Welcoming the Class of 2019

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law is pleased to welcome another talented and accomplished class. Mark C. Alexander, Arthur J. Kania Dean, addressed the class on their first day as Villanova Law students on Aug. 17 and challenged them to rise to their best selves, to exercise courage and to commit themselves to the highest standards of conduct.

This class is an impressive group of students hailing from diverse backgrounds. While many were born within Philadelphia’s city limits, several are from countries around the world, including Bulgaria, Germany, Iran, Nigeria, Sudan and Vietnam. They come to us from 119 undergraduate institutions and participated in a range of activities from Mock Trial and Model UN to Campus Ministry and Greek Life. They worked part-time throughout college and volunteered at organizations like Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity. The Villanova Law Community salutes these students’ accomplishments and looks forward to their contributions over the next three years and beyond.

Receptions to Welcome Dean Alexander
This fall, we invite our alumni and friends to give Mark C. Alexander, the Arthur J. Kania Dean, a warm welcome at receptions in six different cities.

Sept. 15 - Northern New Jersey Dean's Welcome Reception
Sept. 22 - Greater Philadelphia Region Dean's Welcome Reception
Oct. 13 - D.C. Area Dean's Welcome Reception
Oct. 27 - Delaware Dean's Welcome Reception

Class Notes:
Villanova Law Wants to Hear from You!
The Villanova Law Alumni network comprises more than 10,000 lawyers doing remarkable work around
Nov. 10 - New York City Dean's Welcome Reception
Dec. 8 - New England Dean's Welcome Reception

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News from the Scarpa Center
The John F. Scarpa Center for Law and Entrepreneurship is gearing up for another exciting year. Andrew Lund joined the Villanova Law Community this month as the new Center Director and Professor of Law, and students of the Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship recently advised an entrepreneurial apparel company on trademark protection on its brand and logo.

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Reunion 2016
Come back to Villanova Law for Reunion 2016 on Nov. 4-5.

Retired Professor John F. Dobbny Publishes Fifth Novel
Retired Professor John F. Dobbny’s novel, Fatal Odds, was released on Aug. 2. Fatal Odds is the fifth in Dobbny’s legal thriller series, following the story of two criminal defense attorneys. He’s hosting local book signings on: Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble in Devon, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Henrietta Hankin Library in Chester Springs, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Tredyffrin Public Library in Wayne and Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Chester County Library in Exton.

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Campagne Surpasses $56 Million
Thanks in large part to last year’s transformational $25 Million naming gift from Charles and Barbara Widger, the Villanova Law Campagne to Ignite Change has now passed the $56 Million mark. The widely-supported campaign is raising record level gifts to support key initiatives within the law school’s strategic plan which include expanding student opportunities and financial aid, attracting and supporting world class teacher-scholars, and cultivating curricular innovation. Our Campaign Committee invites the entire Villanova law community to join us in this historic effort.

Members of the Campaign Committee include: Campaign Chair Charles Widger ’73, Samuel H. Becker ’78 Harry S. Cherken, Jr.’76, J. Gordon Cooney, Jr. ’84, Joseph V. DelRaso ’74 VSB, ’83 VLS,
Stephen D. Ford ’73, Constance B. Girard-diCarlo ’74, Amb. David F. Girard-diCarlo ’73, Michael J. Heller ’89, Arthur J. Kania ’56, John P. Moses ’71, Jody B. Seibert ’96, Kathleen M. Shay ’74 CLAS ’77 CWSL, Joseph A. Tate ’63 CLAS ’66 CWSL

For more information and giving opportunities, click here.

**Three Alum Receive Pro Bono Distinction Award**
The Philadelphia Bar Association recently recognized Steve Bertil ’16, Azadeh Erfani ’16 and Rachel Silver ’16 with the 2016 Eve Biskind Klothen Law Student Pro Bono Distinction Award.

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**In Memoriam**
The Villanova Law Community mourns the loss of Joseph R. Polito Jr ’63, Dyran Michael Emryyan ’66 and John Doubman ’69.