Bringing breaking news into the classroom
Villanova Law faculty led discussions on recent legal hot topics. Prof. Caitlin Barry spoke about the legal impact of the recent executive order on immigration and her work on behalf of affected immigrants on Jan. 30. Prof. Catherine Lanctot led the community in a Feb. 1 discussion about the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 5th Annual VLAA Reception and Awards Presentation, April 4
The Villanova Law Alumni Association (VLAA) is proud to host its 2017 Reception and Awards Presentation on Tuesday, April 4 (note: new date) at The Union League of Philadelphia. Join us as we recognize remarkable alumni who have distinguished themselves with outstanding professional achievements and dedicated their time and service to Villanova Law and the community. Stay tuned for more details!

Class Notes
Karen C. Buck '87 was awarded the 2016 Independence Foundation Senior Public Interest Attorney Fellowship. She traveled to Iceland, Japan, Australia and New Zealand to meet with leaders in law, government and aging to share best practices in access to justice.

In the News
The story of Luis Canales ’17—former refugee and current advocate—was profiled on NBC10 Philadelphia.

Join the Class of 2017 in Supporting the Fund for Villanova
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Giving back even before they graduate, the Class of 2017 has already reached 75% participation in the 3L Legacy Campaign toward their goal of 80%, which would surpass the highest participation rate ever (79% for the Class of 2016).

As the Class of 2017 begins to count down the days until Commencement and new beginnings, please join them in supporting the Fund for Villanova Law. With your gift, you are investing in their futures as their degrees will open new doors of opportunity. Every gift, no matter the size, helps to further the excellence of a Villanova Law education.

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Upcoming Symposia
On Feb. 24, Villanova Law hosts the 3rd Annual Fashion Law Symposium, a student-run event exploring the legal issues facing the fashion industry. The Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation leads cross-disciplinary workshops and discussions aimed at engaging the survivor community in advocacy on Mar. 9-10. The Joseph T. McCullen Jr. Symposium on Catholic Social Thought and Law on Mar. 17 examines how law, religion and economics intersect.

Students triumph in Sports Law Competition
Students Jason Kaner ‘19, Eric Galko ‘17 and Jack Sexton ‘19 recently competed in and won the 3rd Annual Tulane Professional Football Negotiation Competition. The competition provided participants with the opportunity to sharpen their negotiation skills through simulated contract negotiation, testing their knowledge of NFL contracts.

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Alumna awarded St. Thomas More Award
Marguerite Gualtieri ’91 was honored by the St. Thomas More Society of Philadelphia with the St. Thomas More Award for her work as managing attorney with Support Center for Child Advocates. In her role, Gualtieri supports one of the oldest and largest pro bono
agencies in the United States by representing children and young people who have been victims of abuse or neglect.

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In Memoriam
The Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law Community mourns the loss of Gerald Abraham, Professor of Law Emeritus; Edward James O'Malley '63; Thomas Tumola '66; Thomas Frank Jakubiak '75; and Barbara Dively '86.