Advocating on the Long Road to Justice

Thomas Gallagher '89, Partner and Chairman at Pepper Hamilton LLP, accomplished an extraordinary feat in 2019 – freeing an innocent man. After working on John Miller’s case for eight years, Gallagher and the Innocence Project gained exoneration for him after he spent more than 20 years in jail for a crime he did not commit.

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New Associate Director of Alumni Relations

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is excited to announce that Kimberly Moore will serve as the new Associate Director for Alumni Relations. Kimberly most recently served as Senior Manager and Director for Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania. She brings over seven years of experience partnering with volunteer boards and managing signature events and programming. Kimberly has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
New Scholarships & Support for Fellowship

Vincent R. McGuinness Jr. & Andrea M. Saxon, MD Family Endowed Scholarship
Established by Vincent R. McGuinness Jr., Esq. ’81 CWSL and Andrea Saxon, MD, the scholarship was specifically created to address the financial needs of U.S. Military Veterans, U.S. Military Active Duty Soldiers, United States Reserve Soldiers, or United States National Guard soldiers. It provides financial support to academically talented full-time students at the Law School with demonstrated financial need. McGuinness is currently the President and Managing Partner at Cozen O’Connor.

The Uebler/Wall Family Match to Support the Justice for Victims Fellowship
Longtime supporters of the Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Julie Uebler and Steven Wall have established a matching gift to maximize the impact of future gifts in support of the Justice for Victims Fellowship. The Fellows directly engage with survivors by providing legal representation and outreach in the community. Uebler and Wall will contribute up to $200,000, matching all gifts or pledges of any size received in the next two years to the Justice for Victims Fellowship. Support the Justice for Victims Fellowship
Additionally, if you would like to attend a special reception to support the Fellowship on Thursday, April 2, please register here.

The Salman Al-Sudairi ’03 Endowed Scholarship
Alumnus Salman Al-Sudairi Esq., ’03 has established an endowed scholarship to support international students with demonstrated financial need. Preference for the scholarship is given to students from the Middle East and/or North Africa with a demonstrated commitment to the history and/or culture of Saudi Arabia.

Improvise, Adapt and Overcome
Misty Toothman ’21 always knew she wanted to go to law school, but she took a less traditional path to get here than other law students. For many years, Toothman was dedicated to supporting her husband’s military career and raising their three children. Following his medical retirement, Toothman quickly became his fulltime caregiver, helping him recover from his physical and emotional injuries from war, in addition to raising their children.

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After weeks of preparation and preliminary trials, the final round of the 60th Annual Theodore L. Reimel ’24 CLAS Moot Court Competition concluded on Thursday, November 21, 2019. After an impressive all-female final round, Karina Norwood ’21 and Cecilia Carreras ’21, who argued for the respondent, were victorious.

Villanova Law provided David Pejovic ’21 an opportunity to prepare for the future with his summer externship, which he spent with a Philadelphia-based firm that specializes in cryptocurrency and related securitized digital assets. During his externship, Pejovic received hands-on experience in one of the newest areas of practice: blockchain law.

Alumnae Katie Albanese ’19 was recognized at the Federal Circuit Bar Association’s Annual Reception for winning the 2019 George Hutchinson Writing Competition with her paper on intellectual property matters titled “When is Enough Enough? What Constitutes an Adequate Written Description of Genius.”

Faculty Highlight

Todd Aagaard, Professor of Law, has been named a visiting fellow for the 2019-20 academic year at Resources for the Future (RFF), a nonpartisan environmental economics think tank based in Washington, DC. RFF’s mission is to improve environmental, energy and natural resource decisions through impartial economic research and policy engagement.

More faculty highlights

Save the Date for 2020 Reunion: May 29-30, 2020

When was the last time you visited campus? Villanova Law invites you to commemorate your time as a student at the 2020 Milestone Reunion—May 29-30, 2020. Enjoy events and activities with former classmates, current students and faculty without the stress or pressure of prepping for classes or studying for exams. Graduates of class years ending in 5 or 0 will celebrate Milestone Reunions, with all Law alumni welcome to attend!
Upcoming Events and CLE Opportunities

- Thursday, 3/12: **NYC Alumni Breakfast with Dean Alexander**
- Monday, 3/16: **The Decadent Society: How We Became the Victims of Our Own Success**
- Saturday, 3/21: **The Church Today: Responding to the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church**
- Tuesday, 3/31: **South Jersey Alumni Reception with Dean Alexander**
- Tuesday, 3/31: **Pond Lehocky/Villanova Law CLE on Football Player Injuries and Workers' Compensation**
- Thursday, 4/2: Annual Donald A. Giannella Memorial Lecture *(more information to come)*
- Wednesday, 4/22: VLAA/MAS sponsored CLE with Dean Alexander *(more information to come)*

Class Notes

**Matthew R. Sorrentino ’75** was appointed president & CEO of Health Network Laboratories.

**Kathleen D. Wilkinson ’81** was awarded the Sandra Day O'Connor Award by the Philadelphia Bar Association. In 2019, Kathleen was also named Vice President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

**Michael Testa Jr. ’98 CLAS, ’01 CWSL** was elected to the New Jersey Senate, representing the state’s 1st Legislative District.

**Patrick J. Kurtas, Esq. ’02 JD/MBA** was installed as president of the Montgomery Bar Association.

**Samuel W. Cortes ’03** was elected president of the Chester County Bar Association for the 2020 term.

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In Memoriam

**Samuel D. Natal ’70**

**Martha F. Lindner, Esq. ’75**

**Edward Michael Mahon ’75**

**Albert L. Foster ’82**
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