

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



LATEST NEWS

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## Note from Interim Dean Mary Crossley

Greetings from Pitt Law! The atmosphere in the Barco Law Building is filled with energy, as we prepare to welcome our incoming 1Ls. This group of students is highly qualified, both academically and in terms of the diverse experiences they bring to our community. For each student who enters Pitt Law as a 1L, we are committed to their academic flourishing, professional development, and successful entry into the profession. Enabling students to develop into first-rate attorneys is our reason for existence.



As you may know, change is in the air at Pitt these days. We welcomed Chancellor Joan Gabel as Pitt's 19<sup>th</sup> and first female Chancellor in July. Chancellor Gabel has a distinguished career that you can read about [here](#); the fact that she is an attorney underscores the value of a legal education across career paths! In addition, in the coming year, Pitt will be searching for a new Provost, as Dr. Joe McCarthy serves as Interim Provost.

It is hard to believe that it was 18 years ago when I first communicated to the Pitt Law alumni community as the School's Dean. Today, I am happy and honored to be able to serve as Interim Dean until a new permanent Dean joins us. I look forward to engaging again with the community of Pitt Law alumni. One of my favorite parts of being Dean is the opportunity to meet with alums and hear your stories – stories that reinforce the power of education to change lives and to equip graduates to make positive change in their communities.

As we all know, the world around us is changing too, in exciting and daunting ways. We at Pitt Law must grapple with preparing our graduates to enter a profession that undoubtedly will be transformed by advances in AI. We are also working thoughtfully to ensure that our admissions policies remain inclusive, fair, and fully compliant with the Supreme Court's ruling on affirmative action. No one knows what the future holds, but we are committed to equipping our students to be resilient, adaptable, and entrepreneurial professionals in a changing world.

You, the community of Pitt Law alumni, help us do that with your engagement and support. For that we are grateful, and always interested in your thoughts about strengthening our bonds with Pitt Law alums. I hope the stories in this Alumni Newsletter increase your pride in Pitt Law and remind you of the difference the school has made in your life. Let us know what you think.



**The University of Pittsburgh and Pitt Alumni Association name Robert Eberly, Jr. (JD '69) 2023 Distinguished Alumni Fellow**

Pitt's Distinguished Alumni Fellow award acknowledges the contributions of locally, nationally, and globally prominent alumni. This year, the recognition went to Robert E. Eberly Jr., who has demonstrated his commitment to Pitt and Western Pennsylvania through his legal practice and family foundation.

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**President Joe Biden Nominates Deborah Robinson (JD '93) for Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator**

On May 8, President Joe Biden announced that his next Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC) nominee would be Deborah Robinson, head of intellectual property enforcement at Paramount Global.

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**The Honorable Lisa Lenihan (JD '83) Receives Philip Werner Amram Award Allegheny County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference**

Magistrate Judge Lisa Lenihan received the Philip Werner Amram Award from the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA) at the June Bench-Bar Conference. It is awarded annually to an ACBA member who personifies professional excellence and who has demonstrated substantial commitment to the association's ideals and to the betterment of the greater community. [Read more](#)



**Markiyani Kliuchkovskiy (LLM '05) appointed as Executive Director of the International Register of Damage in Ukraine**

The University of Pittsburgh School of Law and its Center for International Legal Education congratulate Markiyani Kliuchkovskiy (LLM '05) on his appointment as Executive Director of the International Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. He will lead the Register, and the further work to establish a reparations mechanism for Ukraine.

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### **Stephanie Sciuolo (JD '07) Named President, Americas, at MSA Safety**

She will have responsibility for the safety products company's businesses in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America, as well as remaining executive sponsor of MSA's corporate social responsibility initiatives. Sciuolo was honored with a Woman of Influence Award from the Pittsburgh Business Times earlier this year.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Join the University of Pittsburgh Law Alumni Association and Hon. Mary Jane Bowes (JD '79) on **Wednesday, August 30**, for a reception in Philadelphia at City Tap House Two Logan Square. The event will be held from 5-7 p.m. [Register here](#)

Registration is now open for **Alumni Weekend 2023 - Friday, October 13 through Saturday, October 14**. The Pitt Law Homecoming Reception will be held on Friday, October 13 from 6-9pm in the Barco Building lobby. The Pitt Panthers Homecoming Football Game will take occur at Acrisure Stadium on Saturday, October 14, against the Louisville Cardinals. [Register here](#)

## FACULTY NEWS

**Dean Mary Crossley** was awarded the 2023 Jay Healey Distinguished Health Law Teacher Award from the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics.

**Professor Deborah Brake** published, *The Oxford Handbook of Feminism and Law in the United States*, with coeditors Martha Chamallas and Verna Williams (Oxford University Press 2023)

**Professors Stephanie Dangel and Jacquelin Walker** presented on the effect of 'greening' vacant lots. The presentation was part of their Wicked Problem Innovation, which works towards community development around the Hill District and Hilltop neighborhoods.

**Vice Dean Jerry Dickinson** published an article in the leading constitutional law journal, the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal, where he explores why the Supreme Court's search and seizure doctrine has weakened the zone of protections in the home under the 4th Amendment in ways inconsistent with home protections across the rest of the Bill of Rights.

**Professor Greer Donley** was appointed Associate Dean of Research and Faculty Development at Pitt Law.

**Professor Philip Hackney** appeared on 60 Minutes to discuss a whistleblower's allegation of the misuse of a more than \$100 billion fortune built by the secretive investment arm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Professor Anthony Infanti** published an op-ed in The Hill discussing the implications of the recent decision in 303 Creative LLC v. Elenis - an important ruling on the application of state nondiscrimination laws.

**Professor Charles Kotuby** was appointed Visiting Professor of Law at the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) in Ukraine.

**Professor Tomar Pierson-Brown** was selected as a 2023 Health Law Scholar to present her paper, *Designing Transitions Through Health Justice*, at the annual St. Louis University School of Law and ASLME annual workshop.

**Professor Ann Sinsheimer** was appointed Associate Dean of Equity and Inclusive Excellence at Pitt Law.

**Professor SpearIt** was awarded a Pitt Momentum Funds Arts & Humanities Microgrant.

## CLASS NOTES



Pitt Law welcomes news and updates and encourages you to inform us of your personal and professional accomplishments by submitting a Class Note!

<https://www.law.pitt.edu/alumni/reconnect/note>

**Bryant Andrews (JD '17), Taylor Gillan (JD '16), Brandy Ringer (JD '13) and Sarah Winters (JD '19)**, were appointed to the Pittsburgh Legal Diversity & Inclusion Coalitions (PLDIC) first-ever Young Professional Advisory Board.

**Corey Bauer (JD '17)** was mentioned in the Law360 article "Tattooist Wants Netflix 'Tiger King' Suit to Keep Roaring On" for his representation of Netflix and Royal Goode.

**Judge Mary Jane Bowes (JD '79)** was elected to the American Law Institute.

**Kylee Clark (JD '20), Adam Gareth (JD '18), Trisha Klan (JD '22), Alyson Landis (JD '19), Khalipha Misawa (JD '19), and Maddison Sullivan (JD '22)** selected for the Allegheny County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division 2023-2024 Bar Leadership Initiative class.

**Ted Hages (JD '19)** presented an oral argument in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on behalf of a pro bono client.

**Boutros Imad (LLM '20, JD '22)** was selected as a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) Bar Leadership Institute's class of 2023-2024.

**Wael Lafi (LLM '12)** was appointed Legal Advisor to the head of state at the Palestine Presidency Office.

**Joshua Lewis (JD '02)** was selected as the next Judicial Conference Secretariat Officer for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts in Washington, D.C.

**Denise Lieberman (JD '95)** was awarded a 2023 Missouri Lawyers Media Women's Justice Award, to honor her work in public service. She is a nationally recognized voting rights expert and movement lawyer.

**Sasha Phillips (JD '10)** graduated from Harvard University with a master's in organizational psychology.

**Devin Slaughaupt (JD'21)** has been included in Marquis Who's Who. Devin has earned distinction as a Special Victims' Counsel and Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army.