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HAMLINE UNIVERSITY School of Law Advocate

August 2010

Upcoming Events & CLE Opportunities

September 25
Angie McCaffrey Scholarship Fundraiser
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Hamline University Student Center Ballroom

October 2
On the Fives Reunion Day
Picnic on the Patio
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Hamline Law School Patio

October 29
Swearing In Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Saint Paul RiverCentre

November 10-11
CLE Rethinking Regulation in an Era of Reform

Thursday, November 10: Reception
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
University Club of Saint Paul

Friday November 11: CLE
8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Kay Fredericks Room, Klas Center

7 CLE credits applied for

November 18
Dean's Dinner
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Legends Club, Target Field

Complete list of Events | Complete list of CLEs

News

Hamline Selected As A "Best Value Law School"

Hamline has been selected as one of America's "Best Value Law Schools" by preLaw Magazine . The publication determined the list by weighing the schools' respective bar

Alumni Spotlight

Congratulations! Tim Purdon '94 has been sworn in as North Dakota's U.S. Attorney. Purdon was sworn in Tuesday by U.S. District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland in chambers at the William Guy Federal Building
in Bismarck.

In a recent interview, Purdon discussed how Hamline University School of Law prepared him for public service and the outstanding quality of his legal education at Hamline. Purdon said "[y]ou can't go to Hamline Law School without graduating with some sense of the idea that the law is a vehicle to help people and that is something I took from my education." He strove for the job as U.S. Attorney to take public service to a broader level. Purdon went on to say that he had phenomenal law professors at Hamline and that he still thinks back to his first-year lectures, a testament to the quality of the faculty at Hamline Law School.

Purdon was born in Oakes, North Dakota, and graduated from high school in Ashby, Minnesota. He is a 1989 graduate of North Dakota State College of Science, a 1991 summa

passage rates, the amount of debt a typical student graduates with, if employment rates are above 85% within the nine months after a class graduates, and the in-state tuition cost of attending the institution. A more thorough ranking and explanation of the publication's system will be available in the fall print copy, which is set to come out in October.

Hamline 2010 Minnesota Super Lawyers Announced!

Congratulations! Ninety-one Hamline University School of Law alumni were named Minnesota Super Lawyers for 2010. We are very proud of your many accomplishments over the past year!

Get Involved!

Please Help Us Meet Our Goal Of 150 Mentors By September 1, 2010!

As mentioned in previous newsletters and correspondence, we are excited about our new mentoring and facilitated networking program, HUSLink. We hope to launch this program to students as school begins this fall, but before we can do so we need to reach a critical mass of mentors.

If you are interested in learning more and/or participating, please take 5-10 minutes to check out more, and REGISTER NOW! Thank you for your help in reaching our goal and further building the Hamline law community and network!!!

We also invite and challenge each of you to recruit 2 friends or colleagues to join the network - it is open to all attorneys, not just Hamline graduates, worldwide!

Join the Richard T. Oakes Inn of Court

Hamline University School of Law serves as home to the Richard T. Oakes American Inn of Court, one of 300 American Inns of Court throughout the country and four in the state of Minnesota. American Inns of Court are designed to improve the skills, professionalism and ethics

cum laude graduate of Moorhead State University, and a 1994 cum laude graduate of Hamline University School of Law.

Class Notes

If you have career or personal news to share with the Hamline Law community, please feel free to drop us a note at lawalum@hamline.edu.

1980

Margaret Zehren '80 was recently appointed Deputy Director of Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. LSGMI meets the civil legal needs of the low income communities in Miami-Dade County and the Florida Keys.

1985

Sydney F. Ansbacher '85 was recently named to the *Best Lawyers in America* 2011 list of outstanding attorneys. He currently practices administrative law and energy law at the Jacksonville, Florida location of the firm GrayRobinson, P.A.

Debra E. Yerigan '85 has joined the firm McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chartered. She will continue her practice in the area of family law.

1986

Fengming Liu '86 will be taking an academic sabbatical from his current job as Associate General Counsel and Vice President of Microsoft to be a visiting fellow at Princeton's Center for Information Technology Policy and visiting researcher at Harvard's Berkman Center for the Internet and Society. He will be working on projects related to the position of U.S. companies doing business in China, and intellectual property issues in China.

1989

Ernest Lotito '89 is running for

of the bench and bar.

Each year, the Inn invites lawyers, and students to participate as "pupils," during the next academic year. Eligible students should be in their last year of law school (e.g. third-year full time students or fourth-year part-time students). Lawyers need to be admitted to the Minnesota Bar and in good standing.

The Inn meets approximately once a month, September through May, both to "break bread" and to hold programs, skits and discussions on the legal profession. CLE credit is given to those in attendance and those who prepare and present the programs. Membership is designed to have a balance of lawyers from different experience levels that will work with each other and with law students in order to provide mentoring and assistance in getting started in the practice of law. Members build friendships and gain perspective from one another in an open, friendly social setting.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Beth Snyder, Membership Chair.

Law Student Volunteers Available

Please consider having a HUSL student volunteer to assist you with your pro bono work. Utilizing law student volunteers is a win-win situation. You get free assistance, while the students gain real life legal experience. The students also benefit from observing how a private attorney fits pro bono work into their practice.

The students can assist with a number of tasks, including research and writing, investigation, and interviewing witnesses. After their first year, the students can even making court appearances as a certified student attorney.

If you would like more information, or would like to find a law student volunteer, please contact the Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF) staff attorney at Hamline, Sara Schwebs.

Faculty Notes

Associate Dean Ed Butterfoss has been elected to a three-year term on the Council of the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar. The 25-member Council is the governing body of the Section. With the Accreditation Committee, the Council is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the national accrediting agency for U.S. law school programs leading to the J.D. degree. In that capacity, the Council establishes the accreditation standards and makes decisions regarding the accreditation of law schools.

Professor Jon Garon recently completed a new book chapter, "Video Games, Virtual Worlds and Social Media"

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1992

The Honorable Timothy L. Blakely '92 was interviewed by the Red Wing Republican Eagle news website about his running for a First Judicial
District vacancy.

1995

John J. Choi '95 has joined the firm McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chartered. He will provide civil legal advice and litigation services to the firm's clients.

1998

Scott Bergs '98 was recently appointed Chief Operating Officer of Revol Wireless, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio.

Christina Stevens '98 has been selected by Governor Tim Pawlenty as a finalist for a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Olmsted County.

2003

John Baker '03 is featured in a July 19, 2010 Minnesota Lawyer article, "Vets now have a court of their own."

2005

Nathan Nelson '05 has been named Chief Manager of Virtus Law, a firm representing privately held businesses, real estate investors and entrepreneurs. He will continue to retain his responsibilities as the head of the litigation department
within the firm.

2006

and a 2010 book supplement for his book Entertainment Law & Practice (Carolina Academic Press 2004). The book chapter is available online in the Social Science Research Network (SSRN). It was recently listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for HRN Rhetoric & Writing Research Network, RHEW Subject Matter eJournals, RHEW New Media Studies (Topic)- Forthcoming, and Writing Technologies eJournal- Forthcoming.

Ken Fox, Conflict Studies Director, HSB Associate Professor and DRI Senior Fellow, co-presented the session "Beyond Getting the Deal Done: Deal Mediator vs. Deal Maker" with Manon Schonewille of the Netherlands at the 4th International Summer School on Business Mediation in Admont, Austria. The week-long conference brought together nearly 100 mediators and business professionals from thirteen countries. The program this year focused on exploring mediation from the perspectives of both internal and external borders that impact our understanding of, and work with, conflict.

Lucinda Jesson, Director of the Health Law Institute and Associate Professor, recently published a new book, Complementary and Alternative Medicine and the Law, co-authored by Stacy A. Tovino, Professor at William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She also was recently quoted in the Star Tribune online about the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals striking down rules that bar judicial candidates from personally soliciting or accepting campaign money.

Dean Donald M. Lewis was recently quoted in the Grand Forks Herald online in an article about the St. Paul man imprisoned for crashing his Toyota Camry into a stopped car.

Professor Peter N. Thompson was recently mentioned in Miller-McCune online in an article about class action
law suits.

ALUMNI ANNUAL FUND

Thank you to the many alumni, parents, faculty and friends who contributed to Hamline's Alumni Annual Fund. Our campaign successfully concluded June 30, 2010. We received donations totaling $3.75 million. Of this total, $2.79 million was unrestricted.

3510 community members contributed to the University last fiscal year. In comparison to the previous year, the University received increased support from alumni of the School of Law.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Thank you

Elizabeth (Davis) Knight '06, weekend program, has been hired as Legal Counsel for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Her work with the nonprofit serving over 35,000 people needing food, shelter, and counseling includes overseeing all facets of contracts and grants, regulatory compliance, client and employee matters. She is also Chair of the Brooklyn Park Human Rights Commission, board member for the League of MN Human Rights Commissions, a volunteer Guardian Ad Litem, volunteer attorney for Access Justice, and pro bono attorney for the Immigrant Law Center of MN.

2007

Nathan Hansen '07 has joined the Law Office of Andrew Bertrand as an associate attorney in Fort Collins, CO. He will practice primarily in the area of criminal defense.

Karen Westwood '07 is the new Head of Reference at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, MN as of July 26, 2010. She was formerly Head of Outreach Services at the Minnesota State Law Library and spent two years in private practice before returning to law librarianship.

2010

Amanda Stubson '10 has been selected to receive the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) Outstanding Law Student Award.

Family

Thomas C. Lopez '02 and Tara C. Ferguson Lopez '02 welcomed their second child, daughter Avery Lucabella, into their family on May 14, 2010. They reside in St. Cloud, MN along with Avery's big sister, Quinne Ysabella. Tom and Tara continue to work as Assistant Mille Lacs
County Attorneys.

Jeffrey Fisher '03 and Tina

for strengthening the student experience at Hamline within the School of Law. We appreciate all you do for our students.

Fisher '03 welcomed son, Leo Charles Fisher, born on January 20, 2010. He joins big sister, Grace Merriam, now 4, and big brother, Luka James,
now 2.

Heather '07 and Nathan Hansen '07 welcomed a daughter, Penelope Marie on June 4, 2010.

Network!

Search for fellow Hamline classmates by name, year, area of practice, geographic location, and more! You can also update your contact preferences and employment information quickly and easily. The site is secure and available only to Hamline alumni with a password.
Don't know your login information? Contact alum@hamline.edu.

The HUSLink Mentor Program was designed to make networking and mentoring available in a flexible, timely, and customized manner. Mentors choose the types of experiences they would be comfortable and qualified to offer or discuss with protégés. Protégés may search and contact these different mentors, depending on circumstances and needs. The HUSLink program is also flexible in terms of format; following initial contact via email, it allows mentors and protégés to determine how to best proceed. For more information or to register as a mentor, go to www.tinyurl.com/HUSLink.

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