

Upcoming Events & CLE Opportunities

February 2011

March 10

Class of 2009 Happy Hour
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (bowling starts at 6)
[Pinstripes](#) in Edina, MN
Bowling (\$11) and Bocce (\$10)
Come enjoy an evening with your classmates.
Join in on the bowling and bocce.
Or, simply just network to find new clients, a new job or
a new friend.

March 19

Seventh Annual Juris Fiesta
6:00 p.m. - 12 midnight
Dancer's Studio, 1508 University Avenue W,
Saint Paul, MN 55104 (corner of St. Anthony and Pascal)
\$25 for students
\$60 for the general public (\$35 tax deductible)
\$35 for public interest attorneys (\$10 tax deductible)
For more information or to purchase tickets,
contact [Deb Lange](#), 651.523.2122

March 22-25

CLE General Mediation Skills
30 CLE and Rule 114 CE credits
For more information, including cost,
contact the [Mediation Center](#)
at 651.523.2880 or at mediationcenter@hamline.edu

March 25

CLE Marketing Your Solo or Small Firm
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Hamline University, 106 East Hall
Free for '09-'10 HUSL Alumni
\$20 all other HUSL Alumni
1.5 CLE credits to be applied for
For more information, or to register,
contact [Anne Markus](#), 651.523.2943.

April 8

CLE Parenting Time Expediting Training
7 CLE and Rule 114 CE credits
Prerequisite: MN Rule 114 Certified 40-Hour
Family Mediation Training
For more information, including cost,
contact the [Mediation Center](#)
at 651.523.2880 or at mediationcenter@hamline.edu

Alumni Spotlight

Hamline Law Alumna Wins House Seat



Carly Melin ('10), a graduate of the Hamline University School of Law, has claimed a seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives after defeating Republican Paul Jacobson and Independence Party candidate Cynthia Kafut-Hagen in a special election on February 15. Her legislative district, 5B, covers Hibbing, Chisholm, Cotton, Meadowlands, Floodwood and townships just west of Duluth.

"We're happy with the turnout and happy with the results," Melin told the Duluth Herald. "I'm prepared to get to work right away."

The special election was called in January by Governor Mark Dayton when incumbent Tony Sertich of Chisholm resigned to become commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.

After graduating from Hamline in 2010, and becoming licensed to practice law, Melin returned to her

April 13

CLE Managing Education Debt for Public Interest Attorneys
Registration 7:30 a.m. (coffee and rolls provided)

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Hamline University, East Hall Room 106

Free! 1 hour of Law Office Management CLE credit will be applied for

[Online registration only](#). Space is limited!

April 15

CLE Hamline Journal of Law and Public Policy 2011 Spring Symposium

Sourcing Food: Finding Common Ground in an Age of Agricultural Competition and Conglomeration

Co-sponsored by the Law Alumni Association Board

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hamline University, Kay Fredericks Ballroom

Cost: \$200

5.75 CLE credits to be applied for

For more information call 651.523.2122 or e-mail [Deb Lange](#)

May 19-20

CLE Parenting Consulting Training

12.5 CLE and Rule 114 CE credits

Prerequisite: MN Rule 114 Certified 40-Hour

Family Mediation Training

For more information, including cost,

contact the [Mediation Center](#)

at 651.523.2880 or at mediationcenter@hamline.edu

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News

Hamline Team Reaches Final Four in Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris

The Hamline University School of Law team of third-year law students Chelsea Griffin and John Tribbett reached the semi-finals in the prestigious International Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris in January. The competition is an annual moot mediation representation competition organized by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Alternative Dispute Resolution Secretariat. This one-of-a-kind, invitation-only event included fifty-eight teams from universities around the world. Hamline Law lost in the semi-finals to a French team. The Hamline team was coached by Sharon Press, Director of Hamline Law's esteemed Dispute Resolution Institute.

"I was very proud of the way Chelsea and John represented Hamline University," said Professor Press, whose Hamline team was one of only thirteen invited from the United States to compete. "They demonstrated great mastery of advocacy and negotiation skills. Both Chelsea and John expressed recognition and appreciation for how much their Hamline law school experience contributed to their success."

The competition consists of two parts: written and oral advocacy. During three days of preliminary rounds,

hometown and accepted a position with the Minnesota State Judiciary on the Iron Range. While in law school, Melin was active in student organizations and chaired the Hamline Law Democrats. While studying at Hamline, Melin also spent a semester working for Sertich when he served as the House Majority Leader.

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.

1976

Timothy C. Henney '76 was interviewed in the Wisconsin State Journal regarding his running for a six-year term as Branch 2 judge in Columbia County.

1985

Susan Rhode '85 was recently re-elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the law firm of Moss & Barnett. She serves as co-chair of the firm's family law practice area and will continue to practice law on a full-time basis in addition to handling management responsibilities.

1993

Elliot Kula '93, after more than 10 years as a partner at Greenberg Traurig, and most recently as co-chair of the appellate department in the Miami Office, left to open his own law firm, Kula & Samson, LLP, where he will continue to provide representation on appeal and litigation support in all substantive areas. This past year he served as co-chair of the appellate department in the Miami office, was recognized as a finalist in the Daily Business Review's Most Effective Lawyer of the Year in the category of Appellate Practice and earned board certification by The Florida Bar in the area of Appellate Practice.

2002

competitors must assume the roles of the attorneys and clients to solve problems in a mediation conducted by an ICC expert mediator. Each of the eighty-five minute preliminary rounds is judged by a panel of two experienced, international commercial mediation experts who score the team on their advocacy, negotiation skills, mediation plan, team work and ability to appropriately utilize the mediation process. Combining competition, sharing of best practices, learning and networking, this event gives participants a unique opportunity to participate in moot mediation and explore cultural differences in international commercial mediation.

Lochner Discusses Placement at Washington College of Law

Nancy Lochner, Director of Career Services at the Hamline University School of Law, was invited to American University's Washington College of Law to participate in a discussion focusing on employment trends in the legal profession. The event took place on the campus of American University in Washington, D.C.

The discussion was part of a Washington College of Law forum on "The Future of Legal Practice: Notable Trends Across Employment Sectors." Lochner served on a panel that discussed "How Law Schools Are Responding." She was joined on the panel by career services officers from Washington College of Law and the University of Maryland School of Law, along with a law professor from Washington & Lee University School of Law. Other topics in the day-long forum included an "Overview of the Current Legal Landscape" and "Employer Perspectives."

Pass Rate High for First-Time Hamline Bar Examinees

The Minnesota State Board of Examiners recently announced the results for the July 2010 bar examination. Hamline's pass rate for first-time takers was 93.02%. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Hamline graduates have passed the bar exam at a greater than 90% rate. For the entire year (February 2010 and July 2010), Hamline's pass rate for first-time takers was 90.97%, placing it second among the four law schools in the state.

Hamline Alumnus Obtains First "Same Sex Divorce"

Hamline University School of Law alumnus Jonathan Burris ('79) obtained the first "same sex divorce" for a lesbian couple who had married in California before Proposition 8. In an example of creative lawyering on behalf of his client, Burris used the declaratory judgment act, and a Hennepin County Judge signed the order declaring the women "single individuals" with no continuing obligation to each other.

Give

Kevin M. Mosher '02 was recently elected to the position of Managing Shareholder at Wessels Sherman law firm. He has been practicing labor, employment and immigration law with the firm since 2002.

2006

Sarah Carlson-Wallrath '06 joined the firm of Schmiechen Immigration Law in October 2010. The firm practices exclusively in immigration and nationality law and is located in St. Louis Park.

2009

Michael Goodwin '09 is now an associate attorney at Jardine, Logan & O'Brien, P.L.L.P.

Faculty Notes

Professor David Allen Larson has been appointed Chair of the American Bar Association Law School Division Arbitration Competition Subcommittee. Professor Larson served as the Interim Chair for the Competition this past year. He was also interviewed by the *Omaha World-Herald* newspaper regarding the legality and desirability of requiring higher salaried employees to pay a larger share of health insurance premiums than lower paid employees. This article appeared on February 9, 2011. Professor Larson was also an invited speaker at the Penn State Law School [symposium](#) "The Arbitrator as Judge . . . and Judge of Jurisdiction." His presentation was titled "Is This the End of Arbitration As We Know It?" State College, Pennsylvania, February 16, 2011.

Professor Jon Garon recently presented "New Standards in Work-for-Hire Employment Agreements" at the 2011 Cyberspace Institute, ABA Cyberspace Committee Winter Meeting in Austin, Texas. He also recently presented "Reverse Engineering: Back to the Drawing Board on Designing Effective Part-Time Programs" at the Association of American Law Schools Annual

ALUMNI ANNUAL FUND

Alumni philanthropic support is critical. Gifts advance our commitment to chart pathways of distinction in the lives of our students and alumni and in the legal profession. Contributions to the Hamline University School of Law are vital to maintaining a strong and healthy institution. Every donation, both large and small, helps us continue our mission of educating students and enhancing our communities. Give online at www.hamline.edu/giving.

Meeting.

Professor Steven Swanson's article, "Google Sets Sail: Ocean-Based Server Farms and International Law" is the lead article in the February Issue of the Connecticut Law Review. The article discusses the international legal issues created by locating Internet server farms on the oceans outside state territorial jurisdiction.

Stay Connected and Get Involved!

The Hamline Law Alumni Association Is Seeking Applications!

The Hamline University School of Law's Alumni Association is seeking applications for open positions beginning in the Fall 2011. The Alumni Association Board's mission is to provide leadership, service and support to the alumni and students of the law school and the communities in which we live and work. It is a crucial link between the School of Law and our alumni community. It promotes the welfare of our School of Law and it helps perpetuate interest in the law school. A more detailed description of this vital volunteer organization is available [here](#).

To apply for a Board position, please send a brief letter discussing your background and stating the reasons why you are interested in serving on the Alumni Board. Please limit your submission to two typewritten pages. Please attach your resume to your submission. **The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, 2011.**

You may submit the application electronically to lawalum@hamline.edu, drop it off in Room 106A of the Law School or mail it to:

Anne Markus
Hamline University School of Law
Alumni Relations Office
1536 Hewitt Avenue
MS-D2005
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Regular Board meetings are generally held once every other month beginning in September and ending in May.

Board applicants will be notified of the status of their applications by May 31. Thank you for your interest!

Stand Out in a Stagnant Economy

March 24

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location TBA

Learn how to reach the people you want to meet and successfully develop long-term professional relationships from the nationally recognized author of the Amazon bestseller *The Opportunity Maker: Strategies for Inspiring Your Legal Career Through Creative Networking and Business Development* (Thomson-West 2008).

Attendees will learn how to grow, build and communicate within a sphere of influence. They will also identify proven techniques for establishing a strong reputation, engaging in dynamic networking and honing their potential for career development.

Open to all Hamline law students and alumni. The speaker is Ari Kaplan, the author of *The Opportunity Maker: Strategies for Inspiring Your Legal Career Through Creative Networking and Business Development*, which the New York Law Journal called "a must-have treasure box of marketing ideas." He practiced law with large firms in New York City for nine years and has been recognized on CNN and in the Wall Street Journal's Law Blog, the Chicago Tribune, the Houston Chronicle, the Miami Herald, the New York Post, Above the Law and numerous other publications. He has spoken at thirty-six law schools, published over two hundred articles, served as a legal commentator for CNET Radio, received Apex Awards in 2007, 2008 and 2010 for feature writing and was named a "Law Star" by LawCrossing.

RSVP: Required in Symplicity Events or to cso@hamline.edu by March 15.

This program offers instructions for leveraging technology to raise your profile, harnessing the power of building organic relationships and generating opportunities to distinguish yourself to prospective employers.

Get Involved and Mentor HUSL Students!



Hamline is excited about our new mentoring and facilitated-networking program, [HUSLink](#). Please join fellow Hamline Law alumni in mentoring students who need your help as they navigate career choices or ask for advice on a variety of issues. It is our goal to match as many students to alumni as possible. We urge you to take 5-10 minutes to check it out and register. We thank you for your help to further build the Hamline Law community and network.

Public Law Community Calendar of Events for Spring 2011

The Public Law Community at the Hamline University School of Law is an association of faculty, staff, alumni and students who are dedicated to furthering the public good through their professional and pro bono work. The Public Law Community offers faculty- and student-organized events throughout the academic year to support public law students as they determine how they might best serve the community using their law-related skills.

Theater Event: Making Waves: Race and Social Justice on Campus

Thursday, March 3, 11:00 a.m., Hamline University School of Law, Room 4.

The Hamline University Social Theater Troupe, created by Professor Carolyn Levy and theater student Rachel Summers, will present an interactive play about race issues that occur on modern university campuses and how we respond to them.

Hamline Makes a Difference: Alumni Tell Their Public Law Stories

Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Hamline University School of Law, Room 4.

Co-sponsored with the Hamline chapters of the Minnesota Justice Foundation and National Lawyers Guild.

Hamline law graduates are changing the world. Hear three HUSL alumni describe how they have used their passion to end human suffering and their law-related skills to make a real difference for countless people nationally and globally.

The panelists include: Bud Philbrook ('83), CEO of Global Volunteers, former Undersecretary of the USDA and former Minnesota state legislator and gubernatorial candidate; Teri Popp ('87), POPP.com communications, co-owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves, and current Executive Committee member of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention; and Suzanne Pearl ('97), Center for Victims of Torture and formerly with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in Washington.

The event will be preceded by a presentation on suicide awareness at 11:00 a.m. featuring Teri Popp ('87) and Dr. Dan Reidenberg, Executive Director of SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education).

**Public Law Community Brown Bags:
Derik Fettig and Larry McDonough**

Brown bags are open to all Hamline students, alumni, faculty and staff. You are welcome to bring your lunch for conversation. Brown bags give students the opportunity to ask questions about their own career plans and interests in an informal setting.

Tuesday, April 5, 12:00 p.m., Derik Fettig, Hamline University School of Law, Room 4. Visiting Professor Derik Fettig will share his public law story, including his work in the U.S. Attorney's Offices in Los Angeles and Minneapolis.

Tuesday, April 19, 12:00 p.m., Larry McDonough, Hamline University School of Law, Room 4. Visiting Professor Larry McDonough will describe his journey from rural Legal Aid to clinical teaching.

Network



Alumni e-Directory

[Search for fellow Hamline Law classmates](#) by name, year, 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.



Hamline Law Group on LinkedIn

[Join the "Hamline Law" group on LinkedIn!](#) Alumni can connect with each other as well as Hamline Law faculty and staff. Have a question, need some advice or want to share some news? You can post a discussion and receive instant feedback from your classmates. Also, opt to join the law subgroups to connect with alumni in your area of practice or geographic location. (Don't see a subgroup pertaining to you? Let us know and we'll create one!)

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