



alumni news from Indiana Law

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## Greetings from Bloomington



As the semester draws to a close, we celebrate the success of the Class of 2013 and look forward to honoring them at a ceremony at the Indiana Memorial Union on Saturday, May 4. The Honorable **Lee H. Hamilton**, JD'56, will be the guest speaker.

Our graduating students are continuing to distinguish themselves. They have excelled in oral advocacy (see below); donated more than 3,000 hours to pro bono projects; and published nearly 1,000 pages of scholarly work in our four journals: *Indiana Law Journal*, *IP Theory*, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, and *Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality*.

Several alumni events are planned for this spring and summer. I hope you will plan to join us.

Yours,

**Hannah L. Buxbaum**

Interim Dean and John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics

## National Law Journal names Henderson one of 100 most influential lawyers

*National Law Journal* has named Professor **William D. Henderson** as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America.



Henderson was recognized for being "among the first legal academics to focus squarely on the business of law." The *Journal* added that Henderson has "since become a top source for law firms, legal departments, law schools and the news media.... Rather than offer opinion or anecdotal evidence, Henderson bases his findings on reams of research and data -- giving him unique insight into the legal profession."

The *Journal's* report honors lawyers who "have shaped the legal world through their work in the courtroom, at the negotiating table, in the classroom or government." Henderson is a graduate of the

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Distinguished Service Award nominations due April 30

Nominations are being accepted through April 30 for the school's Distinguished Service Award. The award was established in 1997 to recognize Maurer alumni who have distinguished themselves in service to their community and the Law School by using their degree in ways that exceed regular professional, civic, or business activities.

Recipients will be recognized at a special ceremony this fall. For more information, or to submit a nomination, visit the [Distinguished Service Award page](#) on our website.

## Coming events

**Fort Wayne Colloquium for Women of IU**

Tuesday, May 14

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Fort Wayne Country Club

Featuring IU First Lady **Laurie Burns McRobbie**; IU Bloomington Provost **Lauren Robel**; and **Caroline Dowd-Higgins**, Director, Maurer School of Law Office of Career and Professional Development.

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University of Chicago Law School and joined the Law School faculty in 2003. He is also director of Indiana Law's Center on the Global Legal Profession.

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## Oral advocacy teams take top honors

Maurer School of Law students are continuing to take top honors at competitions across in the United States and abroad.

- The school's telecommunications moot court teams won first and second place at the Federal Communications Bar Association's national competition in February. The winning team also won the award for best brief.
- The school sent two teams to the regionals of the American Intellectual Property Association Giles Rich Competition in Chicago, one of which advanced to compete in the nationals in Washington, DC this month.
- Another team advanced to the quarterfinals in the Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot at Pembroke College, University of Oxford. The competition draws teams from around the world, and this is the first time that Maurer students participated.
- The school also sent an IP team to the International Trademark Association Saul Lefkowitz Competition in Chicago. Nearly 20 students, alumni, and faculty supported the IP teams' efforts by serving as coaches or helping with oral arguments.
- Maurer's trial competition team finished second in the American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition in March. This event is the most prestigious of all student trial competitions.
- A team of students participated again this year in the Williams Institute Moot Competition at UCLA School of Law in February. This event is the only national competition dedicated exclusively to sexual orientation and gender identity law.

As reported in last month's *ergo*, a record 165 students participated in this year's Sherman Minton Moot court Competition, and the venture capital investment team defeated teams from Harvard, Yale, and other top schools to capture first prize in the national finals.

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## 2013 Stewart Fellows named

Eleven IU students have been named Milton Stewart Fellows and will participate as summer interns in Brazil, India, Japan, and South Korea through the law school's Center on the Global Legal Profession.

Inaugurated in 2010, the unique program offers students experiences in a variety of settings, including corporations, highly reputed law firms, and rights-based non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The students have been named Milton Stewart Fellows in honor of alumnus **Milton Stewart**, JD'71, of Portland, Ore., who is providing funding for the program. Demarest & Almeida

### New York City reception

Monday, May 20, 2013

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Location TBA

Plan to join Dean Buxbaum for a casual reception.

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### Washington, DC and Chicago summer receptions

Dates and times TBA in June

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### ABA annual meeting reception

San Francisco

Thursday, August 8

Time and location TBA

Visit the Law School's [alumni events](#) page for updates.

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Traveling? Send us your photo wearing Maurer garb!

Are you traveling this spring and summer? If so, have your picture taken wearing a Maurer hat, t-



shirt, or other identifiable garb and send it to us at

[lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu). Make sure there's a recognizable landmark in the background! We'll publish the photos in the December edition of *ergo*.

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Remember the Fund for Excellence

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Advogados and Votorantim Group are funding the Brazil internships. An internship at an Indian NGO has also been made possible through a strong partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Holdeen India Program, its director, Derek Mitchell, and its director emerita, Kathy Sreedhar. Partial support for the South Korean fellows has also been provided by the Law School's Elmore Entrepreneurship Law Clinic.

Profiles of the Stewart Fellows and information about their work assignments will appear in the June issue of *ergo*.



The 2013 Stewart Fellows

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## Williams to deliver Distinguished Faculty Research Lecture

[Susan Williams](#), Walter W. Foskett Professor of Law and director of the Law School's Center for Constitutional Democracy (CCD), has been chosen to deliver the IU 2013 Distinguished Faculty Research Lecture on April 25.



Her lecture, "Solomon's Daughters: Women as Law-Makers in Customary Systems," explores the difficult relationships among gender equality, the development of democracies, and constitutional design. Williams said that her lecture is concerned with women not only as legislators, but also as "people who

make law in a variety of contexts.

"In many countries, systems of customary or religious law are recognized and authorized by the constitution, but many of these systems discriminate against women in ways that violate the equality guarantees in those same constitutions," Williams said. "Political theorists and constitutional lawyers have struggled for decades with the tensions between legal recognition for systems of customary law and the commitment to gender equality."

Williams is intimately familiar with this phenomenon. As director of the CCD, she has been extensively involved in advising and helping draft documents for emerging democracies such as Liberia, Burma, South Sudan, Vietnam and Libya. In her role as constitutional advisor, Williams focuses on highlighting women's rights as reformers consider new constitutional designs.

The Distinguished Faculty Research Lecture series is co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the

Office of the Provost at IU Bloomington. Past honorees include Elinor Ostrom, David Weaver, Ellen Ketterson, and Richard DiMarchi.

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