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MARCH 2, 2017, 5:00 PM

Our annual McElroy Lecture provides a forum for prominent thinkers and leaders to address fundamental issues of law and religion. This year's lecturer is Dr. Intisar A. Rabb, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and Director of its Islamic Legal Studies Program. She also holds an appointment as a Professor of History at Harvard University and as the Susan S. and Kenneth L. Wallach Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

Dr. Rabb has published on the topic of Islamic law in historical and modern contexts, including the monograph, *Doubt in Islamic Law* (Cambridge University Press 2015), an edited volume, *Law and Tradition in Classical Islamic Thought* (with Michael Cook et al., Palgrave 2013), and numerous articles on Islamic constitutionalism, Islamic legal maxims, and on the early history of the Qur'an text. She has conducted research in Egypt, Iran, Syria, and elsewhere.

The lecture will be held in room 226, followed by a complimentary reception in the atrium.



Dr. Intisar A. Rabb
B.A., Georgetown University
J.D., Yale Law School
M.A. and Ph.D., Princeton University

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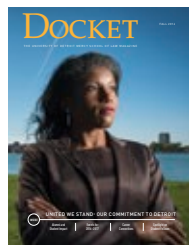
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Khadijah "DJ"
McFadden, a second-
year student in the
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Detroit Mercy Law is committed to Educating the Complete Lawyer. As the only law school in the heart of downtown Detroit, what happens in Detroit affects all of us. Every day I see the transformation of Detroit—its tenacity, grit, and spirit shining through in new buildings, new jobs, new energy.



DETROIT MERCY LAW

EDUCATING THE COMPLETE LAWYER

WHEN I MOVED here in 2014, I had a choice about whether to live in or outside of Detroit. The bankruptcy was well underway, and the residents of Detroit had just elected a new mayor. I chose to live in the city—my husband and I bought a condominium in the historic Park Shelton, right across from the DIA. As the incoming dean of a law school that has been an integral part of this city for more than 100 years, I thought it was important to stake my own personal claim on the well-being of Detroit. Now I get to watch the construction of the M1 line right out my window. I look forward to being able to ride it to work—and have our students ride it to classes.

The tenacity, grit, and spirit I see in the city I also see in our students as they prepare to become lawyers and business professionals, and in our graduates as they work in the Detroit metropolitan area.

This fall we welcomed 200 new first-year students to Detroit Mercy Law: 116 to our American J.D. and 84 to our Canadian & American Dual J.D. Program. They speak 10 languages, were born in 22 different countries, attended 64 different colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, and had 42 college majors that range from Biology to Electrical Engineering and Criminology.

Our first-year students join a community of engaged students who are part of the transformation of Detroit. By working in one of our six clinics, students gain practical hands-on skills they cannot learn in the classroom. One of the most important

of those skills is that they can use the law to make a positive difference in the life of someone who may come from another background or culture. In this issue of the DOCKET, you will read about the impact our students have on individual lives and the impact clients have on our students' lives.

Our clinics have a long history in Detroit. Now in its 51st year, our clinical program has assisted thousands of clients. Just this past year, we served more than 650 clients, and our students provided 12,000 hours of free legal advice. They represented veterans, individuals seeking asylum, juveniles in child protection cases, people charged with misdemeanor crimes or appealing their sentences, and inventors seeking patent protection.

The experience students gain in the clinics stays with them throughout their lives. You will see that as you read alumni profiles in this issue: our graduates' commitment to service shines through. It is a commitment that exists for those who work in the private sector as lawyers or business people, those who work in nonprofits, and those who work in government. They are part of the commitment to service that has always been at the core of Detroit Mercy Law.

This issue of the DOCKET shows how we are Educating the Complete Lawyer while being a part of the transformation of Detroit—a story of tenacity, grit, and spirit. Thank you all for being a part of that story and of our legacy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis L. Crocker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phyllis L. Crocker
Dean and Professor of Law

Kory Steen,
a second-year
law student


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UNITED

WE STAND

OUR COMMITMENT TO DETROIT

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law stands united with the city of Detroit, working together for more than 100 years to create new initiatives that encourage a strong environment for families, commerce, and innovation.



AT THE HEART of the law school's partnership with Detroit is a Jesuit philosophy that honors our obligation to create a space for students to give back to the community as attorneys, entrepreneurs, and public servants.


Detroit Mercy Law's robust clinical and internship programs foster public service, offering real-world opportunities for students to participate in the workings of government agencies and nonprofits.

While we pay tribute to our past, our feet are firmly planted in the 21st century, as we educate students to build bridges between Detroit's neighborhoods, as well as with our Canadian neighbors, through a dual J.D. degree that transcends borders.

Our commitment to Detroit is further reflected by Dean Phyllis L. Crocker's leadership and the hard work of the members of the Detroit Mercy Law community, who show up every day to carry on the law school's tradition of outreach.

"Detroit Mercy Law continues to have a vigorous presence in the city. It's one that is evidenced not just by what we say, but just as importantly, it is defined by what we do," Crocker says. "Every party that is involved benefits when the law school community interacts with the Detroit community."

HISTORY



For more than a century, Detroit Mercy Law has relied on its faith in Detroit's potential to embrace social change, steadily working to make the school and the city a better place for students and residents.

Historically, Detroit Mercy Law's educators have inspired its graduates to find their place in government, community service, and the law, through a holistic strategy that continuously examines the law school's ever-changing role in the community.

Given everything the school has stood for during its nearly 105 years, it is symbolic that it is the only law school in downtown Detroit, regardless of the challenges the city has faced. When the school recently conducted comprehensive surveys as part of its rebranding initiative, the resounding response was that the school should double down on Detroit and reflect that commitment in its new abbreviated name, Detroit Mercy Law.

The law school's first 50 years was a time marked by building—building the school's national reputation, establishing a permanent home for the school within its downtown roots, and developing a framework that made social justice a permanent piece of the school's character.

Much like today, the end of the school's first half-century was described as a time of innovation, growth, and unbelievable optimism.

In 1961, a prescient statement by Detroit Mercy Law Professor William Kelly Joyce reflected the

school's current viewpoint: "The School of Law has two objectives—professional and apostolic. It blends two great traditions of which it is singularly the possessor—the legal and the Jesuit. ... In the long run, a school, professional or otherwise, must be judged by the character and ability of its graduates. The School of Law of the University of Detroit is justly proud of the record of its alumni in the profession of law and in the wider field of life itself."

Not long after that observation, the school received a \$250,000 federal grant as part of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty." That grant established our first clinic.

In 1971, the law school and its clinic were recognized by the *Detroit Free Press* for their progressive approach to landlord-tenant rights. Detroit Mercy Law students were applauded for the significant role they played in pushing through Michigan's Tenants Rights and Code Enforcement Legislation in 1968.

Today, we have a network of six clinics in the areas of immigration law, veterans law, criminal trials, juvenile appellate proceedings, appellate advocacy, and international intellectual property law. We are looking to expand even further to meet the needs of our diverse community.



Dowling Hall, 1900s

CLINICS

JUVENILE APPELLATE CLINIC

Our Juvenile Appellate Clinic focuses on child protection proceedings and appellate work.

It is work that puts law students into the community by giving them the opportunity to work directly with the court system on behalf of children who have been compromised by crime, lack of educational opportunities, or an unstable home environment.

“The Juvenile Appellate Clinic at Detroit Mercy Law is the only one in the state that represents children only. While the representation of children in juvenile proceedings is essential to their interests, there is very little training of law students in this area from the point of view of children. We try to fill that vacuum,” says William Ladd ’79, a juvenile law attorney who works with Associate Professor Deborah Paruch ’92 in the Juvenile Appellate Clinic.

“The poverty level in the city is, in my opinion, the chief contributor to placing these children at risk. That is compounded by the level of serious crime they have experienced—many of these children have suffered significant traumas in their short lifetimes, which have led to post-traumatic stress disorder. The need to recognize the trauma and stress that children experience has recently become a serious topic of discussion among professionals who work with abused and neglected children, and many are developing ways of effectively recognizing and treating PTSD among children,” says Paruch.

Paruch, a widely recognized advocate for the rights of minors, recently led a grant-funded

initiative, with a group of law students and the staff of Detroit’s Providence House, to help the young residents understand that they have a voice and a right to know what legal options are available to them.

“The girls are at Providence House because they were involved in child protection proceedings. They don’t always understand what their legal rights are, so we went in to teach them,” Paruch says. “For the young ladies at the facility, it opened their eyes. We wanted them to know they had a voice.”

A paper issued by one of the law students offers a frank assessment of how she was affected by the experience.

“The interaction with the girls, more than anything else in the project, made a positive difference in my life because I felt as if I actually helped them and brought a little happiness into their lives. It also brought joy to the semester for me. I cannot wait for an opportunity to be involved in something like this again, or volunteer my time at Providence House.”

According to Paruch, the Juvenile Appellate Clinic will continue to maintain its focus as a “child-centered” clinic, defending the constitutional rights of minors in child protection proceedings and other related issues.

“We stress this with our students and hope to instill in them the idea that children have rights that are separate, and not derived from the rights of the parents.”

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Deborah Paruch '92
Associate Professor



Jewel Haji,
a first-year
law student

CLINICS

INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CLINIC

The aim of the International Intellectual Property Law Clinic is to help students meet the demands of an evolving job market that often requires an ability to think like an entrepreneur.

For the past year, Wissam Aoun has led Detroit Mercy Law's IP Clinic, encouraging students and residents from the community to come in and learn about the patent process.

"We provide intellectual property services for needy inventors and entrepreneurs," Aoun says. "Right now most of our clients are students who find us because they can't afford to hire an intellectual property attorney."

Aoun has had success in reaching out to Detroit Mercy's engineering students through workshops, faculty discussions, and word of mouth.

"We have a fantastic relationship with the engineering school because its students have a spirit of ingenuity in them. The school recognizes that intellectual property should form an integral part of the curriculum," Aoun says. "We are collaborating with the school on workshops for fourth-year students who are working on their senior capstone project."

As a result of Detroit's resurgence, a culture of student entrepreneurship that emphasizes testing, marketing, and design has emerged.

"There is a growing spirit of innovation in the city," says Aoun. "The days of an engineering student going straight from school to a job with an auto manufacturer are gone. Students are aware that there may not be a high-paying job waiting after graduation, so creativity is a necessary element on their job applications, and it is one employers love to see."

Future plans are in the works to connect with community partners, such as automakers, manufacturers, and research hospitals. "Exploring avenues of potential collaboration is part of an ongoing strategy to create a clinic with international opportunities," says Aoun.

"As part of our international aspirations, we are hoping to export the creative and innovative spirit of the Detroit community to other parts of the world. We are as much inspired by the creative passion of the Detroit community as we hope to be an inspiration for those individuals who connect with us abroad."



Wissam Aoun
Assistant Professor of
Law and Director of
the International IP
Law Clinic

IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC

The Immigration Law Clinic has strong ties to the many diverse ethnic communities in our city, helping those who aspire to migrate here from outside the U.S.

Directed by Alex Vernon, the Immigration Law Clinic is on the list of premium low-cost providers released by the Detroit Immigration Court. “We try to help where we can,” says Vernon. “Besides the court, we get referrals from U.S. Customs and Immigration and a number of different agencies.”

Issues that come to the clinic often revolve around protecting clients who are vulnerable, with little knowledge about how to represent themselves in legal proceedings. “Many times immigrants arrive with competing issues, then they try to represent themselves pro se. The court will reach out to us in those instances,” Vernon explains.

Vernon’s heritage gives him a unique window into the life of an immigrant. “I’m an immigrant twice over. My parents brought me from Jamaica to Canada, and later I married a U.S. citizen. Of course my experiences are nothing like those of my clients, but they have given me some perspective.”

The passion Vernon has for his work and for the students who work with him each semester in the Immigration Clinic is unmistakable.

“Migration is something that people do and have always done, sometimes for happy reasons, sometimes for sad reasons,” Vernon explains. “As a young person, I had experiences that introduced me to the complexities of laws and policies that make it difficult for people to be where they need to be, whether that is because their very lives are in jeopardy somewhere else, or because they wish to be with family and loved ones, or because they desire a better future than the past they or their ancestors had.”

Vernon reminds his students: “In the clinic you will be representing real people with real legal problems. Whether they have fled home fearing for their lives, or are trying to keep their families together, your clients have a lot riding on their ability to stay in the United States. You

will be in a unique position to help them realize their dreams.

“Sometimes my students are struck by how important it may be just to get a client in a position to have a driver’s license for the first time, and not be in constant fear of being exiled from their family and community if they get stopped while picking the kids up from school.”

Vernon urges his students to understand the circumstances that brought his clients to America and the situations that frequently challenge their values.

“Many of our clients are beginning new lives after enduring persecution, abuse, and violence, and our students are often able to connect them with services to help with their journey.”

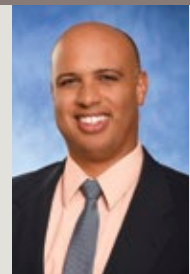
Often a student will share his or her family’s story with Vernon, giving what he calls “a testament to the diversity of Detroit.”

“It’s all very compelling to me, and I find that when my students get to dig into the facts of their case, and meet the people involved, it can really change their perspectives,” says Vernon.

One of the rewards of Vernon’s job is his lasting connection to the Detroit Mercy graduates who stay in contact with him and the Immigration Law Clinic after graduation.

“Many of my clinic alumni keep in touch after graduation, and often I am able to give them little updates on the cases they worked on, so that they know the impact they had on the lives of entire families. Many students have told me that working in the clinic was the best part of law school, and I tend to believe them, because that was true for me, too.”

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Alex Vernon
Assistant
Professor
of Law and
Director of the
Immigration
Law Clinic

ALUMNI MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DETROIT

Alumni support for Detroit Mercy Law's endeavors is as solid as the school's resolve to remain an integral presence in the heart of the city.

ANDREW ARENA '88

Andy Arena, a former FBI special agent and leader, is now executive director of a nonprofit he helped launch, the Detroit Crime Commission. He is unabashedly proud of his alma mater.

"Dean Crocker is an out-of-the-box thinker who keeps everyone on their toes. She is not satisfied to maintain the status quo," Arena notes. "Her commitment to the law school's involvement in Detroit is important."

Arena says the analytical skills he gained at Detroit Mercy Law serve him well in his position as the executive director of the Detroit Crime Commission.

"Law school gave me the ability to look at things analytically," says Arena. "I use my law degree every day of my career."

A native of Detroit, Arena is quick to remember a period when the law school persevered downtown in spite of a number of challenges facing Detroit.

"When everyone abandoned Detroit, when there were some really bad days, the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law stayed. It was a beacon of light," says Arena, referring to seminal events like the riots of 1967 and corruption in city government that reverberated throughout Wayne County in recent years.

As far as Arena is concerned, when it comes to Detroit Mercy Law, seeing is believing.

"The optics of having the law school in Detroit are important. Seeing a vibrant law school in downtown Detroit is good for the city," Arena claims. "The law school has a long, solid relationship with Detroit. The vibe of the school is positive. It has always taken an activist's role in the city, rolling up its sleeves to do phenomenal work."

Arena has been rolling up his sleeves for nearly 30 years, taking the skills he gained at Detroit Mercy Law and using them to support initiatives in Detroit that aim to extend the city's resurgence to its neighborhoods.



He laughs when he hears himself described as a crusader, saying he is just as eager to go to work today as he was when he began his career in law enforcement.

"After 28 years in this field, I am still excited about the work we do," Arena says, adding that he finds that same sense of excitement in the law students he has met at Detroit Mercy Law.

"The students are brilliant and dynamic, with outstanding interpersonal skills," says Arena. "They are not here just because they don't know what to do with their lives. They are focused and understand that a law degree gives them a lot of options."

Detroit Mercy Law students who interned with Arena at the Detroit Crime Commission earned high praise. "They were sharp kids, working with us to push for tougher scrap metal laws in the state," he says. "They helped change the law in Michigan."

According to Arena, the Crime Commission's objective, to work to reduce conflict in Detroit's communities, melds with the law school's outreach efforts into the city's neighborhoods.

"We look for the gaps in law enforcement—what people are not able to do. For example, when the county could not fund lab costs for untested rape kits, we negotiated contracts, acting as a fiscal agent for the prosecutor," Arena says.

Looking to the future, there are three things Detroit's leaders have to do to help the city regain prominence as one of America's great cities, Arena says.

"We have to lower the crime rate, stop corruption, and recreate a vibrant education system. It starts in the city's neighborhoods."

CHARITY DEAN '15

Like Andy Arena, Charity Dean, sales and program manager for the Detroit Land Bank Authority (DLBA), is in Detroit's neighborhoods, working to improve the quality of life for residents who have suffered for years from blight created, in part, by abandoned homes.

Dean, under the guidance of the Detroit Mayor's office, manages auctions, direct sales, side lots, and occupied properties for the DLBA.

When Dean was in her second year of law school, a presentation from Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan about the work of the DLBA inspired her to pursue property law, a field that had never crossed her mind.

"I told my property professor, Julia Belian, that I wanted to hear the mayor's presentation. She approved my absence on the condition that I take notes," Dean recalls. "I did, and not only did I get credit for the class, but I also learned that the mayor was starting an internship program."

Despite Dean's expressed disinterest in property law, another professor, Richard Krisciunas '75, urged her to go for one of the internships that Duggan mentioned.

"My property professor encouraged me to apply. I thought, 'I'll just do this on a part-time basis.' I'd always pictured myself going to court every day, maybe as a prosecutor or criminal law attorney."

But, as Dean puts it, "God had other plans" for her.

During her internship, a full-time position for a community relations manager opened up while the agency was launching its side lot program. Dean applied and got the job, a move she has never regretted.

"I absolutely love my job, it's real and there is so much energy here," Dean says. "We are going to change Detroit because the work we are doing is all about the neighborhoods, with the goal to push Detroit ahead."

Dean's responsibilities grew when she was promoted to sales and program manager for the DLBA.

Today Dean is responsible for overseeing four DLBA initiatives, including a "buy back" program that incorporates an auction strategy that she created and put into motion.

"The first thing we do before we sell property is to reach out to the people who self-identified as

wanting to buy the property where they currently live. These occupants' homes were lost through foreclosure, and they find themselves living in a home owned by the city. Oftentimes, they have been paying rent to a landlord who didn't pay taxes. We work with the occupants through workshops and home-buying counseling. The goal is to prepare them for home ownership," Dean says. "The occupants purchase the home from the land bank and work with nonprofit agencies to connect them to vital resources. They also have to save money monthly for their tax bill. After doing this for at least 12 months, the occupants become home owners."

Dean believes that Detroit Mercy Law's dedication to public service had a profound effect on her.

"Detroit Mercy Law is the school to go to if you want to make a difference," Dean says. "I learned what it is to be a lawyer and an advocate through my time in the child abuse division in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. If you are open to service, the world is your oyster." **D**



Spotlight on Student Fellows

IN 2014, Detroit Mercy Law launched the Detroit Mercy Law Fellows Program to encourage high-caliber students to matriculate at Detroit Mercy Law. This program recognizes candidates with outstanding academic records and LSAT scores, exceptional leadership, service, and other accomplishments. Nominees for the Fellows Program are invited to interview with faculty, administrators, and alumni, and, if selected, they are eligible for our most generous scholarship opportunities. The program has

exceeded our expectations in many ways, as our Fellows have excelled both inside and outside of the classroom.

We welcomed eight Fellows in our inaugural program class, including Ryan VanOver and Clare Sawicki. Also known as “Ty Stone,” Ryan is an accomplished musician and was signed to Kid Rock’s Top Dog Records and Atlantic Records. He is a member of the Detroit Mercy Law Review and sang the national anthem at Detroit Mercy Night at Comerica Park this fall. Clare

Sawicki has received several CALI awards during her time at Detroit Mercy Law and has worked as a litigation intern with the In-House Staff Counsel at Allstate Insurance.

Sixteen Fellows enrolled in our Fall 2015 class. Moriam Aigoro is a junior member of Law Review and Moot Court and was a judicial intern with Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. DJ McFadden moved to Detroit from Newark, New Jersey. She is a Detroit Mercy Presidential Ambassador and a junior member of Moot Court. She was a judicial intern with Chief Judge Denise Page Hood of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. Jasmine Owens is also a member of Law Review and Moot Court and was a judicial extern with the Michigan Supreme Court for Chief Justice Robert P. Young. Nathaniel Mark published an article in the State Bar of Michigan’s Real Property Law Section June 2016 e-newsletter and interned with United States District Court Judge Thomas L. Ludington.

Our expectations are high for our 19 Fellows in the Fall 2016 class. Stephanie Moore, who earned a Chemical Engineering degree at Detroit Mercy in 2003, is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt-certified engineer. Elaria Essak has worked as a Spanish-English and Arabic-English translator with our own Immigration Law Clinic and several other immigration-related organizations.

Our Fellows have enriched Detroit Mercy Law in meaningful ways, and we look forward to their contributions to the city of Detroit and to the legal profession. **D**



Ryan VanOver



Clare Sawicki



Moriam Aigoro



DJ McFadden



Jasmine Owens



Nathaniel Mark



Stephanie Moore



Elaria Essak

Faculty Retirements



Prof. Robert N. Brown

After 40 years of teaching with a concentration in constitutional and elder law, Prof. Brown retired recently. He continues to maintain an office at the law school to work on his scholarship, and he regularly attends alumni and student events.



Prof. Richard T. Krisciunas '75

has taught Trial Practice for 34 years and the Criminal Trial Clinic for eight years, as well as the Criminal Procedure Practicum for two years. He retired in 2016 as Director of Externships, but he continues to teach as an adjunct professor.

Welcome New Faculty and Administrators

New Faculty



Khaled A. Beydoun

Associate Professor of Law

*B.A., University of Michigan;
J.D., University of California,
Los Angeles; LL.M., University
of Toronto*

Khaled Beydoun is a renowned scholar on Critical Race Theory. His scholarship examines the racial construction of Arab and Muslim American identity, criminal and national security policing, and the intersection of race, religion, and citizenship.

Professor Beydoun currently serves as affiliated faculty with the UC Berkeley Center for Race & Gender's Islamophobia Research & Documentation Project. He has extensive experience in academia and as an attorney, working in the areas of civil rights, criminal defense, and international law practice.



Anne M. Yantus

Director, Clinical Programs
& Externships and Assistant
Professor of Law

*B.A. and J.D., Wayne State
University*

Prior to joining the full-time faculty, Anne Yantus served as managing attorney of the Plea and Sentencing Unit of the State Appellate Defender Office (SADO), where she supervised and handled indigent felony appeals. Professor Yantus had a comprehensive appellate practice for 30 years at SADO, appearing regularly before all levels of the Michigan state courts as well as the local and regional federal courts.

While working at SADO, she was an adjunct professor teaching Criminal Sentencing, Criminal Procedure, and the SADO Clinic. Her scholarship focuses on Michigan felony sentencing law.



J. Richard Broughton

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
and Associate Professor of Law

*B.A., Hampden-Sydney College;
J.D., Widener University;
LL.M., Georgetown University*

J. Richard Broughton joined the faculty in 2009 and was recently appointed associate dean for academic affairs. His scholarship focuses on American politics and institutions and the intersection of politics, constitutionalism, and criminal justice.

Dean Broughton served in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. His work involved federal prosecutions of violent crime related to gang activity, drug trafficking, organized crime, and racketeering. He also served as assistant attorney general of Texas for Capital and Post-Conviction Litigation.

New Administrators



Tanya E. Lundberg

Director, Career
Services and
Outreach

*B.A., University of
Michigan - Dearborn;*

J.D., Wayne State University

Ms. Lundberg joined Detroit Mercy Law's Career Services Office after practicing law for many years, most recently at Collins Einhorn Farrell in Southfield.



Caitlin E. McCarthy

Assistant Director,
Admissions

*B.A., Saint Mary's
College*

Ms. McCarthy assists

prospective students in the admission process and also manages social media for the School of Law.



Rebecca Simkins Nowak

Clinical
Coordinator

*B.A., University
of Michigan -*

Ann Arbor; J.D., Detroit College of Law

Ms. Nowak was previously a member of the Detroit law firm of Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker and in-house counsel at Quicken Loans.



Eric McCloud

Admissions
Coordinator

*B.A., Michigan
State University*

Mr. McCloud

has prior experience at Plymouth Educational Center and Henry Ford High School in Detroit. He is also the founder and director of the Dream Deferred Project Detroit, a nonprofit organization advising nontraditional learners on college and career readiness.



Phillip M. Krauss II

Financial Aid Officer

*A.B., Adrian College;
M.A., Marygrove
College*

Mr. Krauss works with

students to help them secure funding for their legal education. He brings to Detroit Mercy Law 30 years of experience in higher education.



Jasmine McFarland

Assistant to the Dean

*B.A., University of
Detroit Mercy*

Ms. McFarland joined

Detroit Mercy Law from the University's Purchasing Office on the McNichols Campus.



Leigh Anne Coughlin

Associate Registrar

*B.B.A., Northwood
University; M.S.A.,
Central Michigan
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Ms. Coughlin was previously at ITT Technical Institute, where she served as the registrar and director of finance for several years.

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Members of the judiciary



Student and cross-bearer Veronica Prange leads the procession

RED MASS



(L-R) Professor Pamela Zarkowski - Detroit Mercy Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Reverend Monsignor Robert McClory, J.D. - Concelebrant, Hon. Victoria Roberts of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan - led the Renewal of the Lawyer's Oath of Commitment, Reverend Fred Kammer, S.J., J.D. - Celebrant, Dr. Antoine M. Garibaldi - Detroit Mercy President, and Phyllis L. Crocker - Detroit Mercy Law Dean



Hon. Terrance Keith '84 of the Wayne County Probate Court, who serves on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Mercy Law Alumni Association, delivers a reading, as (L-R) Msgr. McClory, Fr. Kammer, and student and altar server Zachary Kowalczyk look on

DETROIT MERCY LAW hosted its 104th annual Red Mass on September 20 at Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church.

Red Mass is an occasion for judges, attorneys, and students of all faiths to pray together for guidance at the beginning of the new judicial term and recite the Renewal of the Lawyer's Oath of Commitment.

The Oath was led by the Honorable Victoria A. Roberts. Judge Roberts was appointed by President Clinton in June 1998 to serve as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Prior to that, she was managing partner of the Detroit law firm of Goodman, Eden, Millender & Bedrosian and was an Assistant U.S. Attorney. She also served as president of the State Bar of Michigan, the only black woman to have held that position.

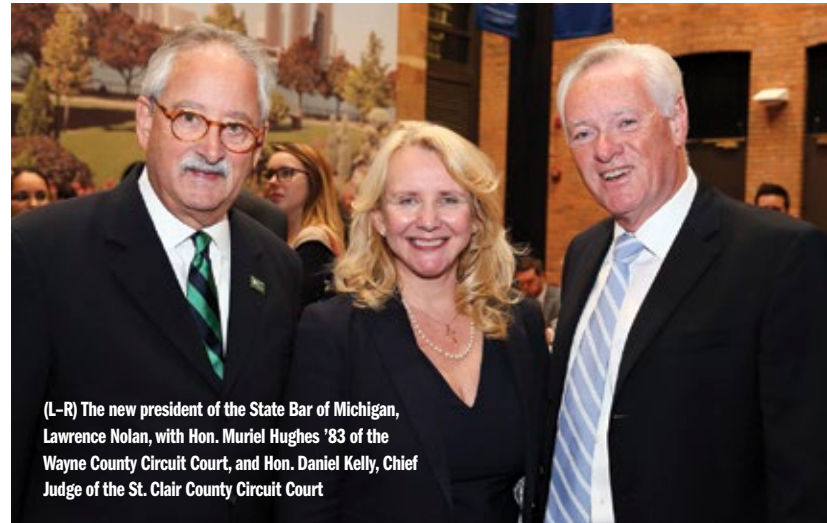
Reverend Fred Kammer, S.J., J.D., was the celebrant of Red Mass. Father Kammer is a priest, attorney, and a member of the Southern Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). He has been Director of the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University New Orleans since 2009. Prior to that, he was the provincial superior, guiding their post-Katrina recovery and services. He was the president/CEO of Catholic Charities USA, the nation's largest voluntary human service network, and he has worked in many programs for the underprivileged. He is also the author of three books on Catholic social thought, spirituality, and charities.

Detroit Mercy's annual Red Mass dates back to 1877, when Detroit College, as the University was then known, began its first year with a mass at Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church to ask the blessing of the Holy Spirit on the coming year's work. The School of Law continued the tradition when it opened in 1912, hosting the Red Mass on behalf of the Archdiocese of Detroit at Saints Peter and Paul every year. **D**



Current and retired members of the judiciary with leaders of the four sponsoring organizations

MEET THE JUDGES



(L-R) The new president of the State Bar of Michigan, Lawrence Nolan, with Hon. Muriel Hughes '83 of the Wayne County Circuit Court, and Hon. Daniel Kelly, Chief Judge of the St. Clair County Circuit Court

DETROIT MERCY LAW

hosted a Meet the Judges reception on October 11 in partnership with the Catholic Lawyers Society of Detroit, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, and Polish American Lawyers Society. The networking event was well attended by judges, attorneys, and law students. **D**



(L-R) Hon. James Chylinski '74 of the Wayne County Circuit Court, Hon. Alexis Krot of the 31st District Court in Hamtramck, Assistant Dean Jennifer Rumschlag of Career Services, and Michael Glynne '13 of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office

Right: Judge Kelly with students Charu Mehta and Rubaina Singh



Below: (L-R) Students Latasha Brownlee, Aaron Hall, Brittany Misich, and Daichanai Jones

Bottom: (L-R) Hon. Robert Colombo - Chief Judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court, Robert Gazall - Macomb County Corporation Counsel, Sue Hammoud '02 - Wayne County Corporation Counsel, Michael Butler of Landry Mazzeo & Dembinski, and Patricia Rossi Galvin '70 of the Law Office of Patricia Galvin



Below: (L-R) Hon. Craig Strong of the Wayne County Circuit Court and Fred Lanck '69 speak with two students



Bottom: Meet the Judges reception in atrium



GOLF OUTING

DETROIT MERCY LAW celebrated its first golf outing on September 30 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The event was part of the University's Homecoming Weekend. The outing sold out with 144 golfers plus 30 additional guests for dinner. The event raised more than \$35,000 for the law school's student scholarship fund. As these photos show, rain did not dampen our Titan spirit. **D**



(L-R) Michael Fox '11 (GEICO Staff Counsel), Adam Post '11 (Zausmer August & Caldwell), and Nicholas Even '03 (Bowman & Brooke) watch as Ryan Clark '11 (Collins Einhorn Farrell) makes a crucial putt. The team came in first place for the day.



(L-R) Patrick Fishman '88 (Kitch), Carol Grombala '88 (Prime Law), James Aldrich '88 (Dykema), Detroit Mercy Law Alumni Association President Ed Lennon '88 (Lennon Law), and Gene Boyle '88 (EH Boyle PC)



(L-R) Hank Cooney '80 (Plunkett Cooney), Professor Michelle Richards '94, Dean Phyllis L. Crocker, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra '87, and Justin Zatkoff '14 (Dickinson Wright)



Mark Wisniewski '90 (Kitch) and family celebrate at the dinner honoring him with the *Time & Talent Award*



(L-R) Detroit Mercy Law administrators Barbara Stockwell-Buslepp, Associate Dean Amy Smith '07, and Stephanie Winbigler chip in as volunteers.



(L-R) Bernie Fuhs '06 (Butzel Long), Richard Ballentine '06 (Plastic Development Group), Hon. Suzanne Faunce '98 (37th District Court), and Avis Choulagh '06 (Law Firm of Avis Choulagh)



(L-R) Ryan Dempsey (Kitch), Jamie Edmonds (WDIV-TV), Jennifer Hammond (WJBK-TV), and Barry Wilson



Rising Star honoree Macie Tuasosopo '13 (Toa Law Firm) with Dean Phyllis L. Crocker



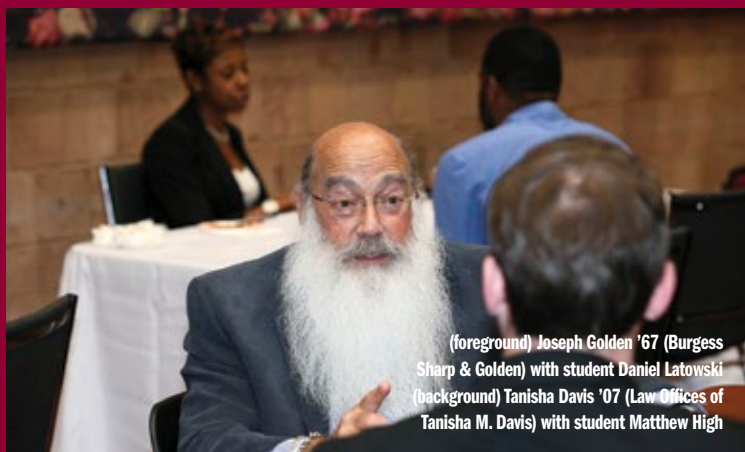
(L-R) Greg Thiess '79 (Carus Group), William Ma '17, Associate Dean Richard Broughton, and Hon. Denise Langford Morris '82 (Oakland County Circuit Court)



(L-R) Student Daniel Latowski with Robbie Gaines, Jr. '15 (Collins Einhorn Farrell) and Kari Melkonian '08 (Collins Einhorn Farrell)

MENTOR JET

ON SEPTEMBER 27, Detroit Mercy Law's Career Services Office held its annual event titled, "Mentor Jet: Taking Networking to New Heights." At this speed-networking event, attorney mentors engaged in five-minute conversations with students to offer advice about how to be successful in law school and in starting their careers. **D**



(foreground) Joseph Golden '67 (Burgess Sharp & Golden) with student Daniel Latowski (background) Tanisha Davis '07 (Law Offices of Tanisha M. Davis) with student Matthew High



(foreground) Student Samantha Buck receives advice from Tanisha Davis '07 (Law Offices of Tanisha M. Davis) (background) Student Sharriff Dyer with Justice Brian Zahra '87 (Michigan Supreme Court)



(L-R) Adam Post '11 (Zausmer, August & Caldwell), who serves on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Mercy Law Alumni Association, meets with student Yaser Farha



Hon. Michelle Rick '91 of the Clinton County Circuit Court counsels student Courtney Lovett

Career Connect

THE CAREER SERVICES

Office (CSO) partners with students, alumni, and employers to facilitate career-related education, professional growth, and networks leading to rewarding careers.

Career Connect

Detroit Mercy Law's online employment opportunity board for students and alumni

Looking to make a career move?

Did you know that many opportunities posted on Career Connect are for alumni? Browse postings by using your Titan Connect ID and password to login at <https://law-udmercy-csm.symphlicity.com>. For help with your Titan Connect ID and password, contact the Help Desk at 313-993-1500 from 8:30 am–7:00 pm (M–Th) or 8:30 am–5:00 pm (F).

Looking to hire?

Please help to ensure your organization is recruiting at Detroit Mercy Law. We welcome the opportunity to assist with recruiting students, recent graduates, and alumni. We post employment opportunities on Career Connect and can also arrange on-campus interviews (OCI).

Success Through Collaboration

Seeking Employers for Bridge to Practice Program

Do you need help with a short-term project? Are you assessing whether the workload requires bringing on a junior attorney? If so, the Bridge to Practice Program provides the opportunity to meet your goals while helping a new graduate develop and enhance practical legal skills as he or she transitions into the practice of law through a predetermined period of paid post-graduate legal work. Thank you to our previous host organizations: Abbott Nicholson and Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton.

Wolverine Bar Association's Judicial Extern Program and Summer Clerkship Program

Thank you to the WBA for supporting our minority law students and administering these programs aimed to increase the number of minority attorneys in well-respected positions within the legal community. During the

summer of 2016, these programs placed eight first-year students with federal judges and large law firms in southeastern Michigan. Thank you to Mikyia Aaron '15 and Jonathan Kirkland '15 for speaking with students about the programs.

Mock Interview Program

Thank you to the following alumni and friends for conducting mock interviews with students preparing for OCIs for summer associate opportunities:

Mikyia Aaron '15, Daniel Bonucchi '13, Daniel Burkhart '15, Alex Cavanaugh '12, Connie Cessante '87, Daniel Dalton '90, Hon. Stephanie Davis, Todd Dishman '13, Jennifer Dukarski '10, Scott Garbo '07, Loukas Kallian-tasis '08, Robert Kameneč '82, Jonathan Kirkland '15, Mariah Mumford '15, Frank Paolini '12, Randolph Phiifer '75, Richard Rassel, Lesley Esters Redwine '98, Brett Vasicek '14, Mark Wisniewski '90, and Justin Zatkoff '14 **D**

Attorney mentors and students at Mentor Jet event



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1960s

David J. Padilla, Jr. '69

David Padilla was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. The honorary doctorate was an acknowledgment of his outstanding contributions to establishing the inter-American human rights system as a torchbearer for human rights in the Americas, and of his academic contributions to the discourse on international human rights law. Padilla holds five degrees in a variety of disciplines and has served as an international civil servant, academic, and human rights defender.



David J. Padilla, Jr. '69

Deborah L. Gordon '76

Growing up in the 1960s, civil rights and employment attorney Deborah Gordon watched the Detroit riots unfold. "I watched what happened on television and it really got to me," Gordon says.



"In law school I gravitated to classes on criminal process and constitutional law." With the help of a constitutional law professor, she landed an internship with U.S. District Court Judge Julian Cook, who, at the time, was in private practice. She also interned in the civil rights division of Michigan's Attorney General's Office, where she worked for the legendary Frank Kelley '51. Gordon, a partner in the law firm that bears her name, was the 2016 recipient of the Jean King Leadership Award given by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan "In Commendation for Visionary Leadership in the Face of Opposition and Outstanding Efforts Toward the Advancement of Women and the Legal Profession." She stays close to Detroit Mercy Law, most recently as a judge for a moot court competition. There she found the students to be remarkable. "I was really impressed with the kids and the collegial atmosphere at the law school."



William A. Forsyth '73



Frederick A. Fromm, Jr. '76



Hon. Kenneth W. Schmidt '75

1970s

William A. Forsyth '73

William Forsyth retired as Prosecutor of Kent County. His career as a prosecutor spanned 42 years, 30 of which were for Kent County. "I like this job, pretty simple," he says. "There's a saying—if you find something you love, you'll never work a day in your life."

Frederick A. Fromm, Jr. '76

Frederick Fromm is senior counsel in Dykema's Detroit Office. He retired from the position of VP and General Counsel for International Operations of General Motors based in Shanghai and then Singapore.

Hon. Kenneth W. Schmidt '75

Bay County Circuit Court Chief Judge Kenneth Schmidt retired after serving 20 years on the bench. He was the longest-serving of the county's seven judges.

Christopher A. Andreoff '72

Chris Andreoff, a partner at Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, chose Detroit Mercy Law because of its long roster of graduates in the prosecutors' offices.



"I chose Detroit Mercy Law because of the school's history and remarkable list of distinguished alumni who were prosecutors and judges. I wanted to be a prosecutor, and Detroit Mercy Law's internship program gave me a phenomenal opportunity to do that," he says. Andreoff served for 12 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the criminal division, and his practice at Jaffe is primarily criminal defense related to white-collar crimes. He continues to be involved with the school through its mentorship programs. "Detroit Mercy Law is doing the right thing with the internship and clinical programs. When I share my experiences with the students, I encourage them to take advantage of the clinics." Andreoff says. "The practical and substantive experience the clinics offer is invaluable and will give them a head start after law school."

Faye A. Nelson '80

Faye Nelson credits her law degree for helping her develop analytical skills that apply not only to the practice of law but also to the many community roles she has held.



Currently Vice President of DTE Energy and Board Chair and President of the DTE Energy Foundation, Nelson credits the education she received at Detroit Mercy Law for preparing her for a career in community service. "The education I received at Detroit Mercy Law provided me with transferable skills that I could use, from the actual practice of law to my work at the conservancy," Nelson says, referring to her prior position as President and CEO of the nonprofit Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. Citing Detroit Mercy Law for "giving her tremendous support," she believes that more thought needs to be given to how a law degree can work for career areas other than the practice of law. "We haven't thought enough about how transferable the skills one learns in law school are. I very much appreciate the foundation I received at Detroit Mercy Law. It has helped me throughout my career." With four daughters and a husband who is an attorney, Nelson says, "My North Star has always been my family. I try to prioritize my time with them. If that falls into place, everything else works."

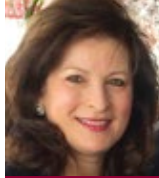


Hon. Mary A. Chrzanowski '85

1980s

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Mary Chrzanowski was appointed as a federal Administrative Law Judge for Social Security in Florida. She was a Macomb County Circuit Court judge for 23 years and was featured on NBC's *Dateline* in 2014. "Scary Mary Presiding" focused on Judge Chrzanowski's life and work with the Warren and Macomb County Juvenile Drug Courts.



Susan E. Fairchild '88

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Susan Fairchild is the president of the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, for 2016–17. She is currently an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Violent Crimes Unit.



Patrick F. Hickey '84

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Patrick Hickey has become a shareholder of Hickey Hauck Bishoff & Jeffers, which is a new Detroit-based law firm specializing in business and employment litigation and counseling.



Erin K. Tenner '85

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Erin Tenner has joined Gray-Duffy, LLP, as a partner in its Encino, CA, office. She is also an active member of the National Association of Dealership Counsel.

Saad J. Nadhir '80

Growing up in the Detroit area, Saad Nadhir worked in his family's grocery business. The business gave him an early education in entrepreneurship, an experience that would eventually reignite his passion for business. After graduation, Nadhir moved to Dallas where he practiced real estate law, a period he describes "as a really good experience." While he was practicing law, a client who was a Blockbuster franchisee suggested he join the company. "When I went to Blockbuster, I was exposed to a larger playing field in business,"

Nadhir says. He later left Blockbuster to become Vice Chairman and CEO of Boston Chicken, Inc. "Once the restaurant business gets in your blood, it is there to stay," he says. Today, Nadhir is CEO of Urban Plates, a fast casual restaurant in the San Diego area that has opened 10 stores in the last year. "I loved practicing law, but I was an entrepreneur who happened to be a lawyer," he says. "There is never a straight line to where you think you are going to go."



1990s

Lawrence G. Almeda '97

L.G. Almeda is the new owner of the Plymouth Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy. He bought the gym after years of watching his children take lessons and eventually becoming a student and competitor himself. He is an intellectual property attorney and shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Gilson & Lione.

David C. Anderson '98

David Anderson is the 2016–17 president of the Oakland County Bar Association, which is the largest regional bar association in Michigan. He is a shareholder of Collins Einhorn Farrell.

P. Stephen Kim '97

A graduate of our Canadian & American Dual J.D. program with the University of Windsor, Alberta native Stephen Kim found that his dual licenses offered him the opportunity to speak legitimately about two judicial systems that have some commonalities, but stem from two different legal heritages. As counsel for the international pharmaceutical company Celgene Corporation based in New Jersey, Kim oversees the legal affairs of the corporation's Canadian subsidiaries. He says, "Whether I am working with American or Canadian companies, I am not viewed as a foreign lawyer. I have credibility." He cites Detroit Mercy Law's pragmatic focus as an avenue to gain hands-on experience. "The school had plenty of practical programs, a ton of clinics, and when it came to class schedules, enormous flexibility. I extend an open invitation to our graduates to visit when they're in New Jersey."



Lawrence G. Almeda '97



David C. Anderson '98



Anne E. Cooper '94



Maryanne B. Foster '94



David A. Wolfe '99



Nicholas G. Even '03



Kenneth H. Hemler J.D./M.B.A. '07

Anne E. Cooper '94

Anne Cooper was named Senior Vice President of Human Resources for third-party logistics provider Kane Is Able, Inc. She oversees organizational design, labor cost management, leadership development, and compensation and benefit programs.

Maryanne B. Foster '94

Maryanne Foster was made a shareholder of Plunkett Cooney. She practices exclusively in the area of insurance coverage.

Marc D. Kaszubski '99

Marc Kaszubski was appointed City Attorney by the Sterling Heights City Council. He joined O'Reilly Rancilio in 2003, became shareholder of the firm, and now serves on its board of directors.

David A. Wolfe '99

David Wolfe has become shareholder and managing attorney for the Michigan office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis. He handles commercial collection matters and works closely with area credit unions.

Jabran G. Yasso '91

Jay Yasso has been named a senior shareholder of Sommers Schwartz. He focuses his practice on medical malpractice, automobile negligence, and personal injury matters.

2000s

Nicholas G. Even '03

Nick Even has been named partner at Bowman & Brooke in the Detroit office. He focuses his practice on personal injury, automobile/trucking negligence, product liability, and consumer warranty defense.

Rebecca L. Hahn '09

Rebecca (Kowalski) Hahn became a teaching fellow for the Michigan Innocence Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School.

Kenneth H. Hemler J.D./M.B.A. '07

Ken Hemler is Senior Counsel for Dow Chemical Company. He recently transitioned into a commercial law role to provide legal support to the leadership of, and day-to-day counseling to, two global businesses: the Plastics and Specialty Packaging business and the Olefins, Aromatics, and Alternatives business.

Kymberly N. Kinchen '09

Kym Kinchen was a single mother with a young daughter when she heard Judge Denise Langford Morris '82 speak at a law school event. "I was thinking of going to law school when I heard Judge Langford Morris speak. Her story about her experiences as a single mother in the legal profession gave me confirmation that I could do that as well," she says. Today, Kinchen is Associate General Counsel for TriMas Corporation, where she is responsible for directing compliance standards for the publicly traded home improvement manufacturer. Every year, she comes back to the school to talk to our students about alternative careers. "I would not be where I am now if not for Detroit Mercy Law," she says. "To whom much is given, much is required."

**Rosa A. Weaver '13**

Just three years out of law school, tax attorney Rosa Weaver has already established a law practice in Michigan with plans to open another office in Houston, Texas. "I launched my own firm this past April. I always knew I wanted to be a tax lawyer," she says. The Jesuit philosophy influenced her decision to attend Detroit Mercy Law. "It was important for me to be in the city, at a law school that empowered students to make positive changes in the world. That's what the Jesuits believe." She credits Detroit Mercy for helping to push her career forward because "it was such a hands-on experience, one in which I was challenged practically and academically. It was such a good investment." As an alumna, Weaver participates in moot court and in mock interviews. She finds that "coming back is a very rewarding experience, because I know what the students are going through. I understand their pain and suffering."



Patrick C. Lannen '09

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Patrick Lannen was named shareholder of Plunkett Cooney. He is a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation and Banking, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights practice groups in the Bloomfield Hills office.



Roxana Gale Zaha '09

J. Blair Miller '02

Blair Miller is senior managing intellectual property counsel of DENSO International America. He received a General and In-House Counsel Award as one of the top attorneys in 2016 honored by *Crain's Detroit*.

Roxana Gale Zaha '09

Roxana Zaha was elected shareholder of Butzel Long in its Bloomfield Hills office. She assists clients in all aspects of acquisition, disposition, leasing, and financing in real estate transactions.

2010s

Hamzah M. Alshammaa '11

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Hamzah Alshammaa joined Kimberly-Clark Corporation as Senior Legal Counsel—GCC in Bahrain. He was previously head of office and partner of Al Tamimi & Company, the largest law firm in the Middle East with offices in Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.



Robbie J. Gaines, Jr. '15

Egi Deromemaj '11

Egi Deromemaj became a named shareholder with Pastor & Deromemaj and practices immigration law. The firm has offices in Michigan and New York.

Sandro D. DiMercurio J.D./M.B.A. '15

Sandro DiMercurio joined Berry Moorman PC as an associate. He concentrates his practice on real estate, business law, civil litigation, and labor and employment law.

Robbie J. Gaines, Jr. '15

Robbie Gaines joined Collins Einhorn Farrell as an associate in the firm's general and automotive liability practice group. He entered private practice following a judicial clerkship in the Wayne County Circuit Court with Judge Leslie Kim Smith '82.

Zlatina Georgieva Dual J.D. '11

Tina Georgieva joined the Troy office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone. She is licensed to practice law in Michigan, Florida, and Ontario, Canada. As an attorney licensed in both Canada and the U.S., she provides a unique perspective to domestic and international clients. Her practice focuses on representing vehicle manufacturers and major parts suppliers on complex product safety regulatory issues and related litigation matters.

Vernon C. Marsh '13

Vernon Marsh joined Bowman & Brooke. His practice is the defense of Global 500 clients in product liability litigation, such as claims involving roof strength as well as vehicle handling and stability.

Christina I. Nassar Dual J.D., '10

Christina Nassar joined Meridian Lightweight Technologies as Assistant General Counsel. Meridian is a global supplier of lightweight cast metal solutions for the transportation industry.

Erin Jacobs Rich '10

Erin Rich served as secretary/treasurer and then executive board president of the Student Bar Association. Rich currently works at the Social Security Administration Office of Appellate Operations in Baltimore.

Jennifer A. Richards '15

Jennifer Richards joined the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho. She focuses her practice on municipal law, insurance defense, and law enforcement defense.

Kenny A. Shannon '10

Kenny Shannon is now serving as the Associate Director of Neighborhood, Community, & Economic Development in the City of Detroit's Office of Grants Management/Office of Chief Financial Officer.

Tiffani N. Williams '10

Tiffani Williams joined Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA, where she practices in consumer collections with a focus on insurance subrogation matters.



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Vernon C. Marsh '13



Christina I. Nassar
Dual J.D. '10



Jennifer A. Richards
'15



Kenny A. Shannon '10



Tiffani N. Williams '10



Justin S. Zatkoff '14

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Justin Zatkoff recently completed a clerkship with Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra '87. He then joined the Troy office of Dickinson Wright. He focuses his practice on advising closely-held and family-owned businesses on matters relating to corporate governance, contracts, employment, compensation, risk management, litigation strategies, and business succession planning.

REMEMBRANCE

With deepest sympathy to the family and friends of alumni who passed away in 2016:

- Mr. Richard J. Abood '64
- Mr. John A. Agnew '76
- Mr. Anthony J. Bellanca '63
- Mr. Louis S. Bernadotte '49
- Mr. John R. Canar '55
- Mr. Patrick F. Carron '52
- Mr. Joseph C. Cox '54
- Mr. Leo F. Drolshagen, Jr. '55
- Mr. Thomas A. Duffield '54
- Prof. Elliot B. Glicksman '69
- Mrs. Coralie B. Goodwin '81
- Hon. Roman S. Gribbs '54
- Mr. Mark S. Hayduk '74
- Mr. Richard F. Hayes '54
- Mr. J. James Hiller '56
- Mr. Douglas W. Hoste '66
- Mr. Michael B. Lange '61
- Mr. Michael J. Lavoie '81
- Hon. John J. O'Brien '55
- Mr. Paul J. Pemberton '72
- Mr. James A. Rademacher '74
- Ms. Allyn C. Ravitz '72
- Mr. Scott I. Spokojny '08
- Prof. Richard T. Tarnas '49
- Mr. James J. Tedesco '49
- Mr. Mark Valente III '81

*as of October 15, 2016

WITH EACH FALL SEMESTER, many of us remember those early days of law school—navigating the building and classes and establishing friendships that lasted throughout law school and into our professional careers.

While the law school experience is undoubtedly different in many ways from what many alumni experienced (I, for one, imagine how useful a laptop would have been in law school), there are certain constants of a law school education that all alumni will realize. I know my law school education helped me develop my critical thinking, writing skills, and work ethic, all of which have assisted me throughout my career.

A law school degree has allowed many of us to have rewarding, meaningful employment. Among other things, it is an asset that hinges in part on the continued success of the law school. As the current President of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, I am calling on all of our alumni to participate in Detroit Mercy Law in some meaningful way. Selfishly, it is a way to preserve and enhance the value of your asset. The Alumni Association Board of Directors has created four committees to assist the law school in different ways—Networking, Recruiting, Fundraising, and Events. We would welcome your assistance with these committees.

“I know my law school education helped me develop my critical thinking, writing skills, and work ethic, all of which have assisted me throughout my career.”

Ed Lennon '88, President
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Alumni Association



Your contribution can be as simple as a modest donation to the law school, attending an event, or hiring a student as a summer law clerk. Among the events that you should consider attending are those listed on the back cover of this issue.

I want to thank the many alumni who helped beautify the campus during the Jesuit Day of Service on April 30, cleaning the Pope Francis Warming Center and planting flowers in the courtyard.

I also want to acknowledge and congratulate Mark Wisniewski '90 and Macie Tuiasosopo '13, recipients of, respectively, the *Time & Talent* and *Rising Star* Awards. Those fine alumni received their awards at the dinner following the very successful September 30 golf outing held at The Inn at St. John's.

I am looking forward to a successful year at Detroit Mercy Law, and I hope you can contribute in some way to that success.

Edward G. Lennon '88

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Volunteers for our 2016 Jesuit Day of Service. The next event will be on April 22, 2017.



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SAVE THESE 2017 DATES!

FEBRUARY 21 & 22

MICHIGAN BAR EXAM LUNCH IN LANSING

Detroit Mercy Law will provide a complimentary lunch for alumni taking the Michigan Bar Exam in the **Lansing Center** (also for the July 2017 Bar Exam outside the **Breslin Center**)

MARCH 3

LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

8:30 am, addressing formative assessments in law school classrooms

SEPTEMBER 26

RED MASS

12:00 pm, Detroit Mercy Law will host its 105th annual Red Mass at **Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church**, followed by lunch in the atrium

MARCH 2

McELROY LECTURE ON LAW AND RELIGION

5:00 pm, featuring Dr. Intisar A. Rabb of Harvard Law School
See the inside front cover of this issue for more details

SEPTEMBER 29

GOLF OUTING & AWARDS DINNER

12:00 pm, Detroit Mercy Law will host its second annual golf outing at **The Inn at St. John's** in Plymouth, followed by an awards dinner

FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION, OR TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, CONTACT

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