



## *Justice John Paul Stevens: A distinguished career with a lasting impact*

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The retirement of **Justice John Paul Stevens JD '47** marks a historic time in the American justice system. With a career as a Supreme Court Justice that spans 35 years, it is certain that Stevens will be remembered as one who was dedicated to the cause of fair-minded and thorough legal practice. Certainly the entire nation is well aware of Justice Stevens' intellect and influence. Yet he also is uniformly admired by those who know him for his honesty, integrity, and warmth. This theme has proven to be the most consistent sentiment from friends, past clerks, and colleagues, who refer to his intellect and character as incomparable.

Stevens's journey to the Supreme Court began in the halls of Northwestern Law where he excelled as a student, graduating magna cum laude in 1947.

Former classmate and long-time friend **Art Seder JD '47**, fondly recalls time spent with Stevens more than 65 years ago. The two became fast friends with much in common, sharing the same birthday and hailing from Chicago.

Seder and Stevens met during their first week at Northwestern Law. Both had served in the armed forces during World War II and like many of their classmates, had left active service just months before entering law school.

Seder recalls that while the rigors of law school limited social activity, he, along with Stevens and other classmates, often sought escape over games of bridge and brown bag lunches in the basement of Levy Mayer.

Seder and Stevens were both enthusiastic participants in what was then known as the *Illinois Law Review*, now the *Northwestern Law Review*. They wrote notes and comments, and in their last year of law school they were named co-editors of the *Law Review*.

"His recitations in class were always well informed and well presented. Nor was he hesitant to express his views in class discussions," said Seder, who served as the chairman and chief executive officer of American Natural Gas Resources, until his retirement in 1985. "I was impressed from the



*Art Seder JD '47 with Justice Stevens JD '47*

## FROM THE INTERIM DEAN



We have had a busy spring here at the Law School. I am honored and pleased to have served as the interim dean during such an exciting time. We were fortunate to have visits from two United States Supreme

Court Justices, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Northwestern Law alumnus Justice John Paul Stevens JD '47. Each participated in moderated discussions with the Law School community and generously shared their time and insights with students and alumni.

Another notable highlight of the spring season was the *Law Review* symposium held in Justice Stevens's honor, and the Law School's 151st graduation in which Justice Stevens served as the keynote speaker. All of these events, which are featured in this edition of *Envision*, are high points in the Law School's history.

In addition to these celebrations, I also hosted two roundtable discussions, giving students a chance to candidly talk with members of the Law School alumni community about their careers in an intimate setting.

This issue of *Envision* also recognizes many of the recent accomplishments of our alumni. I am always so proud to read of the achievements of our alumni in the class notes section and often in the newspapers as well.

We are in the midst of a period of transition and opportunity here at the Law School. Now, perhaps more than ever, we need the participation and support of our alumni. I, personally, am tremendously optimistic about the Law School's future, and I am eagerly looking forward to the new academic year.

Please visit our alumni website to learn more about upcoming events, and please do keep in touch with us at the Law School.

*Kim Yuracko*

## Justice Stevens: A distinguished career *continued from front page*

outset with the calm, understated but nevertheless vigorous way he had of stating or defending his position."

After graduation, in what would become a defining moment in Stevens's career, he began a clerkship with Justice Wiley B. Rutledge. Ironically, this appointment was determined by a simple coin toss between friends, as Seder and Stevens were both contenders for the clerkship.

"While I know nothing of the details of the conversations that went on among senior members of the faculty, the result in the end was communicated that it was between Justice Stevens and me: the faculty did not wish to make a choice between us and asked that we flip a coin to decide who would be recommended as a law clerk to Justice Rutledge," said Seder. "The coin toss duly took place, and Justice Stevens was the winner! He was, of course, greatly elated, and I was appropriately downcast. However, this in no way affected our friendship, and I wished him well in his new assignment."

Now, decades later, Seder cites Stevens as "one of the easiest persons to talk with that I have ever known." The two still remain great friends, meeting from time to time to share meals and play tennis together, often discussing their mutual love of flying and of their friends and associates at the Supreme Court when they were law clerks.

"Justice Stevens has obviously had an historic and greatly successful career as a member of the United States Supreme Court. While I could not have predicted such an exceptional career while we were in law school, the fundamental grounds for

his later success were certainly present from the start," added Seder.

Prior to his 1975 Supreme Court appointment by President, Gerald Ford, Stevens honed his craft as an anti-trust lawyer, working for the firms of Poppenhusen, Johnston, Thompson & Raymond and later forming his own firm, Rothschild, Stevens, Barry & Myers, with colleagues. In 1970 he was appointed to the 7th circuit by President Richard Nixon and served for five years before advancing to the Supreme Court.

The day it was announced that Stevens was appointed to the 7th Circuit, **Gary Senner JD '68** began working at Rothschild, Stevens, Barry & Myers. He worked with the firm for six months before leaving to become Stevens's first law clerk.

He recalls his time spent working for



*Gary Senner JD '68*

Stevens as "enormously memorable," with lots of daily interaction and a close working relationship. He cited that "in a time when people have been concerned about a loss of civility in the legal profession, Justice Stevens stands out as model of civility for how lawyers and

judges should behave."

"In a lot of ways, that year of the clerkship really shaped how I came to approach litigation and the practice of law generally. It sharpened my analytical skills and his approach to the practice of law influenced how I approach other lawyers and people as a practicing lawyer," said Senner, who was a partner at Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal (now SNR Denton), until he retired 3 years ago. "It was particularly interesting to know him as a lawyer and see him make the transition

from lawyer to judge, which in turn made me a better lawyer.”

From Stevens’s earlier years as judge up until now, Senner has noted that he is not a judge that approached cases with any kind of agenda. He approached each case on its own merits. He was interested in immersing himself in the facts of the case.

Senner was one of many clerks who were affected personally and professionally by Stevens’s work ethic, character, analytical skills and complete and well-rounded knowledge of the law.

**Kathy Mueller JD ’90** attests to this fact as she easily described Steven’s as “the best boss you will ever have. He’s easy going, friendly, supportive, and never has a bad thing to say about anyone.”

“From my point of view, he portrayed the importance of personal integrity and honesty and a real respect for our judicial system and its role in resolving disputes and enforcing constitutional rights in this country,” she said.

He wrote the first drafts of all of his own opinions, she added, and the clerks would divide the cases and read the briefs and before oral argument the clerks would have a roundtable discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of the parties’ arguments in each case with Stevens.



*Kathy Mueller JD ’90 and Justice Stevens*



*Constantine Trela JD ’79*

His easy-going, open, relaxed nature was admired and was often in stark contrast to other Justices. This environment warranted a lot of face-to-face contact, which **Constantine Trela JD ’79**, who clerked with Stevens in 1981, maintains was the envy of other clerks.

Stevens did not believe in communicating with his clerks through memos; instead, he would often come into the office of Trela and his co-clerk and plop down on the easy chair to discuss cases.

“It really struck me that Justice Stevens, who as a Supreme Court Justice was at the peak of the profession, was genuinely interested in our opinions and views on the cases, when we were all of a year or two out of law school,” he added.

Trela recalls an experience shortly after he started the clerkship in which there was an emergency petition for a stay of execution for an Indiana prisoner. Because Stevens was in Florida for the summer, Trela had to read over the case and explain his opinion over the phone.

“For what felt like five minutes I couldn’t get a word out, I couldn’t speak, I was paralyzed. I remember thinking, ‘He thinks he hired a moron,’” relayed Trela. “But he never

expressed any impatience or concern—he just waited until I was able to speak. At the time, and even now, I really appreciated that.”

From his clerkship he learned a lot about legal reasoning and stylistic quirks that Stevens possessed that he has adopted as his own. But more importantly, what stayed with Trela the most was the way he treated people. He treated everyone the same—messenger, secretary, clerks, other justices, Trela said.

As former Stevens’s clerk **Larry Marshall JD ’85** said “If Justice Stevens ran a gas station, people would be lining up to work for him.”

Marshall, who is a professor of law, associate dean for clinical education, and David & Stephanie Mills Director of the Mills Legal Clinic at Stanford University School of Law, clerked for Stevens on the Supreme Court in 1986.

In his interaction with Stevens, Marshall was struck by the Justice’s ability to possess power yet use it gently and kindly. The human

aspect of day to day interaction was evident on the bench when he asked questions, in his probing yet consistently polite and kind manner.

Marshall recalls discussing the intricacies, precedents and factual issues of opinions with Stevens and noticed that he harnessed a remarkable level of intensity in dealing with all issues, did nothing halfway and

took his job as a judge very seriously.

“The most profound lesson one walks away from after working with Justice Stevens or even being with him is the extent of his humanity,” said Marshall. “There’s goodness and gentility and kindness that is so thick around him. It is something that inspires everybody who’s ever worked with him or for him to emulate.”



*Larry Marshall JD ’85*

# Q&A with Justice John Paul Stevens



*During his recent visit to the Law School, Justice John Paul Stevens sat down with our Envision staff to discuss his career, retirement, and time spent at Northwestern Law. Below is a record of our conversation with the retired Supreme Court Justice.*

## **What was it that made you decide to come to Northwestern Law for law school?**

Well, I had to make a decision on rather short notice. I got out of [military] service, and I fortunately had been transferred back from a duty in Pearl Harbor to Washington, D.C., in the summer of 1945. The atom bomb was dropped shortly thereafter, suddenly ending the war. I had decided to go to law school on the GI Bill, so I sent applications to Michigan, Harvard, Yale, Chicago, and Northwestern. I had a pretty good record in college, so I think I was accepted to all of the schools. Since I decided that I would probably be practicing law in Chicago, I thought it would make sense to go to law school in the jurisdiction that I would be practicing. So I narrowed it down to Chicago and Northwestern. I think at that time, Northwestern had a stronger law school than Chicago did. There was also the fact that my father had gone to law school at Northwestern, and I kind of wanted to follow in his footsteps.

## **When you came to the Law School did you have a vision of becoming a Supreme Court Justice?**

No, I certainly didn't. I was hoping to learn enough to earn an honest living practicing law and the tuition was paid by the GI bill of rights, and an additional sum that was able to pay for rent. But I hoped to get a license and get going as soon as I could.

## **What influence did Northwestern have on you?**

Northwestern had an immense influence on my career both in practice and as a judge later on—particularly as a judge later on. Leon Green was the dean at the time, and he taught the torts class. The main thing a lawyer has to learn is who is going to decide the different issues that come along, whether it's a jury or a judge or whether it's a state, there are all sorts of different decision makers. And he got us to think about who should be deciding a question, and that has been important for me to think about throughout my career.

## **Your former classmate Art Seder JD '47 told a story about how your clerkship with Justice Wiley Rutledge was decided by a coin flip. Is this true? Did it influence your career path?**

It had a huge bearing. The choice was between one year with Wiley Rutledge starting in the fall of 1947 or clerking for two years with Chief Justice Fred Vinson starting in the fall of 1948. The primary reason wasn't the two justices, but that both of us were interested in getting into the practice as promptly as we could. And so the winner of the coin flip would clerk for Rutledge rather than Vinson. I remember when we did it in the *Law Review* office; Willard Pedrick and Ronald Wurr were the two faculty members that supervised the whole operation. They said the decision was so close that they wanted us to make the decision. We both wanted one over the other, but I won the coin flip. We've talked about it often since then, and we've remained very good friends. Art is a very wonderful person, and a

wonderful lawyer, but we started in different directions in that time.

## **What are some of your fondest memories of your time spent here at Northwestern Law?**

I hadn't thought of this before, but during the noon hour, Art Seder, Bud Wilson, and Dick Cooper and I used to play bridge in the basement. We all brought lunches down there and ate together and played bridge maybe for 20 minutes or half an hour or so. Dean Green found out we were doing this terrible thing, and he entered an edict which forbid any card playing on the law school premises. So our card games came to an end, but that was a very enjoyable part of our first year in law school.

## **What does it mean for you to be able to come back to the Law School?**

Oh, it means a great deal. I have a lot of sentimental memories about Northwestern, and I have a lot of memories in Lincoln Hall. [At the *Law Review* symposium] this morning, I sat in the same seat that I was sitting in when Alger Hiss gave his speech at the Law School.

## **What were the staples to your success as a Supreme Court justice?**

It's the same advice I offer to every young lawyer which is do the best you can to figure out what your job is and the issues to think through. You just do the best you can to be honest with yourself and the people you work with.

## **Throughout your 40-year career, what do you think has changed the most in the court?**

Of course, the most important changes are the personnel of the court. Every time a new justice joins the court, it's a new court. Nine people working together brings different dynamics, and every change in personnel produces a new court so that's probably the most important change.

**Your alumni clerks spoke of your sincere vested interest in their development as lawyers. Can you describe the dynamics of your clerkship relationships?**

They are all different—that’s the thing that’s interesting to me. One thing I am proud of is my ability to hire clerks that I still have tremendous respect for in the quality of their work and for them individually. In choosing a clerk, I first want to find the person who has intellectual qualifications and I always look closely at scholastic record, law reviews, and law analysis after interviewing and talking with them. I have made an awful lot of good friends who have clerked for me.

**How did you decide that now was the time to retire?**

When I was announcing my oral dissent in the Citizens United case, I found that I stumbled a little bit in making the announcement, and I took that as a signal. I didn’t completely decide but pretty darn well decided that at the end of the term, it would be a wise thing to do.

**Now that you’ve retired, what will you miss most for working for the Supreme Court?**

I’ll miss my colleagues. We’ve disagreed pretty seriously on issues from time to time, but I was fortunate to work with people that I totally respected and enjoyed their company, so what I really miss the most is not the work, but rather my day-to-day contact with my colleagues.

**What are you most looking forward to in your retirement?**

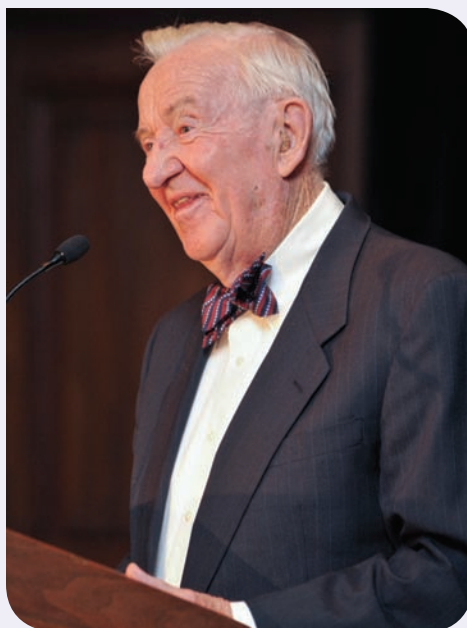
Spending more time with my wife is number one. We like to play bridge, and I’ll have more time to spend time with my kids and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all of the rest. But I’m also going to continue to do some writing and give talks once in a while.

**Tell me about your admiration for the Chicago Cubs?**

That goes back to when I was in grammar school. I used to listen to the radio during the summer, and I not only listened to all the home games, but Pat Flannigan was reporting games, so I could give you the line up and batting averages when I was 9 or 10 years old. My dad took me to a couple of World Series games that I’ve never forgotten. And, yes, I was a South Sider, but nevertheless the Cubs were the better team at the time.

**Is there a story behind your bowties?**

I suppose I like bowties. My father taught me how to tie a regular tie, but I had trouble tying a four-in-hand. The narrow part would never get around in front, so I always had some trouble. But I never had trouble tying bowties, so I just stuck with bowties.



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# Justice Stevens visits Northwestern Law May 12–13, 2011



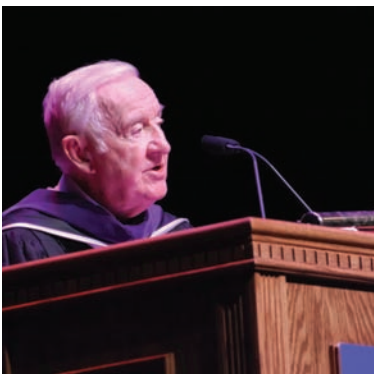
On May 12, the Law Review hosted a symposium which took an in-depth look at Justice Stevens's time on the Supreme Court. Panelists provided insights on topics, including his approaches to difficult questions involving religion, executive power, and constitutional and statutory interpretation. During a lunch panel, alumni who clerked for Justice Stevens shared their experiences. From left: David Kirby JD '75, Constantine Trela JD '79, Kathy Mueller JD '90, Kate Shaw JD '06.



Friends, colleagues, and special guests gathered to celebrate Stevens's long career with the Supreme Court at a special dinner held in Justice Stevens's honor. Guest speakers included former clerk Larry Marshall JD '85 (above), co-founder and former legal director of the Bluhm Legal Clinic's Center on Wrongful Convictions, and Dawn Clark Netsch JD '52, professor of law emerita (right).



Justice Stevens spoke at a luncheon with Law School faculty, during which he spoke of his time on the Supreme Court and answered questions from faculty.



Stevens addressed more than 500 graduates at Northwestern Law's 151st graduation convocation on May 13 at the Chicago Theatre. Stevens encouraged new graduates to take their careers one step at a time, hold fast to integrity, and to include public service in their legal practice.



Members of the Law School community were able to ask Justice Stevens about his thoughts on the justice system and other topics during a moderated conversation held in Thorne Auditorium. Kate Shaw JD '06, former clerk for Justice Stevens, and Carter Phillips JD '77, served as moderators.

# Northwestern Law graduates 151st class



Retired Justice **John Paul Stevens JD '47** addressed the Class of 2011 as the keynote speaker at Northwestern Law's 151st graduation convocation on May 13 at the Chicago Theatre. Stevens noted that this was his first Northwestern Law commencement ceremony, as he was not able to attend his own graduation 64 years ago. He was scheduled to start work in Washington as a law clerk, and was allowed to leave Chicago early, without taking his final tax exam or attending the graduation ceremony.

Throughout his speech, Stevens passed down advice that was given to him upon finishing his law school studies. But it was advice from past professor Willard



Pedrick that Justice Stevens carried with him throughout his career.

"He advised us that when planning our futures, we should not try to decide what we want to be doing at the end of our careers, but rather we should decide what to do next," Stevens said. "The decision that Jack Barry, Ed Rothschild, and I made in 1952 to form our own firm instead of climbing the ladder to a partnership in the firm now known as Jenner and Block was motivated, in part, by that sound advice."

He also placed emphasis on public service, explaining that "you will not only receive unexpected intangible rewards from such work, but also learn important lessons not taught in any law school course."

Stevens also stressed the importance of maintaining integrity despite the temptations they may encounter.

"Finally, and of the utmost importance—because every lawyer sooner or later confronts an unforeseen, temptation—remember that your most valuable asset as a member of the legal profession is your integrity. If your adversaries and colleagues know that your word is good, you will be a successful lawyer," he concluded.

The Class of 2011 includes 266 candidates for JD degrees and 25 candidates for joint JD-MBA degrees, 72 candidates for LLM degrees, 30 candidates for the LLM degree and certificate in business administration from Kellogg, 49 candidates for LLM degrees in taxation, and nine candidates for LLM degrees in international human rights. Other degrees included those in the Executive LLM Programs in Seoul (19), Madrid (16), and Tel Aviv (31), and 4 candidates for Masters of Studies in Law.



## Historic success with 2011 Class Gift

The Class of 2011 achieved historic success in this year's graduating class gift campaign! In the first-ever outright gift drive, 135 graduates across all programs made gifts to supplement important initiatives. These initiatives include unrestricted support through the Law School Fund, portraits of diverse alumni, the Public Service Fellowship Program, the Bluhm Legal Clinic, programming, and scholarships. As the newest members of the Northwestern Law alumni community, we sincerely thank the Class of 2011 for their generosity and support.



## Trial Team wins national competition

This spring, the Northwestern Law Bartlit Center for Trial Advocacy team won the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) National Trial Competition, the oldest and most prestigious law school trial tournament in the United States.

The winning team included Northwestern Law students **Clare Diegel JD '12** and **Karim Basaria JD '12**, who won all six rounds at the national finals held in Houston. In an extremely close trial, Northwestern won the championship over Chicago-Kent College of Law by a final vote of 10-9. **Andrew Crowder JD '12** was the team's first alternate and provided backup throughout the tournament.

"Karim and Clare were simply



(from left) Andrew Crowder, Clare Diegel, Karim Basaria, Coach Adam Riback, Coach Richard Levin

phenomenal," said Northwestern's head coach Richard Levin, of the Levin Riback Law Group. "They were wonderfully creative and their hard work paid off."

Adam Riback and Karen O'Malley, both of the Levin Riback Law Group, and Richard Lakin of Iron Financial, also helped coach the Northwestern team.

The 2011 tournament began with nearly

300 teams competing in 14 regions, with the top 28 teams advancing to Texas. Eight teams survived the three preliminary rounds. Both Northwestern and Chicago-Kent were undefeated going into the final round.

"This year's success demonstrates that Chicago is truly the epicenter of trial advocacy education," said Steven Lubet, the Williams Memorial

Professor of Law and director of the Bartlit Center for Trial Advocacy. "It is almost always the toughest regional, as was obvious from this year's final round between Northwestern and Kent."

This was the fourth TYLA National Trial Championship for Northwestern, having previously won in 1992, 1997, and 2002.

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## Justice Sotomayor visits Northwestern Law



U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor visited Northwestern Law on March 7, 2011, as the Howard J. Trienens Visiting Judicial Scholar.

As part of her visit, Sotomayor taught a Supreme Court Clinic seminar in the Bluhm Legal Clinic, met with Law School faculty over lunch, and met with various student groups. In addition, Sotomayor participated in a wide-ranging discussion in front of a full audience in Thorne Auditorium led by Andrew Koppelman, the John Paul Stevens Professor of Law and Lee Epstein, the Henry Wade Rogers Professor

of Law and leading expert on judicial politics.

The Trienens Visiting Scholar Program was established at Northwestern Law in 1989 by partners of Sidley Austin to honor Howard Trienens' service to the firm and Northwestern.



## Recent graduates secure Supreme Court clerkships

Northwestern Law alumni **Kenton Skarin JD '09** and **Abby Mollen JD '08** were recently selected for Supreme Court clerkships.

Mollen began her term as a law clerk for newly appointed Associate Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor in fall 2010, while Skarin will start his clerkship with Justice Clarence Thomas in 2012.

Skarin previously clerked for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. While at Northwestern Law, Skarin was a Wigmore Scholar, associate editor of the Law Review, and winner of the John Paul Stevens Award. Skarin currently works at Mayer Brown in Chicago.

Mollen previously clerked for Judge David S. Tatel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. While at Northwestern Law, Mollen was a Wigmore Scholar and a senior articles editor of the Law Review. Mollen also completed a senior research project with Professor Marty Redish, which resulted in a co-authored article which appeared in the *Northwestern Law Review* in 2009.

Fifty Northwestern Law students and alumni secured judicial clerkships this past year. This represents our highest number of clerkships ever and includes 41 in federal courts (38 with Article III judges and three with Article I judges), 2 in international supreme courts (Israel and South Africa), and 7 in state courts.

## Dean's Roundtable

This spring, the Office of Alumni Relations and Development presented the fourth annual Dean's Roundtable series. The program gives students the opportunity to meet and learn from alumni in a small group setting and increases their understanding of the many career paths available to them as future graduates of Northwestern Law. For each one-hour event, a guest speaker joins the dean and a maximum of 15 students for lunch and an informal discussion about his or her career both in its current stage and how it has evolved since graduation.

Dean's Roundtable speakers typically have careers that have taken them outside of the traditional large law firm and into various fields and industries. This year's Roundtable Speakers were **Bill Hood JD '69**, managing director for state and community affairs at American Airlines, and **David W. "Buzz" Ruttenberg JD '66**, founder of Belgravia Group, Ltd. real estate development companies, president of Lakewest, Inc., and a partner in the law firm of Ruttenberg & Ruttenberg.



(From left) Bill Hood, David W. "Buzz" Ruttenberg

## Class notes

**1952**  
**Dawn Clark Netsch** was awarded the Order of Lincoln, the highest award given by the State of Illinois.

**1954**  
**Stanley H. Jakala** was named one of Illinois' 2011 Super Lawyers for the third year in a row.

**1959**  
**Burton Patterson** received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

**1963**  
**Judy Biggert** was selected as the new chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

**1964**  
**Stanley P. Sklar** was elected president of the College of Commercial Arbitrators

**1970**  
**Lawrence K. Hellman** will step down as dean of the Oklahoma City University School of Law at the end of the current academic year.

**Howard Tullman** was named to the board of advisors of Sunrise Bidders, Inc.

**1974**  
**Charles R. McKirdy's** book, *Lincoln Apostate: The Matson Slave Case*, was recently published in May.

**Richard Smolev** received the Client Choice Award from the International Law Office.

**1977**  
**Sharon Strickland** will be installed as president of the Cook County Bar Association on June 24 under her tenured theme "Cherishing Our Roots."

**1980**  
**Ellen M. Babbitt** was named partner at Franczek Radelet P.C.

**1984**  
**Tina Tchen** was selected by Michelle Obama to serve as her new chief of staff.

**1985**  
**Sharon Abrams** was appointed chairman of the board of the Council of Better Business Bureaus (CBBB).

**1986**  
**James Wareham** was named partner at DLA Piper in Washington, D.C.

**1987**  
**Steven Hilfinger** was appointed director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth.

**1988**  
**Stephen A. Rothschild** was named one of Ohio's 2011 Super Lawyers.

**1989**  
**David W. Locascio** joined Houston law firm Hogan Lovells US as a partner in the Infrastructure, Project, and Public Finance and Energy Practices.

**1990**  
**Justin Choi** was nominated to the board of directors for Pulse Electronics Corporation.

**1991**  
**Michael Mostow** was named one of Illinois' 2011 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

**Monica Labe** was appointed to Dickinson Wright PLLC's management group.

## Edmond Chang JD '94 named first Senate-approved Asian American federal trial judge

Northwestern Law alumnus **Edmond Chang JD '94** was recently confirmed as a judge with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, making him Illinois' first-ever Senate-approved Asian American federal trial court judge and also the youngest federal trial court judge in the nation.

Chang graduated from the University of Michigan before receiving his law degree from Northwestern Law in 1994. After clerking for Judge James L. Ryan and Judge Marvin E. Aspen JD '58, Chang worked briefly for Sidley Austin before becoming a Chicago-based assistant U.S. attorney in 1999.

President Barack Obama nominated Chang to replace Judge Elaine Bucklo JD '72, who assumed senior status in October 2009. On December 18, 2010, the United States Senate confirmed Chang by unanimous consent. He received his commission on December 20, 2010.

## Chicago Park named after Judge Mary Bartelme JD 1894



The Chicago Park District recently named a new park in Chicago's West Loop after Northwestern Law alum **Mary Bartelme JD 1894**, the first female judge in Illinois. Bartelme was known as a social reformer during the Progressive Era, who devoted her life to reforming the treatment of children and women in the court system.

Bartelme was a Chicago Public School teacher who became one of the city's first female lawyers, graduating from Northwestern Law in 1894. Admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1894, she was appointed as Public Guardian of Cook County three years later, and helped establish America's first juvenile court in 1899.

The park, formerly the site of an old infirmary, is a 1.4-acre park which features design elements that combine a sense of history with modern and innovative design. The park is located at 115 South Sangamon Street.

## Class notes

**1992**

**Richard Hall** was reappointed to another four-year term as a trustee of Ball State University.

**1993**

**Adam J. Levitt's** article on the Class Action Fairness Act, "CAFA and Federalized Ambiguity: The Case for Discretion in the Unpredictable Class Action," published by the *Yale Law Journal Online*.

**Jared Bartie** joined Arent Fox as counsel practicing complex sports, entertainment and media transactions.

**Gary August** was recognized in *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* for obtaining Michigan's largest reported settlement of 2010.

**1994**

**Edmond E. Chang** was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a district judge for the Northern District of Illinois federal bench.

**1996**

**Gabriel Aizenberghas** joined the litigation practice of Greenberg Traurig.

**1997**

**Joshua A. Berlinsky** is running as a candidate for the Barrington Rhode Island school board.

**Grace Poe** was named partner in the real estate and finance practice group of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP.

**1998**

**John McGovern III** married Wentworth Caldwell, a vice president of the Board of Chicago Children's Charities.

**Jason Klingensmith** has been appointed to Dickinson Wright PLLC's Management Group.

**1999**

**Michael Mott** was promoted to partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

**Sasha Mayergoyz** was named partner in the Chicago office of global law firm Jones Day.

**Gregory Otsuka** joined the Chicago office of DLA Piper as a partner.

**2000**

**Robert Chung** was promoted from associate to partner at Dewey & LeBoeuf.

**Daniel G. Goldwin** was named executive director for the Midwest region at Development Corporation for Israel/State of Israel Bonds.

**Deborah R. Schwartz** was elected partner at Nixon Peabody LLP.

**2001**

**Seth Schwartz** was promoted to partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

**Adam Skilken** has joined Baker Hostetler Law firm as a partner in its Business Group.

**James Dickerson Jr.** has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 Ohio Rising Stars list.

**2002**

**Andrew N. Sawula** was promoted to partner concentrating on environmental issues.

**Gary Leung** was promoted from associate to partner in intellectual property litigation and patents at McGuire Woods LLP.

**Joseph P. Noonan III** has been named partner at the Chicago law firm Butler Ruben Saltarelli & Boyd LLP.

**Jodi Pratt Pellettieri** has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists.

**2003**

**Christopher Coleman** was awarded the 2010 Tennessee New Advocate of the Year award by the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services.

## Northwestern Law alumni and professor dominate on Cash Cab

Two Northwestern Law alumni, **Johnny Douglas JD '10** and **James Koutoulas JD '06**, and **Sam Tenenbaum JD '73**, clinical associate professor of law and director of the Bluhm Legal Clinic's Investor Protection Center, recently made their debut on network television. In March, the trio appeared as unknowing contestants on the Discovery Channel's hit game show *Cash Cab*, winning \$2,200.

In the fast paced, trivia game show, passengers in a specially outfitted taxi are surprised and offered the chance to win money by correctly answering a series of general knowledge or trivia questions on the way to their destination. If the contestant gets three questions wrong, they lose the money they have won up to that point and must leave the cab immediately.

The three had the distance from the Law School to Piece Pizzeria in Wicker Park to answer as many questions as possible, a ride that took roughly 35 minutes.

They answered the final question correctly which was: "These relatives of the goldfish have been bred for centuries in Asia for their bright colors and feng shui-friendly symbolism." Answer: Koi.

"I had no idea what was going on when we got in the cab. I'd never heard of Cash Cab but we were laughing the whole time and it was really very enjoyable," said Tenenbaum.

The episode originally aired on March 21 and frequently re-airs on the Discovery Channel.

## Rich Gelfond JD '79 named "Top 100 Most Influential People" of 2010



In September 2010, *Vanity Fair* named **Rick Gelfond JD '79** one of the "100 Most Influential People." The publication recognized Gelfond, who is the chief executive officer of the IMAX Corporation, for his "bold strategic moves," which have contributed to the continual growth and development of the IMAX Corporation.

Gelfond was named CEO of IMAX in April 2009, after spending the previous decade as co-chairman and co-chief executive officer of the company. Others on the list included Oprah Winfrey, Warren Buffett, Steve Jobs, and Lady Gaga.

Look for more information this fall on the annual IMAX screening and alumni networking event on the Northwestern Law web site and in future issues of *E-Briefs*, the monthly e-mail newsletter for alumni.

**Jamenda McCoy** has joined Baker & Daniels LLP in their Labor and Employment Practice.

### 2004

**Peter H. Domer** is transitioning from associate to member at Leydig Voit & Mayer.

### 2006

**Brian Hagedorn** was appointed chief legal counsel to Wisconsin Governor-Elect, Scott Walker.

**Cober Plucker** was appointed vice president of government relations for the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

**Valaithip Charanachitta** was recently married to Ekawat Piriyaarasakul.

### 2007

**David A. Perry** was appointed state finance director for Alabama.

**Brett Miller** married fellow classmate Christina Catalano.

**Christina C. Miller**, formerly Christina Catalano, married fellow classmate Brett Miller.

**Tom Hankinson** recently joined the litigation group at Keating Muething & Klekamp.

### 2010

**Michael Rhinehart** joined the Commercial Litigation Group at Quarles & Brady LLP.

**Alexandra Newman** won the 2011 Levit Essay Contest, a major national legal writing competition, co-sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association and the law firm Long & Levit LLP of San Francisco.

### In Memoriam

James Brown JD '49	Jon L. Mangus JD '66
Barbara Caulfield JD '72	Robert Marks JD '40
James R. Cleary JD '51	Thomas J. McDonnell JD '59
Lawrence J. Dark JD '80	John P. McGahey JD '66
William L. Dunbar JD '49	Barry McNamara JD '69
Frank A. Edelman JD '42	William Phillips JD '53
John R. Gehlbach JD '49	Honorable James S. Quinlan Jr. JD '52
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## Calendar

### September 12–14

#### Julius Rosenthal Foundation Lecture Series

Kim Lane Scheppele, Laurance S. Rockefeller  
Professor of Public Affairs and the University  
Center for Human Values; Director, Program  
in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA), Princeton  
University

### October 5–6

#### 50th Annual Corporate Counsel Institute

Visit [www.law.northwestern.edu/professionaled](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/professionaled)  
for details.

### Friday, October 14

#### Alumni Community Day

*Enjoy festive music and food, reconnect with classmates  
and friends, and meet current students and faculty.*

### Saturday, October 15

#### Reunion Grand Celebration

*For the complete schedule of events, please visit  
[www.law.northwestern.edu/reunion/schedule.html](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/reunion/schedule.html).*

Cost: Class of 2006 – \$100 per person;  
All other reunion classes – \$130 per person.

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