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### Greetings from Bloomington



Greetings from Bloomington, where this week we've had our first real snow of the winter. While cold, the snow-clad campus looks simply beautiful, and much has been happening inside and out of our building. I felt it would be helpful to share a few updates with you.

On Tuesday night we gathered to celebrate the retirement of longtime professor Alex Tanford. Former students came from all over the country to raise a glass in his honor. Hearing the difference Alex made in the lives of colleagues and students alike was inspiring. We could not be more proud of the legacy he leaves behind.

As we celebrate Alex's contributions and wish him well in his retirement (he promises you'll still be able to find him in his office, on occasion) we also look forward to the incoming class of 2018. We're working hard to recruit talented young minds, and we've entered into several partnerships with some of the nation's most respected colleges, universities, and other organizations to expand our reach.



Alex howled after it was pointed out that he wore the same shirt to his retirement party as he did in his official portrait.

Last fall, we partnered with Princeton, Knox, Georgia Tech,

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**Maurer team makes Williams Moot Court Competition semifinals**

A trio of Maurer students made the semifinals of the prestigious Williams Institute Moot Court Competition at UCLA earlier this month. **Kevin Casimer** and **Eldin Hasic**, both 3Ls, and 2L **Katie Cullum** briefed and argued their way through the only national moot court dealing with issues of sexual orientation and gender identity law. The Maurer team knocked off several other top schools in the process, including Stanford and NYU, and they gave Maurer its best showing in the six years the school has fielded a team. The school's participation was made possible by the generosity of members of the law school's LGBT Alumni Advisory Board. Special thanks to the faculty who helped the students with oral argument preparation:

Purdue, and Wabash. Since the first of the year, we've partnered with Bryn Mawr, Dartmouth, Grinnell, Mills, Mount Holyoke, Rochester, Smith, and Wellesley; the IU Jacobs School of Music, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs; and most recently, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund to offer scholarships and mentoring programs. [Read more about these partnerships](#) on our website.

While we're working here to bring in the next class, we welcome you to join in our efforts. You can play a big role in attracting gifted entering JD and LLM classes to the school. It can be as simple as meeting a prospective student for coffee or calling an applicant to share what your Maurer degree means to you. It's helpful to hear the stories from your time here and how you went on to use your legal education.

We encourage you to share the stories that we can post on our [Facebook](#) page or [Twitter](#) feed. We are also devoting more resources to posting content online, and we invite you to share our posts. From the latest news to old photos from our archives, we're showcasing the Law School in new ways. We want you to be a part of the journey.

Best wishes,

**Austen L. Parrish**

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## National Jurist ranks Bill Henderson most influential person in legal education

The National Jurist named Professor [William Henderson](#) as the most influential person in legal education, putting him atop a list of professors, deans, and chancellors whose voices and opinions are shaping the way future lawyers are educated and trained. The rankings appeared in the January 2015 edition of the magazine, which reaches more than 100,000 law students and educators. Henderson, a Val Nolan Faculty Fellow, is no stranger to the list; the same publication ranked him second in both 2013 and 2014. He is a staunch believer in the need for change in the way tomorrow's lawyers are shaped in today's classrooms. "Firmly in the intellectual category, (Henderson) is nothing if not consistent, speaking strongly for the need of serious reforms due to a changing legal market landscape," the magazine said. "Few have been as committed to analyzing legal education and offering concepts for reform as (Henderson). He's been writing for years, arguing that significant structural changes have changed the legal industry dramatically -- and permanently."



Bill Henderson

## Environmental law students making a difference

Prof. [Rob Fischman](#) calls them the "most talented cohort" of 3L students with an environmental law focus he's ever seen. And given all they did last summer, it's hard to argue against him. From the National Resources Defense Council to EarthJustice to the Environmental Protection Agency, Maurer students are taking their passions for



Robert Fischman

**Dan Conkle, Deborah Widiss, Ryan Scott, Steve Sanders, and Seth Lahn.**

## CIPR files brief in *Marvel* case

The Center for Intellectual Property Research [filed a brief of amici curiae](#) in the matter of *Stephen Kimble, et al. v. Marvel Enterprises, Inc.* on Feb. 4. The brief was filed in support of the petitioners. Prof. **Mark D. Janis** is Counsel of Record. Joining Janis on the brief are a number of prominent academics including: Eric E. Bensen, Michael A. Carrier, Vincent Chiappetta, Thomas F. Cotter, Jorge Contreras, Rochelle C. Dreyfuss, Jason J. Du Mont, Norman J. Hedges, Timothy R. Holbrook, Marshall Leaffer, Michael Mattioli, Roger M. Milgrim, Raymond T. Nimmer, and Harold See.

## Upcoming events

### Washington, DC Reception

Join fellow alumni and current students on Monday, March 16, for a reception in conjunction with the Career Services Office spring break career exploration and networking trip. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow alumni and meet tomorrow's lawyers. Complimentary drinks and appetizers provided.

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### New York City Alumni Reception

After the Washington, DC event, alumni and students will gather in NYC for a reception, also in conjunction with the Career Services Office spring break and career exploration and networking trip. Complimentary drinks and appetizers provided.

### McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon

800 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
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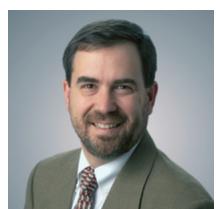
the environment and creating a positive, lasting impact for generations to come. **Kayleen Glaser, Katie Meehan, Scott Breen, Nicole Noelliste, Matt Castelli, and Lydia Barbash-Riley** are all graduating this spring, boasting impressive resumes that combine the academic rigor of the law school with the extraordinary extracurricular activities available to Maurer students. Fischman credits recent gifts from alumni like **Glenn Scolnik, JD'78**, and his wife Donna, to bolstering the law school's environmental law program. The Glenn and Donna Scolnik Chair is held by Prof. **W. William Weeks, JD'79**, who directs the [Conservation Law Center](#).

## Applegate research team receives additional funding to study online parent education programs



Amy G. Applegate

**Amy G. Applegate** and her research team working with the Marion County Court have been funded by the Indiana Supreme Court to continue studying the effectiveness of online parent education programs for unmarried parents with children. In 2014, the court allocated \$25,000, and for 2015-2016, the court has allocated an additional \$30,000 for this research. Applegate, clinical professor of law and director of the [Viola J. Taliaferro Family and Children Mediation Clinic](#), conducts research in several areas. This particular area of research is focused on improving the well-being of unmarried parents and their children in the court system. This empirical research will examine the effectiveness of online parent education programs. Judges are interested in offering unmarried parents these programs, as they require fewer resources than in-person programs or court hearings. The hope is that these programs lead to greater rates of settlement of parenting disputes, and help prevent negative outcomes for these families.



Norman J. Hedges

## Hedges named director of IP law clinic

**Norman J. Hedges, JD'98**, a prominent intellectual property lawyer, has been chosen to serve as the first full-time director of the Law School's [intellectual property law clinic](#). Hedges comes to Bloomington with more than 16 years of experience in patent practice in Indianapolis, including 10 years in the Indianapolis office of Faegre Baker Daniels, where he was named partner in 2007. He has been a member of the law school's adjunct faculty since 2014. "We are delighted that Norm has joined our faculty full-time," said **Mark D. Janis, JD'89**, Robert A. Lucas Chair of Law and director of the school's Center for Intellectual Property Research. "He brings a wealth of practical experience that is invaluable in building our clinic as it expands to provide pro bono IP services to our state's most innovative start-up businesses."

## Maurer professor co-authors "The People's Brief"

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## Nearly 60 students take part in Maurer trial competition

The law school's spring trial competition was a tremendous success, nearly tripling the number of competitors from last year. The annual event, which has been a final component of Prof. Alex Tanford's Advanced Trial Practice course for years, also serves as a means of selecting the Maurer teams to compete in the American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition.

Nearly 60 competitors participated in this year's event, with 3L and SBA President **Zack Shapiro** was the overall winner, with **Gretchen Schrader, Taylor Sample, and Joe Stephens** making the finals. Semifinalists were **Nicolas Taylor, Ashley Eklund, Benjamin Shute, and Lauren Hodge**. Thank you to all participants and volunteers for helping make this year's event a success.

## Connect with our students

To get involved with any of the activities below, email [lcareers@indiana.edu](mailto:lcareers@indiana.edu) or call **Kim Bunge** in the Career Services Office (CSO) at 812.855.8433

## Meet a 2014 graduate

In May, 223 of the nation's best graduated from our law school. Since then, these new Indiana Law alumni have taken the bar in almost 25 states including Indiana (65), Illinois (36), New York (14), California (12), and Texas (10), among others. If you would like to welcome one of these new graduates or learn more about the new alumni in your region, please let us know.

## Alumni mentor program

The Law School's new mentor initiative is off to a successful start. In the last three months, over 250 alumni have volunteered to mentor students. Many were matched with 2Ls and 3Ls this fall, and more alumni will be matched with 1Ls in

Associate Professor [Steve Sanders](#) is serving as co-counsel on an amicus brief -- dubbed "[The People's Brief](#)" -- to the United States Supreme Court, arguing that state laws banning same-sex marriage cannot be justified under the U.S. Constitution. Sanders has joined Robbie Kaplan - the attorney who won *United States v. Windsor* - and Dale Carpenter, a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School, in filing the friend of the court brief, which will be submitted in March by the Human Rights Campaign. While the Supreme Court's decision in *Windsor* was hailed as a key turning point in the way same-sex marriage is viewed at the federal level, all or parts of 14 states still deny licensing or recognition of same-sex marriages. The amicus brief to be filed by Kaplan, Sanders, and Carpenter argues that state laws excluding same-sex marriage are in violation of the Equal Protection Clause because they reflect unconstitutional "animus" toward gays and lesbians.



Steve Sanders

## Faculty news



The law school, led by Distinguished Professor and C. Ben Dutton Professor of Law [Fred H. Cate](#), has commissioned and [released a report](#) focusing on the role of corporate legal departments in addressing cybersecurity challenges. Among the key findings are that there is a shortage of attorneys prepared to address cybersecurity issues and that corporate counsel are intimately involved in cybersecurity.

Professor [Kevin D. Brown](#), the Richard S. Melvin Professor of Law, spoke with CNBC for a story on how immigration is distorting affirmative action policy. Brown makes the case that changing demographics make the case for affirmative action. [Read the full story.](#)



[Joe Hoffmann](#), the Harry Prater Professor of Law and director of special projects, is on sabbatical this spring, but that hasn't stopped him from teaching around the globe. This month he is serving as an honorary visiting professor at the Jindal Global Law School in India. He recently participated in a forum, hosted by the [Times of India](#), on the challenges to higher education there.

January. If you would like to mentor a current student, conduct a mock interview, or otherwise act as a career resource for students, please contact us.

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