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## Greetings from Bloomington



The spring semester is well under way, with a full schedule of classes, clinics, lectures, and visits from distinguished alumni and friends. Heading the list: our weekly **Career Choices** series, featuring practitioners from all over the globe to share their experiences with students in the first-year legal profession course.

Now in its fourth year, this innovative course introduces students not only to the ethical responsibilities of our profession, but also to the many career options that a law degree presents. We believe that this mandatory course is the only one of its kind in the country.

Whether serving on a Career Choices panel, judging Moot Court, mentoring students, or just stopping by to catch up, you are always welcome at the Law School. The expertise and advice of our alumni are more important than ever in today's dynamic market for legal services. If you'd like to participate, [please contact me](#).

[Lauren Robel](#) is settling in at her new position as Interim Provost and Executive Vice President of IU Bloomington. The article nearby will update you on her reflections so far.

Meanwhile, our faculty continue to perform groundbreaking research, making an impact in the courts, business, and legal education. Their work helps keep the Maurer School of Law on the forefront of change in an ever-changing profession.

Warm regards,  
[Hannah Buxbaum](#)  
Interim Dean and John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics

## Indiana Law announces new educational initiative with Indian law school

The Maurer School of Law and India's [Jindal Global Law School](#) have announced a new initiative in which students can earn a law degree from both schools.

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## Academy of Law Alumni Fellows selected

Induction into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows is the highest honor the Law School bestows. This year's fellows will be honored in a ceremony at Alumni Hall in the Indiana Memorial Union on Friday, March 23:

**Stephen F. Burns, JD'68**  
**Dorothy J. Frapwell, JD'73**  
**Stephen H. Paul, JD'72**  
**Richard S. Rhodes, LLB'53**

## Robel settling in as interim provost

[Prof. Lauren Robel](#) is settling in following her move from the dean's office to the interim provost's office. She told the *Indiana Daily Student* recently that her new role is a way to give back to the IU community. [Read the article](#).

The program, the first of its kind in India, enables students to earn a JD from the Maurer School of Law and an LLB from the Jindal Global Law School in four years and a summer, at no additional cost over a three-year Maurer JD degree. The program was formalized in a signing ceremony on February 19, 2012, when **Joseph L. Hoffmann**, Harry Pratter Professor of Law, visited Jindal's New Delhi campus on behalf of Indiana University and delivered a distinguished public lecture.

"As the world's largest democracy, India is playing an increasingly important role in global commerce," said **Jayanth K. Krishnan**, Professor of Law and Director of the Law School's India Initiative. Professor **William Henderson**, Director of the Center on the Global Legal Profession, added that "with this experience and background, we believe our students will be particularly attractive to US law firms with growing Asia practice desks and to US companies with operations in India."



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## Distinguished Service Award winners to be honored in March

On Thursday, March 22, the Law School will be presenting **Robert Aronson**, JD'76, and **Jeffrey Davidson**, JD'73, with the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to their communities. The ceremony will be held at the Law School at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Andrea Havill at [ahavill@indiana.edu](mailto:ahavill@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-3015.

On Sunday, March 4, as part of Indiana University's We Are IU event featuring **President Michael McRobbie** in Seattle, the Law School will be presenting the Distinguished Service Award to **Kellye Testy**, JD'91. **Professor Emeritus Roger Dworkin** will present the award on behalf of the Law School, and Seattle area alumni are welcome to attend. The event begins at 1 p.m. and will be held at the Seattle Art Museum, 1300 First Avenue. [Click here](#) to register for this event.

Biographies of this year's award winners can be found in the [Winter 2011 issue of ergo](#).

**Nominations are now open for this year's award.** To submit a nomination, [visit the Law School's alumni awards and honors page](#).

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## Faculty comment as media experts

**Maurer School of Law faculty** are in the forefront of research -- which puts them at the top of the list for media inquiries on a variety of topics.

[Visit our website](#) for a complete listing of faculty in the media, and read or listen to their take on the legal aspects of current events.

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## Journal to mark 20th year with symposium

The *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* commemorates its 20th year with a symposium on April 5-6 titled "Globalization and Law: The Next 20 Years."



Founded by **Alfred C. Aman, Jr.**, Roscoe C. O'Byrne professor of

law, *IJGLS* has attracted distinguished global scholars through its history.

Several of these scholars are returning to campus for the symposium, including Martin M. Shapiro, James W. and Isabel Coffroth Professor of Law at UC Berkeley School of Law; and Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology at Columbia University.

For more information about the symposium, visit the journal's website at [ijgls.indiana.edu](http://ijgls.indiana.edu).

## Center for IP Research reaches milestone: leading a major international conference

The [Center for Intellectual Property Research](#) (CIPR) will hold an international conference on the future of design protection law this fall.

The conference, which will take place at Oxford University in coordination with [Oxford's Intellectual Property Research Centre](#), will bring together the world's leading scholars, practitioners, industry representatives, and government officials involved in all aspects of design protection law, including scholars from the US, Europe, and China. Microsoft Corporation will sponsor the conference.



Janis

[Professor Mark D. Janis](#), Robert A. Lucas Chair of Law and the CIPR's director, explained that the intellectual property laws have protected the visual appearance of industrial products for some two hundred years. The challenge is to see how those laws are adapting to design innovation in new virtual environments.

"Think of smartphone icons or other sorts of touch-screen user interfaces,"

Janis said. "Design law needs to be nimble enough to deal with these cutting-edge design activities. We are looking forward to convening some of the most recognized experts in this area." Proceedings of the Oxford conference will be published in [IP Theory](#), the CIPR's on-line, peer-edited scholarly journal.

Janis credited Dean Buxbaum and the Law School's administration for fostering a climate at the school that encourages public/private partnerships such as the one with Microsoft. "We're blessed with outstanding leadership here," he said. The CIPR also has a major partnership with Cook Medical Group in strategic management of intellectual property.

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## BLSA chapter wins regional award

Indiana Law's Black Law Students' Association was named Chapter of the Year for the Midwest Region at a ceremony in Columbus, Ohio on February 18. The chapter will compete against five other regional winners for the national award in Washington, DC on March 10.

[Rodney Robbins](#), JD'12, is serving as Midwest Region Chair. He is pictured below (center, in bow tie), along with other Indiana Law BLSA members and Chibundu Nnake, National

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## Join us for upcoming receptions!

Alumni receptions are a great way to connect with old and new friends and to share your experiences with students over complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

### Chicago

Monday, March 12, 6-8 p.m.; Sidebar Grille, 221 N. LaSalle Street. Join [Interim Dean Hannah Buxbaum](#), alumni, and current students.

### New York City

Thursday, March 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m., O'Casey's, 22 E. 41st Street. Join [Asst. Dean Michael Keller](#), alumni, and current students.

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## Indiana Law Societies update

The Law School's [Chicago and Washington, DC Societies](#) are going strong. Chicago-area alumni are preparing for spring break activities and planning for summer alumni and student events.

DC alumni are organizing philanthropic events and planning for summer student and alumni activities. For more information or to get involved, go to the [DC Indiana Law Society Facebook page](#).

Chair (fourth from right).



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## Alumni and friends visit campus as part of Career Choices series

For many students, an important part of law school is figuring out which career options to pursue. Indiana Law's unique first-year course on the legal profession includes **Career Choices**: weekly visits from experienced alumni and friends in a wide range of fields.

In January and February alone, students heard from practitioners in large firms, small firms, advocacy organizations, and federal and local government; and in fields such as commercial and bankruptcy law, litigation, sports law, and trade associations.

**Rebeca Nunez**, JD'14, has found the sessions extremely helpful. "I am the first in my family to pursue a JD and consequently do not have a legal network to call upon for guidance," she said. "The Career Choices lunches and dinners are the perfect antidote. I have introduced myself to four attorneys, asked for their business cards, and contacted all of them for an interview. Because of the Maurer connection, they have all agreed."

"The Career Choices lunches place you in the center of a prestigious and established network," Nunez concluded. "As students, all we need to do is seize the opportunity."

Our thanks to the following Career Choices speakers during January and February: **Josh Abel, Jamie Andree, Bryan Babb, Adam Bain, Scott Bearby, Jim Carr, John Cooper, Lakshmi Devi Hasanadka, David Evans, Ken Falk, Corinne Finnerty, Hector Flores, Marisa Ford, Matt Gutwein, Tom Hamilton, David Jacobs, Mary Larimore, Elliott Levin,**

**Susan Lynch, Larry Mackey, John Schiller, Tom Stonecipher, John Sturm, David Theising, Inge Van der Cruysse, Ted Waggoner, and Jay Yeager.**

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