# **Upcoming Events & CLE Opportunities**

**April 2011** 

#### **May 19**

CLE Social Construction in Mediation Hamline University, Minneapolis campus Cost: \$205; \$95 community

volunteers/government/nonprofit;

\$45 full-time students

6 standard CLE credits to be applied for

RSVP to 651.523.2279 or to mediationcenter@hamline.edu

# May 19-20

CLE Parenting Consulting Training
Hamline University, Saint Paul campus
Prerequisite: MN Rule 114 Certified 40-Hour

Family Mediation Training

Cost: \$395

10.75 standard, 1.75 ethics CLE credits to be applied for RSVP to 651.523.2279 or to <a href="mailto:mediationcenter@hamline.edu">mediationcenter@hamline.edu</a>

# June 7

15th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
Prestwick Golf Club, Woodbury, MN
1:00 p.m. Shotgun start/scramble format
6:00 p.m. Dinner, prizes and drawings
All proceeds to benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship
& Programs Fund

For more information, contact Anne Markus at 651.523.2943

Complete Calendar of **Events** | Complete List of **CLEs** 

#### News

#### Dispute Resolution Institute Plays a Major Role at ABA

The Hamline University School of Law's Dispute Resolution Institute (DRI) launched the year-long celebration of its 20th Anniversary in a big way by playing a major role at a recent American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution 13th Annual Spring Conference in Denver.

In addition to serving as one of the conference's "Silver Sponsors," DRI also hosted a Friday night reception that drew more than 100 guests, including several national leaders in the alternative dispute resolution community.

Hamline also had strong representation from its faculty at the conference, with DRI Director Sharon Press, Professor

# **Alumni Spotlight**

# Hamline Law Alumnus Wins Access to Justice Award

The Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association (MHBA) recently named John Keller ('96), Executive Director of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM), recipient of its 2011 Access to Justice Award. The award was given in recognition of the leading, statewide network ILCM provides in immigration policy, education and the provision of legal services for the local Latino community. The award was presented on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the annual meeting of the MHBA.

"This is a tremendous honor and I am humbled and grateful at the same time," Mr. Keller said. "The recognition of our work at both the state and federal levels couldn't come at a better time as attacks on immigrants are only increasing in the absence of federal reform. . . . I am so appreciative to work with the great attorneys of the Hispanic Bar to ensure that the important social, cultural, political and economic contributions of Minnesota's Latino community are recognized in Minnesota's debates about immigrants."

ILCM provides high-quality legal services to low-income immigrants seeking help on a variety of issues. Mara Garcia Kaplan, president of the MHBA, made this statement about John Keller and ILCM: "For the Access to Justice Award we evaluate candidates who have done work in the justice or court system to make it

David Larson and Professor Bobbi McAdoo each making presentations. Professor Press presented "Court ADR Roster Management: More Like a Stroll Through the Park or Herding Cats in a Minefield?," "Practice, Problem-Solving and Professionalism: A Better Way to Start Law School" and "Certificates: The Good, The Bad and The ?." Professor Larson presented "Artificial Intelligence: Robots, Avatars, and the Demise of the Human Mediator" and "Adventure Learning: Not Everyone Gets to Play." Professor McAdoo presented "Doesn't Somebody Have a Fiduciary Duty Here?" and teamed with Professor Press on "Practice, Problem-Solving and Professionalism."

Also on hand were Hamline faculty members who have been instrumental in the DRI's success: Professors Peter Thompson and Marilynne Roberts, and DRI Senior Fellow, Ken Fox. DRI's longest-serving director, Professor James Coben, was also present. The Friday reception featured each of the four leaders who have guided the Institute since its inception in 1991 - Professors McAdoo, Coben Larson and Press.

Much of the work in planning and executing Hamline's presence at the Conference was led by DRI Associate Director Kitty Atkins who received outstanding support from Program Coordinator Debra Berghoff and Projects Administrator Jessica Kutcha-Miller. Assistant Dean for Marketing and Recruitment, Dave Jarzyna, also represented Hamline at the conference.

# Congratulations Alumni Association Scholarship Winners

The Hamline University School of Law Alumni Association Board recently awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to well-deserving law students. Jeff Boucher (3L) and Peggy Larkin (2L) each received \$3500 scholarships and Nick Datzov (3L) and Molly Eiden (2L) each received \$1500 scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on the law students commitment to the Hamline University School of Law as well as their continued interest in contributing to the Hamline Law Alumni Association after graduation. The awards will be given at the 15th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament on June 7, 2011.



easier for people to get due process. John Keller has been a tireless advocate for Latinos and other immigrant populations and he and ILCM have positively changed the lives of many Latinos in Minnesota through being at the front and center of building strong voices and coalitions for positive reform."

# Class Notes Spring Family News Edition

Due to the overwhelming response of Class Notes on the Alumni Update Forms, we will be spreading them out over the next several e-Newsletters. This month the Notes are dedicated to family news contributed by alumni.

Mary Mooney '79 has been in solo practice since 1983, practicing mainly in the areas of family law, wills, estates and probate. She recently welcomed her first grandchild, Rileigh, into the world. She has two children, Mary, an RN at St. John's hospital, and Sean, who is pursuing graduate studies in the area of psychology.

**Priscilla L. Faris '80** has recently merged her firm with her father's. Their new name is Lord & Faris Law Office. Their motto is "Justice is our family business."

**Paul W. Flower '80** is pleased to announce that his son, Michael Flower is enrolled at HUSL, and was recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll following his first semester.

**Thomas H. Sellnow '81** is proud to announce his son, Jason Sellnow, a 2010 Graduate of HUSL has joined his firm, Sellnow Law Office, P.A.

Tina H. Appleby '83 continues to practice in the area of criminal defense. She is a founding partner of Halberg Criminal Defense, as are fellow Hamline alumni Eric John Nelson '01 and Marsh Halberg '79. See www.halbergdefense.com for more information. Tina and fellow alum Jim Appleby '83, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, continue to be happily married. Their daughter, Alyce, is attending the University of Minnesota College of Biological

#### Hamline Wins Third Consecutive Res Ipsa Cup

This year the Hamline University School of Law hockey team beat William Mitchell's hockey team 9-7 to win its third consecutive Res Ipsa Cup. The Res Ipsa hockey game raised close to \$2,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities. Hamline's hockey team then went on to win the Golden Gavel Law School Hockey Tournament beating William Mitchell in the semi-final game, 3-2, and the University of Minnesota in the championship game, 5-1. Congratulations on an outstanding year! Go Hamline!

# Business Law Institute Partners With Student Organization to Host Alumni Panel

The Business Law Institute (BLI) is thrilled to have an already active and dedicated group of students interested in business law through the Business Law Association (BLA). Recently, the BLA hosted a panel with alumni Mark Gardner ('09), Ron Gardner ('94) and Gwen Lerner ('78). The panelists joined students over lunch to describe their practice areas, share their career paths with and provide career advice to law students. As BLA President Mindas Juska shared, "BLA organized this panel to benefit Hamline law students interested in business law by connecting them with Hamline law alumni." BLI looks forward to partnering BLA on similar events that connect students and professionals in business law.

# Health Law Institute: Interview with Barry Furrow

On April 5, the Health Law Institute hosted Drexel University Professor Barry Furrow, who presented "The Economic Consequences of the Affordable Care Act: Should We Worry?"

# **Hamline IP Moot Court Team Competes at Nationals**

The Hamline University School of Law Intellectual Property Moot Court Team of Jennifer Middleton and Steven Helseth advanced to the semi-final round of the Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court National Finals Competition in Washington D.C. on April 13-15. Congratulations to Jennifer and Steven and their coach, Professor Jon Garon!

# Congratulations to the Vis Team!

Congratulations to the Wilhelm C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team for being named Honorable Mention for Best Memorandum on behalf of Claimant at the competition in Hong Kong, April 4-10, 2011. Brief writers included Rick Dold and Emily Spott who competed in Vienna, April 15-21, 2011 and Sean Pratt and Aaron Nyquist who competed in oral competition in Hong

Sciences. Their son, "Little Andrew" (that some may remember as her occasional escort during law school years) is now almost thirty-three years old and is Senior Creative Technician at Space 150, and also has a freelance business creating websites.

Leslie Kimes '85 is proud to announce that her mother, Janice L. Kimes CLA '75, was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award during the Hamline Alumni Weekend in October 2010.

Christine J. Caspers '87 is pleased to announce her daughter McKanna (age 19) is now a college freshman; twins Jack and Nick (ages 14) are 8th graders at St. Thomas Academy; and daughter Caelen (age 12) is a 7th grader at Visitation.

Cara (Debes) Peterson '95 married Tom Peterson on August 14, 2010.

Ann M. Schaibley '97 and her husband David welcomed their second child, Katherine Jane, on October 28, 2010.

**Kristin Hall Klitzke '01** is married with two children, Hanna born on August 23, 2007, and William born on November 13, 2008.

**Erika Anderson '02**, along with her husband and daughter, recently moved to Boston, Massachusetts.

Mary Orcutt '02 and husband Robert W. Orcutt '02 welcomed their second child, a daughter, in December 2010. Her name is Elizabeth Cathleen Orcutt.

**Duwane Snyder '02** recently opened his law office in September 2010 and is pleased to announce he and his wife, Susan, will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June 2011.

Cara S. Ryan-Prigge '03 is proud to announce the birth of her baby boy, Roen, on April 17, 2010. She also started a new job working with contracts at Mayo Clinic on August 16, 2010.

Rachael J. Abrahamson '05 and

Kong. The team is coached by Professor Joe Daly and Will Maguire (3L).

# Dispute Resolution Institute Now Accepting Applications for Summer 2011 Courses

DRI Summer Institute courses are available to degree and non-degree seeking students. DRI courses are taught by nationally and internationally recognized faculty who are actively involved in ADR practice, research, publication and teaching. Visit <a href="teaching-teaching

# Dispute Resolution Institute to Offer New Certificate in International Business Negotiation, Summer 2011

The Certificate in International Business Negotiation evolved from the Hamline University School of Law's work leading the "Rethinking Negotiation Teaching" project on what is taught in negotiation and how it is taught, with special emphasis on how best to "translate" teaching methodology to succeed with diverse global audiences. The six-credit certificate is divided into two courses: a 2-credit Negotiation course and a 4-credit Advanced International Business Negotiation course. Visit the Dispute Resolution Institute's website for more information.

# **Give**



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 today.

# **Stay Connected and Get Involved!**

**Get Involved and Mentor HUSL Students!** 



The **HUSLink** Mentor Program is now live and open to

husband **Wesley J. Abrahamson '04** welcomed their son, Ethan Wesley Abrahamson, on January 26, 2011.

Melissa (Berglund) Westervelt '05 and her husband, Ryan Westervelt, are happy to announce the birth of their first son, Wyatt Westervelt, on January 29, 2011.

**Megan Brennan '06** and John Brennan welcomed their daughter, Ileah Noelle, on December 5, 2010.

Kristi (Kruger Monville) Fox '06 is pleased to announce that she welcomed Ashley Ann Fox to her family on October 20, 2010. Ashley joins brothers Tyler (9), Matthew (6), and sister Alexis (4). She continues to run a solo family law practice and is very active in, and dedicated to, offering pro bono and low bono services to low-income clients.

Amber Lawrence '06 welcomed her first son, Greyson, on September 24, 2009, and is expecting her second child on July 30, 2011. She also opened her own law office in May 2010.

Jessica L. P. Birken '07 and her husband Paul welcomed their second daughter, Samantha, on February 15, 2009. After completing her judicial clerkship for The Honorable Krista K. Martin in Pine County, MN, she returned to the Hamline School of Business for a Masters in Non-profit Management. She will graduate in May 2011 and currently works in the non-profit sector as a Grants & Contracts Specialist with Pheasants Forever in St. Paul. She also maintains her solo practice conducting research and writing for colleagues.

Tiffany R. Doherty-Schooler '07 and her husband Jason Schooler, welcomed son Wesley Alton on November 7, 2009. Wes was welcomed home by siblings Jackson, Jorja and William. Tiffany works as a general practice attorney in Hutchinson, MN.

**Rosa Linke '07** is happy to announce she will be marrying Bill Summers on April 29, 2011. Bill is a graduate of students and alumni who would like to be proteges. This Symplicity-based program was designed to make mentoring and networking available to Hamline University School of Law students and alumni in a flexible, timely and customized manner. 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.

# Do You Ride a Motorcycle?

If so, we are interested in meeting you. We are Street Legal Motorcycle Club. We are a group of professionals in the legal field that share an enthusiasm for motorcycles. As a group, we go on several rides per season. We also meet up for monthly happy hours. To learn more contact <a href="Kurtis Berg">Kurtis Berg</a>. Check out our <a href="website">website</a> or "like" us on Facebook!

### **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 <a href="mailto:alum@hamline.edu">alum@hamline.edu</a>.



#### 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!)

Hamline School of Business ('06).

Mark T. Rasmussen '07 and his wife, Kristin, welcomed the birth of their first child, Anna, in September 2010. Mark was recently redeployed from Afghanistan where he worked as a rule of Law Field Liaison in the Arghandab Valley of Kandahar Province. He is also serving as Staff Judge Advocate for U.S. Navy in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece.

Noah Gambill '08 along with his wife, moved to his hometown of Terre Haute, Indiana, where he practices law. He and his wife are expecting their second child, a boy, in May.

**Michelle Gearhart '08** and family welcomed their third son, Kaden, in August 2010. He joins big brothers Jacob (16) and Max (2).

Rachel Kraker '08 is happy to announce the birth of her son, August Sommerfield Kraker, on March 3, 2011.

**Kathleen Olson '08** is pleased to announce she will be getting married on May 28, 2011 to Gabriel Lee Schur.

Alison Rentel Lacska '08 is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Bennet Thomas Lacska, on August 22, 2008, and son, Grayson Matthew Lacska, on February 2, 2010.

Amy Tripp '08 and Sam Steiner '08 are to be married in October 2011.

**Lindsey Bibler '09** is pleased to announce she is engaged to be married on October 15, 2011.

Amber J. Christenson '09 was elected Burke County State's Attorney, and started January 1, 2011. She married Jason Fiesel on October 24, 2009.

Matthew L. Heffron '09 is proud to announce the birth of his son, Caleb, born in September 2009. In December 2010, Matthew was promoted to Major in the National Guard and will be deploying to Kuwait in the summer of 2011 until the spring of 2012.

**Sharmin Nabi '09** will be marrying Chet Lexvold in July 2011.

**Ryan Stutzman '09** welcomed son, Bjorn Soren "The Serious Bear" Stutzman, on March 3, 2011.

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.

# **Faculty Notes**

**Professor Jon Garon** was a panelist at the Rutgers University interdisciplinary conference, "The Game Behind the Game - Business, Regulation and Society in the Gaming Industry" presenting "Regulation of Video Games & Virtual World: A Film Lawyer's View of First Amendment Concerns for Minors and Identity Interests," April 9, 2011.

Professor David Allen Larson made a presentation at the Hamline Law Review's 2011 Spring Symposium and he also participated in the Plenary Panel. The symposium was titled "Disability Discrimination in the New Millennium: Triumphs and Setbacks in Education and Employment" and Larson's two part presentation was "Part I. Questions and Answers on the (New) Final Rule Implementing the ADA Amendments Act of 2008; Part II. Adventure Learning: Not Everyone Gets to Play," Klas Center, Hamline University, April 1, 2011. He was also interviewed by the Associated Press regarding the antitrust lawsuit filed by high profile National Football League players (Tom Brady et. al. v. NFL) in Minnesota federal district court. The interview concerned whether or not the players would win their motion to enjoin the NFL owners' current lockout, the criteria that Judge Susan Richard Nelson would use to make that determination and the possible consequences of her ruling, Associated Press, April 4, 2011. That interview was published by just over 700 media outlets. Professor Larson also made two presentations at the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution 13th Annual Spring Conference in Denver, Colorado. For Larson's first presentation on April 15th, titled "Artificial Intelligence: Robots, Avatars, and the Demise of the Human Mediator," he invited computer scientist and regional agent expert Dr. Timothy Bickmore to join him. For his second presentation on April 16th, titled "Adventure Learning: Not Everyone Gets to Play," he arranged for Jana Burke, Project Director/Principal Investigator for the Rocky Mountain Americans with Disabilities Act Technical Assistance Center to present with him.

**Professor Mary Jane Morrison** staffed a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Event for soldiers and their families on April 10. She is also chaired the semi-annual review of the Human Rights and Research Committee for the Phoenix, Inc., residences on April 12. On April 19, she was a panelist at the HUSL CLE "Health Care Reform in America," along with the Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner, Lucinda Jesson, who is on leave from HUSL. The panel discussed the Affordable Care Act, the individual mandate, the status of current litigation and health care reform.

**Professor James Morrow** taught new Minnesota trial judges evidence and courtroom management and decision making on April 18-19.

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