Teaching and Learning

• The Hall Center for Law and Health at the IU McKinney School of Law launched a major initiative in biomedical and health industry compliance law. To announce the program, the Hall Center convened an Inaugural Biomedical and Health Industry Law and Compliance Conference on September 21, 2011 at the law school. This initiative offers expanded courses and clinical education offerings in the compliance field and will develop a certificate program in health law with a specialty in biomedical and health industry compliance law.  http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=557

• Students from the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law have teamed up with a nongovernmental organization in Cape Verde to write a shadow report for the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Committee on that country’s failure to combat corporal punishment and sexual abuse of school children. The report provided to the UN was authored by law students and representatives of the NGO Delta Cultura Cabo Verde, an organization which seeks to help marginalized children in Tarrafal, island of Santiago, Cape Verde.  http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=588

• In summer 2012, students from Sun Yat-sen University Law School will travel outside China for that school’s first summer study abroad program, and their destination will be the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Professor Tom Wilson met with Sun Yat-sen officials on October 11, 2011, in Guangzhou, China, and finalized the plans. The meeting was followed by a signing ceremony at which Professor Wilson and Sun Yat-sen Law School Dean Xu Zhongming executed a partnership agreement between the schools. The agreement calls for Sun Yat-sen law students to come to the McKinney School of Law for three weeks, where they will receive classroom instruction and participate in law-related and cultural field trips.

• A dozen law students were the first to be recipients of the new Graduate Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law when they graduated May 12, 2012.  http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/current.cfm?nid=594

Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

• Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus Norman Lefstein’s book, *Securing Reasonable Caseloads: Ethics and Law in Public Defense*, includes a foreword by former FBI Director, William Sessions. Calling Professor Lefstein “the nation’s leading scholar on indigent defense systems,” Sessions says that he “shows us a viable way forward...[and] a clear vision of a more promising future.” This groundbreaking book, which is being sent nationwide to bar leaders, judges, and public defenders, was sponsored by the American Bar Association (ABA) Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID) and supported by Atlantic Philanthropies. It can be

- Professor Allison Martin’s work on the role of hope in legal education was recently featured in The National Law Journal, ABA Journal, The American Lawyer and the Huffington Post. The original article, entitled “The Future’s So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades: Law School Through the Lens of Hope” was based on research conducted in 2007 by Martin and Dr. Kevin L. Rand, Assistant Professor of Psychology at IUPUI. Martin was lead author on the article which first appeared in the DUQUESNE LAW REVIEW. The study, which is receiving national attention, examines the personality traits of law students as predictors of success. http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=570

- A grant from the International Council for Canadian Studies will assist Professor Eric Dannenmaier and a student research team in their work on transboundary water resource governance. The $5,000 grant from the Canadian Government will help underwrite work by Professor Dannenmaier’s team as they conduct a comparative assessment of community involvement in the negotiation and implementation of transboundary agreements between Canada and the United States concerning the Columbia River and the Great Lakes. Their research seeks to assess the effectiveness of these negotiation processes in facilitating participation among stakeholders across borders. http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=576

- Professor Eric Dannenmaier and students in the Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Law Program at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law received a grant of $6,000 to fund a project they proposed as part of the “Greening IUPUI” effort. Work on the project began this spring. http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/current.cfm?nid=619

- Associate Professor Shawn Boyne was invited to present a paper to the inaugural New Perspectives on Comparative Law Conference at the George Washington University Law School on April 20, 2012. Her paper titled, “The Cultural Limits on Uniformity and Formalism in the German Penal Code,” was included in the program, hosted by the American Society of Comparative Law’s Younger Comparativists Committee. Research for the paper encompassed 150 interviews and participant observation studies of German prosecutors.

- An article by Professor Michael Pitts was cited by the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on May 18, 2012. The court upheld the constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act in Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder. Section 5 requires certain state and local governments to get pre-approval from the federal government for any electoral changes. The majority opinion in the case cited Professor Pitts’ article (Let’s Not Call the Whole Thing Off Just Yet: A Response to Samuel Issacharoff’s Suggestion to
Scuttle Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act) in which he argued that one of Section 5’s greatest benefits is found at the local, as opposed to state, level of government.  
http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/current.cfm?nid=603

- Professor Carlton Waterhouse served as an organizer for the Third Annual National Conference of the Law and Religion Section of the National Bar Association which was held April 27 - 28, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois. The conference brought together attorneys, clergy, judges, and activists to address the legal challenges and opportunities facing religious communities. The conference theme was "Faith, Law and Politics."  
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- Mohammed Arafa, an S.J.D. candidate at the law school, was a panelist at a Georgetown University Law Center event co-sponsored by the Muslim Law Students Association, the International Law Society and the Egyptian American Rule of Law Association on April 19. He spoke on “Governing After the Arab Spring: Islam Plus Democracy Equal What?”

- In May, Professor Deborah McGregor presented on a panel at the Legal Writing Institute’s Biennial Conference in Palm Desert, California. The panel presentation was titled “Publishing Your Global Skills Text.” Professor McGregor was asked to participate on this panel after co-authoring with Professor Cynthia Adams the text, The International Lawyer’s Guide to Legal Analysis and Communication in the United States.  
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- This Spring, faculty at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law launched an online forum for faculty publications on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN), a web site that facilitates the rapid dissemination of social science research. Thus far, the school’s publication, Legal Studies Research Paper Series has released three issues.  
http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/current.cfm?nid=618

- Professor George E. Edward’s book, LL.M. Roadmap: An International Student’s Guide to U.S. Law School Programs, held its official U.S. launch at Harvard Law School on September 16, as part of “Harvard Literati: Celebrating the Works of Alumni Authors.” The European debut for the book was in Paris, France on September 26. The event was an “LL.M. Workshop” sponsored by the U.S. Department of State/Franco-American Commission, along with the Fulbright Commission. 
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Civic Engagement

- On December 1, 2011, Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie announced the naming of the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in honor of Indianapolis attorney, banker and civic leader, Robert H. McKinney. (Watch the webcast) The school is now known as the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in recognition of the largest gift ever received by the school and one of
the largest in legal education. McKinney’s gift of $24 million, along with matching funds committed through the IUPUI IMPACT fundraising campaign, brings the total value of the gift to $31.5 million. The landmark gift will provide funding for five endowed chairs to attract and retain nationally recognized scholar-teachers to the faculty. The gift will also create a $17.5 million endowment to fund McKinney Family Scholarships for outstanding students.


- The law school established a new Health and Human Rights Clinic (“HHRC”) designed to provide law school graduates and attorneys in the local community with an opportunity to learn and develop practice skills while providing legal representation to vulnerable populations in the Indianapolis area. The school invites local attorneys to team with clinical faculty in providing pro bono representation to low-income clients in the Indianapolis community.

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- Following Professor Cynthia Adams’ visit to Kenya in September 2011, the Kenya Law School invited Professor Adams back to the school to conduct a five-day clinical skills workshop for the school’s faculty from January 30 to February 3, 2012. Professor Adams along with Professor Carrie Hagan and Professor Mimi Samuel of Seattle University School of Law presented on teaching methodology for clinical skills, including transactional and probate drafting, live client clinics, experiential learning, and pre-trial drafting.


- Two people have been granted political asylum, thanks to the efforts of law students from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. The students, Zoe Meier, Serge Zaitseff, ’12, and Aimee Heitz, ’12, worked with Professor Linda Kelly Hill to win asylum for clients as part of the law school’s Immigration Clinic.

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- Two law students enrolled in the Appellate Clinic won reversals for their clients. Emily Shrock (3L) represented a thirteen-year-old girl found delinquent for burglary, theft, and carrying a handgun without a license after her parent’s home was burglarized. Shrock argued the case before a three-judge panel of the Indiana Court of Appeals in December. In a published opinion, the Court found insufficient evidence to support the handgun offense and found the trial court erred in admitting hearsay evidence. Jarryd Anglin (3L) represented a man who was convicted of possession of marijuana. The Court of Appeals reversed his conviction, also in a published opinion.

• On January 20th, Professor Antony Page of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law testified before the Indiana Senate’s Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. He spoke in favor of Senate Bill 62, which introduces flexible purpose corporations to the state. A flexible purpose corporation is an organizational form for business entities that would like to pursue a social purpose in addition to making a profit. 
http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=573

• Dean Gary Roberts has been appointed as a lay person to the Indiana General Assembly’s Code Revision Commission by State Rep. Brian Bosma, who serves as Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives. The appointment is for one year. The Commission helps with compiling the Indiana Code, as well as developing standards for the statutes to make them clear, concise, and easy to interpret and apply.

• In the aftermath of the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on the Affordable Care Act, Professors Gerard Magliocca and David Orentlicher were both sought after by national and Indiana media outlets for expert commentary. Professor Magliocca provided commentary to the PBS NewsHour, CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY, and Indianapolis radio station WIBC. Professor Orentlicher provided commentary to the National Law Journal, and also appeared on two Indianapolis television stations, WTHR (NBC) and WRTV (ABC). He was quoted in the Indianapolis Star, the Indianapolis Business Journal, the Marion Chronicle-Tribune, and contributed posts to the blogs, Concurring Opinions and Health Affairs.

• A new program at the law school seeks to lighten the burden for its graduates who choose to practice public interest law. The IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law Loan Repayment Assistance Program assists the law school’s graduates who are employed full-time with non-profit organizations and governmental agencies dedicated to serving the legal needs of low-income individuals and families in Indiana. 
http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/current.cfm?nid=597

• Professor Tom Wilson organized and led the 3rd Sino-U.S. Law Conference, which was held on June 11, 2012, at the National Judges College of the People’s Republic of China in Beijing. The theme of the conference was The Art of Judging. Judges from the U.S. and China discussed challenges they face and compared methods of judging. 


Diversity
• Professor Carlton Waterhouse organized and participated in panels at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) and the 86th Annual Convention of the National Bar Association in Baltimore Maryland on July 29 and August 3, respectively. Professor Waterhouse, who serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Law Professors Division of the NBA, organized a panel addressing diversity in law school admissions for the Baltimore conference. http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=551

• Professor Carlton Waterhouse wrote a text that appeared in The Indianapolis Star on Sunday, August 21 entitled, “Beyond Guilt and Shame” regarding the debate surrounding a proposed sculpture of a freedman to be installed near the City-County Building in Indianapolis. http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011108210304

• Associate Professor Shawn Boyne was named to SALT’s [Society of American Law Teachers] committee on LGBT issues. The committee increases the awareness of issues of concern to the LGBT community in American law schools. Professor Boyne also serves as the law school’s faculty contact for the Law School Admissions Council for prospective LGBT students.

• During the Spring, 2012 semester five Chinese graduate students in law called the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law home. The five, all of whom are students in the Juris Masters degree program at Renmin University of China Law School in Beijing, took classes alongside the McKinney school’s J.D. students and participated in the community life of the law school by attending organized events and forming friendships. http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=584

Best Practices
• The IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law hosted its first Junior Faculty Scholarship Workshop, March 23-24, 2012. The inaugural workshop, which focused on the interdisciplinary topic of “Objectivity and the Law,” drew competitive entries from law schools and graduate programs throughout the country and around the world. http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=587

External Awards and Appointments
• On 25 July 2011, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN-ECOSOC) officially granted UN-ECOSOC Special Consultative Status to the law school’s Program in International Human Rights Law (PIHRL).

• Associate Dean Karen Bravo was appointed to the Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program Committee of the American Society of International Law (ASIL). She will serve on the fellowship selection committee, to determine recipients of the Helton
Fellowship, which provides funding for individuals who work in areas related to international law, human rights and humanitarian affairs.

- Dean Gary R. Roberts has been appointed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, CAS is independent of any sports organization and provides services to facilitate the settlement of sports-related disputes through arbitration or mediation by means of procedural rules adapted to sports’ specific needs. [http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=592](http://indylaw.indiana.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=592)