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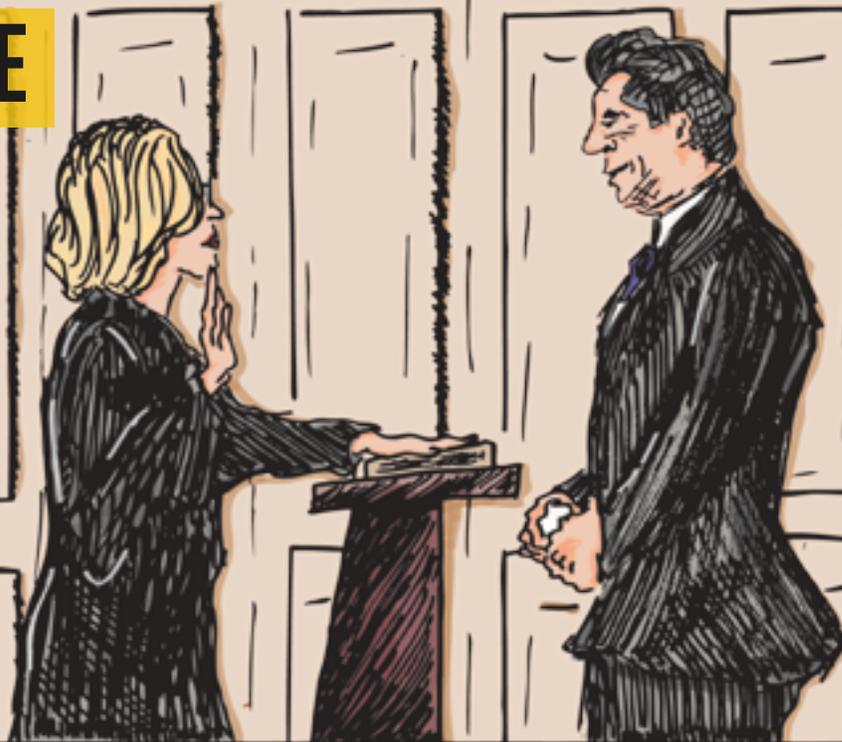


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FROM THE DEAN



When I reflect on St. John's Law turning 90 this year, I'm struck by how far we've come from our modest beginnings in Brooklyn. At the same time, it's clear to me that the heart and soul of the Law School—and our core reasons for being—haven't changed.

As we've risen to become one of New York's top law schools, we've retained our founding commitment to educate smart and driven students from diverse backgrounds. We teach them the fundamentals of the law while helping them build the practical skills they need to succeed when they graduate.

In this issue of *St. John's Law*, we share with you success stories from across our 10 decades. The cover depicts the swearing in of Janet DiFiore '81 as the new chief judge of New York State. As the accompanying story shares (pp. 20-22), it's a fitting role for this longtime, devoted public servant, who becomes the fifth St. John's Law graduate to serve on the state's highest court.

You'll read about Joshua Alter '13 who, as our new director of Asian programs, continues the vital work of building our strategic partnerships with China's top law schools (pp. 8-10). Our mission of bringing the world to St. John's and St. John's to the world also echoes through stories about alumni, both new and seasoned, who practice in the global arena (pp. 11, 12-13).

We share the news of a busy year of events, programs, and initiatives (pp. 4-5, 32-34). And we proudly trumpet the accomplishments of our outstanding students (pp. 6-7) and faculty (pp. 16-17). As our current centers make their mark (p. 15), we're delighted to announce that their ranks will soon include the Mattone Family Institute for Real Estate Law (pp. 18-19).

Stories about a pioneer of the Nevada bar (p. 14), a 3L who works as a housing court officer by day (p. 23), and an alumnus who is an award-winning writer and producer (p. 35) reflect the rich fabric of our Law School community. Via timeline, we celebrate the contributions of all our St. John's Law alumnae (pp. 24-25). There's also a very St. John's Law love story that brings home just how strong and enduring the ties that bind us as a community can be (pp. 28-31).

Thank you for making our first 90 years so great. I look forward to seeing you on June 16, 2016, when we'll gather at the Waldorf Astoria New York for our 90th Anniversary Gala. Together, we'll toast to our success and to the Law School's continued upward trajectory.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike".

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Q&A

with Assistant Dean
Jeanne Ardan '95



In 2002, following a successful career in private practice and in legal recruiting, Jeanne Ardan '95 returned to alma mater to serve as director of career development. Since 2013, she's led the Law School's Career Development Office as assistant dean for career development. With her guidance, St. John's has seen a rise in student employment outcomes across every measure. Here, Dean Ardan sits down with Assistant Dean for Marketing and Communications Trent Anderson to talk about her work to support and sustain St. John's Law.

TA: There have been dramatic changes in the legal profession and in the legal marketplace in recent years. How have the Law School and our Career Development Office responded to those changes?

JA: We've responded by taking a proactive and individualized approach to career development that fully integrates career counseling with our students' academic experience from their

first day at St. John's Law. For example, all 1Ls take a required Professional Development course taught by me, our assistant dean for students, and our assistant dean for academic success. Among other things, they learn how professional and ethical behavior is essential to doing well in law school and in their careers. Upper level students build on foundational coursework with offerings—like externships and clinics, as well as courses in drafting, advocacy, and dispute resolution—that help them develop practical lawyering skills. Our career counselors work closely with faculty, administrators, and alumni to help students explore the career pathways that interest them. Those same collaborations help our Employer Outreach Team source opportunities and contacts tailored to our students' needs. This integrated approach to career development helps to guide students through their Law School experience, allows them to develop their professional skills and network, and prepares them to graduate practice-ready.

TA: You mentioned that our alumni work closely with your office. Can you share a bit more about their vital collaboration?

JA: St. John's Law alumni support so many aspects of our students' career development. They regularly (and happily) come back to campus to conduct mock interviews, to participate in events like our popular Speed Mentoring program, and to speak on career panels. Donations from our alumni, including those made at our annual Public Interest Auction, help fund otherwise unpaid student summer internships. And, of course, our alumni recruit our students for full-time and part-time positions, for internships, and for post-graduate opportunities. Our relatively new Alumni Fellowship Program, where alumni hire recent Law School graduates for a year, has been a phenomenal success. It's a win-win proposition. Our graduates gain valuable professional experience and their employers receive quality legal work. Many of these yearlong placements have turned into permanent jobs.

TA: In addition to the Alumni Fellowship Program, how does the Career Development Office assist St. John's Law graduates?

JA: We help alumni seeking employment with job search strategies, résumé and

cover letter writing and review, and interviewing tips, among other things. Alumni also have access to our job posting system, Symplicity, and to our Alumni Referral Program, where enrolled alumni receive a weekly newsletter as well as updates on new opportunities, events, and resources. When alumni are looking to hire a St. John's Law student or graduate, we post their job descriptions to Symplicity and work closely with them to fill their staffing needs.

TA: And how does your office help to match job seekers with prospective employers who are looking for smart, hardworking candidates?

JA: Since every career counselor in the Career Development Office develops a strong, professional relationship with their assigned students and graduates, they really understand their individual interests, desired career path, and strengths. So when an Employer Outreach Team member reports on a new job opportunity, we're able to identify qualified candidates quickly and encourage them to apply. Our students and graduates are happy to know about right-fit opportunities, and the prospective employers are delighted to receive on-point applications promptly.

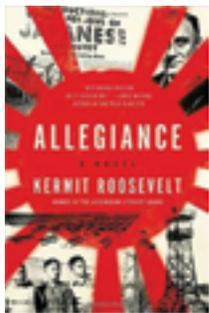
TA: What is it about the culture of St. John's Law that makes it so special and that makes the Career Development Office's efforts so successful?

JA: When I interviewed at St. John's years ago, then dean Hon. Joseph Bellacosa asked me why I wanted to work here. I told him that, when I was walking towards the Law School building from the parking lot, it just felt like I was coming home. That feeling hasn't changed. Dean Michael Simons often talks about the strength of the St. John's Law family. We really are a *family*. The students, faculty, administration, staff, and alumni share a unique bond in that we all truly care about, and take great pride in, each other's successes, our students' successes, and the success of the Law School. The efforts of the Career Development Office reflect this common bond. And, on a personal level, I can easily say that the best part of my job is helping our students and graduates succeed. It's extraordinarily rewarding.

IN BRIEF



This year's 1L orientation included a new student-faculty mixer called **Faculty Friday**. Faculty members led small groups of students on outings and hosted gatherings in and around New York City. Students in the group led by Dean Susan Landrum ended their outing with a sunset vista courtesy of the Long Island City waterfront. Professor Jennifer Baum's group toured NYC in miniature at the Queens Museum of Art (and the nearby Unisphere at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park). Professor Christine Lazaro's group took in the exhibits at the Museum of American Finance on Wall Street, while Dean Alexis Martinez's group enjoyed the full sensory experience that is Coney Island.



The Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and the American Constitution Society hosted a **conversation with novelist and University of Pennsylvania Law Professor Kermit Roosevelt**. Professor Roosevelt discussed his acclaimed new novel,

Allegiance, which explores the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, arguably one of the most shameful civil rights violations committed by the U.S. government.

appeal involving trademark infringement and unfair competition and two criminal appeals—one dealing with fraud, bribery, and money laundering and the other with cocaine distribution.

Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice **William J. Baer presented the 2015 Lewis Bernstein Memorial Lecture: "Reflections on the Privilege of Public Service."**



The Bernstein Lecture is named in honor of the late Lewis Bernstein '38, who was one of DOJ's chief antitrust litigators. His widow, Elaine Bernstein, and friends of the Bernstein family established this annual event that brings distinguished presenters to the Law School to interact with students, faculty, alumni, and members of the legal community around topics related to antitrust law and policy, among other timely subjects.

potential issues before the U.S. Supreme Court involving religious freedom.

St. John's Law received a major grant from the Bradley Foundation for the creation of the Tradition Project,

a new initiative exploring the value of tradition for contemporary citizens and the relationship of tradition and change in today's world. Conceived and co-directed by Professors Marc O. DeGirolami and Mark L. Movsesian, who head the Law School's Center for Law and Religion, the Tradition Project seeks to develop a broad and rich understanding of what tradition—the received wisdom of the past—might continue to offer in cultivating virtuous, responsible, self-governing citizens. Launching in 2016, it will bring together leading public figures, scholars, judges, and journalists for lectures, workshops, and sponsored research.



The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit sat in official session at St. John's Law. Held in the Belson Moot Court Room, the event offered students an unprecedented opportunity to observe experienced appellate advocates and jurists in an intimate campus forum. Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann presided on a three-judge panel that included Hon. P. Kevin Castel '72SVC, '75L, '04HON and Hon. Denny Chin '11HON. The court heard a civil



The Center for Law and Religion presented a discussion with Hon. Richard J. Sullivan, United States district judge for the Southern District of New York, about current and

The Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights hosted the 2015 Diversity Day and Admissions Fair, drawing a record 50 law schools from across the country and 60 college students and graduates from the metropolitan area. Now in its seventh year, the annual event is a pillar of St. John's longtime commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion in law schools and in the legal profession. That commitment is evident in



The Law School's \$90 for 90 Campaign was a fundraising success. The St. John's Law community came together on and around Giving Tuesday 2015 and, with matching funds, raised \$71,150 to help fund a full-tuition scholarship for a deserving St. John's Law student—a true family effort to kick off the holiday season.

the center's flagship pipeline initiative, the Ronald H. Brown Law School Prep Program for College Students. The two-year summer program supports college students from underrepresented backgrounds—often the first in their family to attend college—as they pursue the study and practice of law.



The Center for International and Comparative Law hosted Ambassador A. Elizabeth Jones for a conversation about the past, present, and future U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. She discussed how U.S. foreign policy has changed over the past three decades and reflected on her role in helping to bring peace to the region.



At the start of the spring semester, **Law School students and faculty members participated in the second annual Day One Dialogues: Fear and Freedom.** The participants broke into small groups facilitated by student volunteers, where they discussed mass shootings and terrorism in America and the implications for immigration policy, gun control legislation, and religious tolerance.



St. John's Law and the American Bankruptcy Institute hosted the 2016 Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition in New York City. Methodist University's Dedman School of Law fended off a tough challenge from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, and bested a field of 49 teams from around the country, to take the top prize for the second year in a row. Nearly 200 lawyers and judges volunteered at the three-day competition, which is the nation's only moot court competition devoted to bankruptcy law. The event culminated with a gala awards banquet attended by over 800 guests, including many of the leading jurists in the field. The competition is named for the late Hon. Conrad B. Duberstein '41, '91HON, former chief judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York.



The St. John's University community came together at Carnesecca Arena for a **talk by bestselling author, civil rights lawyer, and social activist Bryan Stevenson on "American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity, and Making a Difference."** Co-sponsored by the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights, the event continued the Law School's vital conversation on race, justice, and the law. As the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, Stevenson has been on the front lines battling against unfairness and racism in the criminal justice system. He and his staff have been responsible for reversals or sentence reductions in over 65 death penalty cases, including several exonerations of innocent men on death row.



STUDENT SUCCESS

St. John's Law students excel in a range of writing and team competitions, and receive scholarships and awards in recognition of their outstanding achievements.



COMPETITIONS

The PTAI team of **Matthew LaSorsa '17**, **Maurice Sayeh '17**, **Christine Chu '18**, and **Jamie Capodiecici '16** bested a highly competitive field of 36 teams to take first at the Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition. Jamie also earned the best advocate award, making her tops among the 144 student competitors. The team was coached by alumni Joseph Calabrese '88SVC, '91L and Michael Vicario '09.



Teammates **Sean McGrath '18**, **Rob Vogel '16**, and **Shawn Heide '18** won the best oral advocacy award and ranked first after day one of the two-day National Baseball Arbitration Competition at Tulane Law. Coached by Kap Misir '04CPS, '13LL.M. and Ryan Lake '13LL.M., both graduates of the Law School's International Sports Law Practice LL.M. program, the team made a strong showing and advanced to the final round of competition.



The Dispute Resolution Society team of **Michael Galati '17**, **Kenny St. John '17**, and coach Natalie Elisha '13 faced a field of 24 teams and emerged the regional champions at the ABA Law Student Division Negotiation Competition.

Four members of St. John's Moot Court Honor Society competed in the invitation-only Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship at the University of Houston Law Center. Oral advocates **Ashlee Aguiar '16** and **Rogendy Toussaint '16**, lead student coach **Sally Profeta '16**, associate student coach **Frank**



Tantone '16, and alumnus coach Danelco Moxey '10 were among the top 16 teams in the nation vying to be crowned the "best of the best." Toussaint came away with the best oralist award, a stellar achievement.



The Asian American Bar Association of New York has named **Nora Boujida '18** a 2016 Don H. Liu Scholar in recognition of her "potential to both excel in the classroom and succeed at a top law firm or Fortune 500 corporation."



Adam Lau '17 and **Melanie Lee '17** took second out of a field of eight teams at the ABA Client Counseling Competition in Albany. Dispute Resolution Society alumna Alyssa Zuckerman '13, an associate at Lamb & Barnosky, LLP, coached the team. DRS Executive Board member **Chris Eisenhardt '16**, who was in the competition last year, also helped to prep the team.



At a ceremony marking National Pro Bono Celebration Week, the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program honored **Victoria M. Hill '17** for her outstanding *pro bono* service in the Queens Civil Court Volunteer Lawyer for the Day Program.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Christopher Atlee F. Arcitio '17 has earned Cole Schotz P.C.'s 2015 Diversity Scholarship Award in recognition of his determination to pursue a career in law and his ongoing effort to support other minority students in the same pursuit.



The NAPABA Law Foundation has named **Christina Nguyen '16** its 2015 UPS Scholarship recipient.

The Following Students Have Received Scholarships for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law:

- **Eric Barnosky '16**
John Sciortino Memorial Scholarship
- **Marlin Duro '17**
John Boyd Scholarship
- **Anthony Holesworth '16**
Professor David L. Gregory Scholarship and Research Fellowship
- **Charles Lazo '16**
Louis E. O'Neil Scholarship
- **Matthew O'Neill '16**
Jackson Lewis Scholarship in Memory of Alan C. Becker
- **Thomas C. Rossidis '17**
Richard and Maria Van Aken Memorial Scholarship
- **Arthur Rushforth '16**
Anthony L. Pedretti Scholarship
- **Cynthia Lauren Vella '16**
Coca-Cola Refreshments Scholarship
- **Robert W. Vogel '16**
Dorothy Day Memorial Scholarship
- **Quinn Wetherall '16**
Monsignor Thomas J. Darby Memorial Scholarship

St. John's Law Students Continue to Excel in NYSBA Labor Law Competitions

St. John's Law students again took top honors in two student competitions sponsored by the New York State Bar Association's (NYSBA) Labor and Employment Law Section.

For the second consecutive year, **Anthony J. Holesworth '16** won the Dr. Emanuel Stein and Kenneth D. Stein Memorial Writing Competition, this time for his paper, "Balls, Strikes, and a Minor Pickle: the Pursuit of Bargaining Power in Major League Baseball and the Lingering Plight of Minor Leaguers." Holesworth also came in third for the Samuel M. Kaynard Memorial Student Service Award, which recognizes excellence among law students in the area of labor and employment law. He received a \$4,000 scholarship for his combined achievements.

Joining Holesworth in the winner's circle was **Thomas Rossidis '17**, who took home first place



and a \$3,000 scholarship in the Kaynard Award competition. And **Marlin Duro '17** claimed third prize and a \$1,000 scholarship in the Stein Competition with her paper, "Can You Be a Public Employee and a Citizen?: Examining the Garcetti Standard for First Amendment Protection."

These talented students follow in the footsteps of many predecessors at St. John's Law who received similar recognition from the NYSBA. In the past four years, St. John's students have won eight of the 12 Stein prizes and five of the 12 Kaynard awards. Their successes are a testament

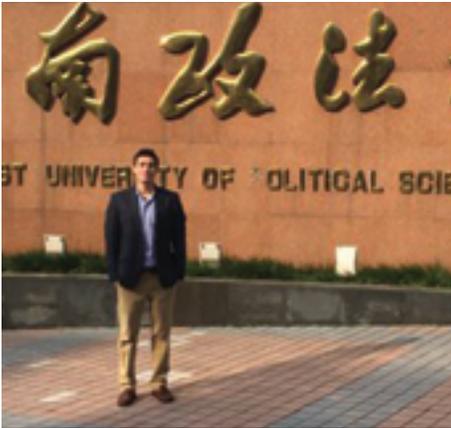
to the strength of St. John's labor and employment law curriculum, including its Center for Labor and Employment Law, and to Professor David L. Gregory's unflagging guidance, enthusiasm, and mentoring as the center's longtime executive director.



West Meets East

Joshua M. Alter '13, Our Man in China, Puts Down Roots

It's a rare day in Beijing—or in Shanghai, or in any one of a number of Mainland China locales—when Joshua M. Alter '13 isn't mistaken for an American celebrity. With his characteristic charm, Alter shrugs off the fandom as just one of the added benefits of his new job as the Law School's director of Asian programs.



It's rewarding work that suits Alter well. He developed an interest in international relations as an undergraduate government politics major. At St. John's Law, he competed at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and served on the *St. John's Journal of International and Comparative Law* and the *New York International Law Review*.

The summer after his 2L year, Alter was a defense intern with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, in The Hague, Netherlands. And as a 3L, he worked remotely with Consultancy Africa Intelligence's Enviro Africa research unit, writing monthly discussion papers on African environmental issues.

This body of experience, along with his other academic credentials, earned Alter the position of senior graduate fellow with the St. John's Center for International and Comparative Law. His success in that role, in turn, led to a succession of full-time

administrative positions directing programs for the center and, then, for the Law School's Office of Transnational Programs.

"I really enjoyed this interesting, hands-on, and fast-paced work linking the Law School's global offerings," Alter says. "I also assisted J.D. students interested in international legal practice and helped to recruit and advise students in our Transnational Legal Practice LL.M. program. In addition to my administrative responsibilities, I taught our international LL.M. students U.S. legal research, writing, and analysis, among other subjects, as an adjunct professor."

In the fall of 2014, under the leadership of Dean Michael A. Simons and Assistant Dean for Transnational Programs Jeffrey K. Walker, St. John's Law forged the first of its strategic partnerships with some of China's leading law schools. As these new doors opened, Alter jumped at the chance to export his passion for teaching and for building international programs.

That spring, he lectured on "The Art of Appellate Advocacy—Moot Court" at Tsinghua University in Beijing and Nankai University in Tianjin. And, in December, he returned as a visiting professor at Beijing Jiaotong University, where he taught a Legal English course.

Outside the classroom, Alter spent his time in China talking to students interested in a U.S. legal education and forging business relationships at St. John's partner schools. "I like to say that my job is to serve as a 'partner, not poacher,'" he explains. "I don't ever want to walk into one of our partner schools and not bring something that adds value for them. So, my first question always is 'how can I help you?'"

Mutuality seems to be a good lodestar. St. John's Law welcomed 10 Chinese students to the Transnational Legal Practice LL.M. program this semester, and about a dozen more students have already decided to enroll next year.

ADVANCES



- ★ Where Professor Alter is teaching
- Where Professor Alter is visiting schools

In recent months, the Law School hosted Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL) Dean Zhang Xiaojun as well as a student-faculty delegation from Nankai University.

Dong Xiang, from East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL), and Hu Qiao, from Zhejiang Gongshang University, are currently participating in the Visiting Scholars Program, which gives partner school faculty the opportunity to conduct research in the United States.

In January 2017, 15 St. John's Law students will explore China through the annual Dean's Travel Study Program. They will be joined by Alter, who relocated to China in February to continue the important work of "bringing the world to St. John's and St. John's to the world" as director of Asian programs.

Believing that there is no substitute for being "on the ground" in China every day, Alter is teaching a one-month version of the Legal English course at SWUPL in Chongqing and at ECUPL in Shanghai, and is visiting schools in seven other cities over the spring semester. Throughout his travels, he remains committed

to developing more mutually beneficial, meaningful, and deep collaborations with St. John's partner schools.

"My goal is for these relationships to last long after I'm gone," he shares. "Twenty years from now, I want people to come to St. John's Law from China because of all the things we're doing right in 2016."

Alter would be delighted to meet with St. John's Law alumni working and living in China. He can be reached at alterj@stjohns.edu.

Edward G. Kehoe '90

Leads King & Spalding's Renowned International Arbitration Practice



There's an enduring saw, attributed to American businessman and philanthropist Ray Kroc, that the two most important requirements for major success are, first, being in the right place at the right time, and second, doing something about it.

Edward G. Kehoe, managing partner of King & Spalding's New York office and co-head of the firm's International Arbitration Practice, knows a thing or two about those particular prerequisites.

Following an early career in corporate law at Skadden Arps, Kehoe became the first litigation associate at King & Spalding's newly created New York office. Over the next 10 years, he gained a wealth of trial experience and honed his skills as a litigator before being promoted to partner. Then, in 2002, a client asked him to handle a significant international arbitration dispute.

"I wasn't familiar with the international arbitration process at the time, and I knew enough to know that the case required international arbitration expertise," Kehoe recalls. "I reached out to Doak Bishop, a partner in King & Spalding's Houston office and a renowned international arbitration practitioner. I asked him to handle this new case but, being the gentleman that he is, Doak said, 'let's do it together.' That was my introduction to international arbitration, and it was terrific."

By the time the arbitration ended the next year, Kehoe was hooked. So, he decided to do an in-depth analysis of the international arbitration legal market to understand it better. "Although New York law firms compete fiercely for high-value litigation work, my research revealed that very few U.S. firms were focusing on the niche international arbitration market, where disputes routinely involve hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars," he explains. Kehoe's research also suggested that this niche market was poised for explosive growth. "Since New York is a center of international commerce, it made sense that the market for international disputes would experience particularly strong growth here," he adds.

Kehoe concluded that growing King & Spalding's relatively small international arbitration practice was a risk worth taking. "A group of about five of us decided to essentially abandon our successful litigation practices and focus all of our efforts on helping to build an international arbitration brand at the firm," he says. The forward progress over the next decade included training programs, internal promotions, and targeted lateral recruiting of top-tier international arbitration lawyers in various jurisdictions.

Today, King & Spalding's top-ranked International Arbitration group consists of 84 lawyers across the globe, who work as an integrated team on high-stakes, high-profile foreign investment arbitrations and international commercial arbitrations. Lawyers in the group

also represent clients in the courts of the United States and Europe in litigation related to arbitration. Their track record of successful outcomes for clients has not gone unnoticed. A recent report published by *Chambers Global*, which ranks legal practices worldwide, says this about the King & Spalding international arbitration group: "The firm's rise up in the rankings speaks volumes for the power of a winning record."

Kehoe, who has earned individual accolades as a top international arbitration attorney as well as an arbitrator, says that clients are attracted to international arbitration because it eliminates any home-court advantage that domestic litigation may afford one of the parties. "It's an unfortunate reality that judges in local courts may sometimes favor a local corporation over a foreign organization when handing down rulings," he says. "With international arbitration, the impartial tribunal deciding the dispute isn't influenced by local interests."

Although King & Spalding's international arbitration practice group has grown to include lawyers in the firm's offices in Abu Dhabi, Atlanta, Austin, Dubai, Frankfurt, Geneva, Houston, London, Moscow, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Singapore, Tokyo, and Washington, D.C., the group maintains a niche service approach. "Our clients know that international disputes are the sole focus of our practice group, and that we have a particular expertise in treaty disputes and international law," Kehoe shares. "Because we handle so many international arbitration cases, we usually know what will resonate best with a particular arbitrator in a particular case. In other words, we know our audience very well. This obviously doesn't ensure a favorable outcome, but it does help us present the case in the most effective way."

Kehoe continues to find international arbitration work rewarding on many levels. Among other matters, he currently represents an investor against the Republic of Ecuador under a bilateral investment treaty with \$9 billion in issue. He's also handling an arbitration for an investor against the Republic of Peru under a trade promotion agreement involving over \$800 million. And an alleged breach of a natural gas supply agreement is at the center of a New York commercial arbitration that he's working on.

"I'm so very pleased that I made the decision more than 12 years ago to go 'all in' to the specialty legal field of international arbitration," says Kehoe. "I enjoy the practice immensely, and I feel blessed to work with such important clients and excellent lawyers."

Kehoe serves on the advisory board of the St. John's Center for International and Comparative Law.



Mostly, I was exhausted. There was the packing and repacking, a sleepless night, the flight from Milan to Istanbul, and a four and a half hour layover in the dead of the night. When I arrived at the overcrowded international terminal at Atatürk International, a dark sense of dread came over me. I ordered a venti chai tea latte, bought two bags of Haribo Gold Bears, and sat in front of the lounge monitor watching GO TO GATE flash across the screen for destinations like Najaf, Sulaimaniyah, and Baghdad. When “impoverished, Taliban-infiltrated, suicide-bombed city” is all you have to associate with your destination, it’s hard to rally. KABUL–3:10–WAIT FOR GATE. I wasn’t overcome by the urge to buy a one-way ticket back to Chicago, but as the minutes ticked by slowly I became increasingly angry with myself for having made this decision in the first place.

I couldn’t quite will myself out of the lounge on time, so I ended up sprinting down the terminal to the gate where all but one anxious-looking passenger had been loaded onto the bus that would take us to the outer reaches of the airfield. I remember passing rows of shipping containers and other miscellaneous cargo and wondering if I hadn’t read the fine print well enough.

The flight was full of Westerners. Men with buzz cuts, prominent biceps, and army green T-shirts; tall bespectacled Dutch men with reporter notebooks; women wearing Western tunics and headscarves and speaking the language of project management. A beautiful Afghan girl with kind and vibrant eyes sat next to me. She looked very stylish in her elegant black tunic and hijab, and we struck up

a conversation about Islamic dress. She asked me if this would be my first time in Afghanistan—pronounced in a lilting and graceful accent—and then enthusiastically told me all the things she loves about her country. Later, I fell asleep to her conversation with another Afghan woman, the singsong words *bale, bale* playing in my head. Dari, the Afghan version of Persian and one of the national languages of the country, is really beautiful.

I woke in time to see the sun rising ahead of us in the east, and as we approached Kabul, the desert disappeared and the Hindu Kush came into view. I thought about Antoine de Saint-Exupéry’s *Little Prince* and his tiny asteroid, and about the surface of Mars and the moon. “Kabul might as well be outer space,” I whispered to myself. From high above, it looked as though you could be stuck forever in this place surrounded by a vast mountain range encased in endless deserts. The city itself appeared brown and dusty and flat, and the rows of concrete buildings gave the impression that we were landing in the middle of a sprawling detention center or military compound. But as we began the descent I felt a rush of adrenaline and excitement. I had finally made it to Kabul and there was no room for panic.

The hot, dry air smelled like summer in Mumbai, but the atmosphere at Hamid Karzai International was more subdued. An Afghan man loaded my suitcases onto a cart, and we exited the building and began the dreaded walk from the international arrivals terminal to the entrance and parking lots. I felt exposed in the open air, but more curious than frightened, and I managed to snap a few pictures of the “gardens”—wilting rosebushes among weeds—as we made our way to the gate. Given the recent airport bombings, I thought I would

WARLORDS & TAKEOUT

Jessica Wright '14 Reports from Kabul

Former Center for Law and Religion fellow Jessica Wright recently moved to Kabul, Afghanistan, where she works with a team of local and international lawyers at Rosenstock Legal Services, a commercial law firm. This is the first in a series of dispatches that Wright has relayed from Kabul—personal narratives sharing her insights on issues of law and religion in the context of practicing law in the Islamic Republic. This introductory dispatch originally appeared in the *Center for Law and Religion Forum*, an online resource updated regularly at clrforum.org.

be sick with fear, but the ten-minute walk felt strangely normal. A coworker greeted me warmly at our meeting point, and we set out to the city with our driver.

The next hours are a blur of checkpoints, armed men, and seemingly perilous moments on a journey through Kabul's manic "streets." When we finally arrived at my new house in a quiet residential neighborhood, I met my housemates—journalists, NGO researchers, communications specialists—as well as the very gracious guards, drivers, and cleaners who make life here easier. We have gates and blast walls, 24-hour *chakidors*, CCTV, a safe room, and a semi-automatic weapon. Even so, we live "outside the wire," to borrow a military phrase, which means our security approach is to remain under the radar and as out of sight as possible. Our cars have no markers, we wear headscarves and abayas, and we do not keep regular schedules. Consequently, we are able to move around the city with relative ease. I have only felt anxious once or twice when passing a checkpoint or sitting too long in traffic, and for the most part, the days pass by in a normal rhythm. But I guess this is the reality in a conflict zone. Everything's fine until it isn't. You're safe until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time. You forget about the danger until your friends get captured or killed. It's the vague, speculative fear, I suppose, that looms large.

My first week in Kabul has been filled with takeout dinners at home, all day brunches in private gardens, and bonfires at night. These are things you wouldn't think possible in Afghanistan. I'm excited about the work—more on that later—and happy to have met many interesting and enthusiastic people. The low-flying helicopters that regularly shake

the house still throw me off, as do glimpses of abject poverty seen through the car window. I like hearing the call to prayer five times a day, but the light blue burkas that cover the body with a single piece of cloth, the *chadri*, are an eerie reminder of the Taliban's hold on this country.

As we ventured into a different neighborhood a few nights ago, our driver pointed to a newly built, outsized mansion and said, "That is Dostum's house." I looked on in awe as I recalled Ahmed Rashid's description of General Dostum, the Uzbek warlord:

"He wielded power ruthlessly. The first time I arrived at the fort to meet Dostum there were bloodstains and pieces of flesh in the muddy courtyard. I innocently asked the guards if a goat had been slaughtered. They told me that an hour earlier Dostum had punished a soldier for stealing. The man had been tied to the tracks of a Russian-made tank, which then drove around the courtyard crushing his body into mincemeat, as the garrison and Dostum watched. The Uzbeks, the roughest and toughest of all the Central Asian nationalities, are noted for their love of marauding and pillaging—a hangover from their origins as part of Genghis Khan's hordes and Dostum was an apt leader. Over six feet tall with bulging biceps, Dostum is a bear of a man with a gruff laugh, which, some Uzbeks swear, has on occasion frightened people to death" (*Taliban*, p. 56).

Somehow, all of us, even warlords and lawyers, have a role to play in this strange but fascinating place.

To read all of Wright's dispatches from Kabul, please visit the Center for Law and Religion Forum at clrforum.org.

SECOND ACTS

PIONEERING LAWYER SAMUEL S. LIONEL '40, '10HON REMAINS A PILLAR OF THE NEVADA BAR



When the American writer Horace Greeley popularized the phrase "Go West, young man ..." in an 1865 *New York Tribune* editorial, Las Vegas was 40 years shy of its official founding. And it would take another 40 years for the desert metropolis to earn its reputation as an entertainment capital of the world.

By the time Brooklyn native Samuel S. Lionel set out for a new frontier as a Las Vegas attorney, he had already built an impressive career. After graduating with an LL.B. from St. John's Law, he served in North Africa and in Italy as a draftee during World War II. Lionel was in private practice for a few years before he returned to military service as a judge advocate general during the Korean War. Later, he worked at the Pentagon and as a faculty member in West Point's Department of Law.

While tourists flocked to play the tables and see the headliners at the Sahara, the Sands, and the Riviera in 1967, Lionel joined forces with former Nevada Governor Grant Sawyer to form Lionel Sawyer & Collins. The law firm grew to become a



Dean Michael A. Simons and Samuel S. Lionel Proudly Display Medal of Honor

state powerhouse, expanding into Reno and Carson City, and working with numerous clients at the vanguard of the gaming and hospitality industries.

Over the years, Lionel guided the firm's success, and became widely known as the unofficial dean of the Nevada Bar. He also accrued professional honors for his expertise in litigation and corporate law, including annual recognition in

Best Lawyers, the oldest and most highly respected peer review guide to the legal profession. He is a fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, and has served as a member and chairman of Nevada's Board of Bar Examiners.

"For over 40 years, Sam has been the lawyer in Las Vegas that you go to when you have a bet-the-company case," says Dean Michael A. Simons. "His commitment to his clients, and the results he achieves for them, are legendary."

Lionel is also committed to *alma mater*. In recognition of his steadfast support, St. John's has awarded him an honorary doctorate as well as its highest accolade, the Medal of Honor. "Although he's 2,500 miles away in Las Vegas, the distance hasn't been an obstacle to Sam's loyalty to the Law School," Dean Simons says. "I'm grateful for his lifetime of generosity."

Still with an active practice at age 95, Lionel is taking the next step in his storied legal career in the West as director at Fennemore Craig, P.C., one of Nevada's largest law firms.

Professor Donna Shestowsky Receives Law School's Mangano Award

L-R: Professor Elayne E. Greenberg, Professor Donna Shestowsky, and Hon. Guy J. Mangano

On March 14, 2016, St. John's Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution presented its 2016 Mangano Dispute Resolution Advancement Award to University of California, Davis Professor Donna Shestowsky, a nationally respected dispute resolution and procedural justice scholar.

The \$5,000 annual award honors scholars whose published empirical research has furthered the advancement and understanding of the values and skills of dispute resolution. It was established through the generosity of Hon. Guy J. Mangano '55, '83HON, who has dedicated his 40-year career to promoting dispute resolution, first as presiding justice of the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department, then as a state legislator, and now as an arbitrator and mediator.

A selection committee, consisting of faculty from the Law School and the University, selected Professor Shestowsky for the groundbreaking empirical research set out in her *Iowa Law Review* article, "The Psychology of Procedural Preference: How Litigants Evaluate Legal Procedures Ex Ante." The research is part of a national longitudinal study examining how litigants decide how to resolve their disputes. The work was funded in large part through competitive grants from the National Science Foundation and the American Bar Association, as well as the University of California, Davis.

The selection committee also recognized the strong credentials that Professor Shestowsky brings to her work. She earned a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Stanford University. While at Stanford, she taught courses in legal psychology and established a research lab for undergraduates that was devoted to the empirical study of juries and dispute resolution procedures. At UC Davis, Professor Shestowsky teaches Criminal Law, Negotiation Strategy, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), and a seminar in Legal Psychology.

Her study, which included over 400 litigants, was innovative in that it took vital research out of the laboratory and into the field with the

aim of offering more real-world applicability. "It was a really exciting project," Professor Shestowsky shares, "although it presented some logistical challenges, and we had to do a lot of detective work to contact the litigants." The study found that mediation, judge trial, and negotiation with the litigants and their attorneys present all tied for the litigants' favorite procedures.

Professor Shestowsky now looks forward to analyzing data captured during the second part of the study, which involved a phone survey of the litigants after their case closed to determine which dispute resolution procedure they used and what they thought of it. In the third and final part of the study, she will examine how litigants' perceptions of legal procedures at the start of their case compare with their perceptions after the case ends.

"Professor Shestowsky's research fills a gap in dispute resolution scholarship by focusing on actual litigants' dispute resolution preferences," says Professor Elayne E. Greenberg, assistant dean for dispute resolution programs, professor of legal practice, and director of the Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution. "The richness of her research offers important insights for lawyers who want to work effectively with their clients, courts who seek to marshal their scarce resources, and legal educators who are shaping our future lawyers."

"I feel extremely honored to receive the Mangano Award," Professor Shestowsky says, adding that she appreciated the opportunity she was given to come to New York with her family and receive the honor in person. "We felt like we were part of the extended St. John's family." She also enjoyed meeting the "incredibly insightful, wise, and humble" Judge Mangano. "I'm grateful that he has endowed this award to acknowledge empirical scholarship in the field of ADR," she says. "Empirical research is hard. And it's expensive. And it takes a long time. The Mangano Award goes a long way towards encouraging us researchers to continue our efforts."

FACULTY FOCUS

Read all about the latest achievements and activities of our outstanding St. John's Law faculty.

{ ALEXANDER }

Professor **Vincent C. Alexander's** annual updates for his co-authored evidence treatise, *Evidence in New York State and Federal Courts*, was published in December, as were his 2015 Supplementary Practice Commentaries on the Civil Practice Law and Rules (*McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York*). In November, he delivered a lecture for the New York Institute on Complex Commercial Litigation entitled "Jurisdiction and the U.S. Supreme Court: *Daimler* and Beyond." And, in January, he provided an evidence review for the 2016 New Judges Seminar at the New York State Judicial Institute.

{ BARRETT }

In August, Professor **John Q. Barrett** delivered the principal lecture on the 1945 London Agreement and the resulting international Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals, at a U.S. State Department program honoring Ambassador Stephen Rapp on his retirement as head of the department's Office of Criminal Justice. This fall, Professor Barrett also gave U.S. Supreme Court-focused lectures at the New York State Judicial Institute and at the Federal Bar Association chapter at the U.S. Courthouse in Central Islip, and he lectured about the Nuremberg trials at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City, at Daemen College in Buffalo, at the Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeals conference in New Jersey, and at Canada's National Judicial Institute seminar in Winnipeg. November marked the 70th anniversary of the start of the Nuremberg trials, and Professor Barrett participated in the official commemoration event, delivering a lecture in historic Courtroom 600 in Nuremberg's Palace of Justice and then moderating a conversation with three men who worked at the trials.

{ BAUM }

"Compassion Fatigue: Caveat Caregiver?" by Professor **Jennifer Baum** appears in the winter edition of the ABA's Children's Rights Litigation Committee newsletter. The article reports on a recent ABA teleconference examining "compassion fatigue," a condition that can negatively impact lawyers and others working closely with traumatized individuals. Studies show that so-called helping professionals who work day in and day out with victims of serious trauma can, over time, show changes in their ability to demonstrate compassion and care, and these workers can themselves suffer from symptoms of PTSD. As Professor Baum notes, "research has shown that compassion fatigue leads to an increase in direct negative impacts on clients, including legal errors, client profiling, general disorganization, and conflict and toxicity in the workplace ("horizontal violence"), which in turn leads to decreased job performance." The article goes on to explain how to treat and reduce compassion fatigue, and how to improve representation for traumatized youth.

{ BOYLE }

Professor **Robin A. Boyle's** academic paper, "Employing Trafficking Laws to Capture Elusive Leaders of Destructive Cults" will be published this spring in the *Oregon Review of International Law*. In October, she presented her paper at a Sunday Forum held at the Garden City Community Church. In August, her paper was read aloud by a colleague at the Center for the Study of Cultic Groups & Religious Culture at Beijing Union University.

{ CUNNINGHAM }

Associate Academic Dean **Larry Cunningham's** article from the *Nevada Law Journal*, "Using Principles from Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Reduce Nervousness in Oral Argument or Moot Court," has been discussed internationally: first, on the New Zealand Law Society's website and, later, as a featured "thinkpiece" on *Slaw: Canada's Online Legal Magazine*. The article draws on psychology to suggest ways that lawyers and law students can reduce in-court nervousness or anxiety.

{ DEGIROLAMI }

Professor **Marc O. DeGirolami** participated in an online forum at the Liberty Fund's *Library of Law and Liberty* concerning the relationship of associational freedom and antidiscrimination law. He wrote one of three responses to Professor Richard Epstein's lead article on the subject. Professor DeGirolami will be writing several short essays on the relationship of tradition to American law and politics, which will also appear online at *Library of Law and Liberty*.

{ GREENBERG }

"Fitting the Forum to the Pernicious Fuss: A Dispute System Design to Address Implicit Bias and 'Isms in the Workplace,'" an article by Professor **Elayne E. Greenberg** published in the *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*, was chosen as the first Alternative Dispute Resolution scholarship to be featured in Quick Takes at *Indisputably*, the specialized blog that links dispute resolution, scholarship, education, and practice. In a November issue of the *Wall Street Journal*, Professor Greenberg was named one of the "Best Lawyers in New York City for Dispute Resolution." She was the only law professor in New York, and St. John's was the only New York law school, to receive that distinction.

{ JOSEPH }

In January, Professor **Lawrence Joseph** presented a paper, "The Aesthetics of Narrative and Metaphor: Creating a Lawyer Self in Poetry and Prose," at a Stanford Law School symposium on Narrative and Metaphor in the Law. The symposium, in the words of its sponsors, brought together "scholars in law and related disciplines who have made the most outstanding contributions to the study of narrative or metaphor and the law." Professor Joseph's paper will be included as a chapter in a book of symposium presentations to be published by Cambridge University Press.

{ KRISHNAKUMAR }

Professor **Anita S. Krishnakumar** presented her paper, "Reconsidering Substantive Canons," at Cardozo Law School in November. She presented the same paper, along with one on "Textualism and Statutory Stare Decisis," in February at a Yale Law School seminar on Statutory Interpretation Theory. Her article, "The Sherlock Holmes Canon," was published recently in the *George Washington Law Review* and another, "Dueling Canons," appears in the latest issue of the *Duke Law Journal*.

{ MOVSESIAN }

In November, Professor **Mark L. Movsesian** presented a paper, "Of Human Dignities," at a conference at Notre Dame Law School on the 50th anniversary of *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Catholic Church's declaration on religious freedom. The paper will be published in a symposium issue of the *Notre Dame Law Review*. His essay, "Religious Rights," a review of Harvard law professor Samuel Moyn's recent book, *Christian Human Rights*, appeared in the January issue of *First Things*. Professor Movsesian blogs regularly at *First Things* and at the *Center for Law and Religion Forum*.

{ SALOMONE }

In September, Kenneth Wang Professor of Law **Rosemary C. Salomone** presented a paper on "Europe's Multilingualism Agenda: Educational Quality, Globalization, and Linguistic Justice" at the Workshop on the European, International, Intercultural and Pluri-Linguistic Component of Quality in Education: A "Generational" Right to Education sponsored by the Faculty of Law of the University of Trento, Italy. She also presented a paper on "Rights and Responsibilities in the Debate over English as 'Lingua Academia'" at the Colloque sur Le Plurilinguisme, Le Pluriculturalisme et l'Anglais dans la Mondialisation sponsored by the Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France. Her

commentary entitled, "Public Single-Sex Schools: What Oprah Knew," discussing the dismissal of a 20-year-old Title IX complaint filed by civil liberties groups against the Young Women's Leadership School in East Harlem appeared in a November online edition of the *Teachers College Record*. Professor Salomone's article, "The Rise of Global English: Challenges for English Medium Instruction and Language Rights," will appear in the Spring 2016 issue of the international journal, *Language Problems and Language Planning*.

{ SIMONS/MCGUINNESS }

An essay by Dean **Michael A. Simons** and Professor **Margaret E. McGuinness** was published in the *Tsinghua China Law Review*. The essay, "American Legal Education, Skills Training, and Transnational Legal Practice: Combining Dao and Shu for the Global Practitioner," grows out of a presentation that Dean Simons gave at an October Tsinghua University Law School conference on Global Legal Education at a Crossroads. The essay discusses the importance of using skills training to prepare global practitioners, and highlights the approach used in St. John's LL.M. program in Transnational Legal Practice.

{ SOVERN }

The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Endowment for Education awarded Professor **Jeff Sovern**, along with St. John's University Associate Professor Kate Walton, a grant to study consumer awareness of debt collection validation notices. West Academic Publishing put out the 1,200-page, 2015 edition of *Selected Consumer Statutes*, co-edited by Professor Sovern. In addition to being quoted on NBC.com, LegalNewsline.com, and twice in the *Los Angeles Times*, Professor Sovern had an op-ed in *American Banker*. He also delivered a guest lecture at Columbia Law School on Comparative Consumer Law and Contracts.

{ SUBOTNIK }

Professor **Eva E. Subotnik** presented her work-in-progress, "Artistic Control After Death," about the post-death enforceability of authorial instructions, at DePaul, Fordham, NYU, Savannah, and Texas A&M law schools. She also presented remarks addressing the scope of intellectual property rights at this year's AALS annual meeting in New York. Her symposium piece, "The Author Was Not an Author," is forthcoming in the *Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts*, on the early copyright precedents that considered the role of photographer and photographic subject as a way to evaluate recent disputes.

Joseph M. Mattone, Sr. '53C, '55L, '94HON

ENDOWS THE MATTONE FAMILY INSTITUTE FOR REAL ESTATE LAW

You could say that Joseph M. Mattone, Sr. was born to work in New York real estate. The youngest of nine, he was raised in the house his grandfather built in the Greenport section of Brooklyn during the height of the Great Depression. Mattone attended P.S. 17 in Brooklyn, Stuyvesant High School, St. John's Prep, and St. John's College and Law School, from which he graduated *cum laude* in five years.

"The Vincentian fathers allowed my father's family to pay tuition when they could, and he has never forgotten that," says Mattone's son, Michael X. Mattone '91, chief financial officer of the Mattone Group. "My father was the only one in his family to graduate from college and law school. That was made possible by the sacrifices of his parents and siblings, all of whom worked from an early age to help the family. It was incredibly important to them that my father achieve his goals."

Mattone's grandparents arrived in New York from Italy in 1875 with the hope for a better life for their children and for the generations to come. Mattone's father embraced their strong work ethic and passed it down to his children. It was this inheritance, plus the Vincentian ideals of community and service, that provided the foundation for Mattone's successful career.

After he graduated from St. John's Law, Mattone started working with his older brother, who was 21 years his senior. He handled condemnation matters in Brooklyn and Queens during the period of Robert Moses' expansive urban renewal programs. Always success-minded, Mattone was happy to take on "whatever came through the door."

As Mattone recalls, it wasn't long before he received a call from an attorney who was looking for a local lawyer in Brooklyn. The attorney asked what he knew about land rights under water and, with his typical candor, Mattone replied, "not too much." Despite his lack of experience, he got the job representing Pepsi-Cola's bid to buy submerged land in the area. "The crazy thing," Mattone says, is that "the land was more valuable with water over it."

When the relative newcomer Mattone asked more seasoned colleagues what he should charge for this new line of work, they said, "These are Manhattan guys." So, he billed his clients one-tenth of one percent on a \$10 million deal for three days of work. His fair billing and excellent representation led to work with Alcoa and, before he knew it, Mattone was the riparian law expert of Brooklyn.

In the years that followed, he worked on a number of real estate deals in the borough. One involved purchasing a small property for \$1,500 for a client named "Izzy." Less than three hours later, Mattone received a call asking if Izzy would be willing to sell. Izzy told him to ask for \$15,000 and, despite thinking "this was insane," Mattone relayed the price quote just as directed.



The prospective buyer, Jimmy Mannix, immediately came to his office to see who would have the guts to ask for that kind of immediate return on their investment. He didn't end up buying that property, Mattone says, but it was the start of a long relationship between the two that included many joint real estate deals.

After amassing solid experience developing commercial and industrial properties for others, Mattone branched out and began to develop projects on his own. Among the young mogul's earliest independent endeavors was the development and leasing of properties to McDonald's, Burger King, Exxon, Texaco, and Mobil. He also built and leased properties to Chemical Bank and Home Federal Saving and Loan.

As he grew his commercial business, Mattone started to delve into residential properties, most notably two 19-story, 360-unit apartment buildings in Brooklyn called Harway Terrace. He also bought vacant land in Queens where he constructed 110 one-family homes in one of the largest residential development projects in the county's history.

Today, Mattone sits as chairman and chief executive officer of the Mattone Group, LLC, a Queens-based development and construction company that manages over 1.5 million square feet of commercial, residential, and industrial properties in New York, Georgia, and Florida. One of their most notable properties is the Jamaica Center Business Improvement District, located in the heart of Jamaica, Queens.

The creation of the Jamaica Center attracted big-name tenants to the neighborhood for the first time in decades. Other projects in the borough include restaurants in the Queens Center Mall, a Pathmark supermarket in Springfield Gardens, and a Home Depot in Jamaica. Mattone's focus on developing properties in Queens and Brooklyn has brought new amenities, economic activity, and hundreds of jobs to the community.

In addition to his property development work, Mattone is a senior partner at Mattone, Mattone, Mattone LLP, a full-service law firm based in Queens. The firm represents several financial institutions as outside counsel for their residential mortgage closings. Mattone attributes his success in business and law to hard work and fairness. "You want to be recognized as someone who respects the deal, especially in the brokerage community," he says. "Integrity travels."

Throughout his professional career, Mattone has promoted education and philanthropy, knowing first-hand the power that both have in shaping future generations. He was the first person

to give \$1 million to St. John's University, and served as a founding member of its board of governors.

He now continues this proud tradition of supporting *alma mater* with a transformational \$3.5 million gift to St. John's Law establishing the Mattone Family Institute for Real Estate Law.

Housed in a permanent space at the Law School, led by a full-time director, and supported by scholars and fellows, the institute will become the academic and pre-professional training hub for all students interested in pursuing a career in real estate law, finance, development, and public policy. As Mattone envisions it, it's "a bridge with many exits" that will provide continuing legal education, colloquia and conferences, expanded course offerings, clinical training, and externships and internships, among other opportunities.

"When I was in law school, I couldn't tell you what a deed was," says Mattone's daughter, Irene M. Mattone '79C, '82L. "The institute will be critical to helping students gain practical, hands-on experience. Traditional law school curriculum doesn't teach you to handle the nuts and bolts of closings, foreclosures, etc. I'm excited students will get that opportunity." Reflecting on her father's generosity, she adds: "He's always been more of a doer than a talker when it comes to giving back. This institute is another example of that."

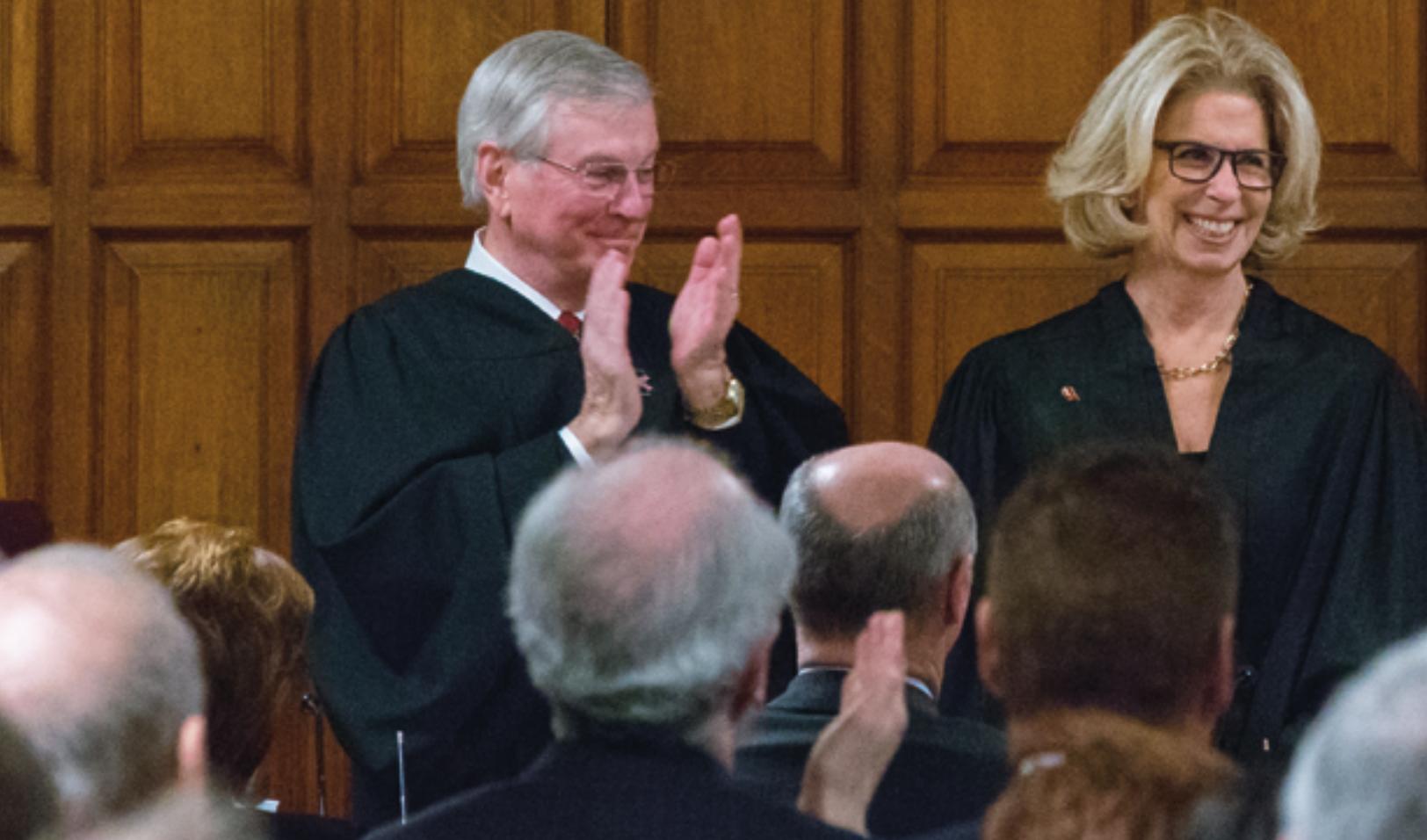
The Law School will benefit from Mattone's support for years to come. "The Mattone Institute will have a profound impact for generations of law students who aspire to a career in New York's vibrant real estate market," says Dean Michael A. Simons. "St. John's Law has a long history of producing excellent real estate attorneys, and the institute will cement our role as a hub for legal education, scholarship, and training in New York. I'm ever grateful to Joe and his family for their generosity and vision."



Mattone adorns his College Point office with plaques and medals representing six decades of honors and achievements. But his real pride and joy is his family, which includes 27 grandchildren and these St. John's graduates:

- Irene M. Mattone '79C, '82L (Daughter)
- Julie Mattone Bello '79CBA (Daughter)
- Joseph M. Mattone, Jr. '86 (Son)
- Teresa A. Mattone '88 (Daughter)
- James V. Mattone '89 (Nephew)
- Denise R. Melillo '90 (Daughter-in-Law)
- Michael X. Mattone '91 (Son)
- Grovine Y. Mattone '90CBA, '97L (Niece)
- Joseph Lobosco '09CPS, '13L (Grandson)
- Christina Bello '15 (Granddaughter)
- Irene Mattone '15C (Granddaughter)

JANET DIFIIORE '81 BECOMES NEW YORK'S CHIEF JUDGE



She Is The Fifth St. John's Law Alumnus

Walking into St. John's for the very first time, Janet DiFiore knew exactly what she wanted to do with her law degree. She had made up her mind years before, sitting in a courtroom as her cousin was tried for a serious offense. "I was so struck by how people were held appropriately accountable for their crimes," DiFiore recalls. "Seeing the trial and the different roles—the judge's role, the prosecutor's role, the defense counsel's role—I just wanted to be that prosecutor."

A lifelong Westchester resident, DiFiore worked in the City of Mt. Vernon court system during college and met a number of St. John's Law graduates there. "I was just naturally directed to

St. John's," she says. "I thought it was the greatest law school there was." What she didn't know at the time was just how much St. John's would impact her life.

As DiFiore describes it, her first day of law school was life changing. "I was in the library and saw a posted rule that you had to re-shelve your books every night," she recounts. "I was walking around and saw this beautiful, sunny table near the entrance where all these books had been left out in sort of a semi-circle, as if surrounding the person who was using them. I thought to myself 'gee that person is rude, there's this re-shelve the books rule.' So, I took all the books, piled them up nicely, and sat down."



Photo: Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

To Serve On The State's Highest Court

That's when the alleged offender, a 3L named Dennis E. Glazer, came up to her. "We hit it off immediately, went out for a bite that night, and married two weeks after I took the bar," DiFiore says, adding that Glazer—who went on to a successful career as a business lawyer and partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP—had special permission to leave his books out on the library table while he worked on *St. John's Law Review* projects.

DiFiore is quick to note that St. John's Law also had a significant impact on her professional life. Early on, she found a mentor in Professor Frank S. Polestino, who taught her Criminal Procedure class. "I thought he was the most phenomenal, engaging, smart

person I had ever met," she says. "He was really an inspiration and a support to me."

Outside the classroom, DiFiore learned about criminal law hands on through a Law School clinical program that placed her in the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Her work there made a strong impression, and she was the first candidate hired for the new ADA class when she interviewed for a full-time position during her final year at St. John's.

It was a dream job that DiFiore held for a collective 10 years—with a six-year interlude in private practice—during which she rose through the ranks to become chief of the Narcotics Bureau.

She left the DA's office and began a career on the bench in 1998, when she was elected a judge of the Westchester County Court. Then, in 2002, she was elected a justice of the New York State Supreme Court.

During her Supreme Court tenure, DiFiore was appointed supervising judge for the criminal courts in New York's ninth judicial district, which encompasses five counties. "I loved that role," she says, explaining that it was a particularly exciting time to serve. The late Hon. Judith S. Kaye—the first woman to serve as New York's chief judge—marshaled resources to redress the troubling backlog of criminal cases across the state and institutionalized problem-solving courts. DiFiore, who presided in almost all of these courts in her district, describes it as "an extraordinary opportunity."

Just two years into her 14-year term, DiFiore resigned her Supreme Court judgeship in 2005 to run for Westchester County district attorney. "I was enjoying every minute of my service on the bench," she says. "But, I came to recognize the real significance of the position of elected district attorney, the lead prosecutor in the county. It's such a service to the community. You can't be a healthy community unless you're a safe community."

As Westchester's top prosecutor, DiFiore led an office of 119 ADAs, 32 criminal investigators, and 85 support personnel that prosecuted around 40,000 cases each year. Under her leadership, the office's felony conviction rate was consistently among the highest in New York.

DiFiore was thriving in this challenging role when Hon. Jonathan Lippman '13HON, then New York's chief judge, tapped her to head the New York State Justice Task Force, which he created to address wrongful convictions in the state. Her co-chair in this new initiative was fellow St. John's Law alumnus Hon. Theodore T. Jones, Jr. '72, '07HON, who served on the New York Court of Appeals at the time. "He was so smart, so smooth, so politic, and so civilized," DiFiore says of her colleague. "We did great work together."

That work included assembling task force members from a range of disciplines in the fair justice field—judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, members of law enforcement, legislators, executive branch officials, forensic experts, victim's advocates,

and legal scholars. "We grew into a very collegial group," DiFiore says of the eclectic membership. "We learned to trust each other, to honor each other's differences and opinions, to listen to each other, and to find ways to round the edges."

Looking back, DiFiore realizes that her Task Force experience prepared her well for her new role as chief judge of the Court of Appeals and the State of New York, which she formally assumed on January 21, 2016 after being confirmed without opposition

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**— Andrew M. Cuomo,
Governor of New York**

by the state senate. "It's all about serving people's justice needs; whether it's as a prosecutor, as a judge, or as the leader of the state's highest court," she notes. DiFiore is the fifth St. John's Law graduate to sit on the state's high court. She joins Hon. Carmen B. Ciparick '67, '03HON, Hon. Joseph W. Bellacosa '59C, '61L, '87HON, the late Judge Jones, and the late Hon. Vito J. Titone '56, '84HON in that esteemed service.

At the ceremonial investiture in February, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo addressed the large crowd assembled in the Court of Appeals courtroom, including DiFiore's husband and three children, state and federal public officials, and colleagues from the bench and bar. "There is no one who Janet DiFiore has met, who has worked with her, or who has been on the other side of the table, who doesn't have a deep respect for her and I think this

turnout reflects just that," he said. Governor Cuomo also noted that, as the state's chief judicial officer, DiFiore oversees "a \$2 billion budget with 19,000 employees." Noting that she has the skills and credentials to get the job done, he added: "Janet's career has never been about Janet—it has always been about the public she serves. That, my friends, is the key to Janet's success. She'll make this court a better court and she will write the next chapter of judicial progress into the history books."

In her investiture remarks, DiFiore spoke candidly about the challenges and the opportunities ahead of her. "Starting today, and every day that I serve as chief judge, my team and I will be working to improve all aspects of our system and services towards achieving operational and decisional excellence in everything we do," she shared.

This concerted effort, which DiFiore calls the "Excellence Initiative," is by her account an "objective, self-critical analysis" of how the Office of Court Administration runs New York's courts. It aims to give the people of the state the "level of justice services" they expect and deserve. DiFiore acknowledges that this is no small undertaking for a court system that runs "from Buffalo to Montauk, and from Staten Island to Massena, spanning 47,000 square miles across the state and serving the almost 20 million people who live in New York—as well as countless others who work and visit here, and the millions more beyond our borders who are impacted by our laws."

But, as her investiture remarks evince, DiFiore doesn't take this "professional honor of a lifetime" lightly and stands firm in her commitment to excellence throughout the court system. In closing she said:

"On behalf of my colleagues on the Court, let me assure you that every litigant who appears before our Court will always receive a fair and impartial hearing; that we will continue to work tirelessly and conscientiously to apply the law with integrity and common sense; and that we will strive to reach the right and just result in each and every case: for the parties seeking justice, for the bar seeking clarity and guidance in the law, and for our society seeking progress and prosperity grounded in the rule of law."

Shantel Castro '16 and
Hon. Michael J. Pinckney



MEET SHANTEL CASTRO '16

New York City Housing Court Officer by Day, Law Student by Night



Although Shantel Castro moved around a lot growing up, she has strong roots in New York City and an equally strong work ethic. "As a child, I saw my single mom take on a tough job with the FDNY EMS, where she served for years before retiring as a lieutenant," Castro says about her early influences.

She also recalls her brother's struggles with the law and her cousin's murder as shaping her desire to become a lawyer and serve the ends of justice. Over the years, Castro devoted herself to her education while supporting herself financially. She worked as a Medicaid eligibility representative during college, excelling in her studies to earn a B.A. *summa cum laude* as the first college graduate in her family.

Castro's career path next took her to the Court Officer's Academy and onto her current work as a court officer assigned to Hon. Michael J. Pinckney in the New York City Housing Court. "I've built a great relationship with the judge over the last two years," says Castro. "He's a mentor to me."

When it was time to apply to law school, St. John's was on Castro's short list. But it wasn't until she attended an admitted students program that she knew it was the right place for her. "From the moment I walked in the door, it felt like a true, welcoming community," she says. That community now includes Castro's classmates in the Law School's evening program, who devote themselves to their legal studies after working full days in a range of professions.

For Castro, a typical workday starts with her opening the courtroom to the public and giving a speech about the process and the rules that all its occupants must observe. She helps litigants find their cases on the day's calendar and check in, all while maintaining order in the courtroom. Once cases are ready for the judge, Castro stays at the bench to guard his safety and to ensure that the parties remain respectful. During trials, she swears in witnesses and passes evidence between the parties and the judge, among other duties.

"Working in the courtroom every day has been an invaluable experience for me," Castro shares. "I see how the legal system affects the lives of ordinary people, who have large stakes in the outcome of their cases. On the practical side, I've learned that you need to be prepared to answer those unexpected questions. You need to know every detail of your case. And you need to understand the applicable law. I've also seen that good character and professional demeanor carry a lot of weight. Combined with the right courtroom tools and skills, they can make you an outstanding attorney."

Despite her busy work schedule, Castro is making her mark at St. John's. She's an articles and notes editor on the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* and she serves as evening vice-president of the Student Bar Association and president of the Evening Students Association.

Castro is considering a legal career in government or public service, among other possibilities. As she takes her next steps, she remains firmly rooted in her values. "If you're doing the right thing, life will take you in the right direction," she observes. "I don't believe in being a victim of circumstances. Work hard and you will succeed."

TRAILBLAZERS OF ST. JOHN'S LAW

Elsa deCaro Napolis '28

A graduate of the Law School's first class, Elsa deCaro Napolis was an honors student and class vice president. She was already married when she entered law school, something that was rare during that era. In addition to practicing law with her husband, also an attorney, for more than 50 years, Napolis was appointed a bankruptcy trustee in the 1930s and held leadership roles in several political and civic groups.



1920s

Marie A. Beary '44

Marie A. Beary once observed that she had no female lawyer role models in the 1940s. Her contributions to the profession gave future generations the guidance she missed. A leader within the legal community, Beary served as president of the Queens County Women's Bar Association. When the Queens County Bar Association rejected her application because she was a woman, Beary successfully sued to force the organization to accept women members. Appointed an assistant New York State attorney general in 1964, she was also the youngest woman at that time admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.



1940s

Hon. Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick '67, '03HON

Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick worked her way through law school, teaching junior high school during the day and taking classes at St. John's in the evenings. With a long history of legal public service, in 1993 Judge Ciparick became the first Hispanic and only the second woman appointed to the New York State Court of Appeals. She currently is of counsel at Greenberg Traurig LLP.



1960s

1930s

1950s



Ella Bernard '30

Ella Bernard became a prominent criminal defense attorney in the years following her graduation from St. John's Law. She was the first woman attorney in Kings County to represent defendants charged with first degree murder, and went on to win acquittals for her first two clients.



Evelyn Buckstein '51

As in-house counsel, Evelyn Buckstein rose in the ranks of Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) ultimately becoming assistant vice president. She currently serves on the board of directors of the BMI Foundation. A passionate advocate for professional songwriters, composers, and performers, Buckstein's philanthropy has extended to creating the BMI Foundation's Jerry Harrington Musical Theatre Awards.

Our first graduating classes included many women, who challenged social norms by seeking higher education and career distinction. In the 90 years since, thousands of women have passed through the Law School's doors, excelled in our classrooms, and gone on to make their mark. This timeline presents individual snapshots—one for each of our 10 decades—in celebration of all St. John's Law alumnae and their diverse contributions to our profession, to their communities, and to the world.

Hon. Mary Kay Vyskocil '83

Mary Kay Vyskocil is a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Southern District of New York. Until recently, she practiced law as a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, in the area of complex commercial litigation. Having tried dozens of cases and handled many arbitrations as a practitioner, she was widely and consistently recognized as a leader in the field. In 2013 and, again, in 2014, *Benchmark Litigation* named Vyskocil one of the top 10 women litigators in the country.



1970s



1980s



1990s



Ana C. Shields '03

In her final year at St. John's Law, Ana C. Shields (then Ana Cenanovic) received the American Bar Association/Bureau of National Affairs Award for Excellence in Labor and Employment Law. Now, as a principal with Jackson Lewis P.C., she has carved out a niche in that same field, one that has historically had fewer women attorneys. Shields has shared her legal expertise in co-authored articles on risk management topics, and in the last six years the *Long Island Business News* has recognized her legal skills on multiple occasions.



2000s



2010s



Elizabeth D. Moore '78, '89 HON

Elizabeth "Liz" D. Moore has had a successful and varied legal career in the public and private sectors. After serving in the administration of former New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo '53C, '56L, '75HON for 12 years—ultimately becoming counsel to the governor—Moore became a partner at Nixon Peabody LLP. Since 2009, she has been senior vice president and general counsel for Consolidated Edison Company of New York.

Lisa Kurbiel '92

Lisa Kurbiel first gained experience in international human rights law as a 3L at St. John's, when she interned with the U.N.'s former Centre on Transnational Corporations. After law school, she joined the U.N. full time, working on human rights policies, legislative reform, programming strategies, and advocacy campaigns for 18 years. Currently, Kurbiel serves as chief of the Social Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit at UNICEF Somalia, with a focus on protecting children's rights in a country decimated by years of civil unrest and famine.

Queenie Paniagua '12

Although she's only been out of law school for a few years, Queenie Paniagua is already making her mark as a public servant and as a leader in the profession. After working as a staff attorney with the New York Legal Assistance Group, representing victims of Superstorm Sandy, in 2015 Paniagua became an assistant district attorney with the Kings County District Attorney's Office. And, in January 2016, she was sworn in as president of the Dominican Bar Association.

Barbara and Richard Power



After graduating from St. John's Law, he devoted his entire career to the insurance industry, retiring in 1996 as senior vice president and counsel to Sedgwick Re (now Guy Carpenter, a Marsh & McLennan Companies business) and as president of Claims, Inc.

Power was also an original incorporator and president of SLCA, an international industry body that studied trends and developments in the specialty insurance market and international reinsurance issues. He served honorably as a member of the New York Bar for more than 50 years.

Power's exemplary career and life are now memorialized at St. John's Law through his estate's extraordinary bequest of \$750,000. "Doubled via the Brennan Family Scholarship Matching Program, the Richard and Barbara Power Scholarship will provide substantial financial support annually to one male and one female law student," says Dean Michael A. Simons. "The Power Scholarship is a wonderful tribute to this distinguished and generous alumnus."

The Power Estate Makes a Gift With Lasting Impact

Richard (Dick) J. Power '52CBA, '60L placed a great value on service to others, and he led by example his entire life.

"Dick Power was a man of integrity, and I'm honored to have called him a great friend of the entire Zaffino family," says Peter Zaffino, president and CEO of Marsh LLC. "He gave back in every facet of his life, and was a generous supporter of the Law School. Dick always spoke highly of St. John's and expressed gratitude for the wonderful opportunities that attending this school provided."

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Power served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and, later, as the post commander of the Lieutenant Lawrence Lovell American Legion Post in New York.

"I'm the proud recipient of the Richard and Barbara Power Scholarship, which allows me to attend St. John's tuition-free. I'm most grateful, from the bottom of my heart, because I don't know if I would have been able to attend law school at all without this support. For me, choosing St. John's was easy. As a native of Forest Hills, I wanted to be close to home. And it just so happens that the best law school, that offered me the best scholarship, was essentially in my backyard."

—Dylan Lackowitz '18

"When choosing where to pursue my legal education, I knew I needed an environment where I could expand my passion for public interest and serving those in need, without incurring a large debt load. Coming to St. John's with the Power Scholarship provides me with just that, and I've been quick to take advantage of the opportunities offered here. I joined the Public Interest Committee and completed training with the Courtroom Advocates Program, which prepares me to assist victims of domestic violence with drafting and filing petitions in New York City's family courts. I'm excited to put this training to work in the coming semesters."

—Christina Mavrikis '18



THOMAS J. PRINCIPE '69C, '73L Earns Distinguished Veteran Alumni Award

When the crowd at St. John's Carnesecca Arena erupted into clamorous applause on the evening of November 13, 2015, this time, it wasn't to celebrate a Red Storm bucket. The cheers, claps, and chants of "USA, USA" were for Thomas J. Principe, who took center court between quarters to receive the Law School's Distinguished Veteran Alumni Award.

It was a fitting setting for this milestone moment in the life of a devoted double alumnus. "When I was a senior in high school, I was undecided between going to St. John's or Fordham," Principe recalls. "I went to see St. John's play Villanova in the final game of the NIT in March of 1965, which was Coach Joe Lapchick's last game. It was a great game, St. John's won 55 to 51. I was so impressed with the spirit of that win. It was right there at the game that I decided I would go to St. John's."

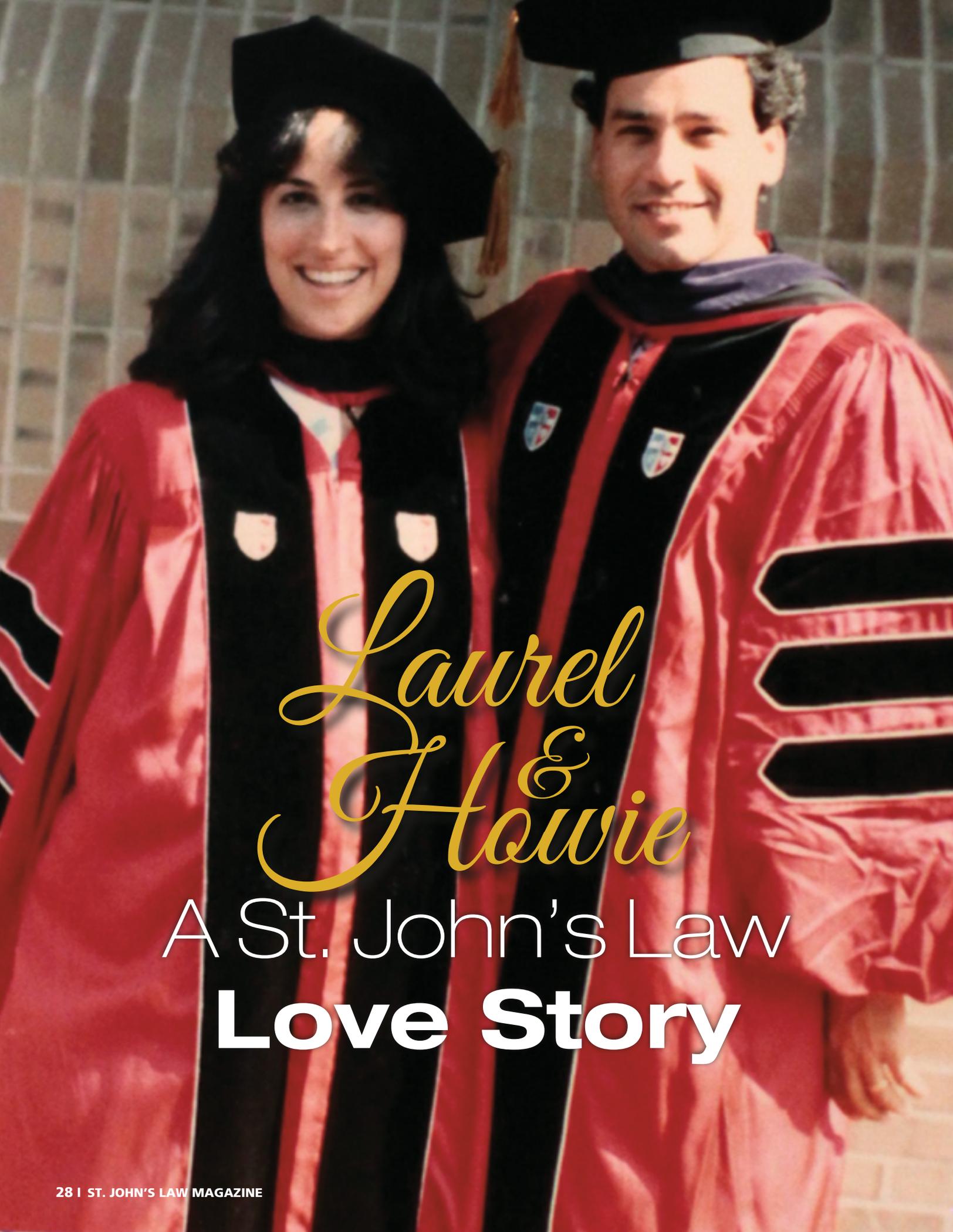
St. John's was also a natural fit for Principe when he decided to pursue a law degree. While at St. John's Law, he joined the ROTC, starting a "dual career" that has come to bridge 34 years in the military—largely spent as a JAG officer—with 41 years and counting as a civilian lawyer. Principe spent years in public service as a Queens ADA, rising to the position of deputy bureau chief, Supreme Court Trial Bureau. Since 1989, he has been a partner at Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, where his practice focuses on personal injury and medical malpractice.

Service has been a hallmark of Principe's professional and personal life. In the wake of 9/11, he served as staff judge advocate to the 53rd Troop Command. He retired from the New York Army National Guard in 2006 as brigadier general, service to his country that earned Principe the U.S. Army Legion of Merit and the New York State Conspicuous Service Medal.

Among his many honors from professional, educational, and civic organizations, Principe is a proud recipient of St. John's Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award. He also helped to guide the Law School as president of its alumni association.

"Service means a lot to me," Principe says. "The Vincentian mission of service was one of the things that made my time at St. John's so special. And even after all these years I still get a lot of satisfaction from personally helping people. I think that's one of the reasons why I gravitated towards the law and the military. They're similar in many ways, because they both involve serving the needs of others and helping people who, in many cases, have nowhere else to turn. When they turn to me, I know that I'm living the St. John's mission."

The Law School's Armed Forces Society hosted a ceremony in Principe's honor earlier in the evening on November 13th. Addressing the attendees, Principe shared: "You, lawyer-warriors, are our insiders. You have been in the military most recently or are still serving. You, with your military background, are vitally important to this society of ours. You have my respect and my humble thanks for this award."



*Laurel
&
Flawie*

A St. John's Law
Love Story

It seemed like old times as Bob Avallone '79, Mitch Bloch '79, and Paul Rosenfeld '80 swapped stories recently around a conference table in Bob's downtown Manhattan office.

"It wasn't a chicken coop."

"It was a chicken coop. Howie converted it into a Berkshires vacation home or, well, more of a vacation shack."

Although they couldn't settle on the short-lived structure's pedigree, they all agreed that not many guys had the vision, drive, and free spirit needed to take on such a far-fetched project in his spare time—or the ability to convince his friends to help him. "But that was Howie being Howie," they laughed.

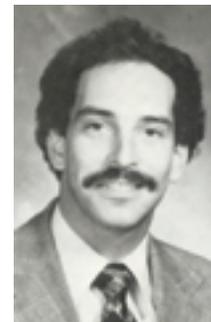
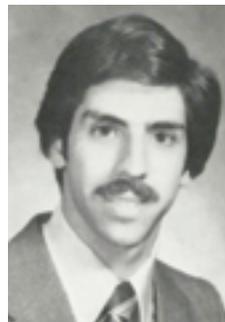
By all accounts, Howard Borowick '79 had a zest for life that was infectious. It flew in the face of a difficult childhood during which he and his older brother, Jeffrey Borowick '85, lived with their extended family due to their parents' failing health. Howie was just 18 months old when his father died of brain cancer, and breast cancer took his mother's life when he was 15 years old.

The brothers stayed close while being raised by their maternal grandmother—known to all as "Mama"—in Laurelton, Queens. They attended the local public high school, honed their athletic skills on courts and slopes, and worked to support themselves and their family. Howie brought his signature enthusiasm and charm to every endeavor. "My brother used to wear this T-shirt," Jeff Borowick recalls. "It read 'I'm not having enough fun yet.' That was Howie in a nutshell."

After high school, Howie enrolled in Queens College, but soon decided that he needed a change of scenery. He was a visiting student at Binghamton University when he first set eyes on a young woman from Merrick, NY named Laurel Turk. They remained friendly acquaintances, and Howie returned to Queens College, completed his degree in Physical Education, and went on to St. John's Law.

Bob Avallone remembers the day that Laurel and Howie became *Laurel and Howie*. She was a 2L member of the Class of 1980 and Howie was a 3L. "We're heading to class, the elevator doors open, and Howie looks at me and shouts 'that's her!'" The romance continued to bloom when Laurel and Howie both joined the cast of the *Law Revue*, a then-annual student production featuring musical skits. Laurel could sing. Howie was born to be in front of an audience, and had some serious dance moves to boot.

"I was on their first date," Paul Rosenfeld recalls. "It was a double date to the movies and I drove Laurel back home to Long Island afterwards, since I lived there, too. I spent the whole ride answering her questions about Howie."



From *Res Gestae* (L-R):

Top: Howie; Laurel; Middle: Bob; Mitch; Paul;

Bottom: Howie performing in the 1979 *Law Revue*



Howie finished his studies at St. John's in February of 1979 and, that summer, surrounded by their St. John's Law friends and their families, Howie and Laurel started their lives together as husband and wife.

As Howie's career path took him from immigration law practice to trial work, Laurel graduated from St. John's and became a Bronx ADA. As their friends remember it, Howie's frontman prowess made him a natural in the courtroom. Laurel, smart and detail-oriented, was an excellent young prosecutor.

Soon, Laurel left the paid workforce to start a family that grew to include daughters Jessica and Nancy and son Matthew. Running the family life in Long Island and, later, in Westchester, Laurel was a devoted mother who nurtured her children's independence and creativity. She was also the reserved and steady presence that provided a perfect counterbalance to the more effusive and unbridled Howie.

"My mom was super smart, always curious, and loved learning," Jessica says. "She was grateful for all she had, and selflessly shared her time, her love, her information, and the renowned Borowick family snacks with others." Laurel also shared a commitment to volunteer work. She was a

longtime PTA representative, and volunteered for Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, and UJA. Her work with the AJC, a leading global Jewish advocacy organization, took her on missions to Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay.

Through the years, the circle of St. John's Law friends remained close. Bob and Paul became godfather to Jessica and Nancy, respectively, and the families shared many holidays and milestones. "Laurel and Howie literally adopted their friends," says Bob. "We were all more like brothers." When Howie—who was known to host an annual *hors d'oeuvre* competition, the occasional disco Seder, and a recurrent made-it-to-another-decade party—invited people over to the house without telling Laurel, she would welcome everyone with open arms. "My dad loved sharing joy with other people," Nancy says.

That same high energy and penchant for being in the moment fueled Howie's great success as a personal injury lawyer. "Because he didn't have a dad, Howie would take the best from the people he knew and adapt it to create this really formidable persona," Mitch Bloch notes. "He came to focus on plaintiff-side work and earned a well-deserved reputation as a tough adversary who wasn't afraid to take his cases to verdict."



Clockwise from left: Howie and Laurel at "the chicken coop;" Howie and Laurel on their wedding day; Baby Nancy in a St. John's hoodie; the Borowick family





Photo: Nancy Borowick



Photo: Nancy Borowick

Clockwise from top left: Howie and Laurel at home; Jessica's wedding; Nancy's wedding; Howie and Laurel receiving treatment together



Life was full and busy when Laurel was first diagnosed with breast cancer at age 42. She fought the disease and was well for over a decade when she learned in 2009 that the breast cancer had returned. Nancy, who was a student at the International Center of Photography at the time, asked if she could photograph her mother's cancer treatments for a project. Laurel agreed.

In addition to being displayed in galleries, Nancy's candid and moving body of work, titled *Cancer Family, Ongoing*, was featured in the *New York Times*. True to her selfless nature, Laurel told reporter Michael Winerip that she wanted people with cancer "to see an honest, gritty portrayal and realize they weren't the only ones."

Laurel's cancer went into remission once again. But, soon, life's unpredictability made Howie the second subject of his daughter's photographic chronicle. He had pancreatic cancer that spread to his liver. Laurel's cancer also returned and, as she and Howie underwent chemotherapy together in 2013, it metastasized throughout her body.

Howie died on December 7, 2013, just one year and one day after doctors discovered his cancer. True to form, he wrote his own eulogy, in which he shared: "Life is a gift, and no one promised me longevity." A year later, on December 6, 2014, Laurel passed away surrounded by her loved ones. The sayings and aphorisms displayed on shelves and walls around the Borowick family home stood in tribute. One read: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain."

If cherished relationships can be depicted as a series of concentric circles, for so many people, Laurel and Howie Borowick are smack-dab in the middle. It's a legacy of love and kinship that lives on in their children.

Jessica, an associate in Venable LLP's New York Regulatory Practice Group, is married and gave birth to a son this fall. Nancy, who walked down the aisle with her parents at her 2013 wedding, is a professional photographer and is working on a book about her *Cancer Family, Ongoing* project. Matthew is also a professional photographer based in New York City. "My siblings and I have always thought of our parents' best friends from St. John's as our extended family," Jessica says. "They've been there for us in the best times and in the toughest times, and they continue to enrich all of our lives."

Jessica, Nancy, and Matt honored their parents and their connection to St. John's Law by establishing the Laurel and Howard Borowick Fund at the Law School. Partially funded by the children and by Howie's former law firm, Sacks and Sacks L.L.P., it provides partial public interest fellowships to "academically qualified and/or deserving students" at the Law School, "with preference given to students using the fellowship fund to support their legal work related to (a) advancing women's rights and providing legal services to women and/or (b) environmental protection and sustainability."

If you would like to contribute to the Laurel and Howard Borowick Fund, you can make your gift online at lawgiving.stjohns.edu. To give offline, please contact Heather Edwards, major gift officer, at edwardh1@stjohns.edu or (718) 990-5782.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



1 | The Alumni Association's **Hon. Guy J. Mangano Golf Classic** was in full swing at the Nassau Country Club in Glen Cove on September 21, 2015. A highlight of the day was the presentation of the Hon. Guy J. Mangano Award to Joseph G. Dell '88CBA, '91L, founding partner and president of Dell & Dean, PLLC in Garden City. Over the last 14 years, the annual event has raised over \$130,000 to support the Law School's Hon. Guy J. Mangano Scholarship fund.

2 | The Carlton in Eisenhower Park was the setting for the **Nassau Chapter Fall Luncheon** on October 29, 2015. Over 90 alumni came together to honor Joseph E. Oliva '91CBA, '94L, secretary, general counsel, and interim athletic director at St. John's University. After he updated the attendees on the status of the University and the athletic program, Dean Michael A. Simons reported the latest Law School news. All had a great time.

3 | On November 12, 2015, the classes of 1985, 1990, and 1995 celebrated **Reunion 2015** at Stout Grand Central in Manhattan.

Just down the street, reunions were held for the Classes of 2000, 2005, and 2010 at the Public House NYC. Joining in the festivities were recent graduates attending this year's **Bar Passage Reception**. Dean Michael A. Simons and fellow faculty members took the time to do a little party hopping, and both venues were jumping as friends reconnected with each other.

4 | Thomas J. Principe '69C, '73L was the honoree at this year's **Armed Forces Alumni and Student Reception**, which was held at the Law School on November 13, 2015. During the event, Dean Michael A. Simons presented a plaque to John and Angela Mark in memory of their son, Major John H. Mark '03, who was a member of the U.S. Army JAG Corps and served his country proudly. Following the reception, the group attended the St. John's basketball game at Carnesecca Arena. At halftime, Dean Simons and Associate Dean for Law School Advancement Brian J. Woods called Principe onto center court and presented him with the Law School's Distinguished Veteran Alumni Award.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



5 | The Brooklyn Chapter Holiday Reception and Toy Drive took place on December 9, 2015 at Floyd, NY. Each year, chapter members collect toys from the Appellate Division, DA's office, Law School, and Brooklyn alumni to donate to St. John's Bread and Life, an organization dedicated to alleviating hunger and poverty in Brooklyn and Queens. Breaking their all-time record, this year the chapter donated more than 700 toys to make the holiday season brighter for needy children in Bedford-Stuyvesant's St. John's Parish.



6 | On December 17, 2015, alumni gathered for the **Westchester Chapter Holiday Luncheon and Toy Drive** at the Westchester Hills Country Club in White Plains. Chapter President Hon. Daniel D. Angiolillo '77 welcomed the guests, including Dean Michael A. Simons and Alumni Association President Alfred C. Cerullo, III '83NDC, '86L. This event is always a great way to celebrate the season, and the collected toys go to children in need through St. John's Bread and Life.



7 | Over 90 alumni joined host Anupama Yerramalli '07 and Dean Michael A. Simons for the **ABI Law Review Alumni Reception** on January 20, 2016. Attendees, including Gerry Luckman '93, Frank Vazquez '94, and Professor Robert Zinman, enjoyed the wonderful venue at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP.



8 | The **Endowed Scholarship Reception** took place on February 10, 2016 at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP. The event, which was graciously hosted by the firm's co-chairman, William F. Cavanaugh, Jr. '77SVC, '80L, brought the Law School community

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Recent Alumni Association Chapter Activities



A | BUFFALO CHAPTER

December 10, 2015, Inaugural Chapter Gathering, Russo & Toner, LLP, Buffalo
Chapter Contact: Florina Altshiler '05, faltshiler@russotoner.com



B | FLORIDA CHAPTER

First Thursday of the Month, Dinner, Fort Lauderdale Area
Chapter Contact: Brian Behar '84, bsb@bgglaw.net

C | HELLENIC ALUMNI GROUP

February 3, 2016, Dinner, Yefsi Estiatorio, Manhattan
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NASSAU CHAPTER

November 4, 2015 and February 4, 2016, Networking Night, City Cellar, Garden City
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D | YOUNG ALUMNI CHAPTER

- **September 10, 2015**, Gathering, Cannon's Black Thorn Restaurant, Rockville Centre
 - **December 3, 2015**, Get Together, Ivy Bar, Manhattan
 - **January 19, 2016**, Gathering, Ali Baba, Manhattan
 - **January 27, 2016**, Game Watch Night, Stout NYC Grand Central, Manhattan
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together to celebrate the donors and stewards of endowed scholarships, and the students who received them in the 2015-2016 academic year.

9 | On February 11, 2016, the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and the Alumni of Color Chapter hosted **A Conversation About Race, Justice, Fear, and Freedom** at the offices of AXA USA in Manhattan. St. John's Law Professor Elaine M. Chiu moderated a lively panel discussion featuring Professor Ramzi Kassem, director of the Immigrant and Non-Citizen Rights Clinic at

CUNY School of Law, and Janai S. Nelson, associate director-counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. The event continued the Law School's vital conversation on race, justice, and the law.

The 2016 **Spring CLE Weekend**, on February 27 and 28, 2016, offered two-day sessions on Residential Real Estate: Handling your first Residential Real Estate Closing and The Basics and Beyond of Cyber Law. Attendees received 16 credits (three ethics, six skills, and seven practice area) for the entire weekend.

10 | This year's **Law Review Alumni Reception** was held on March 2, 2016 at the Metropolitan Club in Manhattan. In recognition of the Law School's 90th Anniversary, the evening honored the past editors-in-chief of the *St. John's Law Review*. Dean Michael A. Simons started the evening with the annual ceremony for the journal's graduating members. After the ceremony, he welcomed the honorees and the other alumni, friends, and family in attendance. All had a wonderful time celebrating some of the best and the brightest who call St. John's Law *alma mater*.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Award-Winning Writer
and Producer

TERENCE WINTER '88



Photo: Brigitte Lacombe

Terence Winter is an Emmy-winning writer and producer for television and film. After graduating from St. John's, he practiced law in

New York City before moving to Los Angeles to pursue a screenwriting career. He wrote for and produced *The Sopranos*, created *Boardwalk Empire*, and penned the screenplay for *The Wolf of Wall Street*, which earned him an Academy Award nomination for best adapted screenplay. Here, he talks about his current work on the new, critically acclaimed HBO series, *Vinyl*.

***Vinyl* is set in 1970s New York City, an innovative time and place for music and the business around it, but also a time when the city was quite literally coming apart at the seams. As a scrappy Brooklyn kid who came of age in this gritty, unhinged era, what's it like to craft stories that capture it?**

Every time I sit down to write a scene for the show, it's like going back in a time machine. Though I was only 13 years old in 1973, the year the show is set, I remember the city—and it was a madhouse. By age 14, I was sneaking into Manhattan with my friends, wandering around Times Square and Greenwich Village, which were incredibly run-down and crime-ridden neighborhoods. Despite that, there was an electricity in the air that was palpable, and it's the memory of that exhilaration that I tap into as I'm writing.

You've been nominated for an Oscar for your film work and you've won Emmys and Writers Guild Awards for your work in television. From the press coverage, it's clear that you're delighted to team with Executive Producers Martin Scorsese and Mick Jagger on *Vinyl*. Does this project tap your skills and delight as a storyteller in ways other projects haven't?

While the tone and spirit of *Vinyl* bears similarity to some of my other work, it really is a whole new ballgame collaborating with not only the greatest living film director, but also with the biggest rock star of all time. As a huge lover of rock music and history—particularly New York history—it feels like I get to go to work in a playground every day. A large part of the job entails research and I get to spend many hours each week reading, watching films, and listening to great music—all of which I get to call “work.”

The belief that there can be good in evil and that we shouldn't lose sight of the possibility of redemption is one that fuels the careers of many lawyers. It's a perspective that played through *The Sopranos*, *The Wolf of Wall Street*, and *Boardwalk Empire*. Does it also present itself in *Vinyl*?

It does, but I think the type of redemption Richie [record executive Richie Finestra, the series protagonist] is seeking is more artistic than spiritual in nature. When we first meet him in the pilot, he is by most measures a very

successful man, with a beautiful home, wife, and children. But in terms of his career he is dead inside, having lost touch with the things that got him excited about his job in the first place. He no longer listens to music or goes to clubs to see live acts; he is essentially anesthetized to the pleasures of music and the world around him. Then of course, through a series of unfortunate events, he is reconnected with the power of rock & roll, and becomes determined to redeem himself in the sense that he wants to find a band to help him make his mark on the world.

When you spoke at St. John's several years back, you mentioned that you honed your writing skills as a law student. Does your legal education, and your early, brief career as a lawyer, inform the storylines and the characters you're developing for *Vinyl*?

Law school and my time spent as a lawyer informs pretty much everything I do. Certainly it shaped me as a writer, but it also gave me firsthand experience in setting and achieving difficult goals. I'm also continually drawing from the various personalities I encountered among the student body and faculty. And working in a law office is exactly like working at a record company in 1973—well, maybe slightly less crazy.

Winter will be honored at the Law School's 90th Anniversary Gala on June 16, 2016 at the Waldorf Astoria New York. For more information on the gala, please contact Associate Dean for Law School Advancement Brian Woods at (718) 990-5792 or brian.woods@stjohns.edu.

CLASS NOTES

'59 The New York State Trial Lawyers Association presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to **Henry Miller**, a partner at Clark Gagliardi & Miller, P.C. and former president of the New York State Bar Association and Westchester County Bar Association.

'65 **M. Allan Hyman**, a partner at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list.

Donald Reid is treasurer of the Korean War Memorial Foundation, started in 2010 with the mission of building a permanent Korean War memorial in San Francisco.

'67 **John Barnosky**, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., is included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'70 **Terry O'Neil**, a member of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list and is included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'71 **Raymond W. Kelly** has been named vice chairman of K2 Intelligence. In this new role, he will offer guidance on issues such as infrastructure safety, regulatory compliance, and government enforcement response and will provide insight into the design and development of tailored enterprise risk solutions to clients around the world. Kelly was also elected to the board of directors for Hain Celestial.

'77 **Edward C. Radin**, a member of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, was named to the 2015 *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* list. He is also included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'78 The New York Bar Foundation has elected **Lauren J. Wachtler**, a partner at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, to its board.

Ernest R. Stolzer, a member of Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC, is included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'80 **Alan J. Schwartz** has been elected president of the Accountant Attorney Networking Group.

'81 **Charlotte A. Biblow**, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was selected to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list.

On the occasional weekend, **Hon. Arthur G. Pitts** trades his seat on the judicial bench for one on a piano bench as he performs at venues across Suffolk County.

The *University Bookman* recently published "Four Federal Judges Celebrating Poetry at Poet's House," an article by **Eugene Schlanger**.

'82 **Hon. Joseph J. Dawson** has been appointed counsel to Bronx District Attorney Darcel Denise Clark.

'83 **John DiMascio** and his son, John DiMascio '97, have relocated their offices to 1225 Franklin Avenue, Suite 515, in Garden City.

Diane M. Dwyer is now of counsel at Tabat, Cohen, Blum & Yovino, LLP.

'85 **John P. McEntee**, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., received a *Long Island Business News* 2015 Leadership in Law Partner Award. He and fellow partner and classmate James M. Wicks were named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list.

'86 **Scott M. Ratchick**, a shareholder at Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, was recognized in the 2015 *Super Lawyers Business Edition*.

'87 **Christine DiRaimo** is an associate real estate broker at Signature Premier Properties.

Robert E. Sandler, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., is included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'88 **Eric M. Kramer**, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was selected to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list.

Michelle M. Monte has joined Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook, & Cooper, P.C. as a partner in the firm's business and financial services group.

Hon. Margaret Reilly has been elected a Nassau County Surrogate's Court judge.

Vincent B. Tritto is working at TMI Associates in Tokyo.

'89 The Hempstead Boys and Girls Club presented its Sal Ambrosino Community Service Award to **Alan B. Hodish**, principal at the Law Offices of Alan B. Hodish, LLC.

Robert V. Tandy has been elected the Putnam County district attorney.

'90 **Jil Mazer-Marino**, a member of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, PC, was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list.

Howard M. Miller, a member of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, was selected to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list and is included in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Steven J. Reisman, a partner at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP and co-chair of the firm's restructuring and insolvency group, presented "Fiduciary Duties from Ordinary Course, into Distress and Insolvency, and through Bankruptcy" with U.S. Bankruptcy

Judge Robert E. Gerber at the American Bankruptcy Institute's 17th Annual NYC Bankruptcy Conference.

'91 **Frank T. Cara** has joined Pepper Hamilton LLP as a partner in the construction practice group.

Lori M. Hulse has been elected the Riverhead town justice.

'92 FBI Director James B. Comey has named **Douglas A. Leff** special agent in charge of the bureau's San Juan division.

'94 **Alessandra Messineo Long** has been named president of the Junior League of Greenwich.

Christopher Palmer has been named managing partner at Cullen and Dykman LLP.

James Pitaro has been named chairman of Disney Consumer Products and Interactive Media. He previously served as co-chair of Disney Consumer Products and Interactive Media and as president of Disney Interactive.

'95 **Jonathan Friedman** has been named senior vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Dentsply Sirona, Inc.

Gary S. Rosner has been appointed a member of Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Professional Advisory Committee.

Florida Governor Rick Scott has appointed **Hon. Daryl M. Manning** a Hillsborough County Court judge.

'97 **Hon. Karen Gopee** was sworn in as a New York City Criminal Court judge.

Kelly C. Griffith was elected a partner of Harris Beach PLLC, where she represents debtors, creditors, trustees, and committees in a variety of bankruptcy and litigation matters.

John S. Ho, a member of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list.

'98 **Thomas C. Ridges** has been appointed special counsel to Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.

'99 **Keith Hauprich** has been promoted to deputy general counsel at BMG.

Joseph V. Moreno has been elected a partner at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, where he concentrates his practice on white collar defense and investigations.

Anna Roach has been appointed Fulton County's chief strategy officer.

John B. Saville has been promoted to partner at Lewis Johns Avallone Aviles, LLP, where his practice focuses on complex civil litigation.

'00 **Danielle Librizzi** has been named senior vice president and head of professional liability at Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance.

Lani McCann has joined Nicolaides Fink Thorpe Michaelides Sullivan LLP as a partner. Her practice there focuses on insurance and reinsurance coverage matters.

'02 **Kathryn (Katy) Carney Cole**, counsel at Farrell Fritz, P.C., received a *Long Island Business News* 2015 Leadership in Law Counsel Award.

Spencer L. Reames has been promoted to counsel at Farrell Fritz, P.C., where he concentrates his practice on estate litigation.

Elizabeth E. Vail is counsel at Farrell Fritz, P.C. in the firm's land use and municipal department.

'03 **Ana C. Shields** is a principal at Jackson Lewis, P.C. and focuses her practice on employment law.

Jose N. Tezanos has joined the business and tax law practice group at Sacks Tierney P.A.

Lauren Ullrich is counsel in the corporate law department at State Farm Insurance Companies.

'04 **Heather P. Harrison**, an associate at Farrell Fritz, P.C., received a 2015 *Queens Courier* Top Women in Business Award. She was also recognized in the *Long Island Business News'* 2015 "Who's Who in Labor Law."

'05 **Florina Altschler** is managing attorney at Russo & Toner, LLP, where she specializes in insurance defense, labor law, and medical malpractice litigation. She also offers legal commentary to the ABC affiliate WKBW channel 7 in Buffalo.

Carol Archer Boboris is special counsel in the corporate and securities practice group at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP.

Ian Fredericks has been named senior vice president for strategic growth/client development and chief legal counsel at Hilco Merchant Resources.

Evan A. Moeller is an attorney and counselor at Hirsch & Westheimer, P.C. and has been certified as a life member of both the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Megan C. Ryan was promoted to chief compliance officer of the Nassau Queens Performing Provider System.

'06 **Tionnei Thompson Clarke** is a support magistrate for the State of New York.

CLASS NOTES

'06 **Nora Cronin** was appointed the coordinator of human trafficking and unaccompanied minors programs at the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Jaclene D'Agostino received a *Long Island Business News* 2015 Leadership in Law Associate Award.

Brian P. Murphy has joined the Matera Law Firm in Melville.

Bradley M. Pryba has joined Wilson Elser as a partner in the firm's government affairs practice.

'07 **Nicholas Cutaia** has been named a partner at Miller & Wrubel P.C. and was selected to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list.

'08 **Andrew Smith** is the associate athletic director for compliance and internal operations at American University.

Paul Vitale is an associate at Wade Clark Mulcahy.

'09 **Raymond A. Mascia, Jr.** is an associate at Anderson Kill P.C., where he concentrates his practice on commercial litigation and insurance coverage litigation.

'10 **Daniel P. Buckley**, an associate at Bleakely Platt & Schmidt, LLP, was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list.

Caitlin E. Cline is an associate at Holland & Knight LLP and a member of the firm's private wealth services group.

Craig Lutterbein is a senior associate at Hodgson Russ LLP and focuses his practice on bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and commercial litigation.

Tara D. McDevitt, an associate at Goldberg & Connolly, was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list.

Farrell Fritz P.C. associate **Beth A. Rubenstein** was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list.

'11 **Preston Demouchet**, an associate at McCarthy Fingar LLP, was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list. He was also a speaker at the St. John's Law Fall CLE Weekend.

'12 **Rachel Berardinelli** is a production assistant at McGee Media.

Queenie Paniagua, an assistant district attorney in Kings County, was elected president of the Dominican Bar Association. Other

members of the board and officers include Joel Acevedo '11, Renton Persuad '10, Carla Taveras '13, and Edda Santiago '14.

'13 **Ferish Patel** is a partner at Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian, LLP, assigned to the firm's Hong Kong office.

Max Patinkin is an associate in the real estate practice group at Paul Hastings LLP.

Osato Ukponmwan is attending St. George University School of Medicine.

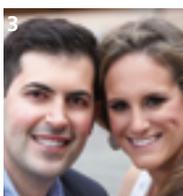
'14 **Edda Santiago**, an associate at Grant Herrmann Schwartz & Klinger LLP, was named to the 2015 *New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list and was recognized by the Hispanic Coalition as a 40 Under 40 Rising Star.

Andrew Serrao has joined BakerHostetler as an associate, focusing his developing practice on bankruptcy and litigation.

'15 **Josephine McGrath** is associate claims counsel at Fidelity National Title Group.

Mary Wachowicz Kulhanek is an associate at PwC.

MARRIAGES



1 | **David Lee '12** and BoYoung Goh were married in May.

2 | **Brian Powers '12** and Meaghan Mapes were married in August.

3 | **Michael Vanunu '11** and Briana Heyman were married in August.

Mary Wachowicz '15 and Stephen Kulhanek were married in August.

Tifphani White '01 and Michael King were married in June.

BIRTHS

Daniela Rapisardi-Petraro '11 and **Peter Petraro '10** welcomed Gabriel Peter Petraro in February.

Rachel Rosenberg Liebman '08, **Josh Liebman '08**, and big sister Abby welcomed Ari Jacob Liebman in June.

We'd like to hear from you! Please send your Class Notes submissions to Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations Claire C. McKeever '80SVC, '93L at mckeevec@stjohns.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

James V. Fallon, Sr. '37C, '39L
Dominic DeBlase '41
Milton C. Nomkin '42
Ralph W. Levinson '46
Albert Henry Esselborn '48
Carl Gross '48
Joseph Maher, Jr. '46C, '48L
Louis E. Mattera '50
Hon. Matthew Coppola '51

Milton Kargman '51
Jerome S. Birch '52
Charles F. Brady, '53
Robert M. McKay '53
John B. Clarke '54
Peter Costigan '56
Everett James Noren '51UC, '56L
Russell L. Weiss '56
Alfred Ferrogari '57

Peter A. Piscitelli '58
John Richardson '58
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Frank T. McCue '70
Louis Fusco '75
Richard Mangum '77
Roy W. Vasile '78
Steven Eisman '79
Frank J. Bochnowski '81
John H. Mark '03

Jerome R. Belson '48, '80HON



St. John's mourns the loss of an extraordinary man and a generous benefactor, **Jerome R. Belson**. He died peacefully of natural causes in September at age 90. Belson has left an indelible mark on the institution that he loved so dearly. The Law School building itself bears his name, along with the name of his wife of 56 years, Maxine Belson '98HON, who passed away in 2010. The beautiful Belson Moot Court Room, which serves as a hub and heart of student activity, was renovated in 2002 thanks to the Belson family and continues to offer aspiring attorneys an unparalleled educational environment. Belson's guidance as an esteemed member of the St. John's Law family and in service to the St. John's University Board of Trustees was rooted in his deep understanding of the business enterprise, his compassion for the people behind it, and his tireless dedication to his community.

Professor John P. Hennigan



In January, colleagues, family, and friends gathered at the Law School to celebrate the life of Professor **John P. Hennigan**, who passed away in December. During his 30-year tenure on the Law School faculty, Professor

Hennigan taught Creditors' Rights, Commercial Transactions, Secured Transactions, and Civil Procedure. Prior to joining the faculty, he worked in private practice, with a focus on business litigation. As an academic, his scholarly interests included appellate jurisdiction and the legislative process in bankruptcy, among other subjects. His keen intellect, his kind nature, and his ready smile enhanced the lives of all who knew him.

Professor Claire Moore Dickerson



Professor **Claire Moore Dickerson** died in September after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. She was a member of the St. John's Law faculty from

1986 to 1999, and later taught at Rutgers and, most recently, at Tulane. Her former students and colleagues remember her as a dedicated and capable educator. She will be missed.

REMEMBERING THE FORGOTTEN

Donald F. Reid '58CBA, '62L, '87HON
Leads Korean War Memorial Effort



Over the next several months, a 40-foot-long, 10-foot tall curved wall of polished California black granite will rise on high ground in the Presidio of San Francisco.

Adorned with carved battle images, the structure is part of a permanent memorial designed to honor and preserve the memory of the nearly two million United Nations service men and women from 21 countries who fought to protect South Korea's freedom during the Korean War.

As treasurer of the non-profit Korean War Memorial Foundation (KWMF), Donald F. Reid has been an integral part of the memorial project since its inception in 2010. It's a commitment born of pride in service and a desire to recognize the sacrifices made by those he fought alongside in the so-called "Forgotten War."

Reid's bravery as a U.S. Marine Corps machine gunner earned him three Battle Stars. After the military, he went to college and then to St. John's Law. His subsequent career took Reid from the U.S. Treasury Department to leadership roles in compliance at private banks and onto work consulting on anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing.

Along with his philanthropic work for KWMF, Reid is a founder and principal benefactor of the University of San Francisco Graduate Asian Studies Program and the Marines' Memorial Association. He also serves on several non-profit boards. St. John's has recognized Reid's ongoing support of *alma mater* by awarding him an honorary degree in 1987, the Law School's Belson Medal in 2005, and the University's Medal of Honor in 2008.

During his tenure at KWMF, Reid has helped the organization raise \$3.4 million. With this financial backing, the project officially broke ground in December 2015 and work should be completed sometime this spring.

As planned, the memorial takes visitors along an arcing path that opens onto a plaza set against trees and hedges. This is where the

impressive granite wall stands, a composite of inscribed vertical panels that display, among other things, a map of the Korean Peninsula and a brief history of the war. An adjacent stairway leads down to a more intimate area for remembrance and reflection, where a low wall commemorates those who served.

All of this sits on a promontory that offers visitors a sweeping view of the Golden Gate Bridge and the neighboring coastline. As Reid and his fellow KWMF founders have noted, it's a very fitting vista since the San Francisco Bay was the embarkation point for so many who went off to fight in Korea, and was the journey's end for so many who came home to their loved ones, or to their final resting place.

Just west across the Pacific, the now prosperous and democratic Republic of Korea stands as its own testament to the important work being done by Reid—and by all of KWMF's leaders and supporters—as they continue to help the new Korean War memorial take shape.



Artist's Rendering: San Francisco Korean War Memorial

Events Calendar

The St. John's Law Alumni Association hosts and participates in many events throughout the year. Below is just a sampling of the slate of upcoming events. Please visit our online events calendar at stjohns.edu/law/events for full event details and updates as they come in.

May 17, 2016
Alumni Association
Annual Meeting
School of Law

May 20, 2016
Schermerhorn Luncheon
School of Law

May 23, 2016
Hon. Theodore T.
Jones, Jr. '72, '07HON
Memorial Golf Outing
*Wykagyl Country Club,
New Rochelle*

June 5, 2016
Law School Commencement
*St. John's University,
Carnesecca Arena*

90th Gala
Anniversary

June 16, 2016
Waldorf Astoria New York

June 27, 2016
Suffolk Chapter Golf Outing
*The Vineyards Golf Club,
Riverhead*

September 19, 2016
Hon. Guy J. Mangano
Golf Classic
*Nassau Country Club,
Glen Cove*

November 5-6, 2016
Fall CLE Weekend
School of Law



JOIN US AT THE @90 PROJECT BLOG, where we're sharing the history of St. John's Law in words and pictures as part of our year-long 90th anniversary celebration. Check back weekly for new posts, or subscribe to the blog for updates delivered right to your inbox or news feed.



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Thank You!

Dear St. John's Family,

How can we thank you for all the consideration you gave us during our period of mourning? Long after the food was finished, we read your cards and letters many times.

The love and generosity of spirit helped us through this difficult period. While no one can replace Jerry Belson—our Dad, Pop, and Pop Pop—we know that his influence and memory will live on at St. John's.

In grateful appreciation,

Brianne & Sandy Goldstein, Tad Belson,
and the extended Belson Family

