contingent gathered in July at the Morgan & Morgan law firm's MMG Tower, one of Panama's first green and eco-friendly buildings. Dean David Meyer, who made his fourth trip to Panama for the event, praised the dedication of Tulane's Panamanian alumni.

"Donors rarely get to see such an immediate return on investment," he said. "Hugo came to Tulane Law one year ago to study best practices in international development and within two months of graduation is helping to steer Panama's spectacular growth."

For 2014–15, alumni have committed to raise funds for two full scholarships. The recipients are LLM students Cristina de Roux, who worked as a legal assistant



at Morgan & Morgan, and Claudia Juárez Barahona, who was a legal intern at Galindo, Arias & López.

Joaquín Alberto de Obarrio Sosa, a paralegal at Arias, Aleman & Mora (ARAMO), also is pursuing a Tulane LLM this year.

"Tulane has always had a special relationship with Panama, but it has never been stronger," Meyer said.

Hugo Wood (LLM '14), the first recipient of the Tulane Alumni Association of Panama Scholarship Award, joins his new boss, Panamanian Vice President and Minister of Foreign Affairs Isabel de Saint Malo de Alvarado.



Panamanian LLM students Cristina de Roux, Claudia Juárez and Joaquín Alberto de Obarrio meet with Dean David Meyer at an August orientation reception.

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ROOKS SCHOLARSHIP IS ENHANCED BY \$2 MILLION BEQUEST

Timmy Taylor Rooks' legacy to Tulane Law School students started with an apartment complex.

Now, his longtime partner has ensured that it can provide even more scholarships for students who otherwise couldn't afford Tulane.

Rooks (L '58), a Baton Rouge attorney, left the school a partial interest in the apartment complex when he died in 2006. Former LSU political science Professor E. Ramon Arango, Rooks' partner, later purchased the university's share, making possible the Jimmy Taylor Rooks Scholarship Endowed Fund. Arango recently documented his intention to provide a \$2 million bequest to expand the fund.

"I felt it was important to give others the chance at the kind of education he got," Arango said.

Rooks attended Tulane Law School on scholarship and was a member of the *Tulane Law Review* and Order of the Coif. He later served on the board of directors of the Shakespeare Festival at Tulane, was president of the Baton Rouge Gallery and the LSU Chamber Music Society and assisted with the Louisiana State Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. He also was a trustee of the Allison R. Kolb Foundation, which his law partner set up in 1965 to help college students.

Financial assistance provided through the law school's donors and supporters helps guarantee that Tulane can recruit and retain a diverse group of the best and brightest students from around the world.

New Orleans native Bradley Schwab (L '13), now an associate at Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, said that receiving a Rooks Scholarship influenced his decision to attend Tulane. He served on the *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*'s senior editorial board, was a research assistant and worked as a judicial extern at the Louisiana Supreme Court.

"I am grateful to Dr. Arango, and, as a scholarship recipient, I definitely plan to pay it forward," Schwab said.



E. Ramon Arango (right) of Baton Rouge has documented his intention to leave a bequest to the Tulane Law School scholarship fund named for his late partner, Jimmy Taylor Rooks (L '58).

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CLASS NOTES

1952

Senior U.S. District Judge Peter Beer was the lead named plaintiff in Beer v. United States, a suit that helped secure pay raises that federal judges said Congress had wrongly denied them. The dispute, raising questions involving the Compensation Clause and judicial independence, revolved around the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, which limited judges' ability to earn outside income, such as through speaking fees, but guaranteed them certain cost-ofliving adjustments. When the litigation ended in late 2013, it meant federal judges at all levels were due salary increases of about \$25,000. Beer, a former New Orleans City Council member and Louisiana Supreme Court justice, was nominated to the federal bench by President Jimmy Carter in 1979.

1974



Cynthia Shoss, a Sutherland Asbill & Brennan partner in New York, received the Buist M. Anderson Distinguished

Service Award from the Association of Life Insurance Counsel in May. She is the first woman to receive the award, given by the premier association for life insurance counsel. Shoss, who co-leads Sutherland's insurance practice, is a nationally recognized adviser on insurance regulatory matters and serves as a faculty member in Tulane Law School's annual lawyering skills boot camp.

1978

Adams and Reese partner **Mark Spansel** was named to the Board of



Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Spansel is a trial lawyer practicing in the areas of environmental and toxic tort litigation, energy and maritime litigation, commercial litigation and complex litigation.

1980

The Health Law Firm, whose president is **George F. Indest III**, was certified by Orange County, Florida, as a Service-Disabled Veteran Business, giving the firm



preferred status when submitting bids for contracts. Indest is a former naval aviator who served as a Navy JAG Corps officer.

1981

The Louisiana Supreme Court appointed Lynn Luker (L '81, LLM '85, LLM '92), co-director of Tulane Law School's Trial Advocacy program, as a judge *pro tempore* in the Orleans Parish Civil District Court for a term running from July 1 through December 2014. In June, Luker received the 2014 Human Rights Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association for her many contributions to ensuring "the full and equal opportunity of all persons for entry and advancement" in the profession.

1982

In June, **Barry H. Grodsky**, a partner in the New Orleans firm Taggart Morton, received the Distinguished Service to the Profession Award for his years of service as chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Committee on the Profession. He is the 2013–15 LSBA secretary and editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. He also is a member of the Bar Governance Committee, serves on the LSBA Fee Arbitration Panel and is an adjunct instructor at Tulane Law School.

1983

Patricia Krebs, a member of King Krebs & Jurgens in New Orleans, received the Texas A&M University – Commerce Distinguished Alumni Award for 2014.

Doug Stone joined the real estate, development and construction team as a partner at Husch Blackwell in Kansas City, Missouri.

1984

Alan Brackett received the Distinguished Service Chapter Citation from Delta Tau Delta fraternity in July. Brackett, a founding member of Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett, has served in a variety of roles for the Beta Xi Chapter and was Delta Tau Delta's 50th president in 2010–12.



Ellen Cogswell Land (L '02) and Christopher Land (L '02) married in 2012.

Christopher Land (L '02) started as vice president of legal affairs and general counsel for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, in March. The institute, established in 1930, is a private, independent organization on Cape Cod dedicated to marine research, engineering and higher education. Land had been a senior attorney at Goodwin Procter in Boston, where his clients included WHOI.

He and Ellen Cogswell Land (L '02) were married in December 2012 after reconnecting at their Tulane Law School 10-year reunion. They maintain residences on Cape Cod and in New Orleans.



Daniel S. "Dan" Foley (LLM), co-owner of Barker, Boudreaux, Lamy & Foley in New Orleans, was the 2013–2014 president of the Louisiana Association for Justice.

a voluntary bar association whose members represent consumer plaintiffs in civil actions.

Scott T. Whittaker, a member of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann in New Orleans, was a co-winner of the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2014 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, for an article titled "The Cause and Effect of Recent Changes to the Louisiana Bar Examination" in the August/September 2013 issue.

1985

The Traffic Club of New York, an organization of logistics professionals from the maritime, intermodal, rail, motor carrier, port and allied distribution fields, added **James E. Mercante** to its board of directors. He is a partner at Rubin, Fiorella & Friedman and heads the firm's admiralty and transportation practice.

1986

Angela Paolini Ellard, chief trade counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, received the American Bar Association's 2013 Award for Outstanding Performance by an International Lawyer in a Government or International Organization.

Laureen Bagley, a partner with Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry Law Firm, was elected to the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation in May.



1990

Reggie Davis became general counsel for DocuSign, a San Francisco-based company that assists businesses with electronic signature technology. Davis previously was general counsel and



Chief Judge Sarah Vance (L'78) listens to a Tulane Law student argue a motion in U.S. District Court in New Orleans as part of the Intersession boot camp.

Chief Judge Vance on ALI Council, leads MDL panel

Chief Judge **Sarah S. Vance** (L '78) of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana started serving a five-year term on the American Law Institute Council, and in October she becomes chief of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

The MDL panel's seven judges sit multiple times a year to decide whether to centralize cases — such as mass torts, asbestos litigation, securities fraud or products liability — from multiple federal districts into a single district. Vance was appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts.

Her selection for the ALI Council, which is the ALI's governing body, comes after many years of service to the institute, which is the leading independent U.S. group producing scholarly work to clarify and improve the law. Vance was elected a member of the ALI in 1996. The group's elected membership is limited to 3,000 lawyers, judges and law professors.

She was a partner at Stone Pigman, focusing on antitrust and commercial litigation, when President Bill Clinton nominated her for the judiciary in 1994. She has been chief of Louisiana's Eastern District since 2008.

executive vice president of corporate and business affairs at Zynga, which he joined after serving as vice president and associate general counsel for Yahoo!

Tyron Picard, founder and principal of consulting firm The Picard Group, was appointed to the Louisiana Committee of 100 for Economic Development and the Gulf of Mexico Foundation. The Committee of 100 is composed of Louisiana CEOs and senior executives who aid state efforts to attract investment and business relocation to Louisiana. The Gulf of Mexico Foundation brings together individuals and industries from Gulf Rim states committed to preserving the gulf and its habitat.

1991

Peter M. Newman, of the personal injury law firm Feldman Shepherd Wohlgelernter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig, was elected to a three-year term on the Philadelphia Bar Association's board of governors.

1992

Michael Li joined the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law in May to work on redistricting and voting and election issues.

Dona K. Renegar, a member of Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar in Lafayette, was a co-winner of the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2014 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, for an article titled "The Cause and Effect of Recent Changes to the Louisiana Bar Examination" in the August/September 2013 issue.

1993



S. Scott Bluestein (LLM), who practices maritime law with the Bluestein Law Firm in Charleston, South Carolina, is an adjunct professor at the Charleston School of Law teaching

maritime personal injury and death law.

The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Walt Green as U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana in May, less than two months after he was nominated by President Barack Obama. Green was sworn in June 2 as the chief federal law enforcement officer for nine parishes. He also serves as executive director of the National Center for Disaster Fraud in Baton Rouge, which handles disaster fraud-related complaints nationwide. Green served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1993-97 and is a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves, serving as officer-in-charge of the Environmental Services Division.

Jeffrey W. Kibbey, general counsel of Century Mortgage Co. since 1996, added the title of director of corporate services. He continues to serve on the board of directors of the Community Mortgage Lenders of America, where he chairs the CFPB Task Force.

TD Bank named **Mia M. Levine** as senior vice president and head of its U.S. Financial Intelligence Unit. She previously worked in the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP), an independent agency within the U.S. Treasury. At SIGTARP, she served as Deputy Special Inspector General – Reporting, and before that as chief of staff. She also has prosecuted complex money-laundering cases at the Justice Department as

Acting Deputy Chief, Criminal Division–Asset, Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section.

1994



The Southern University Alumni Federation elected **Preston J. Castille Jr.** as national president in July. He is a business lawyer with Taylor, Porter, Brooks &

Phillips in Baton Rouge.



Norton Rose Fulbright named **Shauna Johnson Clark** as U.S. head of the firm's employment and labor practice. She previously was partner-in-charge

of the Houston office and has been certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for more than 10 years.

In September, Herman, Herman & Katz partner **Stephen J. Herman** started a term



as 2014–15 president of the Louisiana Association for Justice, a voluntary bar association whose members represent consumer plaintiffs in civil actions.

Treaty Energy Corp. in New Orleans appointed **Andrew Kramer** as vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary. He practices civil and commercial litigation and is a frequent lecturer for the National Business Institute.

1995

Scott Coffee was honored as Defender of the Year in June by Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice, a statewide organization of nearly 200 criminal defense attorneys representing both the private and public sectors. He is a trial attorney with the Clark County Public Defender's Office and primarily litigates death penalty cases.

Karen M. Fontana joined Kean Miller as special counsel in its New Orleans office,

Award-winning Cobb book describes St. Rita's case

Flood of Lies: The St. Rita's Nursing Home Tragedy by **James Cobb** (L '78) was published in 2013, telling the defendants' side of the story stemming from the prosecution of Sal and Mabel Mangano for the drowning deaths of 35 elderly residents in Hurricane Katrina flooding.

In 2014, the book won the gold medal for Southern non-fiction in the Independent Publisher Book Awards.

The Manganos, who built St. Rita's Nursing Home in 1985, didn't evacuate the St. Bernard Parish facility before the hurricane hit on Aug. 29, 2005, but got dozens of residents out when the building was inundated by flood waters. The state of Louisiana prosecuted the couple for negligent homicide in the drownings and on 24 counts of cruelty to the elderly or infirm.

Cobb led a defense team that secured acquittals on all counts from a six-person jury in West Feliciana Parish. The defense argued, among other things, that the Manganos were being singled out for blame when many other deaths and devastation were caused by failures of the state and federal governments.

The book includes an account of how volunteers from a class Cobb was teaching at Tulane Law School combed through an electronic file of 300,000 pages of material from the government to help collect evidence that might benefit his clients.

He is a former longtime co-director of Tulane Law School's trial advocacy program and twice won the Monte M. Lemann Distinguished Teaching Award.



where she practices with the health law, medical malpractice defense and commercial litigation teams.

David Strauss was named chair of the New Orleans Bar Association's Insurance Law Committee

1996

Craig Isenberg was named chair of the New Orleans Bar Association's Committee on Environmental Law and Toxic Torts. He is a partner at Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, handling complex litigation, principally in environmental law, product liability, toxic torts and commercial matters.



Governmental relations and health care attorney **David L. "Dave" Kemmerly**, former Humana director of state public affairs, joined the Baton Rouge office of

Adams and Reese as special counsel.

Rakhee Patel joined the Dallas bankruptcy group of business and entertainment law firm Shackelford, Melton & McKinley.

1997

Celeste Coco-Ewing, a partner at Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, was appointed to the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions. She practices complex litigation, with a focus on national products liability litigation and defense of insurers.

Kellianne E. Greenwood joined the business law group of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus in Bridgewater, New Jersey, as an associate.

The American Immigration Lawyers Association presented **Geoffrey Hoffman** with its 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award in June. He is a clinical associate professor at the University of Houston Law Center.

1999

Jason Lamb, executive director of the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, was elected president of the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators, which provides leadership, training, coordination and support services for America's prosecutors.

2000

Tad Bartlett became a member of Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison in New Orleans, where he heads the appellate practice.

2001

Bessie Antin Daschbach became a member of Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison in New Orleans, where she directs the environmental litigation practice.

Amy Parigi, formerly general counsel of Tom Ford, joined the corporate law group at Apple.



Timothy Semenoro joined Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads as a partner in its maritime and transportation practice group in the

firm's New York office.

2002

Michael Best & Friedrich promoted **Gilberto E. Espinoza** to partner. He practices intellectual property law, with an emphasis on patent litigation, in the firm's Chicago office.

Victoria Holstein-Childress joined Troutman Sanders as a partner in the financial services litigation practice in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

2004

Brent Burns was named a member of King, Krebs & Jurgens in New Orleans.



Daniel W. Fort joined the Clayton, Missouri, firm of Danna McKitrick as of counsel. His practice

includes residential and commercial real estate, landlord tenant law, business formation and other transactional matters.

2005

Sacha A. Boegem, an attorney in the Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod litigation group, was selected for the 2013–2014 Jewish Community Relations Council, the advocacy and



public affairs arm of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation

Courtney Cochran Butler and **Alexander D. White** were named partner at Andrews Kurth. Both work in the firm's Houston office.

Susan Dinneen was named a member of King, Krebs & Jurgens in New Orleans.

Nina King was promoted to Duke University's deputy director of athletics/ administration, legal affairs and chief of staff. She oversees the Human Resources, Legal Affairs and Recreation and Physical Education departments and acts as the administrator for Duke track and field.

David S. Kovsky joined Royer Cooper Cohen Braunfeld in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, as a partner focusing on complex estate planning matters.

Baker Botts promoted **Anthony Speier** to partner in the Houston office's global projects practice.



2006

Nicole Bakare joined the Houston office of Philadephia-based Cozen O'Connor in August, focusing on global insurance defense.



Michelle Purchner Cumberland joined Kean Miller as an associate in the New Orleans office, practicing in the environmental and com-

mercial litigation groups.



Michael Harowski was elected to membership at Fowler Rodriguez in New Orleans. His practice includes maritime law, environmental law and

marine and pollution casualty response.



Charles Insler joined HeplerBroom in the St. Louis office as an associate. His practice concentrates on complex commercial litigation, including antitrust and

unfair competition litigation, business torts, class action litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

Stephen L. Miles was named a partner at Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver. He represents clients in high-stakes insurance coverage and bad faith litigation and in complex commercial litigation across the Gulf South.

2007

Michael B. DePetrillo was named a partner at Jones Walker in New Orleans.

Ryan M. McCabe, an associate at the Steeg Law Firm, was appointed chair of the Professional Ethics Committee for the Federal Bar Association.

Agnieszka McPeak, who was a Westerfield Fellow teaching legal writing at Loyola College of Law in New Orleans, became a tenure-track assistant professor at the University of Toledo College of Law, teaching evidence and professional responsibility.

Jonathan Moore, a partner at Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda in Honolulu, had two novels published, *Redheads* in 2013 and *Close Reach* in 2014. *Redheads* was among five finalists for the 2013 Bram Stoker Awards, given by the Horror Writers Association, in the category of Superior Achievement in a First Novel.

Kyle Wilson joined Miller & Martin's Chattanooga, Tennessee, office as an associate in the litigation department.

Suter receives law review's first alumni award

William K. Suter's first piece for the *Tulane Law Review* went through 11 drafts before publication. Could be because his student editor was Jacques Wiener Jr. (L '61), now a senior judge on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Suter (L '62) called Wiener "tough as nails." But the two remained friends across distinguished careers, and Wiener was among more than 200 people who celebrated Suter's selection as the law review's first Alumnus of the Year in April.

"Tulane gave me the chance to learn," Suter said during a witty



Gen. William K. Suter, the first Tulane Law Review Alumnus of the Year, congratulates 2013–14 Editor in Chief Jimmy Miller (L'14).

acceptance speech that drew a standing ovation at the law review banquet. He advised students to seize the opportunity: "All you have to do is grab it, because it's there."

Suter, known to many affectionately as "general," worked as a JAG lawyer after law school and earned a Bronze Star and Distinguished Service Medal. He led the JAG School, was chief judge of the Army's appellate court and served as Acting Judge Advocate General, retiring as an Army major general.

Nominated by President George H.W. Bush as U.S. Supreme Court Clerk, Suter ran the clerk's office from February 1991 until his second retirement, at the end of August 2013.

He recounted that Tulane classmate Marian Mysing Livaudais (L '62) consulted him about finding a lawyer to argue one of her cases, involving ERISA preemptions of Louisiana law in a pension benefits dispute. "I said, 'You argue it,'" he recalled. She did and won, 5-4. (The case is *Boggs v. Boggs*, decided in 1997.)

2011

Court VanTassell joined Liskow & Lewis as an associate in the New Orleans office. His practice focuses on energy and environmental litigation.

Jenarae Garland Wion joined Occidental Petroleum Corporation as counsel at corporate headquarters in Houston, specializing in securities law.



Justin Woodard completed a two-year clerkship with U.S. District Judge

David C. Norton in Charleston, South Carolina, and joined White & Case as an associate in Washington, D.C.

2012

Sam Brandao received a Skadden Foundation Fellowship to spend two years working with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services helping disabled clients who face fair-housing problems. Brandao clerked for U.S. District Judge Eldon Fallon (L '62), then for Senior Judge Jacques Wiener Jr. (L '61) of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

TULANE LAWYER FALL 2014

Defense efforts free a wrongly convicted man

Caroline Milne (L '11), a staff attorney with the nonprofit Innocence Project New Orleans, worked on the legal team that helped secured the release of Reginald Adams, who was exonerated after serving 34 years in prison for the 1979 killing of a former police officer's wife.

Adams was freed in May at age 61.

Innocence Project attorneys had presented Orleans Parish District Attorney
Leon Cannizzaro with evidence that
undermined Adams' conviction. The DA's
office conceded that two prosecutors who
handled the case hid a police report that
pointed to suspects other than Adams
and that two former New Orleans police
officers lied about that information on
the witness stand.



Caroline Milne (L'11) helped free Reginald Adams, who spent 34 years in prison after being wrongly convicted.



Kelly Gardner, an associate at Jones Foster Johnston & Stubbs in West Palm Beach, Florida, scored so well on the Florida bar exam that she was invited to

speak on behalf of the newly admitted lawyers at the fall induction ceremony hosted by Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal.



Carly Miller joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings in the construction & procurement and litigation practice groups.



Jordan Salloum is quickly building an acting career. He's cast as a fellow who beats up Will Ferrell's character in the film *Get Hard*, scheduled for a 2015

release. He also appeared in a pair of 2013 films, Spike Lee's *Oldboy* and *The Starving Games*, a spoof of *The Hunger Games*. His father, Richard Salloum (L '72), is an attorney in Gulfport, Mississippi.



Jamal L. Knight joined Faegre Baker Daniels' Minneapolis office as an associate in the product liability and environmental group. Knight previously worked for

the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Caucus.

Jon Phelps joined the Grand Rapids Drive basketball team, an affiliate of the Detroit Pistons, as director of basketball operations.

Zachary Rosenberg, an associate at Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, was named to the board of directors of Court Watch NOLA, a nonprofit organization focused on promoting greater efficiency, transparency and procedural fairness in Louisiana criminal courts.



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Jennifer S. Gisi joined

Bradley Arant Boult

Cummings in the banking
and financial services
practice group.

The go-to guy for alumni

Adam Kancher's parents encouraged him to leave New Orleans for college to see other parts of the country. But he couldn't stay away.

With degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Brandeis University, he returned to New Orleans in 2009. And after three years as Tulane Law School's assistant director of admission and recruitment, he's wearing a new hat: director of alumni relations.

Contact him at akancher@tulane.edu or 504-865-5920.



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IN MEMORIAM

Alvin Richard "Dick" Christovich Jr. (A&S '42, L '47), a renowned trial attorney, died Aug. 12, 2014, in New Orleans. He was 93. He flew 35 missions in Europe in B-17 bombers during World War II and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and other honors.

Judge Frederick Heebe (A&S '43, L '49), a U.S. District Judge in New Orleans who won a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for U.S. Army service during World War II, died Aug. 10, 2014. He was 91. Heebe also was a Jefferson Parish councilman and state judge. Nominated to the federal bench by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966, Heebe served as chief judge in 1972–92.

Andre Christian Shiromani (L '04), an attorney living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, died May 26, 2014. He was 38.

Henry West Hicks (L '79), a board certified real estate attorney who practiced in Tampa, Florida, for 35 years, died April 26, 2014. He was 60.

Howard Phillip Carnes (A&S '71, L '74), who lived in Nashville, Tennessee, died April 3, 2014. He was 64. He had worked as senior counsel in the Tennessee Attorney General's Office.

Joseph Rault Jr. (E '45, L '50), a lawyer, businessman and U.S. Naval Reserve veteran, died Feb. 2, 2014, in Metairie. He was 87. He practiced admiralty and oil and gas litigation, then went into a series of businesses, including providing boats for the offshore oil and gas industries and commercial real estate.

John M. McCollam (L '59), a U.S. Army veteran and the preeminent oil and



John M. McCollam (L '59)

gas lawyer in Louisiana, died Jan. 13, 2014. He was 80. McCollam taught oil and gas law at Tulane Law School from 1963 to 1987. He sent more than a decade at the Milling law firm then helped found Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan. He was inducted into the Tulane Law School Hall of Fame in April.

Valentine Kropp Scheurich III (L '73), who handled legal work for public officials and musicians, died Jan. 12, 2014. He was 65. He had worked as an Assistant Jefferson Parish Attorney, as an Assistant City Attorney in the administrations of New Orleans Mayors Maurice "Moon" Landrieu, Ernest "Dutch" Morial and Sidney Barthelemy and as head of Major Litigation under Mayor Marc Morial.

Stanley McDermott Jr. (A&S '49, L '51), who practiced commercial, real estate and estate planning law, died Jan. 3, 2014. He was 84. McDermott lettered in baseball as a Tulane undergraduate. After law school, he was a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps during the Korean War; practiced law with his father; and in 1970 became a partner with the New Orleans firm now known as Montgomery Barnett.

Richard Sharpstein (A&S '72, L '75), a partner at Akerman and renowned white-collar criminal defense attorney based in Miami, died Dec. 10, 2013. He was 63. Sharpstein started his legal career prosecuting major crimes and corruption cases for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office and later developed a widely known reputation for dramatic flair in the courtroom.

George Hampton "Hamp" Uzzelle III (L '69), a maritime lawyer and former Marine captain, died Dec. 9, 2013. He was 75. He spent six years as a naval aviator and Marine Corps captain and practiced maritime law with Hand Arendall in Mobile, Alabama, for 44 years.

Robert "Bob" Baker (L '64), a former Marine and aviation litigator, died Dec. 7, 2013, at his cattle ranch in Oregon. He was 75. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps before attending Tulane and later served as series commander at Recruit Depot San Diego and in the Judge Advocate General Corps in Japan. He practiced aviation defense in Alaska for 30 years.

Oscar Judah Tolmas (A&S '41, L '43), a lawyer, homebuilder, businessman and former naval officer, died Dec. 2, 2013. He was 93. He was a Louisiana Racing Commission member for 14 years, four of those as chairman.

Michael Albert Berenson (E '61, E '63, L '90), a rocket scientist who became a lawyer, died Nov. 30, 2013. He was 75. Berenson received bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Tulane University, worked as a rocket scientist for Martin Marietta in Colorado, then started one of New Orleans' first data processing companies. He later got his law degree and became a partner in the firm now known as Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel.

Judge Edmund Reggie (L '49), an influential Democrat with connections to the Kennedy family, died Nov. 19, 2013. He was 87. Reggie was a Crowley city court judge for 25 years, holding office until 1976. He managed political campaigns for Govs. John McKeithen and Edwin Edwards and Louisiana presidential campaigns of John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Edward Kennedy. (See more on page 35)

Ralph Slovenko (E '48, L '53, G '60, G '65), a preeminent forensic psychologist, pioneer in interdisciplinary research and longtime professor of law and psychiatry at Wayne State University in Detroit, died Nov. 3, 2013. He was 86. Slovenko was on the track and field team at Tulane University and later was a Fulbright scholar in France and received international law certificates from The Hague and the Sorbonne.

CLASS OF 1963



Class of '63 graduates Michael Manchester and George Whitworth display a photo of bowler-wearing classmates.

This photo of the Tulane Law School Class of 1963 shows one woman.

Still dapper after 50 years

George Whitworth (L '63) showed up at the Dean's Reception during Homecoming 2013 wearing a bowler. Turns out that was the signature chapeau for his class. Whitworth and classmate Michael Manchester (L '63) shared photos showing their fellow students — including the lone woman, Gail Arner McDonough (L '63) — sporting bowlers.

Whitworth said he played football for Tulane on scholarship as an undergraduate and met his future wife, now Sylvia Lazo Whitworth, at a free movie night on campus.

Class of '63 members didn't just get together at Homecoming. The State Bar of Texas recognized four of them as 50-year lawyers at its convention in June 2013: Doug Adkins, Tom McClellan and Earl Latimer of Dallas, and Terry Bradley of Cleburne.



The State Bar of Texas honored Tulane Law School Class of 1963 members Doug Adkins (Dallas), Tom McClellan (Dallas), Terry Bradley (Cleburne) and Earl Latimer (Dallas) as 50-year lawyers in June 2013.



Dean David Meyer greets Class of 1950 members at Commander's Palace.







CLASS OF 1973 40th REUNION





CLASS OF 1978 35th REUNION



CLASS OF 2003 10th REUNION



CLASS OF 1998 15th REUNION



CLASS OF 1988 25th REUNION



CLASS OF 1983 30th REUNION

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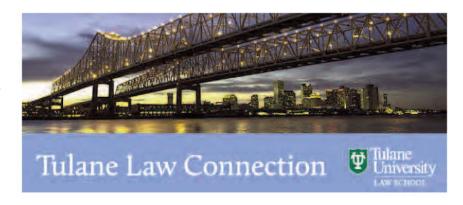
Who's doing fascinating work? What's happening in Weinmann Hall's corridors and classrooms? Where has a Tulane Law School education taken those who've been shaped by — and, in turn, defined — this place?

This new edition of *Tulane Lawyer* aims to provide some answers, with stories about the catalysts for a renewed focus on energy law. About new funds to support student scholarships and faculty research. About alumni who are involved in Washington, international justice and entrepreneurial ventures from a pub to a luxury-travel agency. You'll even find a feature about the Tulane Po' Boy Appreciation Society.

But information often can't wait to be shared. That's why the law school's strategic communications plan has continued to evolve, adding new and faster vehicles for telling the Tulane story.

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And the Tulane Law Connection, an e-newsletter launched in December



2013, is designed to provide morefrequent features on alumni, faculty, students and events. We're also sprinting along social media avenues to share updates on daily activities and upcoming events.

During the summer, the communications team doubled in size with the addition of Communications & Marketing Coordinator Ali Mansfield, a 2011 Tulane Law School graduate who brings not only writing, editing and social media skills to the position but also the perspective of a young alumna who knows New Orleans and has law firm experience.

But good communication isn't a soliloquy, it's a conversation. We welcome input from our audience. Please send us ideas about what you'd like to read. Tell us about alumni we should profile. Alert us to stories we can share. In August, for instance, 2004 graduate Shannon Stahlin sent us a news article about his 2-year-old daughter and the robotic arm a University of Michigan doctor was helping her use to deal with a condition that restricts regular movement of her arms and hands. We shared it on Facebook, the story of a Tulane family's struggles and triumph, and it was widely read.

Whatever your media of choice, let's stay in touch.

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Valero's Andre Marquette (center), environmental engineer manager at the St. Charles Refinery, explains operations to Tulane Law students during a field visit. Photography by Jackson Hill. DEAN

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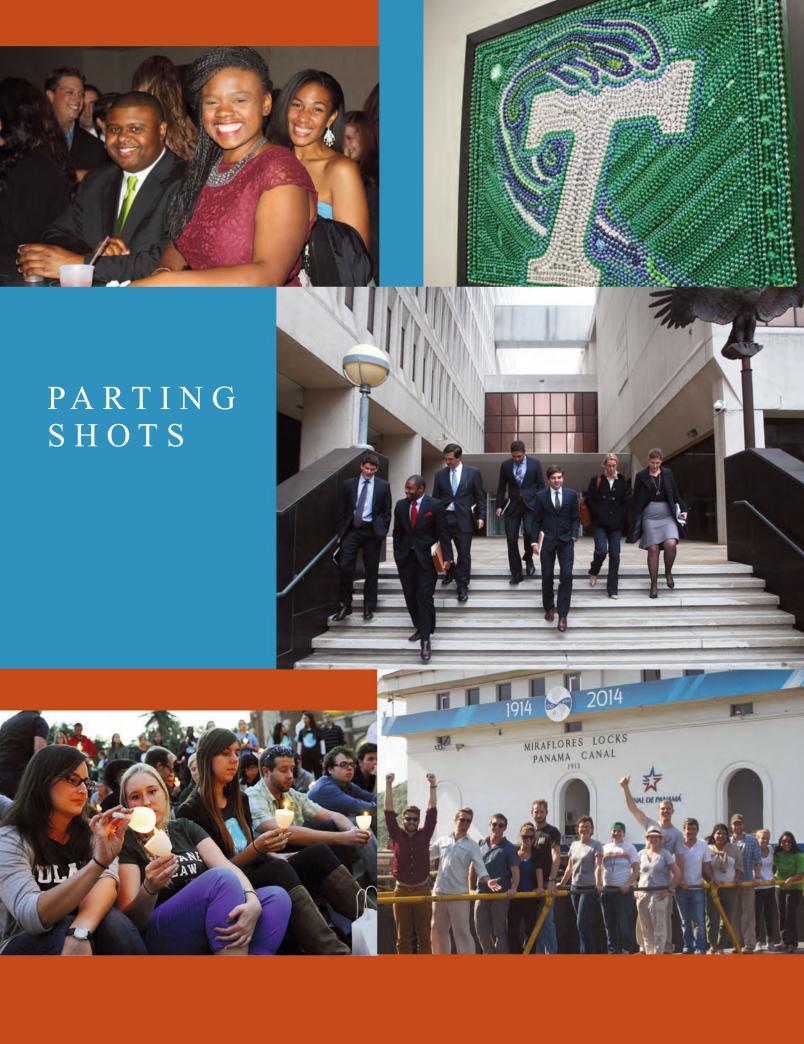
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	NE LAW SCHOOL EVENTS	LOCATION & TIME
OCTOBER 2014		
16	Gulf Coast Electricity Summit	Tulane Law School, 8:30 a.m4:30 p.m.
22–24	63rd Tulane Tax Institute	Westin Canal Place Hotel, New Orleans
NOVEMBER 2014		
13	8th Annual Offshore Marine Service Association/Tulane Law School Industry Seminar	Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
14–16	Homecoming/Reunion Weekend	Classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2009
21	23rd Estate Planning Institute	Westin Canal Place Hotel, New Orleans
DECEMBER 2014		
29–30	25th CLE by the Hour	Tulane Law School
JANUARY 2015		
29–31	8th Annual National Baseball Arbitration Competition	Tulane Law School
FEBRUARY 2015		
27–28	20th Annual Tulane Summit on Environmental Law & Policy	Tulane Law School
MARCH 2015		
4	Phelps Lecture Professor Martin Redish, Northwestern University School of Law	Tulane Law School, 4:30 p.m.
11–13	25th Admiralty Law Institute	Lavin-Bernick Center, Tulane University
16	McGlinchey Lecture on Federal Litigation Professor Cass Sunstein, Harvard Law School	Tulane Law School, 5 p.m.
19–20	27th Corporate Law Institute	Roosevelt Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New Orleans

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All events are subject to change.