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Peter Lando JD ’91: Sharing his Success with his Alma Mater
Dear Alumni and Friends,

As many of you may know, I joined the law school as dean in late January after 15 years on the New Hampshire Supreme Court, the last seven as chief justice. Since my arrival here, I have been fully engaged with the Board of Trustees, the faculty, staff, students, alumni and University officials in deciding how best to seize our many new opportunities and meet our challenges.

The opportunities for interdisciplinary learning, research, scholarship, collaboration and joint degrees as a result of our affiliation with UNH are boundless. This fall we will offer two dual degrees, a JD/MBA and a JD/MSW. Additional dual degree programs are in active planning.

This September we will officially open our new state-of-the-art Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property with a national conference. Judge Donald J. Horowitz, a leading advocate for using technology to facilitate equal access to justice, will deliver the keynote address.

We are very proud that our intellectual property program was recently ranked fourth among all law schools in the United States. The new IP Center will permit us to increase and intensify our global reach in applied research and innovation policy. Professor Mary Wong, a distinguished member of our faculty, is the new director of the Center. Her energy, intellect and vision will allow us to collaborate with new partners, both here and abroad.

Our Social Justice Institute, under the able and energetic leadership of Professor Erin Corcoran, is also expanding its reach. This year, the Institute created the UNH Law Public Policy Forums to bring speakers, scholars and conferences to the law school and to the University. This spring, Vice President Biden spoke at UNH about campus violence against women. In May, we hosted the ABA Task Force on Preservation of the Justice System, chaired by attorneys Ted Olson and David Boies, and this November we will host, in concert with UNH, a national conference on Ending Domestic Violence with anticipated assistance from the Department of Justice.

I continue to reach out to our many alumni in New Hampshire as well as to our thousands of graduates across the country and around the globe. In October, our three alumni who serve in the United States Congress will be our special guests at an alumni reception on Capitol Hill. If you are in the area, please plan to attend.

Our greatest challenge is to provide a quality legal education at a price our students can afford. I am proud we were among a small handful of law schools that did not raise tuition for the incoming class. The twenty-first century will demand that we do more for less. In that vein, fundraising and alumni outreach will consume much of my time over the ensuing year.

While many important changes are occurring at UNH Law, one thing will never change: the personal and inclusive quality that pervades our classrooms and remains a hallmark of the exceptional legal education we provide. Training “practice-ready lawyers” remains our core mission and our innovative Daniel Webster Scholar Honors program is gaining national and global attention.

My goal as dean is to support our distinguished faculty and our increasingly diverse student body in ways that will take your law school to the next level and enhance the value of your degree and the degrees of generations to follow. I will need your help, your guidance, and your financial support to make that happen. If you are ever in Concord, please stop by to say hello. It would be a pleasure to meet you.

Best regards,

John T. Broderick Jr.
Dean & President
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Nine UNH Law graduates work with Peter Lando JD ’91 at Lando & Anastasi in Cambridge, MA. Pictured (l.-rt.) by the Charles River with the Boston skyline behind them are: David Roccio JD ’08, Nicole Palmer JD ’05, Julia Mathis JD ’10, Peter Lando JD ’91, Sandra Congdon JD ’06; second row: Gregory Gerstenzang JD ’07, Thomas McGinnis JD ’06, Keith Noe JD ’91; third row: Nathan Harris JD ’09 and Michael Mathaisel JD/LLM ’09.
(Photo: Perry Smith/UNH Photographic Services)

Back cover
Trustee Richard Uchida JD ’84 at the 7th Annual LRAP Golf Invitational; Professor Marcus Hurn leads the commencement procession marking the school’s first graduation as the University of New Hampshire School of Law; Daniel Landau JD/LLM ’09, Leticia Liggett JD/LLM ’11, with their daughter, Audrey Landau, at graduation; new graduate Alma Alvarado.

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To know Peter Lando is to know his alma mater. That’s where he met his wife, Michelle, and found his chosen career. It’s where his firm has recruited many of the lawyers who’ve helped to make the firm he co-founded, Lando & Anastasi, so successful. And it’s also where he has generously invested, both personally—as a volunteer, teacher, and trustee—and financially.

But to understand Peter’s commitment to UNH Law, it helps to know a little about his first days at the school, nearly 25 years ago. Peter and Michelle Lando met at UNH Law in 1988, when he was a first-year student and she was a 2L, Michelle LaRoche. They shared a focus on IP and a mailbox, which turned out to be key: “We shared the ‘L’ box, of course,” says Peter, “and I recalled meeting her, and just thinking to myself, ‘Well at least her last name begins with an L, she wouldn’t have to change her initials.’ ”

But, like a law degree, love did not come easily. There was the demanding coursework, the class year difference and the fact that Peter always thought Michelle was dating other people. (They were her study partners, it turned out.)

During late nights at the computer lab and in the few classes they had together, Peter and Michelle did forge a friendship, bolstered by their common interests. Says Michelle, “We discovered that we both had chemical engineering degrees (his from Drexel University, mine from the University of New Hampshire) in common. Since there are not many Chem E’s, we had instant karma, and I knew that I liked him for a reason.”

And then there was Michelle’s class graduation party at Pats Peak. To hear him tell it, he asked her out. Her version? She invited him. The parts they agree on: That Peter didn’t have the money to buy his ticket to the party, and that Michelle paid (she may have held this over his head a few times). At the party, they danced, and Peter asked her for her phone number. She told him to look it up.

“This was silly since he knew where I lived,” says Michelle. “92B Washington Street, the spot where the new building for the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property is being built today.”

Michelle helped Peter find summer work at Cabot Corporation in Billerica, MA, where she would begin work full-time in the fall. Peter’s summer job there turned into part-time work during his third year, ensuring that the two continued to see each other frequently. This worked out well: “By March, I asked her to marry me,” Peter said.

They married in October of 1991. Michelle continued to work at Cabot, and their mentor at the global performance materials company helped to connect Peter with his first job out of school, at the Boston IP firm Wolf Greenfield & Sacks.

Fresh out of school and busy with work, Peter and Michelle maintained strong ties to the then-Franklin Pierce Law Center. “When we graduated, we were eager to just get our careers going,” Peter says, “but we still tried to find time to extend ourselves by coming up and interviewing students who were graduating, or teaching, or sitting on panels, or by just making ourselves available to 1Ls – whatever the need was. And, of course, donating whatever we could financially.”

In 2002, their first child, Sophia, was born, forever changing her parents’ priorities and perspectives. Michelle took an extended maternity leave and then returned to work part-time. For Peter, it was a chance to really see what working parents—especially working moms—go through.

“I used to think I understood what working mothers go through, but when it was actually happening in our world, I developed a whole new level of appreciation for their situation,” he says. “Once Sophia was born, I saw firsthand the balancing act that working mothers handle every day, and I have tremendous respect for that.”
This new perspective was to factor largely in Peter’s next venture. In 2003, he and two other shareholders at Wolf Greenfield decided to start their own firm, based on a unique set of principles.

“The co-founders and I felt that it was time to start something different, to get back into what we always believed a law firm ought to be,” Peter says of the firm. “That’s what we modeled this firm on.”

“There’s a classic struggle in the practice of law—the pressure on practitioners to bill more hours and have their billing rates go higher and higher versus the competing pressure from clients to keep the budget down and to get things done in a timely manner and to be responsive,” Peter says. “And, of course, the constant through it all is that clients want—and deserve—a high-quality product.”

Peter and his partners had an innovative strategy to address this. “We work to eliminate that struggle with a lower billable-hour target, and a lower hourly rate.” Peter says. “We manage the expense side really tightly, and we get a much higher realization on the revenue side, meaning our clientele recognizes we give an incredibly high-quality product for what we charge, and they’re willing to pay. The net result is that we end up being very profitable, and at the same time afford our attorneys the flexibility to spend extra hours volunteering, on boards, or in other ways involved in organizations as I do, going to continuing legal education and training, or, when client demands are great, to work more. In our experience, this flexibility lets our attorneys balance their work and personal lives, and leads to more productive, sharper attorneys.”

And today, many of those attorneys at Lando & Anastasi are also graduates of UNH Law. To date, nine alums work alongside Peter at Lando & Anastasi: Keith Noe JD ’91, a partner; and associates Nicole Palmer JD ’05; Thomas McGinnis JD ’06; Sandra Congdon JD ’06; Gregory Gerstenzang JD ’07; David Roccio JD ’08; Michael Mathaisel JD/LLM ’09; Nathan Harris JD ’09; and Julia Mathis JD ’10. And there’s Ian Mullet, a 3L and the firm’s 2011 summer associate.

Peter said the firm did not specifically set out to hire so many UNH Law alums, but often, he says, they were the most qualified candidates.

“The model here was to bring the highest quality practitioners together, and we have been very fortunate in that regard,” Peter says. “People are just impressed with the way these UNH Law graduates come out; they’re ready to hit the ground running. They’re bright technically, but they have a legal perspective that most law school grads don’t because they’ve been exposed to so much. It’s an impressive group we have from the school.”

And what’s so special about a UNH Law education?

“It’s a different shade of green,” Peter says. “When people come out of law school, they know enough to get into trouble. But when the Pierce grads, or the UNH Law grads, come out, they’re practice ready, particularly in IP, but also in other areas. They’re coming out ready to write briefs and prosecute patents, with some knowledge of trademark and copyright and the international scene.”

Peter continues: “It’s much easier to work with them because the foundation of knowledge is there. And as someone who trains these folks, I can now start at a higher level and start to teach them about context and its importance, counseling, and an appreciation and understanding of the business needs of clients. This makes it easier to train and to grow an attorney.”

Keith Noe, the firm’s hiring partner, echoes that: “Other schools just don’t seem to have the depth of talent that UNH Law has,” he says. “Although we certainly have hired many attorneys from other law schools in the Boston area and beyond, we have found that UNH Law consistently offers us more candidates, often-times having better credentials. The results speak for themselves.”

The alums appreciate their firm’s strong ties to the school.

“We take a lot of pride in our UNH Law connection, and I think we see ourselves as ambassadors of the school within the IP community,” says Nicole Palmer, who started at the firm as a summer associate in 2004 and has since been called one of the rising stars in IP law by Boston Magazine. “It’s nice to have that common ground with colleagues, and the link is definitely a strong undertone around the firm. We recognize that our individual success, that of our firm, and that of our law school are all intertwined at some level. The connection strengthens our professional network

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and encourages us to remain active as alumni.”

Many maintain strong ties of their own. Julia Mathis, and Nathan Harris, recently began organizing informal alumni events in the Boston area.

“We’ve had better than expected turnout and received tons of positive comments from the other alumni,” Mathis says. “We find that these events help to recreate that feeling of community our school fostered.”

Michael Mathaisel still lives in Concord. Since he graduated, he has volunteered as a judge for 1L moot court and mock trial events. “As a law student, I always felt comfortable and welcome at the school, and that is one reason I enjoy returning to visit the place and the people,” he says.

Lando & Anastasi’s success has in some ways paralleled UNH Law’s rise in reputation in the Boston area. In the early years of Peter’s career, he says, he felt he had to fight to be noticed by a legal community with its roots in the well-known Boston area schools.

“I would always feel like I had to work twice as hard as those folks,” he says. “Now my partners and I decide whether to hire them.”

In 2004 and 2006, Peter and Michelle welcomed their sons Michael and Christopher into the world. As they raised their family, they focused on living out the lessons they were teaching their children.

Peter has a name for that: “Stewardship.” “To us, that means extending that same good fortune that we know to others,” he says. “Stewardship manifests itself in giving back your time, your talents and your treasure, and we believe that to the extent people are able, they ought to do just that. In our experience, it makes life more complete.”

“And an extension of that is the basis for why Michelle and I support UNH Law so strongly,” Peter says. “The school means a lot to us. It’s not only the place where we met, it’s the place where we learned the fundamentals of our practice as IP lawyers. All of that means so much to us in terms of a fulfilling professional life.”

Both Peter and Michelle have brought their experience back to the classroom at UNH Law as adjunct professors. Peter taught patent practice in the mid-’90s, and Michelle has taught licensing and IP management since 2009.

Last May, Peter was invited to join the UNH Law’s Board of Trustees, just after Pierce Law decided to affiliate with the University of New Hampshire. “There have been some very, very big decisions in the past year, from the affiliation to the new dean to, most recently, freezing tuition,” Peter says. “And there’s been a great deal of activity in the last year at the school.”

Not least among that activity: The construction of the school’s new Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property, slated to become a global hub for the intersection of intellectual property and economic development. This year, Michelle and Peter pledged a generous gift to the Center, which will stand on the site of Michelle’s former apartment, where Peter spent many nights cooking dinner for her as she studied for the bar exam.

Says Michelle: “We feel extremely blessed for all that we have—most especially our three children—and, as time allows, we try to share our blessings in areas that have special meaning to us. Sometimes we are able to give of our time, sometimes we are able to give of our talent. But when time is too precious or our talent is lacking, we make financial contributions to help support our passions in some small, but meaningful way.”
With the beautiful blue waters of Puget Sound and the stunning archipelago of the San Juan Islands as a backdrop, Alan J. Kuntze II JD ’78 has made the State of Washington his home for the past 31 years.

Kuntze settled down in 1980 in the rural town of La Conner, where he devoted his legal career working for the Swinomish Indian Tribe. He served first as legal counsel and later as chief judge in their tribal court system—a system he helped to create.

Kuntze’s career path to the West Coast, however, was anything but direct. After graduating with a degree in art history from Columbia University in 1971, Kuntze says he wasn’t quite clear about where his career would lead, but he knew he loved to travel.

“While I was studying at Columbia, I had the opportunity to go to Europe and visit some amazing museums and cities such as Paris, Rome, and Athens. Then, in 1974, I traveled to India and Nepal. I trekked through the Himalayas and spent a month at a Tibetan monastery outside Katmandu,” explains Kuntze. “It was while I was at the monastery that I made the decision to apply to law school. I had met a student from Harvard Law School who had taken a year off, and he ‘planted the seed,’ so to speak.”

“I was just an idealistic 25-year-old kid who wanted to change the world,” says Kuntze. “While Franklin Pierce was just one of the schools I applied to, I liked its rural location and the admissions committee, which was very unique—students interviewed prospective students. The school’s approach to teaching law and its older, more experienced student body really impressed me.”

Looking back, Kuntze says his participation in the school’s unique Santa Fe Program during his second year most likely led him to the practice of tribal law.

“I worked for a legal collective in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and

Alan J. Kuntze II JD ’78:

Tribal Court Judge for the Swinomish Tribe of Washington State
attended classes offered by Professor Michael Gross, one of the country’s leading tribal advocates. He was very inspiring. Later that same year, I worked for the National Lawyers Guild in Atlanta, Georgia, on death penalty cases,” explains Kuntze.

“After graduation, I applied to Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) and accepted a two-year post in Anchorage, Alaska. It fulfilled my love of adventure and travel,” says Kuntze. “I worked initially for Alaska Youth Advocates, and later in the consumer protection section of the Office of the Attorney General. I traveled extensively throughout the state, often to ‘bush’ and ‘native’ communities. It was my first exposure to native tribes and the types of legal issues they face.”

“And in 1980, I found myself again at a crossroads, after completing my VISTA commitment. Then, serendipitously, the attorney I had worked with in Atlanta contacted me. He had returned to Washington and was now working for the Northwest Intertribal Court System, a consortium of 15 Puget Sound Indian tribes. The consortium was seeking an attorney who had experience in juvenile law, as well as working in tribal communities. The position would involve designing a new juvenile tribal court system. I sent my resume, was interviewed by a committee of tribal leaders and was offered the job. I began working there one week later,” says Kuntze. “Even more surprising, one of the attorneys also working for the Intertribal Court System was a fellow graduate, Annette Klapstein JD ’78, who went on to work for the Puyallup Tribe.”

“The formation of this consortium was the direct result of a 1974 Supreme Court case, US v. Washington, often referred to as the ‘Boldt’ decision, and legislation passed by Congress in 1978,” explains Kuntze. “In the Boldt case, the court held that when the tribes conveyed millions of acres of land in Washington State through a series of treaties signed in 1854 and 1855, they reserved the right to continue fishing ‘in common with all citizens of the territory.’ In other words, the tribes had treaty rights to 50 percent of the salmon caught in Puget Sound.”

In addition, “The 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act gave back to tribes jurisdiction over their children, many of whom had been removed from their traditional homes, cultures and tribes, and placed for adoption with non-Indian families. It was recognition by the federal government that the place for addressing issues involving Indian children belonged in the tribal courts,” according to Kuntze.

“Basically, this was the genesis of the Northwest Intertribal Court System because most Washington tribes did not have adequate laws, procedures and courts to adjudicate legal issues related to their children and natural resources. Fifteen Puget Sound tribes pooled their resources together to set up a circuit court, with tribal court judges, public defenders, prosecutors, and code writers,” says Kuntze. “It was the hope that the tribal court would reflect the traditions of the tribes and not just mirror the Western model of jurisprudence.”

“I began working in the Juvenile Unit, helping member tribes

San Juan Islands
Alan Kuntze JD ’78 (r.) and Brian Cladoosby, chairman of the Swinomish Tribal Community wearing traditional cedar hats. (Photo by Suzanne Fogarty)
write juvenile codes, which could be used in the newly formed tribal courts to address issues such as delinquency, neglect and abuse,” says Kuntze. “These issues had been previously addressed in state courts, but often with disastrous results for the children and for the culture.”

In 1983, the Swinomish Tribe asked Kuntze to join its legal department. “It was an offer I couldn’t refuse,” says Kuntze. “Most of my early work continued to be writing tribal codes and ordinances and advising the Swinomish Senate on a number of issues directly related to the implementation of a tribal justice system.”

“As I was revising and drafting civil procedure, criminal, dissolution and hunting and fishing ordinances, I worked with committees of tribal members to determine the best ways to integrate Swinomish culture and tradition into the codes. For example, when children are involved in a dissolution proceeding, child support is always a key issue. But in tribal court, it is not reduced to just money. The Swinomish wanted to make sure there were also provisions that child support could also be in the form of fish, cord wood, or shellfish—very traditional ways of providing support for the family,” says Kuntze.

“In dealing with delinquent youth, provisions were included that would permit cases to be diverted to a group of tribal elders who would serve as mediators or ‘peacemakers’—another traditional method of dispute resolution,” adds Kuntze. “Sometimes the elders would recommend the youth ‘enter the Smokehouse’ (a tribal religious organization), where they would be given tasks to complete and rituals to undertake.”

In 2002, Kuntze accepted the position of chief judge of the Swinomish tribal court. “At the swearing in,” says Kuntze, “I told the tribe how honored I was. The tribal chairman said, ‘Judge Kuntze, this is not an honor, this is punishment.’ And there was some truth to his statement. Because I had become friends with so many of the Swinomish families over 22 years of work on the reservation, it was a huge challenge to now serve in this new role of judge.”

“There was also, what I call, some poetic justice in my appointment to the bench. As chief judge, I now had to interpret and implement many of the same laws and procedures I had written 20 years earlier,” says Kuntze. “I have often asked myself, ‘What was I thinking?’”

“It has been an incredible journey to work with the Swinomish Tribe and help design and serve in their court system,” says Kuntze, now retired. “I may not have changed the world as I had hoped I would in 1978, but I certainly played a part in helping one small corner of the world regain its culture, traditions and sovereignty.”

Kuntze now resides in Mount Vernon, WA, with his wife, Libby. He still loves to travel, and he and Libby recently returned from a vacation in Honduras.

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WHO ARE THE SWINOMISH?

The Swinomish are a community of Coast Salish peoples descended from groups and bands originating from the Skagit and Samish watersheds, and surrounding coastal areas, surrounding nearby bays and waters, and numerous islands including Fidalgo, Camano, Whidbey, and the San Juan Islands. The community is composed of approximately 900 tribal members, the majority of whom live within the Swinomish Reservation and Skagit County. The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community is federally recognized and operates under a constitution and bylaws adopted in 1936 pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

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WITH A NEW DIRECTOR AND A NEW BUILDING

The Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property is on the Move

BY PETER DAVIES
With a new addition nearing completion and a new director in charge, the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property is ready to expand on the school’s long-standing reputation as an IP leader.

Currently ranked as the No. 4 school in intellectual property by US News & World Report, UNH School of Law announced the center last year as the affiliation with the University of New Hampshire came into effect. In creating the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property, the initial goal was to create a new home for all the faculty, students, and alumni who have made Franklin Pierce synonymous with IP leadership for over 35 years. At the same time, however, this was the perfect opportunity to define UNH Law’s identity in an increasingly competitive IP field.

The 12,700-square-foot addition will be completed in time for classes to resume in late August. It will provide a state-of-the-art distance-learning classroom as well as a 163-seat auditorium. Many of the IP faculty will move into new offices, and the striking atrium will provide ample opportunities for collaboration between faculty, students, and visitors—of whom there will be many, as plans for conferences, symposia, and visiting scholars are well underway.

While this new facility underscores the school’s commitment to intellectual property, it’s what will happen inside that really matters. The role of marshalling all of UNH Law’s IP activities will fall to Mary Wong, the new director of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property.

In naming her to the position, Dean Broderick said, “Mary Wong is the ideal fit for our IP Center. She knows and values our international reputation as a pioneer in intellectual property. In fact, she helped build this reputation through her internationally respected work on IP rights in the digital age.”

“I’m thrilled by the opportunity to serve as the inaugural director for the Franklin Pierce Center for IP,” said Wong. “To IP practitioners and academics around the world, the name ‘Franklin Pierce’ means world-class IP education and entrepreneurship. We have some amazing resources, from our unique International Technology Transfer Institute to a very distinguished faculty. My aim for the center is to maintain the Franklin Pierce spirit and tradition by leading in applied research and contributing to the global dialogue on the role of IP in development policy.” [for more on Mary Wong, p. 12]

One of Wong’s first tasks was to carve out a newly focused mission for the IP Center. While Franklin Pierce has long been synonymous with IP, the academic IP community has grown dramatically in recent years and she and many faculty members felt the need to more clearly define the school’s IP activities. In doing so, they came up with the following description:

The Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property is dedicated to global innovation. Working closely with academics, professionals, and government officials throughout the world, we aim to facilitate innovation by engaging in applied research and educating the next generation of intellectual property professionals.

These key terms—applied research, teaching, and global innovation—provide the basis for the goals that Wong has set forth for the IP Center:

Applied Research

Engaging in applied research means focusing on realizable solutions to the real-world problems that confront the innovation process. This has long been a hallmark of our IP work. The International Technology Transfer Institute, under the guidance of Dr. Stanley Kowalski JD ’05, is engaged in applied research projects around the world, from increasing the commercialization capacity of Argentina’s government-owned research institutes to developing patent landscape reports for HIV vaccines and for insect-resistant sweet potatoes in Sub-Saharan Africa.

According to Wong, this renewed emphasis on applied research will also result in a concerted effort to position the IP Center as a prominent and respected voice on important IP issues. For years, UNH Law’s Intellectual Property Amicus Clinic has filed briefs in key IP cases, including the recent Bilski and Myriad Genetics cases. In addition, IP faculty will draft policy briefs and congressional testimony on targeted issues of IP law and policy.

A key element of UNH Law’s reputation has been a strong emphasis on IP valuation. “By conducting applied research on how the thoughtful use and strategic management of IP assets can contribute to business growth and global economic development,” says Wong, “we will carve out one important niche for the IP Center.” The school already has a solid foundation in this area, she points out, with Gordon Smith’s international reputation as an IP valuation expert and a forthcoming book, Patent Valuation, from Professors John Orcutt and Bill Murphy.

A related emphasis will be on developing and implementing solutions to real-world IP process problems. For example, a team from UNH Law and UNH has developed the “Portal for Intellectual Property Rights” (pirp.net), which houses RightsCheck”, a powerful, patent-pending search tool that seeks to make researching IP ownership rights quick, easy, and cost effective. PIPR was developed when the team recognized that the absence of a nationwide system to determine the ownership and existence of any security interests in intangible assets creates uncertainty and, thus, risk for investors.
Teaching

Students who are part of the IP Center include current and future lawyers as well as entrepreneurs, scientists, artists, and government officials from around the world. "The Franklin Pierce Center for IP strongly believes that a multidisciplinary approach to IP education is most effective," says Wong. "Our teaching emphasis is on providing students with the knowledge and tools they need to have an immediate impact in their professional pursuits."

A thorough understanding of IP requires knowledge of many disciplines, including law, business, science, and the creative arts. Students looking for an even stronger background in business will have the option of UNH Law’s new JD/MBA dual degree program, launching this year with UNH’s Whittemore School of Business & Economics, as well as other dual degree programs currently in development.

Starting this year, IP students will also have the chance to receive recognition

Mary Wong

When Mary Wong was named the inaugural director of the newly-established Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property this spring, it seemed like a natural choice to many. As the chair of the Intellectual Property Graduate Programs and a professor of law since 2005, Wong has played a key role in strengthening UNH Law’s IP programs.

Wong came to the UNH School of Law in 2005 from the Singapore Management University, where she was an associate professor of law in the Lee Kong Chian School of Business. She earned her LLB at the National University of Singapore and her LLM at Cambridge University.

From 1998 to 2003, Wong was special counsel to Morrison & Foerster LLP, primarily in its New York office. While at Morrison & Foerster, she counseled American, European, and Asian clients on a wide range of technology transactions, and provided advice on international and comparative legal developments in relation to the Internet, privacy, e-commerce, and intellectual property.

“Professor Mary Wong is a true leader in the field, with an important body of research in areas such as copyright law and international business law,” said Dan Cahoy JD ’98, associate professor of business law at the Smeal College of Business, Penn State. “Her understanding of digital technology issues will ensure that the next generation of UNH Law students is prepared to face the emerging legal environment.”

Earlier this year, Wong was elected to serve as vice chair of the Generic Names Supporting Organizations Council (GNSO) of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN). ICANN is the global entity that coordinates the Internet domain name system, which allows users worldwide to locate and access information online, while the GNSO oversees all ICANN policy development work relating to generic top-level domain names, such as .com, .org, .biz and .net. Major recent GNSO projects include developing policy recommendations for the upcoming launch of new generic top-level domains, and addressing issues relating to the expansion of internationalized domain names.

She is also the immediate past chair of the International Copyright Committee of the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Intellectual Property Law Section, and has served on the ABA’s Copyright Reform Task Force.

Wong’s research interests are centered on the legal and policy challenges presented by digital technology and the Internet, in particular the international intellectual property rights framework. Her current work focuses on the intersection of copyright and human rights and on comparative copyright issues related to user-generated content.
for their work with the IP Center: UNH Law will award a Franklin Pierce IP Certificate for qualifying students graduating from the JD, LLM and MIP programs, and a Franklin Pierce IP Scholars designation for the top 20 percent of certificate recipients.

The IP Center’s educational mission extends far beyond New Hampshire. To train the next generation of IP professionals to address the critical issues in law, technology and business will require developing new opportunities and partnerships around the world. Examples of this will include the IP Management Institute, a proposed expansion of the IP Summer Institute, and plans for an Executive Education program in conjunction with industry partners in the United States, India, and elsewhere. Fortunately, with alumni in over 80 countries, UNH Law has a strong network of IP professionals to work with.

“We also intend to work closely with local business leaders to develop New Hampshire as a leading source for patent and other IP consulting services to inventors and companies, both local and global,” adds Wong.

Global Innovation

“The field of intellectual property is growing at an incredible rate,” says Wong, “and decision makers throughout the world are increasingly faced with critical choices about IP policy.” In addition to its applied research and teaching missions, the Franklin Pierce Center for IP is bringing together some of the most influential and experienced IP experts in the world to discuss and advance some of these crucial policy debates.

“We will convene conferences and symposia,” adds Wong, “that bring academics, professionals and government officials together in one room to work through pressing issues, as well as creating junior faculty events (such as an IP research training “boot camp”) to develop future IP academics.”

This past spring, the Distinguished Speaker in IP Lecture Series kicked off with Peter Yu, the Kern Family Chair in Intellectual Property Law and founding director of the Intellectual Property Law Center at Drake University Law School, talking about international IP enforcement standards. Also this spring, a group of IP students launched the IP Café, a one-day symposium featuring experts, including many alumni, discussing current topics in IP.

This year will bring a new visiting assistant professor in intellectual property, an academic IP conference (see sidebar at right), and a series of public lectures, including the launch of a “Connecting the World” Guest Speaker Series, which will use the IP Center’s state-of-the-art video conferencing facility to broadcast high-profile speakers from law, technology or business. The Center will also launch an IP Masterclass Series featuring eminent judges, practitioners, academics, and alumni teaching intensive “master classes” on specific areas of IP practice.

While the larger goal of all these efforts is to increase the flow of technology throughout the world, the increased footprint of the Franklin Pierce Center for IP will certainly help UNH Law remain in the top ranks of IP law schools. Known for years for the depth and breadth of its IP offerings, as well as resources such as the largest IP library in the United States and the world-famous “IP Mall,” the Franklin Pierce Center for IP will also be recognized as a global hub for the intersection of IP, technology, and economic development.

“By creating new, sophisticated ways of balancing intellectual property, innovation, and the public interest,” says Wong, “the Franklin Pierce Center for IP will become the place where real world solutions are forged and where our school’s long embrace of entrepreneurship is cultivated.”

Upcoming Events

To inaugurate the new Franklin Pierce Center for IP, UNH Law will host several special events this fall:

Thursday, September 15
Sneak-Peek Open House for Alumni and Local VIPs

Friday, September 30
Invitation-Only Gala Opening

Featuring keynote speaker Judge Donald J. Horowitz, a leading advocate for using technology to facilitate equal access to justice, and guests Chief Judge Randall Rader and Judges Pauline Newman and Arthur Gajarsa of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, as well as deans from New England law schools, members of the UNH Law Board of Trustees and IP Center Advisory Council, and notable alumni and donors

Saturday, October 1
Alumni Open House
“Innovation & the IP System” Conference

Guest panelists include Marybeth Peters, former United States register of copyrights and current board member for the Copyright Clearance Center; and Jon Dudas, former under-secretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, current partner at Foley & Lardner LLP.
The fall of the Soviet Union and the emergence of several new Central and Eastern European democracies was an important moment in the history of constitutional law. These new countries adopted new constitutions, purporting to establish the rule of law and the protection of individual rights and liberties. “For a student of constitutional law, it was a laboratory to study the birth of a constitution and the way in which newly declared constitutional rights and obligations are made real, or not, by a society and its courts,” says Professor Jordan Budd. “As drafted, these constitutions are the new ‘gold standard.’ They make the US Constitution look like a preliminary draft. They much more elaborately specify individual rights. And in many areas, they purport to provide significantly greater protections for individual liberty,” says Budd, whose focus has always been constitutional law, civil rights, and civil liberties.

“I wanted to learn more about this new generation of constitutions in Central and Eastern Europe, to see for myself how the process was playing out, how the courts were enforcing new legal obligations, and whether these new rights were simply ‘aspirational’ declarations or whether they, in fact, were being enforced as real limits on government power,” explains Budd.

In 2005, Budd was given the opportunity to see the process firsthand when he was selected as a Fulbright Senior Scholar. He and his family traveled to Riga, the 800-year-old capital of Latvia, where he taught American Constitutional Law at the Riga Graduate School of Law and the University of Latvia. One of the most well preserved Art Nouveau cities in the world, Riga is the hub of industry and business in the Baltic region and home to 815,000 residents.

Professor Jordan Budd and his wife, Paris Awalt, join a fellow Fulbrighter in Riga, Latvia, to watch the ceremonies during the official visit of President George W. Bush in 2005.
“For Latvia, the drafting of a new constitution was a declaration of their national identity to the world,” says Budd. “The Latvian people have been ruled by foreign states for all but a few decades of the last several hundred years. The new constitution was an opportunity for Latvians to declare themselves a distinct nation.”

“Writing a constitution is quite a different task from enforcing one, however, and that is the challenge facing Latvian society and courts today,” explains Budd. “Are the new constitutional provisions respected by those with actual power? Are they being enforced neutrally and consistently?”

“There are really no easy answers,” says Budd. “The process is incremental, and has proceeded step by step. In some areas the new legal obligations are given powerful application; in others, they’re still honored largely in the breach.”

Budd’s main teaching assignment was on the law faculty of Latvia’s national university. He offered a course to approximately 50 students on the basic principles of American constitutional law, studied in comparative context with the constitutional law of Latvia and several other European states.

“I was part of a program called the Eurofaculty, sponsored by the Council of the Baltic Sea States, which was designed to bring scholars from throughout Europe and the US to help the university develop a modern curriculum,” says Budd. “It was a terrific teaching experience, since my colleagues came from across Europe and brought an incredibly broad and diverse set of perspectives to our work.”

“The biggest challenge faced by all of us was the inherited Soviet model of higher education, which was a very rigid, often stultifying approach to teaching—for example, it was not uncommon for students to spend an entire class session listening to a professor read from a statute book,” says Budd.

“Students were not familiar with any kind of interactive teaching method,” says Budd. “So I told my students, ‘For a semester, you are going to be a student in an American law school,’ and off we went. At first, they were terrified when I called on them to participate in class discussions, but by the end of the semester, they had begun to find their own voices and were throwing themselves into heated debates about the proper reach and context of individual rights. It was an exhilarating experience as a teacher to see them emerge as passionate and engaged advocates and thinkers.”

**Other Faculty Fulbrighters**

**Professor William Hennessey JD ’86** traveled to Beijing, China, where he founded the China Intellectual Property Institute at Tsinghua University.

**Professor William Murphy** taught at the University College Cork in Ireland, later establishing the eLaw Summer Institute.

**Professor Sophie Sparrow** will spend the spring semester of 2012 in India. “I have always wanted to be a Fulbright Scholar, ever since I learned they existed,” says Sparrow. “Having spent a year living overseas when I was growing up, I have always wanted to repeat that experience as an adult, living, learning and teaching overseas. India has also long fascinated me; I will combine these two passions by teaching at National Law University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, where I will be collaborating with faculty, teaching torts, pharmaceutical liability, and legal writing.”

**Alumnus on Fulbright**

**Lars S. Smith MIP ’98**, Louisville, KY, recently received a Fulbright award to teach in Wuhan, China, at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law. He will teach a course on United States intellectual property law to Chinese students working toward their master’s in law.
Thy Tran MIP ’11

Vietnamese Attorney on Fulbright in the United States

Thy Tran’s Fulbright experience has helped her expand her knowledge of intellectual property (IP) as well as her network of colleagues. Since her arrival at UNH Law, Tran, a native of Vietnam, has traveled throughout the United States, visiting fellow scholars, friends and family in San Francisco, Chicago, Miami, and New York, and points in between.

“When I was first looking for scholarships, I thought about Europe, but decided I wanted to study in the US. I had traveled to New York on business several times, and I really liked the Americans,” Tran explains. “And it is the reason I applied to the Fulbright Scholarship Program.” Tran was one of 22 Vietnamese Fulbrighters, selected from approximately 600 applicants across the country, to study in a master’s program in the United States.

This spring, Tran participated in a Fulbright Enrichment Program held annually for Fulbrighters from around the world studying in the United States. “There were about 140 Fulbrighters, from over 37 countries, at this year’s program, which was held in New Orleans,” says Tran. “For me, that was really great to know and to learn from other fellows coming from so many different cultures and countries. I would not have another chance to visit with such diversified cultures as at this event.”

“When I applied for a Fulbright, I knew I wanted to learn more about IP, IP management and IP valuation,” says Tran. “I have worked in IP law, and in banking, business, and investment law. But I find IP more interesting, because it deals with different issues and different clients.”

For the former legal director at Hung Vuong Securities Corporation in Vietnam, Tran’s Master of Intellectual Property degree from UNH Law will provide her the opportunity not only return to the field of IP, an area of law she enjoys most, but also to work in a field of law most important to her country.

While at UNH Law, Tran has been learning about IP management and the complexities of technology transfer in the International Technology Transfer Institute, under the direction of Professor Stanley Kowalski JD ‘05. In December 2010, Tran and Kowalski, along with Fulbright Visiting Scholar Aleck Ncube, from Zimbabwe, met with the leaders of the Science, Technology and Innovation Program at the World Bank as well as with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Tran discussed Vietnam’s IP needs, challenges and opportunities, and presented a preliminary strategic outline for the creation of programs for building capacity in IP management in Vietnam’s public sector (university and government) institutions to advance innovation.

“Thy is truly a remarkable young IP professional, with the vision, sophistication, drive, enthusiasm and intelligence that generates success, and indeed inspires all of us in ITTI,” says Kowalski. “Her dedicated efforts will catalyze the development of Vietnam’s IP/innovation ecosystem. We anticipate an ongoing relationship with Thy, to work with her to continue to build IP management systems in Vietnam’s public sector that will accelerate access to critical innovations in health, agriculture, energy and communications.”

“With expertise from ITTI and help from funding sources, we hope to build a technology transfer office or a center for innovation and technology entrepreneurship in the Mekong Delta region which is so important to the agriculture of my country,” says Tran. “Vietnam is the world’s second leading country in rice exportation. But, we don’t know the basics of IP or even the concept of IP management. It’s a completely new area in Vietnam.”

“Our work in the Mekong Delta would bring this knowledge to Vietnam, and would also impact technology transfer in Cambodia and Laos,” says Tran. “With support, we could build an educational program in Vietnam to bring IP management to the country.”

“For Vietnam, IP management is a must if we want to do technology transfer and research commercialization efficiently and create actual value for our community as well as our economy,” says Tran.

Tran’s return to Vietnam will be delayed as she recently received a scholarship from the US Congress Asia Pacific Leadership Program to study next year in Hawaii. And although she is not quite certain what her future will bring, Tran says, “I can easily obtain a good position with a law firm when I return to Vietnam, but I would like to work for the community, for the public sector. When you become a Fulbrighter, you realize you have to do something for your community and you know that you should try your best no matter what. It’s the Fulbright spirit.”
Christopher Johnson  
Appellate Defender and Professor of Law  
Turku, Finland

The medieval city of Turku, on the southwest coast of Finland, was Professor Christopher Johnson's home for five months while on his Fulbright with his wife, Megan, and daughter, Sophia, during the winter of 2009-2010.

"I had written to several law schools in Finland asking if they would be interested in hosting me, and the University of Turku extended an invitation," says Johnson. "There are fewer than 10 law schools in Finland, all funded by the government, and courses are provided to students at no cost. I was awarded a Fulbright that was a combination of research and teaching, and I taught a course that compared the differences between US and Finnish criminal procedure."

"The course was really about the regulation of the police or what we call 'criminal procedure'—comparing US and Finnish regulations of the police, in regards to such activities as ‘interrogations and searches,’" says Johnson. "Our criminal procedure courses are all about the Fourth and Fifth Amendments. The Fourth Amendment is the one that says police can’t search without warrants and probable cause—it is the body of constitutional law that specifies when police can do searches, for example. In Finland, there are statutes that do the same thing. These define what the police can and cannot do, and under what circumstances they can search or interrogate."

"It’s a complicated comparison. In most respects, the US provides the police freer rein. For example, in Finland, the police cannot lie to a suspect during interrogation. The police cannot say, ‘We found your fingerprints,’ if they did not. In the US, the police are permitted to lie, under certain circumstances, and it does not violate a constitutional right,” explains Johnson.

"Most of the students in my class had taken a Finnish criminal law course, and some took my course for credit, and others just because they were interested,” comments Johnson.

While students in Johnson's class did not visit the courts, Johnson did attend several Finnish trials, which, he says, “were interesting and very different than ours.”

“‘They don’t have juries in Finland, but ‘lay’ judges, who are not lawyers, and are given four-year terms,’ says Johnson. “Criminal and civil aspects of a case are tried together, at the same time, in one proceeding. There is so much to say about Finnish trials and criminal procedure, I have written a chapter on the subject that will be included in a volume to be published in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University of Turku’s faculty of law.”

Johnson also had an opportunity to meet Arnold Karanko JD ’76 of Veteli, Finland and through Karanko, he received a request to speak before the members of the Supreme Court of Finland.

“Finland is a fascinating country that has not received the attention it deserves from non-Finnish legal scholars, perhaps in part because of the difficulty of mastering the language. My experience there has inspired me to try to learn more about Finnish law and explore its details and lessons in my future scholarship,” adds Johnson.

Pictured above: Professor Christopher Johnson with his daughter, Sophia, in Turku, Finland.
When you are asked to answer a question with a "yes" or "no," you may nod your head when you respond; sideways for "no" and up and down for "yes." Right? This may be usual custom the world over, however, it is not the practice in the Republic of Bulgaria. In Bulgaria, shaking your head sideways actually means, "yes," and shaking your head up and down means "no."

This was just one of the many cultural differences Professor Joseph Dickinson and his family would learn about in 1998 when they traveled to Bulgaria, where Dickinson was a Fulbright Scholar Senior Lecturer. For Dickinson, his wife, Judy, and their 2-year-old son, Tom, their six-month stay in Bulgaria was an experience they will always remember.

"I decided to go to Bulgaria at the suggestion of one of my former students, Visiting Scholar Yordan Goleminov, who later acted as our tour guide to the historical sites in and around Sofia," says Dickinson. "My Fulbright contract was for six months, beginning in January, to teach Comparative Constitutional Law at the New Bulgarian University, a tuition-driven institution founded by philanthropist George Soros. Attorney Goleminov wrote a recommendation for me, which helps to speed along the application process."

"Initially, the class I was to teach for the Fulbright program was delayed almost a month. Apparently, dates for the school year had not been finalized as yet when I arrived in Sofia. But, fortunately, the Bulgarian American Fulbright Association office arranged for me to present several seminars on common law contracts to the faculty seminar of the Business Department at Sofia University, St. Kliment Ohridski, before the Fulbright classes began," explains Dickinson.

"There were 30 students in my class, few of whom spoke English. After several attempts at getting my lectures properly translated, we were finally able to accept the assistance of Azela Rosholt, a native Bulgarian, now a US citizen and lawyer, and Fulbright scholar, who had studied law in the United States," says Dickinson.

"Her Fulbright project at that time was translating the new Bulgarian Constitution into English, so it would be accessible, and translating the US Constitution into accurate Bulgarian. Thinking it would aid her Fulbright research, she attended every lecture and sat with the contemporaneous translator, helping her to properly interpret the legal aspects of my lectures."

"Basically, I was teaching human rights—or the process of how human rights get institutionalized and internationalized," explains Dickinson. "When you draft a constitution, you articulate the rights. The process is evolving. Since in many ways the United States Constitution is the model for this new ideology of constitutions, I compared their new constitution with ours. It's very technical, but it was fun."

"It was a challenge to prepare the final exam that would allow students (who are usually given oral examinations) to choose as to whether to take my multiple choice examination in English or Bulgarian," says Dickinson. "But, we did manage to do it. I do think the students learned in the course. And once my family got used to the Bulgarian winter weather, Cyrillic signage, and shopska at every meal, we found ourselves both happy and enriched to be there."
In October of 2010, I was named director of alumni affairs—it is exciting and rewarding to be in this new position. I have many ideas to share with you about the alumni community and want to highlight some of the areas where alumni help is most needed:

Join the Student Mentoring Program
I am working with Donna Miller, the assistant dean for career services, to launch this program in August. Watch for more information and an invitation to be a mentor this summer. You do not have to be a local attorney to do this! Time commitment for a mentor is at least two hours a month during the school year.

Become an Alumni Admissions Ambassador
Trish Morris JD ’06, our associate director of admissions, and I are putting this program together. The Admissions Office would like to establish a roster of alumni who are willing to help at law school forums (held throughout the United States) and speak with admitted students who want to find out more about the school and the practice of law. Time commitment for an Alumni Admissions Ambassador would vary. Law school forums are held on weekends, and we would ask that you volunteer for a couple of hours.

Volunteer to be on a Career Services panel
The panels are only an hour, and it is a question/answer format about your practice area and work environment, so there is no need to prepare a formal presentation. Time commitment: one hour.

Teach a class
Occasionally a professor will need to miss a class and rather than rescheduling, they ask a practitioner in that area (or a former TA) to teach the class. Time commitment: three to four hours, depending on how much preparation is necessary.

Be a judge
Every first-year student argues in front of a panel of three judges in the spring semester as part of his or her legal skills class. New graduates are welcome to be judges! Plus, we have many upper-level moot court competition teams that like to practice their arguments in front of judges. Time commitment: three hours for 1L Legal Skills; one to two hours for the moot court competition practices.

Volunteer to be a panelist in the “Lives of Lawyers” class
Volunteer to share your experiences in this new course that introduces 1Ls to the legal profession. (See http://law.unh.edu/magazine/vol15-no01/life-as-lawyer.php). Time commitment is 90 minutes.

Hire a law student or graduate, or encourage your firm to interview UNH Law students
In this legal market, our students and graduates can use all the help they can get. In addition, you are also helping your law school when you hire graduates, as 14 percent of the U.S. News and World Report ranking is based on the employment rate of graduates.

Supervise an extern for a semester
Our externship program has always been at the cutting edge in legal education and it has only gotten better under the leadership of Professor Ellen Musinsky and Assistant Director Courtney Brooks. For a full description of the program, please visit law.unh.edu/externships. Musinsky and Brooks will work with you to find the right student to fit your needs. Time commitment is for 14 weeks and supervising time varies depending on whether the externship is full- or part-time.

Host an alumni event
It doesn’t need to be large or formal. This spring in Boston, Julia (Kleynbok) Mathis JD ’10 and Nathan Harris JD ’09 held the first, of what we hope will be many, social hours at the Beantown Pub. A social hour is a non-RSVP, cash bar, get-together held at a local bar. If you are interested in starting a social hour or hosting any type of alumni gathering in your area, let me know and I will work with you to make it happen.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above, please contact: mary.sheffer@law.unh.edu or (603) 513-5175.

BY MARY SHEFFER JD ’92
Spoorthy Gudavalli ’12 is passionate about science and patents and how the two can be used together to help others. While in law school, she worked with fellow second-year students Kevin Clark and Ian Mullet to develop a novel methodology for identifying pharmaceutical patents for medicines on the World Health Organization’s Essential Medicine List (EML).

During the spring semester, she and several other students traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, to present their findings at a joint symposium of The World Health Organization (WHO), The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and The World Trade Organization (WTO), entitled “Access to Medicines, Patent Information and Freedom to Operate.”

“The goal of our project was to aid WHO in their attempts to monitor the patent status, in terms of enforceable patent rights, of EML pharmaceuticals in countries around the world,” explains Gudavalli. “We developed a methodology that allows patent trends for these medicines to be reproducibly located in a cost-effective manner.”

Gudavalli was born in Andhra Pradesh, India, in 1987. She moved with her family in the early 1990s to College Station, Texas, where her father pursued a PhD in civil engineering at Texas A&M University. They later moved to Houston where Gudavalli lived with her family until she traveled to Austin to attend college at the University of Texas (UT Austin).

“I have always enjoyed the sciences,” says Gudavalli, “but it was my interest in engineering that lead me to enroll at UT Austin as a biomedical engineer with a focus in cellular and bio-molecular engineering. As an undergraduate researcher there in the Biomedical Informatics Laboratory, I assisted in the development of a breast cancer detection system for clinical use. With encouragement from my department, I interned at UT Austin’s Office of Technology Commercialization and was given my first exposure to patent prosecution. As an intern, I learned a great deal about federal invention reporting and patent compliance.”

“For my senior design project at the UT Austin, I developed and tested biomaterials for tailored biodegradability in an alternative health device. I was able to use knowledge from my internship for prior art searches within this project,” says Gudavalli. “This practical application of patent knowledge confirmed my desire to turn my interest in patent law into a profession, and I decided to come to UNH Law for its noteworthy IP program.”

This summer, Gudavalli returned to Texas to intern at the law firm of Fletcher Yoder in Houston. “Fletcher has active clients in a wide array of fields and a particularly strong presence in the medical devices and imaging systems fields,” Gudavalli explains. “I hope my extensive biomedical engineering background will be an asset.”

During her last semester at UNH Law, Gudavalli plans to extern at Oliff & Berridge in Alexandria, VA, where she hopes to hone her patent prosecution skills. “I’m incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to work at these great firms. I hope that these experiences will give me the knowledge and skills that I will need to become a successful professional in the patent world.”

Gudavalli is a classical Indian music vocalist and speaks fluent Telugu, one of the many native languages spoken in South India. She is also an active advocate of Pratham, a non-governmental organization that works to provide quality education to the underprivileged children of India.

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SPOORTHY GUDAVALLI ’12:
Finding her Passion
**UNH Law Travels to Geneva**

During the spring semester, Dr. Stanley Kowalski JD ’05, director of the International Technology Transfer Institute, led a team of UNH Law students to present their findings on patent information relating to the World Health Organization’s Essential Medicines List (EML) at the “Access to Medicines, Patent Information and Freedom to Operate: A Joint Technical Symposium” held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Students made presentations before the symposium sponsors: the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). Attended by the directors-general of the three organizations, Margaret Chan of WHO, Francis Gurry of WIPO and Pascal Lamy of WTO, the symposium focused on global access to medicines, patent information, and freedom to operate.

Students Kevin Clark ’12, Ian Mullet ’12 and Spoorthy Gudavalli ’12 presented the results of their research during the fall semester in a report entitled “The Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property at the University of New Hampshire School of Law Educational Report: Preliminary Report on Patent Literature, Search Methodology and Patent Status of Medicines on the WHO EML 2009.” The students had conducted this research under the supervision of Kowalski and Professor Jon Cavicchi JD ’84/ LLM ’99, director of the intellectual property library and of ITTI research.

Working closely with WIPO and WHO, the ITTI team, which also included Jennifer Bryan JD/MIP ’11, Brian Doigan JD ’11, Trent Merrell JD/MIP ’11, Nathan Newbold ’12 and Anna Stanford ’12, researched patents potentially relevant to the EML. The EML helps ensure the quality, availability, and affordability of pharmaceuticals required for public health in nations across the globe and is used as a tool to assist countries in deciding what medicines should be essential and available in their health systems.

In developing countries, it is often uncertain whether patents have been filed or issued on EML pharmaceuticals. ITTI has developed novel methodology and a detailed protocol for identifying EML patents in national jurisdictions, which can be used to formulate IP strategies to facilitate access to these pharmaceuticals. This project will continue: Ernest Kawka ’12 is currently on a summer externship at the WIPO headquarters, working in the Global Challenges Division under the supervision of Dr. Anatole Krattiger; Amrita Chiluwal JD ’11 will extern at WIPO in the fall.


**Other Recent ITTI Activities**

- In collaboration with PIPRA, ITTI compiled and analyzed the HIV vaccine patent landscape, a critical tool for identifying obstacles, maximizing opportunities and making informed IP management strategy decisions towards accelerated development and deployment of an efficacious HIV vaccine. Results of this study were published in the May 2011 issue of the journal *Vaccine* in an article entitled “Patent Data Mining: A Tool for Accelerating HIV Vaccine Innovation,” authored by Cavicchi, Rachelle Fitzgerald MIP ’10 and Kowalski, along with Kerri Clark, Kyle Jensen and Alan Bennett (Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture, UC Davis). The article is available at: [www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410X11004348](www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410X11004348)


Pictured (l.-rt.), Dr. Stanley Kowalski JD ’05, director of the International Technology Transfer Institute, with students Ian Mullet ’12 and Kevin Clark ’12 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the headquarters of the World Health Organization, where they presented a preliminary report on their patent data survey of the WHO Essential Medicines List.
Congresswoman Donna Edwards Delivers Commencement Address

On Saturday, May 21, 2011, the newly named University of New Hampshire School of Law awarded degrees to 176 students. The 2011 graduating students represented 35 states and the District of Columbia, as well as eight countries.

There to mark the occasion was another first: the members of the class of 1976, the first to graduate from the school. The then-Franklin Pierce Law Center’s upstart beginnings were the focus of admiration and nostalgia from those graduates, who noted that the school wouldn’t be where it is today without its innovative founders and spirit.

In its inception, the school “was billed as an experiment in legal education, and we became the lab rats,” joked James Conway, historian for the class of 1976. “But without us and the other risk-takers that were involved at that time, we wouldn’t be here today.”

“There’s something special about this law school,” Congresswoman Donna Edwards JD ’89 told the graduates. She chose UNH Law because “I wanted an intimate learning environment, I wanted an institution that treated me as more than just a number on a blue book.”

Hutson and Wood Surprise Each Other with Honorary Degrees

Two more honorary degrees were awarded at the commencement ceremony, to Dean Emeritus John Hutson and to Douglas Wood JD ’76, the outgoing chair of the UNH Law Board of Trustees. The longtime friends surprised each other with the degrees in an exchange that left neither’s eyes dry.

Each gave the other credit for the school’s continued success and recent affiliation. “For as long as this school exists, we will be a better place for being the University of New Hampshire School of Law, and that is because of Doug Wood,” Hutson said.
“In 1976, we walked into history as the first graduating class, the Class of 1976. We laughed, we worked, we partied, and we graduated. We put the time in and indeed we were successful—because we cared about each other and about the school, as we still do.”

James Conway JD ’76, Trustee and Class Historian
UNH School of Law Rises to No. 4 Spot for IP Law in *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings

The University of New Hampshire School of Law rose to No. 4 in the specialty rankings for intellectual property law released by *U.S. News & World Report* in the 2012 edition of *America’s Best Graduate Schools*.

“This recognition is a testament to the reputation that our faculty, students, and alumni have built over the years— a reputation that we are working hard to strengthen through the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property,” says Dean John Broderick.

UNH School of Law continues the tradition set by Franklin Pierce Law Center of being ranked among the nation’s top IP schools every year since specialty law school rankings began in 1992. In this year’s rankings, which are based on a survey of IP faculty members around the country, only Berkeley, Stanford, and George Washington placed ahead of UNH School of Law.

“We’ve long known that we belong among the select few schools noted for IP, and I am glad our peers continue to recognize this,” says Professor Mary Wong, inaugural director of the Franklin Pierce Center for IP. “I know that the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property will make us even stronger over the coming years, as we continue to lead the world with innovative programs in IP teaching, research, and policy.”

(For more information about the Franklin Pierce Center for IP, see p.10.)

UNH Law Announces Dual JD/MBA Program with UNH’s Whittemore School of Business and Economics

UNH School of Law, in conjunction with the Whittemore School of Business & Economics at UNH, will offer a dual JD/MBA program beginning this fall. It is the first of several dual degree programs that will be available to students as a result of the 2010 affiliation agreement through which Franklin Pierce Law Center became the UNH School of Law.

“We are thrilled to announce the new JD/MBA program,” says Dean John Broderick. “The practice of law is an increasingly complex discipline that requires lawyers to have multiple areas of expertise to serve their clients most effectively. The best business lawyers understand their clients’ business needs and business environment just as thoroughly as they understand the law.”

The integration of the two degrees will enable students to graduate with a fuller understanding of how legal and business issues are increasingly related in a complex global economy. For most students, the dual degree will involve completing their first year of law school and then spending the following year at the Whittemore School in an intensive MBA program. The UNH full-time fast-track MBA offers limited class size and real-life business challenges geared toward providing students with the professional skills and technical knowledge they need in order to succeed in today’s innovation-based global economy.
New Faculty Appointments Announced

Dean John Broderick recently announced two new faculty appointments. Professor Mary Wong has accepted the position of inaugural director of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property and Professor Jordan Budd assumed the position of associate dean, replacing Professor Susan Richey, who has held the position for the past four years.

"As associate dean, Professor Richey helped guide UNH Law through a remarkable period of change and challenges, and we are profoundly indebted to her for her leadership and service," says Broderick. "We are truly fortunate to have had her steady hand on the tiller in recent years."

Former associate professor of law in the Lee Kong Chian School of Business at Singapore Management University, Wong joined UNH School of Law in 2005. (For more information about Mary Wong, see p. 12)

Budd joined the law school in 2006. His areas of expertise include civil rights, constitutional law, and the federal courts. His recent scholarship addresses questions concerning the Fourth Amendment rights of the poor and the permissibility of religious displays on public land. Prior to joining UNH Law, Budd served for more than a decade as legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Dean Broderick Honored for his Contributions to Justice

Dean John Broderick received the New Hampshire Bar Association’s 2011 Frank Rowe Kenison Award for contributions to justice. The award, named after former New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank R. Kenison, is given each year to an individual who makes substantial contributions to the betterment of New Hampshire citizens through the administration of justice, the legal profession, or the advancement of legal thought.

"I am very honored to receive the Kenison Award. Chief Justice Kenison remains a legend, and his judicial service, to this day, is widely respected," says Broderick. Under Broderick’s leadership, New Hampshire established an Access to Justice Commission to help enhance programs that provide low-cost legal services to poor and low-income citizens.

Paul Roberson JD/LLM ’11 joined students in April at UNH in Durham to hear Vice President Joseph Biden address the issues involving the high rates of sexual assault and violence committed against young women in schools and on college campuses across the country. During their visit, the vice president and US Education Secretary Arne Duncan introduced new guidance to help schools, colleges and universities understand their civil rights obligations to better prevent and respond to sexual assault.
UNH Law Public Policy Forum Features Key US Anti-Trafficking Official

The UNH School of Law Social Justice Institute’s Public Policy Forum recently hosted Ambassador Luis CdeBaca, head of the US Department of State’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

His lecture, “The Key to Ending Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery: The US Government’s Multi-Facet Approach,” highlighted the government’s domestic and international efforts.

Before serving at the Department of State, CdeBaca was one of the United State’s most decorated prosecutors at the Department of Justice (DOJ). He prosecuted cases involving money laundering, organized crime, alien smuggling, official misconduct, hate crimes, and human trafficking.

For his efforts, the DOJ bestowed upon CdeBaca the John Marshall Award, the Department’s highest litigation honor, and the Director’s Award from the Executive Office of United States Attorneys. He also received the Attorney General’s Distinguished Service Award for his work as lead trial counsel in the then-largest slavery prosecution in US history, which involved the enslavement of over 300 Vietnamese and Chinese workers in a garment factory in American Samoa.

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Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program Gets Top Billing in Law School Guide

UNH School of Law’s Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program, regarded as a pioneering program in legal education, recently won top billing in the third edition of Law School Confidential. Published in April, the guide features an entire chapter devoted to the groundbreaking program and touts it as “the future of legal education.”

The Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program (DWS) began in 2005 and is the joint creation of New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Dalianis, the law school, the state bar association and the state board of bar examiners.

The DWS program eliminates the two-day bar exam and in its place offers a two-year exam: students counsel clients, appear before judges, and develop their skills and judgment in both simulated and clinical settings.

The author of Law School Confidential has seen firsthand the results of a DWS education: Rob Miller, who is also an attorney and managing director at the New Hampshire- and Massachusetts-based firm Sheehan, Phinney, Bass & Green, says his firm has hired two DWS graduates so far—and he’s been very impressed.

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UNH Law Students in Food and Animal Law Classes Visit UNH Dairy Farms

Students visited UNH’s Organic Research Farm and Fairchild Dairy Teaching and Research Center in April to learn how differently organic and conventional dairies are regulated. Pictured with the beautiful bovines is Rebecca Stevens JD ’11.

UNH Law said farewell to Dean Emeritus John Hutson with a celebration in his honor in late March. Pictured with his family, (l.-rt.) first row: granddaughters Lauren and Sophie, daughter Melissa Hutson with baby Eloise; second row: wife Paula Hutson, daughter Christy Graham, and son-in-law Michael Graham. In 2011, the John D. Hutson Fellowship Fund was established to provide UNH Law students with public interest fellowships. To make a donation, visit: law.unh.edu/hutson/

Hong Shen LLM ’03 with Chief Judge Randall Rader (l.) of the Court of Appeal for the Federal Circuit and Dr. Ashley Stevens of BU, immediate past president of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM), and at the International Technology Transfer Beijing Conference, AUTM-ASIA 2011, held in April.
ABA Holds Hearings on the Preservation of Justice at UNH Law

UNH Law hosted a public hearing of the American Bar Association’s Task Force on the Preservation of the Justice System. Task Force Co-chairs David Boies and Ted Olson, along with ABA President-elect Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III, led the hearing, held in May.

Testimony was offered by: the chief justices of five of the six New England supreme courts as well as the chief judge of New York; Professor Laurence Tribe, the well-known Constitutional scholar from Harvard who spent some time last year as the Justice Department’s senior counselor for access to justice; New Hampshire business leaders; the heads of the Boston and New Hampshire Bar Associations; and a panel of citizens who shared their own stories of how the underfunding of the courts has affected them.

“This is an issue that I care deeply about,” says Dean John Broderick. “In my 15 years on the New Hampshire Supreme Court, I had firsthand experience of the ways that our state court systems are crumbling because of chronic underfunding. When the courts aren’t functioning well, our constitutional promise of three co-equal branches of government, with its attendant checks and balances, remains unfulfilled. We were honored to host the event here.”

The Task Force is a national, multi-year effort to examine the impact that underfunding of the judiciary has on access to justice for all. Visit: www.youtube.com/user/ABANow#p/u/7/pGKpEILqyF8
Across the Nation

Adjunct Professor William Delker was recently nominated by New Hampshire Governor John Lynch to be a superior court justice. He is currently senior assistant attorney general, and heads up the state’s Cold Case Unit.

A source casebook by Professor Thomas G. Field Jr., entitled Fundamentals of Intellectual Property, has been downloaded over 3,000 times. In addition, his IP professor listserv now has over 300 members from throughout the United States and several foreign countries. As a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal, he acts as a referee for articles for possible publication. During this academic year, he has published over 12 op-eds on iFrontline. His article “Billy-Bob Teeth Saves Porn Star” appears in the most recent edition of the UNH Law Review.

Professor John Garvey, director of the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program, recently spoke on an assessment panel at the AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco and at the Future Ed 3 Conference held at New York Law School.

In May, Professors John Greabe and Mitchell Simon along with Adjunct Professor Seth Aframe offered CLE presentations on civil rights, ethics and appellate advocacy to the members of the US District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. Greabe recently wrote an article for publication by the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal. “Yet Another Problem with Iqbal, and How It Demonstrates a Need to Rid Constitutional Tort Law of the Individual Immunity Doctrines.” In addition, along with the Honorable Gustavo Gelpi of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, Greabe will co-teach a one-week course on judicial opinion writing this August for students who are interested in judicial clerkships and externships.

Professor Keith Harrison has been appointed to a three-year term on the Code Committee of the United States Department of Defense for his “distinguished record of scholarship in criminal law and his practical experience with the military justice system.”

Professor Sarah Redfield has been selected to participate on the Northeast Regional Advisory Committee, one of 10 committees recently created by the US Department of Education to collect information on the educational needs across the country. Committee members will solicit information from state and local educators, school officials, business leaders, state education agencies, parents, the community and others, and create a report that will outline educational needs across the various regions.

During the spring semester, Professor Sophie Sparrow gave workshops and presentations on assessment, teaching with small groups, active learning and team-based learning at annual meetings for the American Association of Law Schools and the Team-Based Learning Collaborative. A book she coauthored, Techniques for Teaching Law 2, was released in June.

Professor Amy Vorenberg offered a presentation entitled “How Private is a Student’s Cell Phone?” at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association held in San Francisco in June.

Professor Mary Wong spoke about copyright issues at the 19th annual Fordham IP Conference held in April.

Around the Globe

Professor William Hennessy JD ’86 has been reappointed as a consultant to the World Intellectual Property Organization as a fact-finder for the startup of an IP Academy in the Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago. He made a second trip to the region in June.

Professor Christopher Johnson recently wrote a chapter entitled “Comparative Criminal Procedure” for a commemorative book, published for the 50th anniversary of the Law Faculty of the University of Turku in Finland.

Professor Kimberly Kirkland traveled through Australia this spring as a visiting fellow of The Australian National University College of Law. She presented the following lectures: “Teaching Integrity,” as part of an Evaluating Lawyers’ Ethics Roundtable at the Australian National University College of Law, Canberra; “The Ethical and Moral Consciousness of Corporate Litigators,” at a staff seminar at the Australian National University College of Law, Canberra; “Ethical Worldviews of Large Firm Lawyers in the United States,” during a staff seminar at Monash University Law, Clayton, Victoria; and “Self Deception as an Impediment to Ethical Decision-making: Can We Train Law Students and Lawyers to Avoid Self Deception?” for the Legal Ethics Network, hosted by Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne, Carlton, Victoria.

Professor Susan Richey has been reapointed for a second two-year term as the US representative to the Confidentiality Commission, a subsidiary body of the Organisation for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons, an entity formed to enforce an international agreement to eliminate chemical weapons as weapons of mass destruction. Nominated by the US State Department for the position, Richey attended the commission’s annual meeting this spring. In August, Richey will offer a CLE presentation on “Brand Ownership 2.0—Navigating the Competing Online Demands for the Business Lawyer” at the 2011 ABA Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, and a lecture on “The Troubling Role of Federal Registration in Proving Intellectual Property Crimes” at the 11th Annual IP Scholars Conference in Chicago, IL.
New Hampshire Bar Association Meeting & Alumni Dinner

1. UNH President Mark Huddleston, Dean John Broderick, University System of NH Board of Trustees Chair Ed Dupont, Dean Emeritus John Hutson
2. The Honorable Jacalyn Colburn JD ’96 and David Ruoff JD ’96
3. The Honorable Harriett Fishman JD ’82, Thomas Watson JD ’78, trustee, Kathleen Salisbury, guest, Sherilyn Young JD ’82, trustee

INTA/ San Francisco Reception

1. Gaurav Miglani LLM/IPCT ’06, Elena Grimme LLM ’02
2. Guest, Kaushal Odedra MIP ’95
3. Nermien Al-Ali, Director of Graduate Programs Debra Beaugard, Barbara Guzman LLM/IPCT ’99, Yolanda Ariasema Benedetti LLM ’99
4. Yelena Morozova JD/LLM ’07, Gideon Korrell JD ’07, Brian McKnight JD ’07
ALUMNI PROFILE

Using Legal and Language Skills at The Hague

Miljan Kunijevic MIP ’05 was a law student at Belgrade University and a 19-year-old conscript when Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic sent him and his fellow soldiers to Slovenia at the start of the war.

“I’ll go on protesting until Milosevic falls,” said Kunijevic in a January 1997 article that appeared in the United Kingdom’s Times Higher Education during the student protests. Milosevic later became the first sitting head of state to be indicted by a United Nations’ international tribunal in 1999, facing 66 counts for crimes against humanity, genocide, and war crimes committed during the Balkan wars of the 1990s, during which tens of thousands of Bosnian Muslims were killed or forced to flee.

In 2006, Kunijevic accepted a post at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) at The Hague, where he would be responsible for drafting legal memoranda, research and analysis of facts and law. Within his first year, he was promoted to case manager, in addition to his existing duties.

“My work is directly related to expertise in both the legal and technical issues that are closely tied to court operations, material management, interpretation/mediation services and contact between counsel and client at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal,” explains Kunijevic. “During the past five years, I have had the opportunity to establish and maintain effective working relations with members of the team, other relevant departments and successfully facilitate the work of the chambers, the prosecution and the defense for the purpose of the most efficient case-flow.”

“One of the greatest aspects of my job is the gratitude I feel working in coordination with my colleagues. It gives me great personal and professional satisfaction to work in a fast-paced, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment where all the people involved are also committed to establishing and maintaining effective working relationships that result in a healthy, positive, goal-oriented working environment,” explains Kunijevic.

“Kunijevic has met with great success,” says UNH School of Law Professor William Hennessey JD ’86. “He parlayed his legal studies here and his language proficiencies into a very strong career in international criminal justice. Among the career skills he learned here were self-confidence and a belief that he could deal with so-called ‘real’ lawyers on an equal basis.”

Kunijevic is grateful for the time he spent in New Hampshire and for all he learned from Hennessey. Now a new father, Kunijevic remembers Hennessey’s advice to “Use your time wisely, as the little ones grow so fast.” “Your (Hennessey’s) words ring in my ears as I chase him around the house,” Kunijevic wrote in a recent email to Hennessey.

“But I always think of the mandate I have as an alumnus. So every step I have taken and every case I have worked on, I have given not only my full attention and dedication, but also with my gratitude.”

Kunijevic resides in The Hague, The Netherlands, with his wife, Urline, and son, Nikolai.

“I hope that this email will make a difference in your day, if not for anything else than to know how grateful I am for all of your support and your belief in the success of one of your many former students.”

–Miljan Kunijevic MIP ’05 to Professor William Hennessey, March 2011
1976
Joseph Dubiansky JD, Deerfield, NH, was the recipient of a 2011 Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award from the New Hampshire Bar Association.

1979
Barton L. Mayer JD, Concord, NH, Upton & Hatfield, was selected for inclusion in the New England edition of 2010 Super Lawyers Magazine, under Government/Cities/Municipalities.

1980
Marilyn T. Mahoney JD, Manchester, NH, recently received a 2011 Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award from the New Hampshire Bar Association.

1981
Joshua B. Epel JD, Denver, CO, was selected by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper to chair the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Epel most recently served as assistant general counsel at DCP Midstream, where he oversaw all environmental, public health and safety matters and helped to develop the company’s climate change strategy.

Christopher H. Marraro JD, Washington, DC, recently joined McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP as a partner in the firm’s Environment, Energy & Product Regulation Practice.

1982
George C. Carter JD, Lancaster, NH, received the Vickie Bunnell Award for Community Service at the 2011 winter meeting of the New Hampshire Bar Association.

1983
Steven B. Scudder JD, Concord, NH, was the recipient of the L. Jonathan Ross Award for Outstanding Commitment to Legal Services for the Poor at the New Hampshire Bar Association’s 2011 winter meeting. Scudder created the Pro Bono award program in 1985 and helped to develop the successful and nationally-recognized Domestic Violence and Emergency Project (DOVE), which the ABA recently recognized as a trail-blazing program in its partnering of a statewide program with local domestic violence shelters, and its use of what would eventually be called “unbundled services.” Scudder also developed the Quid Pro Bono Golf Tournament, which today remains the single largest fundraising effort by Pro Bono.

1985
Molly M. Kelly JD, Keene, NH, is a New Hampshire senator. She currently serves on several legislative study committees examining issues in education.

Jane I. Caddell Paddison JD, Bloomfield, CO, has opened a solo practice in Boulder.

1987
Richard P. Burgoon Jr. JD, San Diego, CA, recently founded a fourth startup, Epiomed Therapeutics, Inc.

1988
Ann Rice JD, Concord, NH, was recently appointed by Governor John Lynch to the position of deputy attorney general. She served most recently as associate attorney general and director of the Division of Public Protection, which oversees and coordinates the Criminal Justice, Consumer Protection and Environmental Protection bureaus.

Nicholas J. Troiano JD, Lakeland, FL, Troiano & Roberts, PA., was recently awarded the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce’s Small Business of the Year Award for 2010.

1989
Neal Pratt JD, Portland, ME, a partner at Preti, Flaherty, Belleau & Pachios, was appointed to the local rules committee of the United States District Court for the District of Maine. The committee studies the rules of practice and makes recommendations to the court concerning its rules and procedures and provides a link between the practicing bar and the court.
1991
Heather M. Burns JD, Concord, NH, Upton & Hatfield, was selected for inclusion in the New England edition of 2010 Super Lawyers Magazine, under Employment & Labor.
Peter J. Gluck JD/MIP, Costa Mesa, CA, recently joined Baker Hostetter.

1992
Mark G. Bloom JD, West Boothbay Harbor, ME, was recently appointed director of Corporate Alliances and Technology Transfer for Bigelow Laboratory, a nonprofit research institution and center for global ocean research, ocean science education, and technology transfer.
Mark P. Cornell JD/MIP, Concord, NH, was appointed to the Chapter 7 Panel of Bankruptcy Trustees for the District of New Hampshire. He will be responsible for the recovery, preservation, and liquidation of property of the bankruptcy estate and distribution of the proceeds to creditors.

1994
Abdallah J. Minkarah JD is currently economic development director for the city of Manchester, NH.

1995

1996
Alexander J. Chotkowski JD, West Chester, PA, has been made partner at MacElree Harvey, where he represents clients in matters relative to personal injury, estate disputes, product liability, medical malpractice, and construction mishaps.

1997
Kristin L. Murphy JD/MIP, Bloomfield Hills, MI, has been named managing partner of the Board of Managers at Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC, where her practice focuses on patent prosecution, both domestically and internationally, as well as intellectual property litigation, including trademark, unfair competition, antitrust and patent litigation, both at the District Court level and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
Jason D. Shanske JD/MIP, Bloomfield Hills, MI, has joined Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC.
Mark A. Wright MIP, Auburn, NH, has been elected to lead the Management Committee at McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, PA, Manchester, NH.

1999
Maria H. Barrera LLM, Brooklyn, NY, received a National Literature Prize in Ecuador.

2000
Rodney M. Blaco JD/MIP, Visalia, CA, was recently appointed deputy district attorney in the Office of Consumer and Environmental Protection at the Tulare County District Attorney’s Office.
Jordan Denning JD/MIP, Yarmouth, ME, recently affiliated with The Exemplar Companies. He will focus on M&A, bankruptcy and intellectual property.
In her relatively short time as a practicing lawyer, Holly Haines JD ’00 has achieved much and impressed many. For this, the New Hampshire Bar Foundation recently honored Haines with the 2011 Robert E. Kirby Award, given to a lawyer 35 or younger who exhibits the traits of civility, courtesy, perspective and excellent advocacy.

Haines, 35, is a litigation attorney at Abramson, Brown & Dugan in Manchester, representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice and complex personal injury claims. She balances a thriving practice with active involvement in professional and community organizations. She is the president of the NH Women’s Bar Association and is involved in the NH Bar Association, serving on the Gender Equality Committee and as an active member of the NH Bar Journal and NH Bar News Editorial Advisory boards, often authoring articles for those publications. She is also active in the NH Association for Justice and a contributor to its law journal, the Trial Bar News.

“Holly exhibits a perspective on law practice that is rarely found in young lawyers today,” said Mark Abramson, one of the firm’s founders. “She recognizes that the practice of law is a noble profession which must be respected and allowed to pervade all aspects of life in order to build a successful practice. At the same time, she maintains good humor and balance through her involvement in community activities and professional activities.”

A New Hampshire native, Haines attended Virginia Tech before returning to the Granite State to earn her JD degree at the former Franklin Pierce Law Center. “When I arrived at what is now the University of New Hampshire School of Law, my classmates and I were welcomed with an informal reception held on behalf of our advisor, Bruce Friedman, who was in China, a great New Hampshire lawyer I never had the opportunity to meet,” Haines said when accepting her award.

“We were told that Bruce’s goal was to teach us to become lawyers who ‘do good while doing well.’ We were entering a profession so much greater than ourselves, and we had a duty to do good not only to our clients, but to our community, our state and our profession. At the same time, we were encouraged to do well as advocates.”

Haines has done so. She is active in the American Bar Association through its Young Lawyer’s Division, Health Law committee, and Commission on Women in the Profession, specifically through the Breast Cancer Advocacy Task Force, bringing its seminar to New Hampshire in 2009 through the NH Women’s Bar Association. Since 2008, she has annually been recognized as a Rising Star in Plaintiff’s Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice Litigation by New England Super Lawyers Magazine. She is active in the Manchester Bar Association and volunteers with the NH Food Bank.

One of Haines’ recent contributions to the gender diversity dialogue, noted by the colleagues who nominated her, was her article in the Summer 2010 NH Bar Journal, “Balancing the Scales of Justice—Achieving a Critical Mass of Women on the New Hampshire Judiciary.” The article looked at the gender demographics of the NH Judiciary and the history of women in the legal profession and female judicial appointments in New Hampshire. Her groundbreaking study brought the issue to the forefront in the NH Bar Association.

Many of Haines’ legal mentors are affiliated with or a result of her time at the UNH School of Law. The first were Ray Raimo JD ’78 and Trish Murphy JD ’84 at Raimo and Murphy in Manchester, NH, for whom she worked throughout law school. Haines also served as a judicial extern for the Hon. Norman Stahl at the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. After graduation, she clerked for the justices of the NH Superior Court and for now-retired Justice Joseph P. Nadeau at the NH Supreme Court. Recent mentors include her colleagues Mark Abramson, Hon. Ken Brown JD ’78, Kevin Dugan, Jared Green JD ’93 and Eva Bleich. “Each has provided me with unwavering support in all that I have done personally and professionally, and they are the advocates that I hope to reflect throughout my career,” Haines said.
Delivering Justice in the Granite State

Since her appointment to the New Hampshire Superior Court in 1996, Tina Nadeau JD ’89 has been working to make New Hampshire’s justice system more effective and responsive to the needs of the state’s citizens, while facing a decline in court resources. As the newly appointed chief justice of the Granite State’s superior court system, she hopes to effect even greater change. “Those of us who work in the judicial system recognize the tremendous responsibility that comes with making decisions that profoundly affect the way people live and interact with their fellow citizens, their families and their government,” says Nadeau. “That responsibility is even more challenging today as we strive to provide the legislative and constitutional services the people expect and deserve with ever diminishing resources.”

Nadeau was one of the first Superior Court judges to allow jury members to ask questions during trials, provided lawyers on both sides agree to the process. Jurors’ questions are reviewed at the bench after testimony of a witness is completed. If there are no objections, Nadeau then poses the question to the witness, and counsel are permitted to follow up. “Lawyers are encouraged to participate and are often impressed with the high quality of jurors’ questions, some of which the lawyers acknowledge they meant to ask, but neglected to do so. I can’t imagine an advocate not wanting to know what a juror is thinking about their case in the middle of trial,” says Nadeau.

As the presiding judge in Rockingham County, Nadeau recently created a drug court program “that would target appropriate offenders and have as its goal to reduce recidivism, reduce the costs for the Department of Corrections and enhance public safety.”

“I knew that for the drug court to be successful, all the stakeholders in the criminal justice system would need to come to the table and reach agreement on the key components of the drug court,” explains Nadeau. “It took training, meetings, and convincing, and as a result of the collaboration, we successfully initiated a drug court program this past spring.”

Nadeau also served as the presiding justice of the Academy Program, an alternative sentencing program designed to provide rigorous substance abuse treatment, life skills development, and community service. In addition, she started an intensive supervision program in Rockingham County for high-risk offenders who are on probation.

“Through cooperation with the jail, the probation department, the county attorney, and the public defender, those targeted offenders report to the court regularly, are randomly drug tested three times per week, and are arrested immediately for any violation of the program,” explains Nadeau. “This program has resulted in a reduction in recidivism for those offenders, enhanced public safety, and lower costs to corrections.”

In nominating Nadeau to be the next chief justice of the state’s superior court system, Governor John Lynch said,
“Throughout her career, Tina Nadeau has displayed a deep commitment to the people of New Hampshire, and I am confident she will be a strong administrator of the superior courts. She has distinguished herself as a thoughtful jurist. In her 15 years on the bench, she has proved to be someone who possesses a commitment to justice and an in-depth knowledge of the law.”

At the confirmation hearing of the executive council, Nadeau said, “I understand that we must deliver these essential services with the resources we are given, and we must do so efficiently, effectively, and promptly. I want to assure you that, together with my colleagues, I am up to that challenge.”

As chief justice, Nadeau says she will continue to build on the recommendations of the Judicial Branch Innovation Commission, including working with court administrators to launch a paperless “e-Court” system that would include e-filing, electronic payment of fees and fines, digitization of court records and electronic access to court records by litigants, attorneys, and members of the public.

“We need to look at the way services are provided in the court system, evaluate our case flow management system, and implement established practices to streamline scheduling and case processing,” explains Nadeau. In addition to her administrative duties as chief justice of the Superior Court, Nadeau expects she will continue to preside at drug court sessions in Rockingham County and envisions working with local officials to bring both drug and mental health court programs to more counties. She also hopes to work on establishing criminal justice councils in each county where judges, prosecutors, defenders, jail superintendents, and probation officers can meet regularly and resolve criminal justice issues.

“My approach to the role of a judge, and now as chief justice, reflects the preparation and professional philosophy I learned as a student at what was Franklin Pierce Law Center, now UNH Law,” says Nadeau. “My professors emphasized cooperation over competition and taught me that the best decisions are made based on principles, not on results. They instilled in me the sense of the responsibility I have had throughout my legal career to prepare fully no matter the task, to argue concisely in the courtroom, to disagree respectfully, to act with civility, and to protect the rule of law without compromising compassion and understanding for the human condition.”

Michael J. Denning JD/MIP, Portland, ME, president of App Publishing, which recently released a new mobile commerce platform he helped to develop called Mowbi, featuring a suite of seven different tools that businesses can utilize.

2001
Jason M. Schwent JD, St. Louis, MO, was elected partner at Thompson Coburn LLP. Schwent’s practice is centered on the litigation of intellectual property matters, licensing technology and advising clients on intellectual property protections.

2002
Flynn P. Bertisch JD of Salnick, Fuchs and Bertisch, PA, West Palm Beach, FL, was recently named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers for his criminal defense work and also received the legal aid society education Pro Bono award for his work with children being expelled from school.

Eric L. Sophir JD, Washington, DC, has joined the Intellectual Property and Technology Practice at SNR Denton.

2003
Amanda L. Mitteer JD, Fort Myers, FL, recently joined Vernis & Bowling.

2004
Jill M. Kornhauser Argo JD, Wilmington, DE, recently joined Eckert Seamans. She focuses her practice in the area of corporate and commercial litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Dawn E. DiManna JD, Kingston, NH was the recipient of a 2011 Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award from the New Hampshire Bar Association.
2005

Christiane Campbell JD/MIP was recently appointed secretary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Intellectual Property Section. She is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group at Duane Morris, Philadelphia, PA.

Annette K. Kwok JD, Washington, DC, has joined Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, where she concentrates her practice in the area of patent law, including counseling clients on a wide variety of domestic and foreign patent procurement and enforcement issues, as well as on intellectual property strategy and licensing issues.

Christopher M. Mooney JD, Palo Alto, CA, recently joined the Patents Group at Nixon Peabody.

Bryan J. Sommese JD ’05, Piscataway, NJ recently joined Amneal Pharmaceuticals as director of global intellectual property.

Robert H. Wright LLM is teaching a new online course for the University of California–Irvine Extension to prepare students for law school.

2006


Séamus P. Boyce JD, Fishers, IN, was honored as an “Up and Coming Lawyer in Indiana” by Indiana Lawyer. An associate at Church, Church, Little and Antrim, he was also named a “Rising Star” by the Indianapolis Star.

Elizabeth K. Featherman JD, Philadelphia, PA, recently accepted a new position at Cozen O’Connor.


Rohan K. Gupta JD has joined the Milwaukee, WI, office of Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP.

Tracy Uhrin JD has accepted a new post as an administrative support clerk at the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, Concord.

Michael J. Wasco JD recently joined Hiscock & Barclay LLP, in Syracuse, NY.

2007

J. Scott Anderson LLM recently joined Brient Intellectual Property Law LLC, Alpharetta, GA.

Lynne F. Blankenbeker JD was elected to the New Hampshire State Legislature this fall, representing Concord, NH.

Kara A. Brotman JD, Boca Raton, FL, recently joined Carey Rodriguez Greenberg & Paul LLP, a boutique law firm focusing on intellectual property transactions and litigation and other complex commercial litigation.

Erin P. Callahan JD, Manchester, NH, is now working as an administrative support clerk at the United States District Court, District of New Hampshire, Concord.

Brian K. McKnight JD was promoted to partner at Novak Druce & Quigg in the San Francisco, CA, office, where he is part of the firm’s nationally recognized re-examination practice, as well as the advanced prosecution and patent/IP litigation practices. Suni Sukduang JD was promoted to partner at Novak Druce in Houston, TX, where his practice focuses on inter partes and ex parte re-examinations of patents involved in multi-party litigations. Gideon Korrell JD is also an associate at the firm’s San Francisco office.

2008

Michinori Irikawa LLM, Tokyo, Japan, is working on a new project at an organization under the Japan Patent Office, to help Japanese mid- and small-size companies develop overseas businesses from an intellectual property stand point.

Michael S. Parsons JD, Washington, DC, joined the Electronic Practice Group at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox.

Joseph Tessier JD is currently deployed in Kuwait serving in the New Hampshire National Guard.

2010

Mitchell Bragg JD and Travis Johnson JD have opened a new firm, Ascentage Law, PLLC, in Cambridge, MA, with Drew Ogden JD ’86 to provide legal services to technology-based companies.

ALUMNI BLOGS

Enjoy the poetry of Raymond Foss JD/MEL ’04 at raymondfoss.blogspot.com

CRIB SHEET

Jonathan A. Fallon JD ’06 and his wife, Courtney Fallon JD ’07, a daughter, Mikayla Belle, February 25, 2010.

Mary L. Krueger JD ’06, Claremont, NH, and her husband, a daughter, Lilah Pincus born May 12, 2010.

Austin Wang JD ’06, and his wife, a daughter, Kiana, March 2011.

Jennifer B. Gibson JD ’08, a daughter, Marin, 2010.

IN MEMORIAM

Mark J. Bennett JD ’79
Class of 2011 Champagne Toast

1. Stephanie Grabau, Natalia Federico
2. Lauren Breda, Andrea Mitrushi, Benjamin LeDuc
3. Gregory Finch, Tarah Hawley, Carolyn Shea
4. Michael Buscemi, Nicholas Casolaro, Timothy Willis, Georgia Ellis, Nicole Wanty, Danielle Yacono, Erica Johnson

Boston Reception

1. Pamela Sogg JD '10, Michael Abramson JD '08
2. John Harre JD/MIPCT '94, Joan Meschino JD '94, Professor Ellen Musinsky
3. Jakub Michna JD '07, Heather Devine JD '09, Kiera Sije JD '09, Nathan Harris JD '09
4. Aaron Silverstein JD/MIPCT '04, William Shaw JD '04
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Class of ’76 Plays Ball

Richard Stower, husband of Nancy Richards-Stower JD ’76, shot this photo in 1974 in the ballpark across from their home, and developed it in their kitchen “darkroom.” With one exception, all are members of the Class of 1976. Pictured (l.-rt.) are: first row (all kneeling) Kermit “the Commissioner” Goodman, Stephen Dunn, Michael Lang, Barry Simon; second row: Robin Grove, Richard Nale, Michael Asen, James Conway, Nancy Richards-Stower, Francis Murray, Russell Sacco; third row: (on bench) just visiting during her interview day for admission the next year, Ellen Arnold JD ’77, David Siff, Mark Donatelli, and Todd Farkas. Asen later transferred to Hofstra and is currently practicing in Portland, ME.

WINNING ENTRY

The winning entry, identifying faculty and staff in the historic photo in the Winter 2011 issue, came from former registrar Dianna Wheeler Powers. Congratulations!

Pictured in the photo are:

1. Joyce Galvin
2. Terry Beldin
3. Melanie Barton Cornell
4. Jennifer Farrington
5. Dean Robert Viles
6. Mary Lee
7. Joan Smith
8. Melissa Dudley
9. Professor James E. Duggan
10. Professor Thomas G. Field Jr.
11. Jeanie MacKay
12. Bonnie Morrison
13. Paula Reinhardt Jewell
14. Professor Dane Buck
15. Joanne Green
16. Professor Homer Blair
17. Aggie Pichette
18. Professor Joseph Dickinson
19. Joan Parker
20. unidentified
21. Cindy Landau
22. Marge McFarland
(next to Marge is Carol Ruh who doesn’t have a number)
23. Founder Robert Rines
24. Shirley Hesse
25. Professor Hugh Gibbons
26. Professor Robert Shaw
27. Jean Everson
28. Jan Newman
29. Vera Borrelli Buck JD ’82
30. Louisa Stevenson
31. Jeannie Mosher
32. unidentified
33. Professor Bruce Friedman
34. Professor Marcus Hurn
35. Meredith Stanley
36. Professor Mitchell Simon
37. Russell Hardy