Teaching and Learning

IU McKinney Offers Graduate Certificates—McKinney Law now offers graduate certificates in specialized focus areas to its J.D. students so that they may obtain more in-depth study in a variety of areas. The certificates are available in criminal law, environmental and natural resources law, health law, intellectual property law, and international and comparative law. 
http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/degrees/certificates/index.html

Student’s Law Review Note Appears in West’s INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW—Reanna L. Kuitse’s law review note about Christian Louboutin’s “Red Sole Mark” has been reprinted in the Thomson Reuters (West) 2013 edition of the INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW. It first appeared the INDIANA LAW REVIEW, 46 Ind. L. Rev. 241. Kuitse focused her article on whether a trademark can be based solely on color in the fashion industry. http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/past.cfm?nid=168

IU McKinney Student Wins International IP Writing Competition—Pervin Taleyarkhan, a May 2013 graduate, won first prize in the inaugural Pondering Intellectual Property Competition, an international writing contest, in February. Taleyarkhan’s paper was titled “Intellectual Property: Protecting the Intellect or the Property.” http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/past.cfm?nid=169

Appellate Clinic Wins Case—Professor Joel Schumm, '98, director of the Appellate Clinic; and 2013 J.D. candidate Amy Beard, a certified legal intern, won an appeal in the Indiana Court of Appeals for their client, reversing his conviction. The case was Israel Cruz vs. State of Indiana, 49F24-1107-FD-48198. http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/past.cfm?nid=135

Neuroscience and Law Class Tours Neuroscience Center—Students from the McKinney School of Law toured Goodman Hall, the site of IU Health’s Neuroscience Center, in February as part of the Neuroscience and Law class taught during the spring 2013 semester by Dr. Tracy D. Gunter. Students visited several research and clinical areas at the site. http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/past.cfm?nid=189

Symposium Tackles Great Lakes Natural Resource Governance—Invasive species, hydraulic fracturing, and emerging challenges were among the topics covered at the 2013 Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program spring symposium, “Great Lakes Natural Resource Governance.” The March 1 event was the work of the INDIANA INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW, the Environmental Law Society, the Environmental Law Forum, and IU McKinney’s environmental law alumni. http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/past.cfm?nid=181

Indiana Law Review Symposium Featured Former Senator—Former Indiana Senator Evan Bayh spoke at the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law during a national symposium that took place on April 5, 2013. The event was titled “Law and the Financial Crisis,” and examined the connection between law and the financial crisis by pursuing three inquiries: (1) law’s role in instigating the financial crisis; (2) law’s effectiveness in addressing the financial crisis; and (3) law’s potential in preventing the next financial crisis. http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/past.cfm?nid=149

McKinney Law Celebrates LL.M. Program 10th Anniversary—The law school welcomed returning LL.M. alumni for a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the school’s Master of Laws Program on April 9, in the Wynne Courtroom. The day’s theme was “International Legal Education in the 21st Century: Preparing Lawyers to Meet Global Challenges.” 

Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

Professor Terry Joins the Harvard Law Blog Bill of Health—In September, Professor Nicolas Terry joined the permanent bloggers at Bill of Health, a health law and policy blog from the Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School. The blog provides news, commentary and scholarship in the fields of health law policy, biotechnology, and bioethics. Professor Terry is also one of the permanent bloggers at HealthLawProf Blog.

Professor Drobac Lectures Around the Globe—Professor Jennifer Drobac spent much of the summer of 2012 presenting her research on adolescent neuroscience and law to other academics around the world. She received grant money from the law school, the University of Sydney, the University of Queensland, and from IUPUI to fund her participation at conferences. 

Catherine Lemmer Directs National Magazine—Catherine Lemmer, head of information services at the Ruth Lilly Law Library at McKinney Law, was selected in 2012 as the editorial director of American Association of Law Libraries’ magazine, AALL Spectrum. The magazine is published nine times per year and is distributed to all members of the AALL. 

Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., is Featured Speaker—Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., was the featured luncheon speaker at the 2012 Summit for Appellate Judges, Lawyers and Staff Attorneys in New Orleans on November 16, 2012. Professor Sullivan’s address was “Two Pivot Points in American Constitutional History.”

Professor Ryznar Blogs for Huffington Post—In January, Professor Margaret Ryznar became a contributor to The Huffington Post, where she blogs on family law and related topics. Professor Ryznar’s first two posts considered the international custody case before the U.S. Supreme Court, and whether alternative reproductive technology is outpacing family law.

Professor David Orentlicher's Study on Football and Concussions Published—“Concussion and Football: Failures to Respond by the NFL and the Medical Profession," co-authored by William S. David of Harvard Medical School, traces the evolution of the medical understanding of concussion over the past several decades. The study was published in the FIU LAW REVIEW of the Florida International University College of Law. An abstract of the study is posted to the Social Science Research Network website. 

Professor Adams Publishes Book on Contract Drafting-- Lamenting the lack of a book for non-English speaking law students to assist with teaching contract drafting, Professor Cynthia Adams,'83, and her co-author, Professor Peter K. Cramer, decided to write one. That book, Drafting Contracts in Legal English: Cross-Border Agreements Governed by U.S. Law, (Aspen Coursebook Series) was published in the spring semester of 2013. 

Professor Roisman Published Book on Property and Human Rights--Professor Florence Wagman Roisman’s book, Property and Human Rights, has been published by Carolina Academic Press. The book is designed for use in courses in property, housing, or real estate, and provides material regarding foreclosure, housing discrimination and segregation, tenants’ rights, homelessness, eminent domain, zoning, and human rights in international and domestic contexts. 

Professor Orentlicher’s New Book Featured on CSPAN—Professor David Orentlicher’s new book, *Two Presidents are Better than One: The Case for a Bipartisan Executive Branch*, was featured on CSPAN’s *Book TV* in April. The book, published in March by NYU Press, analyzes the histories of other countries with a plural executive branch and shows past examples of bipartisan cooperation within Congress. It illustrates how to implement a two-person, two-party presidency.  http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/current.cfm?nid=244

Professor Winters Selected as Workshop Participant—Professor Diana R.H. Winters has been chosen to be a participant in the 2013 Health Law Scholars Workshop. The workshop is sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics and the Saint Louis University Center for Health Law Studies.  http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/current.cfm?nid=248


Civic Engagement

IU McKinney Partners with Indianapolis Public Schools—The IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law formalized a partnership with the IPS Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Policy in August of 2012. Through the collaboration, the students’ law-themed curriculum is taught in part by IU McKinney Law faculty and students. McKinney alumni also serve as tutors and mentors for the students.  http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=678

Professor Edwards Teaches in Indiana Judges Graduate Program—Professor George E. Edwards served as a professor at the Indiana Judges Graduate Program in Nashville, Indiana, June 3-7, 2012. His course, titled, “Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: What Would You as an Indiana Judge Do if Johnny Depp or Another Notable Pirate Appears as a Piracy Defendant in Your Indiana Courtroom?” demonstrated that international law is relevant to Indiana law and practice.  http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=642

Legal Institute for High School Students Held at McKinney Law—The law school hosted students taking part in the Just the Beginning Foundation's Summer Legal Institute for high school students in July, 2012. Based in Chicago, the organization is a non-profit group of judges, lawyers, and others who aim to increase diversity in the legal profession and judiciary.  http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=650

Professor Dannenmaier Speaks at Energy Conference—Professor Eric Dannenmaier spoke on the topic of climate change and its cause, October 3 at the Indiana Energy Conference, on the IUPUI campus. He was the featured luncheon speaker, along with Brian Wilkes, WXIN Fox 59 Chief Meteorologist. A story about the program can be found in *Indiana Living Green*.  http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=662

Law Students Serve in Governor’s Office—Governor Mike Pence, ’86, was elected the 50th Governor of the State of Indiana in 2012 and inaugurated January 14, 2013. Two weeks after the inauguration, law students Luke Bielawski and Keaton Miller began Program on Law and State Government (PLSG) externships in the Governor’s Office.  http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/past.cfm?nid=240

Professor Ryznar Interviewed on Capitol Affairs—Margaret Ryznar was interviewed in December on Capitol Affairs, an international radio news show airing on AM stations in New York and Washington, D.C. The topic was the international custody dispute, Chafin v. Chafin. The interview is available on the program’s website, The Voice of Russia. http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/archive.cfm?nid=734


Diversity

Dean Pryor Receives Multicultural Impact Award—Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Johnny Pryor, received the 2012-13 IUPUI Multicultural Impact Staff Award on March 6. The award recognizes a staff member who makes contributions toward promoting a campus climate where diversity is valued and accepted, energizes the understanding and appreciation of cultures from across the world, or champions social justice for all who work and learn at IUPUI. http://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/news/past.cfm?nid=202

Inaugural Diversity & Alumni Reception—On February 23, the Black Law Students Association and the Hispanic Law Society hosted the inaugural Diversity & Alumni Reception at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. The event’s theme was “The Importance of Diversity in the Legal Profession,” and featured keynote speaker, Donald M. Remy, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of the NCAA.

LGBT Speakers Panel—The law school’s Lambda Law Society hosted an LGBT Attorney Speakers Panel in April, focusing on the hiring process, as well as LGBT diversity in the workplace. The event was co-sponsored by the law school’s Office of Professional Development.

Best Practices

New Awards Program—The Student Affairs Office created the Student Organization Awards Program, honoring student organizations for their work throughout the year. Categories included Best New Student Organization; Best Collaboration; Best Service Project; Advisor of the Year; Outstanding Student of the Year, and Student Organization of the Year. Presentations were made at an event in the spring.

External Awards and Appointments

Professors Jennifer Drobac and Gerard Magliocca Elected to ALI—Professor Jennifer A. Drobac and Professor Gerard Magliocca have been elected to The American Law Institute. Professor Magliocca is a Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research. The ALI is an independent organization that produces scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law. ALI is made up of 4000 lawyers, judges, and law professors.  

Professor Edwards named to ALI Restatement Group—Professor George E. Edwards was named to the American Law Institute (ALI) group charged with updating the most authoritative U.S. reference work on international and foreign relations law of the U.S. Professor Edwards becomes a member of the Consultative Group of the ALI Restatement (Fourth) on The Foreign Relations Law of the United States. 

Professor Wilson Elected to Editorial Board in China—Professor Tom Wilson has been elected to the editorial board of Frontiers of Law in China, an English language law review based in Beijing. The journal is published by Higher Education Press/Springer and is sponsored by the Chinese Fund for the Humanities and Social Sciences.  

Schumm Selected for Pinnell Award—Professor Joel Schumm, ’98, was selected to receive IU’s George W. Pinnell Award in 2013 for outstanding service to Indiana University. Recipients are chosen from more than 4,000 faculty members from IU’s eight campuses. The awards are presented at the Celebration of Distinguished Teaching in the spring. 

Bravo Nominated to ASIL Executive Council—Professor Karen Bravo has been nominated to the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law (ASIL). Her term began in April. The council is the governing body for ASIL, which was founded in 1906 and chartered by the United States Congress in 1950.  

Professor Carlton Waterhouse Named to 50 Under 50—Professor Carlton Waterhouse was named to the 2013 50 Under 50 list of the most influential minority law professors in the nation by the online magazine Lawyers of Color, citing Professor Waterhouse’s “nationally recognized” work on environmental justice and noting that he is “internationally known for his research and writing on reparations for historic injustices and state human rights violations.”  

Professor Karen Bravo Selected for Bryn Mawr Program—Professor Karen E. Bravo was chosen to take part in the 2013 HERS Bryn Mawr Institute June 22 - July 5 at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. The Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) is an educational non-profit providing leadership development for women in higher education administration...  

Dean Roberts Honored for Leadership and Service—Dean Gary R. Roberts was named a Distinguished Barrister as part of the legal newspaper Indiana Lawyer’s Leadership in Law awards program. He was honored at a reception on May 2 in Indianapolis.  

McKinney Recognized for Marketing Efforts—The IU McKinney External Affairs Office won several national awards in 2012-13. Awards of excellence were received for videography and for The McKinney Lawyer alumni magazine. Sponsoring institutions included the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, the Content Marketing Institute, and the Higher Education Marketing Report, among others.