Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law Welcomes Three New Faculty Members

Dean Alexander has appointed three new faculty beginning in the 2019-20 academic year. Jason Iuliano, Assistant Professor of Law, Melvin J. Kelley, Assistant Professor of Law and Komal Vaidya, Director of the Clinic for Law and Entrepreneurship and Assistant Professor of Law, began their tenures at the start of the fall 2019 semester.

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Justice Collins J. Seitz Jr. ’83 Confirmed to Delaware Supreme Court

The Delaware Senate unanimously confirmed Justice Collins J. Seitz Jr. ’83 as the successor to the retiring Chief Justice. Seitz, who has served on the Supreme Court since 2015, will now become the 27th chief justice in the court’s history.

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New Chair in Jewish Law Established

Dean Alexander announced the establishment of a new Chair in Jewish Law, and named Chaim Saiman, Professor of Law, as the first holder of the new position.

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Finding a New Passion: From Student-Athlete to Law School

For some law school students, becoming a lawyer is something they’ve wanted to do their whole life. But others come to law school after embarking on a different path. Khalil Wilkes ’19 played college football and had a brief career in the NFL before he wound up at Villanova Law, where he found a new passion.

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Detta and Joseph Tate Loan Repayment Assistance Program

Joseph Tate ’63 CLAS, ’66 CWSDL and Detta Tate ’93 CLAS have provisionally named the Detta and Joseph Tate Loan Repayment Assistance Program, which supports graduates of Villanova Law working in a public service career.

Applications for the 2019 Detta And Joseph Tate Loan Repayment Assistance Program are due no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, December 6, 2019.

Make a Gift Before December 31!

As we prepare for the close of 2019, please consider including the Fund for Villanova Law in your charitable giving plans. Every gift, no matter the size, supports the excellence that defines a Villanova Law education.

In order to receive a 2019 tax deduction from Villanova, the University encourages you to mail your gift by December 21 to ensure arrival by December 31. Gifts are also accepted online or by calling 610-519-7054.

Villanova Environmental Law Journal Receives Environmental Law Student Program of the Year Award

Three Recent Graduates Selected for Clerkships with the Delaware Court of Chancery

Trial Team Members Named Best Advocates at Battle of the Experts
The American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Environment, Energy and Resources recently awarded the Villanova Environmental Law Journal with the 2019 Environment, Energy and Resources Law Student Program of the Year Award for the Journal’s Annual Blank Rome LLP Symposium.

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Villanova Law alumni Peyton Carper ’19, Lauren DeBona ’19 and Abraham Schneider ’19 were hired for prestigious judicial clerkship positions with the Delaware Court of Chancery. Widely recognized as the nation’s preeminent business court, the Chancery Court hears disputes involving the thousands of national and international corporations and other business entities that are incorporated in the state of Delaware.

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Rachel Levy ’21 and Austin Skelton ’21 were recently named Best Advocates at Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law’s Battle of the Experts in Philadelphia. Levy and Skelton, along with other trial team members Mark Cerroni ’20 and Chelsea Eret ’21, competed against 16 of the top trial advocacy programs in the country on October 11-13.

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On the Frontlines of Advocacy

Juliana Clifton ’21 has always had a passion for environmental affairs, from earning her BA in Earth and Environmental Sciences to becoming a Staff Writer for the Villanova Environmental Law Journal. Her dedication solidified at Villanova Law thanks to completing a summer 2019 externship with the Clean Air Council in Philadelphia, during which she was a witness to the nonprofit’s instrumental work in a crisis situation.

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Faculty Highlights

The Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) has recognized Candace Centeno, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Law and Director of the Duane Morris LLP Legal Writing Program, with the Outstanding Service Award. The Outstanding Service Award is presented to individuals who go above and beyond by volunteering their time, energy and talent to the organization, its members and the national legal writing community.

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Jessica Webb, Associate Professor of Legal Writing, has received the 2019 Villanova Law Diane E. Ambler ’78 Faculty Curricular Innovation Award. The Ambler Faculty Curricular Innovation Award is presented annually to full-time faculty members who have distinguished themselves through the creation and implementation of positive curricular or pedagogical change or development.

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Upcoming Events and CLE Opportunities

- Friday, 2/7: Environmental Law Symposium *(more information to come)*
- Friday, 2/21: Annual Fashion Law Symposium *(more information to come)*
- Saturday, 2/22: Annual Public Interest Fellowship Program Auction

Save the Date for Reunion 2020!
May 29–30, 2020

Friday, May 29: 50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, May 30: ALL class celebration

*Formal invitation to follow*

Class Notes

**Malcolm J. Gross ’65** was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by *The Legal Intelligencer* at the 2019 Professional Excellence Awards.

**Joan C. Arnold ’78** began her term as Chair-Elect of the American Bar Association’s Section of Taxation.

**Thomas M. Gallagher ’89** worked with The Pennsylvania Innocence Project to free a Philadelphia man wrongfully imprisoned for 21 years.

**Teresa R. Colleran, Esq. ’93** joined Pennsylvania Trust as Senior Vice President, Wealth Advisory and Fiduciary Services.

**John Giordano ’98 CLAS, ’02 CWSL** was appointed by President Donald J. Trump as a member of the Presidential Delegation to the Seventy-Fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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