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**Commencement 2019**

On May 17, 211 JD and 18 LLM graduates joined the ranks of the Villanova Law Alumni at the 64th Commencement. The Honorable Cheryl Ann Krause, BA, JD of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit delivered the Commencement Address and was conferred with the Villanova Law Medallion Award in recognition of her achievements.

**Villanova Law Alumni Honor, Celebrate and Reunite**

On April 11, the Villanova Law community came together to honor Kristine L. Calalang ’04, Elizabeth A. Fordyce ’07, Dennis C. McAndrews ’75 CLAS, ’78 CWSL and James C. Schwartzman ’72 at the annual Villanova Law Alumni Association Service Awards.

Missed catching up at the Alumni Awards? Join in the celebration at
the 2019 Milestone Reunion on May 31 - June 1, 2019. Graduates of class years ending in 4 and 9 will celebrate milestone Reunions, with all Law alumni welcome to attend! Register here.

Support Villanova Law Before May 31

Your support helps Villanova Law provide today’s students with a rigorous legal education grounded in practical hands-on training and a foundation in business.

Make a gift by May 31 and receive your very own mini table-top V as our thank you for your support of Villanova this fiscal year!

Board of Consultors Welcomes New Members

Three new members have been appointed to the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law Board of Consultants: Cynthia D. DiBartolo ’88, Founder, Chairwoman and Chief Executive Officer of Tigress Financial Partners; John T. Lutz ’90, Partner at McDermott Will & Emery, LLP; and Jody B. Seibert ’96, former legal adviser, U.S. Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals.

Hon. Ernest F. Hart ’83 Named NYPD’s Chief Legal Officer

The Honorable Ernest Hart ’83, a New York State Supreme Court judge, has been named the new Chief Legal Officer of the New York City Police Department (NYPD). Hart began his legal career as a prosecutor for the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, later becoming an Assistant District Attorney.

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Trial Team Finishes Eighth at National Trial Competition

Members of Villanova Law’s National Trial Team—Brittany Frederick ’20 and Jerry Rassias ’19—recently finished as quarterfinalists in the National Trial Team Competition Championship in San Antonio, Texas, ranking the team among the top eight out of more than 250 law school trial teams in the nation.

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Committed to a Cause

Jesse Imbriano ’12 credits his hands-on experience at Villanova Law with helping him find his passion and jumpstart his career in immigration law. Imbriano currently serves as Legal Director for Casa Cornelia Law Center, a San Diego-based public interest law firm providing pro-bono legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations.

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Faculty Highlights

Professor Leslie Book is serving as the Professor-in-Residence at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS). As Professor-in-Residence, Book will provide advice, guidance and analysis on various tax administration issues, and lead a team that will draft a report to Congress that will focus on improving administration of refundable credits.

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See what else Villanova Law faculty are doing in the latest edition of Faculty Highlights.

Madison Slupe ’21 Awarded 2019 Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship

The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a 10-week summer fellowship to Madison Slupe ’21, which she will spend working at Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 19 in Philadelphia, PA. The Fellowship is awarded to students who excel both in the classroom and in their commitment to workers’ rights through their educational, work, volunteer and personal experiences.

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Class Notes

Seamus C. Duffy ’84 CLAS, ’87 CWSL was named partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.

Davis Lee Wright ’02 JD/MBA joined Robinson+Cole as partner.

Robert G. Ruggieri ’03 JD/MBA was named partner at Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman.

Keith Feigenbaum ’14 LLM joined the Government Contracts Practice at Duane Morris LLP.

Andrew M. Logan ’16 LLM joined Blank Rome LLP as an associate attorney in the Tax, Benefits, and Private Client group.

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In Memoriam

John G. Kneafsey, Esq. '54 CLAS, '57 CWSL, August T. Groover, Esq. '58, John B. Donohue Jr. '67, William F. Losquadro, Esq. '67 and Martin Y. Sponaugle '69