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**HAMLIN UNIVERSITY**  
School of Law

# Advocate

## Upcoming Events & CLE Opportunities

### December 1

#### [CLE Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Minnesota Boat Club  
1 CLE credit offered

### December 2

#### [Six-Minute Social](#)

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Nilan Johnson Lewis, P.A.  
Grand Rooms A & B

### December 16

#### [HUSL Alumni Happy Hour](#)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Gabe's Roadhouse

### January 3-13

#### [CLE Conflict Resolution from Religious Traditions](#)

This study of law and conflict resolution takes place in Jerusalem and provides individuals with a unique opportunity to gain a fresh perspective on the interaction of law and religion. This program is open to lawyers seeking CLE credit. For more information on this program, please contact [Anne T. Johnson](#), 651.523.2299.

### January 5-12

#### [CLE Introduction to Civil Law and Puerto Rico](#)

Live the culture and learn the civil law of Puerto Rico - a jurisdiction that utilizes both civil code and common law in enforcement of the Rule of Law. This program is open to lawyers seeking CLE credit. For more information on this program, please contact [Deb Lange](#), 651.523.2122.

### January 20

#### [Midwinter Reception](#)

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P.

## November 2010

### Alumni Spotlight

#### Hamline Alumnus Leo Brisbois Takes Historic Oath



On Friday, November 5, Hamline Law alumnus Leo Brisbois '87 took an historic oath of office to become the first American Indian to serve as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Minnesota and only the second American Indian ever to hold the position in the United States.

Brisbois is a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe Indians. Brisbois held an eagle feather in his hand as he took the oath of office. "I chose the eagle feather in part to acknowledge my own American Indian family heritage, but more to the purpose of the moment, I held the eagle feather to symbolize the very great and deep honor I feel in receiving this appointment to be a United States Magistrate Judge, as well as honoring and recognizing in return the immense responsibility I humbly feel and freely accept to do the best that I can at all times to fully, respectfully and fairly discharge the

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## News

### Hamline Law Dean's Dinner Hits A Home Run



On Thursday, November 18, Hamline University School of Law held its sixth annual Dean's Dinner at Target Field. Hamline University trustees, Hamline Law alumni, faculty, staff and students welcomed one of the most influential people in sports, Don Fehr (pictured above with Hamline University President Linda Hanson and Hamline University School of Law Dean Don Lewis), the former Executive Director of the Major League Baseball Players Association. Under his guidance, Major League Baseball players gained enhanced benefits through the collective bargaining process. As the event's Keynote Speaker Fehr spoke on the differences between labor relations in major league sports and labor relations in other organizations as well as the larger implications of the decline of unions. The Dean's Dinner symbolizes Hamline University School of Law's commitment to chart pathways of distinction in the lives of its students and alumni as well as in the legal profession.

### Hamline Turns in Impressive Results at NYCBA Moot Court Regional Competition

Hamline Law students Samantha Harker, Matthew Tramm, Noelle Volin, Christopher Haugen, Andrew Johnson and Emily Lefholz represented Hamline at the 61st Annual National Moot Court Regional Competition, sponsored by the New York City Bar Association. This year's regional competition was hosted by Drake University Law School.

Both Hamline teams impressed fellow competitors and judges with their mastery of the record and law, extemporaneous skills, demeanor and presentation. Both teams won the oral argument ballots in every round they competed in - Hamline's mooters bested many of the eventual Top 10 oralists. Judges throughout the competition heaped praise on the Hamline teams. In fact, a retired trial and appellate lawyer called Samantha Harker's rebuttal

duties of my new office," Brisbois said during his Investiture in Bohannon Hall on the University of Minnesota Duluth campus.

Chief Judge Michael Davis of the District of Minnesota administered Brisbois' oath of office. Chief Justice Lorie Skjerven Gildea and other members of the Minnesota Supreme Court, the Minnesota Court of Appeals and the District Court judges for the District of Minnesota took part in the ceremony. The ceremony was followed by a reception hosted by the Hamline University School of Law in the Tweed Museum of Art.

## 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](mailto:lawalum@hamline.edu).

### 1978

**Mark Rubin '78** won the election to be the next County Attorney for St. Louis County.

### 1980

**Gerald B. Yost '80** and Yost & Baill, LLP were chosen by the Minnesota Lodging Association as the Allied Member of the Year for 2010. The award will be presented at the annual Holiday Party conducted for the Minnesota Lodging Association on December 9, 2010 at the St. Paul Hotel.

**Jeff Baill '80** of Yost & Baill, LLP was elected President of USTA Northern. USTA Northern is one of seventeen sections comprising the United States Tennis Association which owns and operates the US

argument the best he had ever seen in three decades (in competition or practice).

Although last year's Hamline-Hamline final was not to be repeated, Hamline did not walk away from this year's regional competition empty handed. Chris Haugen, Emily Lefholz and Andrew Johnson advanced to the quarterfinals. And Chris Haugen's impressive turns at the podium were rewarded with a Top 10 Oralist finish.

Next year, Hamline hosts the 62nd Annual National Moot Court Regional Competition. Mark your calendars for November 2011 for a chance to see Hamline's National Moot Court teams in action.

### **Congratulations to the Health Law Institute**



November was a busy and stunningly successful month for the Hamline University School of Law Health Law Institute.

Hamline's Health Law Moot Court Team, Meghan Scully and Jesse Winsell (pictured above with Assistant Professor Katrina Pagonis and HLI Senior Fellow Barbara Colombo), received the award for the second-best brief in the nation at the National Health Law Moot Court Competition.

Also, on November 11-12, the Health Law Institute hosted a groundbreaking symposium entitled "Rethinking Regulation in an Era of Reform." Almost 100 people from across the nation attended. The event was praised as a "different, creative way of thinking about health care reform" by the general counsel of a local health care provider.

The same week, on November 8, 2010, the Health Law Institute hosted a Health Reform Update sponsored by the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and Health Partners. Speakers included: Lucinda Jesson, Director of the Health Law Institute and Associate Professor of Law at Hamline University School of Law; Donna Zimmerman, Senior Vice President of Government and Community Relations at Health Partners; and Matt Brown, J.D., Accountant at Lurie Besikof Lapidus & Company, LLP. Panelists discussed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and what it means for businesses in Minnesota.

Open. In the past, Jeff served as President of both the National Association of Subrogation Professionals and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Minneapolis.

### **1983**

**David Ortley '83** won the election to become the fourth judge in Montana's 11<sup>th</sup> District Court, Flathead County's highest court, which has jurisdiction over criminal and civil cases.

### **1985**

**Jesse Lykken '85** retired in June 2010 after 24 years with the Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections. He plans to write, teach and rest.

### **1987**

**Melanie Ault '87** was honored to be voted to the Board of Directors for the National Public Employer Labor Relations Association (NPELRA) for a three-year term. NPELRA is the premier organization for public sector labor relations and human resources professionals. Governmental agencies represented in NPELRA employ more than four million workers in federal, state and local governments.

### **1993**

**Kevin Cornwell '93** was recently highlighted in an article in the Duluth paper regarding his success as a defense attorney.

### **1996**

**Lee Kobza '96** was recently promoted to the position of Director

### Hamline University School of Law Hosts Naturalization Ceremony



On Friday, November 19, Hamline University School of Law hosted two naturalization ceremonies. There were over 150 applicants for each ceremony, coming from 45 countries. Dean Don Lewis gave opening remarks at both ceremonies. Hamline Law alumnus and U.S. District Court Judge Donovan Frank '77 gave remarks and administered the oath to the new citizens. Naturalization ceremonies are amazing times in the lives of those who become new citizens. Hamline University School of Law was honored and proud to host such a momentous event.

### Dispute Resolution Institute Offers Wide Variety of Upcoming Courses

Hamline University School of Law's nationally ranked Dispute Resolution Institute (DRI) offers a wide range of courses to meet the needs of students - whether they wish to pursue a traditional law practice or a career in business or management. This January, the DRI is offering [courses in Saint Paul, Minnesota and Half Moon Bay, California](#). The DRI has also scheduled two study abroad programs this summer in [London, England](#) and [Budpest, Hungary](#). Hamline Law alumni are welcome to attend the DRI courses for CLE credit. If interested, please contact [Stephanie Harkema](#).

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### Get Involved!

**Mentors Still Needed for HUSLink!**

of Investments, Commercial Mortgages and Real Estate at MEMBERS Capital Advisors, the registered investment advisor for CUNA Mutual Group, a leading provider of financial and insurance services to credit unions and their members worldwide.

**Colleen Beebe '96** recently accepted the position of co-international director of Peace and Hope International, the U.S.-based office for Paz y Esperanza, an international Christian human rights organization whose mission is to promote justice for people and communities who suffer injustice and poverty. The new office brings Paz y Esperanza's total offices to 10 in four countries: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and the USA. Paz y Esperanza began in Peru in 1996 and has been a leader in promoting and defending human rights in the Americas, notably in conflict resolution, transitional justice, building the capacity of the church to promote justice, advocating for rights in indigenous communities, and combating violence against women and children. The organization was instrumental in helping establish the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Beebe, a Hamline Law alumna and adjunct professor at Hamline University School of Law, will oversee international operations for advocacy, development, communications, legal and other education as well as volunteer programming. Prior to this position, Beebe was the Director of Education for The Advocates for Human Rights.

### 2000

**Chad Larson '00** was recently elected to be the Douglas County



As mentioned in previous e-Newsletters, Hamline is excited about our new mentoring and facilitated-networking program, [HUSLink](#). We hope to launch this program to students, 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. We thank you for your help in further building the Hamline Law community and network.

We also challenge you to recruit 2 friends or colleagues to join the network - it is open to all attorneys, not just Hamline graduates.

#### **Give to the Max a Success!**

Give to the Max Day was a great success. Over 40,000 Minnesotans came together to support nonprofit organizations. Hamline received contributions exceeding \$26,000 during this event. Thank you to all who made this day successful for the students and programs at Hamline University School of Law.

If you missed out on November 16, it's not too late to make a difference. Just visit [www.hamline.edu/giving](http://www.hamline.edu/giving) to contribute before December 31. Thank you!

Attorney in Alexandria, MN.

#### **2009**

**Mark Fruehauf '09** is the new Assistant District Attorney in Douglas County. He's currently splitting his time between this part-time position and doing research and writing for a judge in Detroit Lakes, MN.

#### **2010**

**Matthew J. Kovacich '10** is a new attorney in Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.'s corporate practice group. He focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions and general corporate matters.

#### **FAMILY**

**Cheryl Hanson Hauch '99** and her husband, Scott, welcomed their daughter, Ella Mae, on September 23, 2010. Ella joins sister, Emma, age 3.

**Jonathan Ozanne '04** and wife, Sarah, welcomed their first child, Josiah David, on October 27, 2010.

**Jocelyn Poehler '09** and her husband, Daniel, welcomed their first child, daughter Halia Blue Poehler, on Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

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### **Faculty Notes**

**Professor Douglas McFarland** has joined the digital revolution. For the first five editions, his book *Computer Aided Exercises on Civil Procedure* (with Roger Park) has been published by Thomson/West. The new sixth edition will be published in an electronic version by the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI). CALI will debut the new book at the Association of American Law Schools annual convention in San Francisco in January 2011.

**Professors Bobbi McAdoo and Sharon Press** were part of a unique gathering of national experts in November critiquing a proposed research design to study short- and long-term costs and benefits of the extensive ADR programming of the Maryland Court system. The project is supported by the State Justice Institute and the Maryland Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts and will be the

first of its kind to fund such a wide-ranging research and evaluation effort. Sharon Press also received a grant from JAMS for her proposal to support the final year of Hamline University School of Law's Rethinking Negotiation Teaching Project. In addition to providing funds to produce and widely disseminate the third volume of the project's book series, the grant also underwrites the initial issues of a new bilingual academic journal on negotiation to be launched in China under Hamline's sponsorship. **Professor James Coben** will be the editor of this new academic journal.

**Professor David Larson** presented a one-hour ExecSense Webinar titled "What ADR Lawyers Need to Know About Online Dispute Resolution." ExecSense Webinars have been attended by partners at more than 80% of the Am Law 200 law firms and C-Level/senior executives from companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Oracle, Siemens, Amazon.com, Accenture, HP, Kraft, UPS, Nike, Mayo Clinic, Wells Fargo, Visa, Humana, Whole Foods, Intel, Standard & Poors, Kaiser Permanente, Pepsico and thousands of other leading companies. He was also interviewed by the Pioneer Press newspaper regarding a \$1.9 million jury verdict announced on November 18 that concluded Seagate Technology had persuaded an engineer to quit his job with Texas Instruments in order to accept an offer to work for Seagate. Seagate subsequently did not have the promised work available to him. Instead, Seagate terminated the engineer less than a year after he was hired.

**Professor Joseph Daly** has been chosen as a Fulbright Senior Specialist. He will be visiting the University of Montevideo, Uruguay for two weeks. While there he will teach a course on "International Commercial Arbitration: Focus on Investment Law." Philip Morris International (PMI) has filed a request for arbitration with the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in an action against the Republic of Uruguay under the Swiss-Uruguay Bi-Lateral Investment Treaty due to restrictions imposed by the Uruguayan Government on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco. The University of Montevideo has asked Professor Daly to come to Uruguay to provide a course because of his direct experience in international arbitration work on investment matters. Professor Daly will also analyze and advise the University of Montevideo on its U.S. Law Program which it uses to teach its students how the American legal system operates. He will also coach and advise the Wilhelm C. Vis Commercial Arbitration Moot Team at the University, which for the first time, will be competing in Hong Kong and Vienna with the best and brightest from around the world.

**Professor James Morrow** gave a presentation on Evidence to 225 attorneys from the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General. He also gave a presentation on Evidence at a CLE sponsored by the Ramsey County Bar Association.

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### Network!



#### Alumni e-Directory

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



### 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. The Inn meets approximately once a month, September through May, both to "break bread" and hold CLE programs. Membership is designed to have a balance of lawyers from different experience levels and 3L/4L law students. 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.

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