

Upcoming Events & CLE Opportunities

January 2011

February 10

HUSL Alumni Happy Hour
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[The News Room](#)

RSVP to [Amber Garry](#), 651.523.2338

February 14-18

CLE Family Mediation Skills
40 CLE and Rule 114 CE credits

For more information, including cost,
contact the [Mediation Center](#)

at 651.523.2880 or at mediationcenter@hamline.edu

February 17

CLE First Steps for Starting a Solo or Small Firm
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 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 [Amber Garry](#), 651.523.2338

February 17

CLE Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession & the
Practice of Law

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Hamline University School of Law,
Moot Court Room

\$35 for Lawyers

\$25 for Paralegals

Free for faculty and students

2 Elimination of Bias CLE credits applied for

For more information or to register,
contact [Deb Lange](#), 651.523.2122

Webcast registration available

February 18

Black Law Students Association Gala Event
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Hamline University, Bush Student Center,
Student Center Ballroom

For more information, contact [Deb Lange](#) ,
651.523.2122

March 19

Seventh Annual Juris Fiesta

Alumni Spotlight

Hamline Law Alumna Takes Judge's Oath



On December 31, 2010, in a most unique and memorable Judicial Investiture, Hamline Law Alumna Krista Jass ('93) followed in the footsteps of a fellow member of the Hamline Law Alumni community - her father, Bruce Gross ('77). In 1989, Jass' father, Gross, left his Cottonwood County law firm and his duties as the Cottonwood County attorney to become a District Court Judge in Cottonwood County. *Pictured above: Krista Jass (left) and her father, Bruce Gross (right).*

Twenty-one years later, in a packed courtroom in the Blue Earth County Justice Center, Jass raised her right hand, looked her father in the eye and took the oath of a Minnesota judge administered by her father. As part of the Judicial Investiture, Brett Gross, Jass' brother, read the same "Prayer for a New Judge" that was read by Krista Jass at her father's Investiture in July 1989. Gross and Jass will be the only father and daughter in the state serving as judges at the same time. In addition, until Jass, Blue

6:00 p.m. - 12 midnight
Location TBD
\$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 [Amber Garry](#), 651.523.2338

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

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 Law Professor to Serve as Commissioner of
Minnesota Department of Human Services**

Earth County was the largest county in the state without a female judge. All eleven counties in Minnesota that are larger than Blue Earth County have at least one female judge.

Jass certainly made her mark as a lawyer in the Fifth Judicial District. After serving as a law clerk in Blue Earth County, Jass served as an assistant Fifth Judicial District Public Defender from 1994 until 2002. She then served as the managing attorney with the Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's office in Mankato from 2002 to 2007 before becoming the District's Chief Public Defender in 2007. Jass is filling a vacancy that occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Norbert P. Smith on September 11, 2010.

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.

1978

Mark Rubin '78 was recently sworn in as St. Louis County Attorney.

1987

Scott Long '87 recently joined the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale LLP as a partner in its Kansas City office. He is a member of the Real Estate and Public Finance practice group and focuses his practice on real estate, lending, general corporate and business transactional law.

1992

Caroline Amplatz '92 was featured in a Star Tribune article about her recent pledge to donate funds in memory of her mother which will be used to renovate two in-patient psychiatric wards for children and adolescents in the University of Minnesota hospital's Riverside campus.

1993

Chris Karpan '93 has announced the opening of Chris Karpan Law, LLC.

Hamline University School of Law is proud to announce that its Health Law Institute director, Lucinda Jesson, has been appointed by Governor Mark Dayton as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. She began her duties with the state on January 13.

"On behalf of Hamline University, I am very pleased to congratulate Professor Lucinda Jesson on her appointment to Governor Dayton's administration," said Hamline University President Linda Hanson. "Her extraordinary work as director of our Health Law Institute created a hub for the health care policy community in the Twin Cities and elsewhere in the Upper Midwest. As a professor in our School of Law, she has guided the next generation of legal minds in the areas of health care organization and finance, food and drug law and health care compliance. I thank Cindy for her tremendous contribution to Hamline University, and I am confident she will be a vital asset to Governor Dayton's team and to the state of Minnesota."

Jesson's role as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services is a cabinet level position. The department has responsibility for Minnesota's health care and economic assistance programs, child welfare, services for seniors and people with disabilities, sex offender treatment and licensing of service providers.

"While I will miss my Hamline students and colleagues, I am excited about the opportunity to put into practice what we teach here at Hamline University," Jesson said, of her new role.

Jesson is the founding director of the Health Law Institute at Hamline University School of Law, which was established in 2006 to bridge gaps between health law scholarship and policy through engagement, collaboration and innovation; to serve as a regional forum for addressing issues in health law and policy; and to provide programs, training and educational opportunities for future health law leaders. The Health Law Institute has earned Hamline a national reputation in health law - recently ranked as one of the top 20 health law programs by *U.S. News & World Report*.

"Cindy's appointment reflects Hamline University School of Law's long-standing tradition of leadership in public interest," said Hamline Law Dean Donald M. Lewis. "We are honored that one of our own will play a central role in the Dayton administration, particularly in the critical area of health care reform."

Philip Sieff Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Chris Karpan Law is a general practice law firm with specialized areas in criminal defense, property rights and litigation.

1995

John J. Choi '95 was recently sworn in as Ramsey County Attorney, becoming the first Korean-American to hold a county attorney's position in the nation and the first Asian-American county attorney in Minnesota.

1999

Kathryn R. Burke '99 has been elected a shareholder of the law firm Bassford Remele. She focuses her practice on litigation, including construction, professional liability, personal injury and general liability.

Joani Moberg '99 and colleague, Ben Henschel, announce the opening of Henschel Moberg, P.A., in downtown Minneapolis. Henschel Moberg focuses exclusively on family law.

2000

Kermit Nash '00 has joined Gray Plant Mooty's Minneapolis office as a principal practicing in the firm's Entrepreneurial Services group, with an emphasis on energy law, agribusiness and mergers & acquisitions.

2001

Daniel Prokott '01 was recently named a partner at the law firm Faegre & Benson L.L.P. He currently focuses his practice on employment counseling, compliance and contract matters.

2006

Amber Pederson '06 joined Klun Law Firm in Ely, Minnesota. She represents individuals, governments and businesses on the Iron Range and across Minnesota in the areas of estate planning, real estate, family law, elder law and business organization.

2010



At the annual Midwinter Reception on January 20, 2011, Philip Sieff ('85), a partner at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P., was presented with the Hamline University School of Law 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award by Dean Donald M. Lewis. *Pictured above: Hamline University President Linda Hanson (left), Phillip Sieff (center) and Law Dean Donald M. Lewis (right).* Sieff is widely recognized for representing seriously injured people and the families of those killed due to the wrongdoing of others. A special emphasis of his practice involves representing injured children or families of children who have been killed. He also works extensively with crime victims and people who are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Most recently, he provided pro bono legal services relating to the 1-35 W bridge collapse in Minneapolis.

"Philip Sieff's distinguished and successful career is a shining example of the legal profession and certainly makes all of us at Hamline proud," said Amber Garry, Director of Alumni Relations for Hamline University School of Law.

Firm partners Chris Messerly ('86) and William Manning ('78) are also past recipients of the Hamline University School of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Hamline Law's DRI Press Publishes Mandarin Version of *Rethinking Negotiation Teaching: Innovations for Context and Culture*

DRI Press, an imprint of the Dispute Resolution Institute (DRI) at Hamline University School of Law, is pleased to announce that excerpts from *Rethinking Negotiation Teaching: Innovations for Context and Culture* (DRI Press 2009) have been published in Mandarin.

Rethinking Negotiation Teaching has its roots in a conference conducted in May 2008, when more than 50 of the world's leading negotiation scholars and trainers gathered in Rome to embark on a multi-year effort to develop "second generation" global negotiation education. The participants' post-conference writings – the 22 chapters contained in *Rethinking Negotiation Teaching* – critically examine what is currently taught in executive-style negotiation courses, with special emphasis on how best to "translate" teaching methodology to succeed with diverse, global audiences. Collectively, the chapters provide a blueprint for designing courses to take account of the most

Carly Melin '10 recently filed for the open District 5B House of Representatives seat vacated by Representative Tony Sertich, now Commissioner of the Iron Range Resources agency.

Amanda Stubson '10 joined the law firm of Iverson Reuvers as an attorney. Her practice focuses on the defense of municipal liability claims, civil rights and land use claims as well as general civil litigation.

Family

Chad Schulze '02 and Kelly announce the birth of their new daughter, Delcy JoAnne Schulze, born on December 21, 2010. Kelly, Torben (their older son) and Chad are very happy about Delcy being healthy and content.

Obituaries

Jerry Strauss '79 died at the age of 59. He worked for Hennepin County both as a Public Defender and Prosecutor before entering private practice as a Criminal Defense Lawyer. He spent his extra time working at the Talmud Torah of Minneapolis where he taught for years. He was known to many as the "Barrister" on KFAN. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, and sons Andy, Scott and **Adam '10**, a recent Hamline Law alumnus.

A colleague reflected, "For those of you who didn't know Jerry, he was hysterically funny and a very smart attorney. He was a larger-than-life personality. Jerry was also incredibly kind and did a lot of good work for people without means and without seeking any credit or 'glory' for doing that work."

Jerry was larger than life and he will truly be missed.

Faculty Notes

Professor Mary Jane Morrison presented a primer on the Minnesota and United States Constitutions at a

recent discoveries in the growing, multi-disciplinary science of negotiation and confronting the challenges of teaching negotiation in cross-cultural settings. The Mandarin excerpts were produced in preparation for the DRI's upcoming conference in Beijing.

Beginning with a new chapter written by Andrew Wei-Min Lee and Vivian Feng Ying Yu (who also translated the selected chapters), the book includes an introduction to the project by Christopher Honeyman, Hamline Law Professor James Coben and Hamline University International Professor of ADR Law and Practice Giuseppe De Palo. The book also features ten additional chapters from *Rethinking Negotiation Teaching*. The book can be downloaded from the [DRI website](#). This publication is the third from DRI Press based on the multi-year Rethinking Negotiation Project. A third volume in the series is expected from the Beijing conference, along with the launch of a Chinese Journal on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Negotiation.

Hamline Selected as a Best Law School for Public Interest

Hamline University School of Law was recently selected by preLaw Magazine as a "Best Law School for Public Interest." The rankings weighed schools in three categories: curriculum (which includes courses and clinical opportunities); cost of legal education (tuition, debt and loan repayment options); and placement (the percent of graduates who work in public service.)

Get Involved!

Get Involved and Mentor HUSL Students!



Want to win
an iPad?

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today



Hamline is excited about our new mentoring and facilitated-networking program, [HUSLink](#). And if you register before Friday, February 11, you may just win a free iPad! (See below for complete details.) It is available to 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 need your support and ask you to join [HUSLink](#) and become a mentor. 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.

Everyone registered as an active HUSL mentor by **Friday,**

Minnesota Association for Justice conference for new Minnesota legislators and legislative staff on January 21. The program was designed to be an orientation for newly elected representatives to the Minnesota State Legislature.

Professor Larry Bakken is currently teaching a course on the North American Free Trade Agreement at Inter-american University School of Law.

Professor Morgan Holcomb

published a piece in the University of Washington Law Review. The article, "When Your Body is Your Business" addresses the federal income tax consequences of gestational surrogacy. In it, Holcomb and co-author, William Mitchell professor Mary Patricia Bym, debunk several arguments that fees paid to gestational surrogates are not income. They also address the deduction allowable to women who serve as paid gestational surrogates. 85 Washington Law Review 647 (2010). Professor Holcomb also co-facilitated a Think Tank to discuss a recent Hennepin County court case. Last year, a Hennepin County District Court granted a declaratory judgment to two female Minnesota residents who had been legally married in California before moving to Minnesota. The court declared the two women to be "single individuals." On January 22, Professor Holcomb took part in an opportunity to discuss the judgment and its ramifications for similarly situated Minnesotans. She will also present similar sessions at both the Minnesota Lavender Bar Association Conference on January 29 as well as the Minnesota CLE Family Law Institute in March.

Professor Marie Failinger was appointed to the AALS Section on Poverty Law's Executive Committee; she was instrumental in founding this section in 1984. She is currently the chair-elect of the Infinity Project, which promotes gender equity on the Eighth Circuit federal bench.

Give

February 11, 2011 will be entered into a drawing for a tree iPad (TM)*. The winner's name will be announced to all mentors the week of February 14.

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Calling all Current and Former Judicial Clerks!

Seventh Annual Judicial Expo
Friday, February 25
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Networking Reception
Hamline University School of Law, Atrium

All current and former judicial law clerks are invited and encouraged to come and share their experiences with students at the Seventh Annual Judicial Expo Networking Reception. Students will be interested in learning about application processes, time on the job and any tips or tricks you may have for securing a clerkship. If you're available to mix and mingle, RSVP to [Stachia Ullman](#) by Tuesday, February 22.

Judges Needed!

Experienced mediators and lawyers are needed to serve as both judges and mediators for the ABA Regional Representation in Mediation Competition to be hosted by Hamline University School of Law, March 5-6, 2011. In this competition, law students role-play as attorneys and clients in a mediation setting. The competition measures how well law students model appropriate preparation for, and representation of, a client in mediation.

We are seeking volunteers to serve as judges for the First Round, scheduled for Saturday, March 5 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and the Second Round, scheduled for Saturday, March 5 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. There will be a training meeting for you before the start of each round. If you are interested and available to assist, please contact [Jessica Kuchta-Miller](#) at 651.523.2279.

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. We are calling to express our thanks to donors on Wednesday, February 16, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Alumni House on the Hamline University campus. Food will be provided. To get involved and say thank you, please contact [Amber Garry](#), 651.523.2338. Give online at www.hamline.edu/giving.

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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