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Throughout the coming year, we will celebrate this milestone at events, on social media, and around the law school building. There will be opportunities for you to join the conversation and share your memories. I look forward to hearing how your time at Maryland Carey Law impacted you.

This magazine also contains some familiar sections. You will meet our four new faculty members and learn news from the 2022-2023 academic year. You will also get a glimpse at some of our extraordinary alumni’s accomplishments.

I am proud to be dean of this amazing law school as we pause to celebrate this moment in our history. With solemn appreciation for the important progress accomplished by our community throughout the past two centuries, we turn our attention forward, reaching toward a bright future improving lives and laws and preparing the next generation of leaders to fight for justice and address the most pressing issues of our times.

Renée Hutchins
Dean and Professor of Law
Faculty Promotions

Deborah Thompson Eisenberg (left) was promoted to vice dean of the law school. Chaz Arnett (middle) and Will Moon (right) were granted tenure and promoted to full professors of law.
Bellow Scholar

Associate Professor Maneka Sinha, director of the Criminal Defense Clinic, was named a 2023-2024 Bellow Scholar by the Association of American Law Schools. Sinha’s project, Reliability and Automated Suspicion, analyzes hundreds of state and federal opinions to assess whether courts meaningfully address the reliability of policing technologies when making reasonable suspicion and probable cause determinations under the Fourth Amendment.

Fulbright Award

Carole & Hanan Sibel Research Professor Martha Ertman was awarded a Fulbright Canada Traditional Scholar Award for the spring 2024 semester. Her project on contract-based reparations for racial injustice will take her to McGill University in Montreal to teach and conduct research.

First Citizen Award

Morton & Sophia Macht Professor of Law Larry S. Gibson, civil rights activist, political consultant, and author of Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice was honored in April by the Maryland Senate with a First Citizen Award for his lifetime of work. Gibson was mysteriously summoned to the State House and surprised with the medal upon arrival.

Elections

Professor Natalie Ram (above) was elected to the American Law Institute (ALI). Maryland Carey Law Dean Renée McDonald Hutchins was appointed by Gov. Wes Moore to chair the Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission.

NIH Grant

Professor Marley Weiss was awarded a $3.7 million National Institute of Environmental Science (NIH) grant to study structural racism and health among Black and Latinx seasonal farmworkers.
Eviction Prevention Clinic

Maryland Carey Law launched a new Eviction Prevention Clinic in fall 2022. The clinic is led by former Maryland Legal Aid lawyer Dan Rosenberg and funded by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.

White House Appointment

Professor Seema Kakade has taken a two-year leave of absence to serve as senior counsel in the White House Executive Office of the President, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). The CEQ advises the president and develops policies on critical issues like climate change, environmental justice, public lands, oceans, and wildlife conservation.

Lifetime Achievement Award

University System of Maryland Regents Professor Mark Graber received a lifetime achievement award at the 119th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) from APSA’s Law and Courts Section.

Clinical Law Program Turns 50

In 2023, the Clinical Law Program, led by Marjorie Cook Professor of Law Leigh Goodmark, commemorated its 50th anniversary. The yearlong celebration featured multiple events, including a symposium focused on the role of law school clinics in helping to reduce prison populations.

Health Law Conference

Health law scholars from across the nation and around the world traveled to Baltimore in June for the 46th Health Law Professors Conference co-sponsored by the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics (ASLME) and the Law and Health Care Program at Maryland Carey Law.

The largest academic health law event in the country, the annual conference attracts faculty who teach law and bioethics in schools of law, medicine, dentistry, public health, social work, and more. This year, over 250 scholars registered for the conference.

Distinguished University Professor

Jacob A. France Professor of Torts Donald G. Gifford was recognized by the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) with the title of Distinguished University Professor. The designation is the highest appointment bestowed on a faculty member at UMB.

National Champions

2022-2023 was a banner year for Maryland Carey Law’s advocacy teams with some big wins. The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Thurgood Marshall Trial Team took first place at NBLSA nationals; the National Trial Team claimed the championship at the Hofstra Medical-Legal Competition; and the ADR Team bested the competition at the Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon.
NEW FACULTY: 
MICHAEL MILLEMANN PROFESSOR IN CONSUMER LAW

JEFF SOVERN

Jeff Sovern joined the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law faculty as the inaugural Michael Millemann Professor in Consumer Law in the 2023-2024 academic year. He comes to Maryland Carey Law after 40 years on the faculty of St. John’s University School of Law where he wrote about and taught consumer protection law. Sovern has often written for media outlets like The New York Times, Boston Globe, USA Today, Politico, The Hill, and CNN.com, and is valued for his ability to translate complicated legal concepts for the public.

“Professor Sovern is a renowned expert in consumer law and an exciting addition to the faculty,” said Maryland Carey Law Dean Renée McDonald Hutchins. “We are thrilled he has joined us and look forward to his contributions that will strengthen our curricular offerings and expertise in this important area of the law.”

Sovern is passionate about consumer protection law scholarship, an area in which he submits there are large gaps in the literature. “Consumer law is about economic justice,” said the New York native. “There is a lot of work to be done.”


He is also a fellow of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. Sovern’s current research explores ways to strengthen the power of federal regulatory agencies to act against companies that engage in discrimination. His other recent work examines unfair arbitration clauses and consumer understanding of credit card disclosures on phones versus computers or paper.

Sovern earned his JD and AB degrees from Columbia University after which he clerked for Judge Frank A. Kaufman of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. “The first lawyers I saw in action were Maryland lawyers,” Sovern recalled fondly, adding, “I learned a lot from them.”

Glad to be back on his old stomping grounds and part of the intellectual community at Maryland Carey Law, Sovern says he is especially inspired by the professor after whom his endowed chair is named. “Michael Millemann is an amazing guy who has touched many areas of the law,” said Sovern. “It’s exciting to get to work with him.”

In the 2023-2024 academic year, Sovern is teaching Consumer Law, Payment Systems, and Civil Procedure.

The endowed professorship is possible thanks to the efforts of members of the Gordon, Wolf & Carney law firm, under the leadership of Maryland Carey Law Board of Visitors member, Richard Gordon ’89.
GUHA KRISHNAMURTHI

GUHA Krishnamurthi joined the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law faculty as an associate professor in the 2023-2024 academic year. He comes to Maryland Carey Law from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Previously, he taught at South Texas College of Law and was a Climenko Fellow at Harvard Law School.

“Professor Krishnamurthi is a prominent voice in constitutional law and criminal procedure,” said Maryland Carey Law Dean Renée McDonald Hutchins. “His innovative scholarship on caste discrimination and affirmative action both meets and anticipates this moment in American justice, and we are thrilled to welcome him to the Maryland Carey Law community.”


Earlier this year, Krishnamurthi presented “Caste Discrimination & U.S. Federal Law” at Maryland Carey Law’s Comparative Constitutional Law Colloquium, giving him a taste of the thought leadership and commitment to community impact at the law school. “I am so excited about being part of a community of scholars tackling difficult theoretical problems and immediately putting solutions into action,” he said. “The Maryland Carey Law faculty is brilliant and supportive, and the community is wonderful. The school’s devotion to social justice issues in Baltimore and beyond really speaks to me.”

In the 2023-24 school year, Krishnamurthi teaches Constitutional Law I and II, and Criminal Procedure: Investigation. He brings his passion for equity to his teaching, creating an atmosphere focused on a “collective, inclusive conversation” in which “students can bring their full authentic selves to the classroom and to the legal profession.”

Krishnamurthi earned his JD with high honors, from the University of Texas School of Law, where he served as book review editor of the Texas Law Review and manuscript editor of the American Journal of Criminal Law. He received his BS with high distinction in Mathematics from the University of Michigan, his MS in Mathematics from the University of Michigan, and his MA in Philosophy from the University of Texas.

After law school, Krishnamurthi clerked for the Honorable Goodwin H. Liu of the California Supreme Court, the Honorable Andrea R. Wood of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the Honorable Diane P. Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He also practiced as a litigator in Los Angeles, specializing in general commercial litigation, white-collar crime, and antitrust.
NEW FACULTY:
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW

CHRISTOPHER MATHIS

CHRISTOPHER Mathis joined the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law faculty as an assistant professor in the 2023-2024 academic year. Mathis comes to Maryland Carey Law from the University of Iowa College of Law, where he was a visiting assistant professor, and the University of Virginia, where he was both an American Bar Foundation/Access Lex Institute Doctoral Fellow in Legal and Higher Education and a Southern Regional Education Board Pre-Doctoral Fellow.

Mathis holds a JD from the University of South Carolina School of Law and a PhD in higher education from the University of Virginia. His scholarship explores access and equity within higher education and the philosophical assumptions within legal education.

“Professor Mathis is doing critical work toward increasing access to higher education,” said Maryland Carey Law Dean Renée McDonald Hutchins. “We are delighted to welcome him to the Maryland Carey Law community and deeply appreciate his perspective in the intellectual life of the law school.”

Mathis’s scholarship investigates the framework and incentive structures within higher education to identify factors contributing to inequality in U.S. colleges and universities. His research on these topics spans several legal areas, including constitutional and tort law, education law and policy, and ethics. Through his research and advocacy, Mathis also works with legislators across the country to draft laws codifying educational reparations for past harms, such as medical testing on certain populations without consent or even knowledge.

The South Carolina native’s most recent work has appeared in the Washington and Lee Law Review, University of Colorado Law Review, Journal of College Student Development, and Education Sciences, among other outlets.

Maryland Carey Law, said Mathis, is an ideal setting to further his work. “I was really enthusiastic about coming to Maryland,” he reflected, “because of the collegial and energetic faculty, sophisticated students, and welcoming, thoughtful dean.”

Baltimore was also a big draw. “I am excited,” he added, “to be in a more cosmopolitan area where you can have multiple viewpoints at the table.”

In the 2023-2024 academic year, Mathis is teaching Torts, Education Law, and a Higher Education and the Law Seminar. The seminar delves into legal aspects of higher education, including, free speech on campus, academic freedom, affirmative action, and campus policing.

As a professor, Mathis creates a dynamic classroom environment by mixing popular songs and video into his discussion-based lectures. He is also known for producing classroom plays with students acting as judges, juries, witnesses, and advocates in landmark cases. “You are not just witnessing the law,” he impresses on 1Ls, “you are a person who is going to be a change agent.”
NEW FACULTY:
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW

TIFFANY YANG

“Professor Yang brings valuable experience as a highly impactful civil rights lawyer and innovative thinker in the civil procedure space,” said Maryland Carey Law Dean Renée McDonald Hutchins. “We are delighted to welcome such a vibrant change maker to the Maryland Carey Law community.”

Yang writes about procedural barriers to civil rights protections, the inequities of law, and social change. Her work, which situates the law within broader histories of community organizing and movement building, often interrogates these inquiries through the lens of prisoners’ rights litigation. Her scholarship has been published in the Boston College Law Review, North Carolina Law Review, and Washington Law Review.

As a civil rights attorney, Yang has litigated federal class actions and appeals to protect the rights of incarcerated people challenging their confinement, youth suffering constitutional violations in immigration detention, and workers combatting sex-based hostile work environments. Her work has been covered by publications like The New York Times, The Atlantic, and The Washington Post.

Yang is eager to bring her experience to bear on her courses at Maryland Carey Law—Civil Procedure, Civil Rights Litigation, and Critical Race Theory. “I think the most powerful aspect of lawyering is empathy,” she said, “which is important not only in creating a client-attorney partnership but also in thinking about the law, its design, and its impact.”

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joined the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law as an assistant professor in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Yang comes to Maryland Carey Law from Georgetown Law Center’s Appellate Litigation Clinic, where she trained students in appellate advocacy as they pursued civil rights, immigration, and habeas appeals before federal circuit courts. Previously, she was a senior attorney at the Advancement Project and a Skadden Fellow with the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs.

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Maryland Carey Law faculty members are thought leaders whose scholarship is consistently published by top journals and presses. Here is just a sampling of recent scholarly work.


**Donald Gifford** Cumulative Supplements to *Harper, James and Gray on Torts* (2023) (with Christopher Robinette).


**Leslie Meltzer Henry** “Challenges in Obtaining the Informed Perspectives of Stakeholders Regarding HIV Molecular Epidemiology,” *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes* (2023) (with others).


**William J. Moon** “Global Corporate Charter Competition,” in *A Research Agenda for Corporate Law* (Christopher M. Bruner & Marc Moore eds., 2023).


Leigh Goodmark Imperfect Victims: Criminalized Survivors and the Promise of Abolition Feminism (2023).


The rise of populism and illiberal democracy, especially in major Western states, has challenged longstanding and widespread understandings of and commitments to the international legal order. Around the world, we see self-described populist leaders dismantling their nation’s constitutions and threatening to withdraw from or even launch outright assaults on key international institutions and multilateral treaty regimes. We are thus at a moment when, for many, the modern internationalist vision of multilateral cooperation and global governance appears to be under assault and unravelling, and when ideas of supranational organization and post-national sovereignty are increasingly resisted.

Increasingly, populist movements and political parties advocate withdrawing from or severely curtailing multilateral treaty regimes and institutions; they assail the fundamental normative premises of liberal accounts of democracy, human rights and the rule of law; and they stridently reject on national sovereigntist grounds the proposition that international norms should bind or influence domestic decision-making. Populist antagonism towards international law and the accompanying reflex to disengage from international institutions represent a fundamental challenge to the collective action required to prevent and manage global threats and challenges.

There has been little research to date on the connections between the emergence of these populist political movements and the nature and evolution of the norms and institutions of the international legal order. Behind many of the ‘non-liberal’ and ‘anti-global’ positions we see articulated today, there is a growing desire to ‘take back control’ of political authority, not only at the domestic level, but internationally, expressed in terms of reclaiming national sovereignty.

Rather than interrogating these roots of populist backlash, there is a strong reflex in contemporary scholarship to reinforce or renew existing conceptions of legal and political order. This reflex ignores the need for political analysis and contextual understanding of the origins of these movements. There is an urgent need to explore the extent to which the incumbent international legal order may itself have acted as an incubator for populism and illiberal democratic movements. Analytical and empirical research on the complex interrelations between these competing conceptions of normativity and authority is vital to any future international legal order capable of confronting global threats and re-establishing sustainable global cooperation.

Serious work is only just beginning on these questions that are among the most pressing and perplexing issues in international law today. The far-reaching normative shift we have seen over the last half-century towards a global governance-based understanding of international law has, paradoxically, generated tremendous anxiety and insecurity in national political communities. The key idea in this international legal imaginary is to displace sovereignty as the grundnorm and replace it with global approaches that can work across “artificial” national boundaries in pursuit of objectives that have nothing territorially limited about them.

A critical analysis of contemporary understandings of the sources of legal normativity, of competing notions of collective identity and political community, and of the rise of managerial regimes of knowledge in international law will reveal that within each of these spheres of contestation lie the seeds of the international legal order’s reimagining and re-creation.
This past decade has seen intense federal-state contestation over immigration policy. Texas’s successful attempt to sue the Obama administration in 2014 over DAPA—a policy meant to shield some undocumented parents of American children from deportation—opened the floodgates in the courts.

Today, dramatic intervention by state governments into federal immigration policymaking has become routine. During the Trump administration, so-called “blue states” like New York and California were at the helm, suing to enjoin a slate of policies, from the travel ban to the border wall to the decision to rescind DACA, a policy designed to protect immigrant youth from deportation. Now, under President Biden, the shoe is on the other foot, with so-called “red states” leading the charge.

The Supreme Court recently issued a decision aimed at curbing state-initiated litigation. The Court held in United States v. Texas that Texas and Louisiana lacked a “judicially cognizable interest” in challenging the federal government’s immigration enforcement guidelines.

It remains to be seen what impact the Court’s decision will have on attempts by state governments to harness the power of federal courts to make their mark on immigration policy. Justice Kavanaugh’s opinion for the Court made clear that the decision should not be interpreted as foreclosing every challenge “involving the Executive Branch’s alleged failure to make more arrests or bring more prosecutions.” Notably, the Court distinguished between the policy under review and initiatives like DACA, which the Court characterized as a policy that paired nonenforcement with the “provision of legal benefits” like work authorization and Medicare eligibility. That exception as well as other possible exceptions to the Court’s analysis suggest that the fight over state standing is far from over.

Beyond their creative use of the federal courts, states are also asserting themselves in other novel and aggressive ways. Florida and Texas made headlines in the past year over their efforts to bus and fly immigrants to northern cities like New York and Washington D.C., with the ostensible goal of more equitably sharing responsibility for arriving asylum-seekers.

Another escalating federal-state conflict is playing out at the Rio Grande, with Texas setting up razor wire and buoys as barricades. Texas claims these physical barriers are necessary to secure its borders and protect its sovereignty. This time, it’s the federal government that is suing to block Texas from taking matters at the border into its own hands.

The events of the past decade make clear that the stakes are not just the “what” of immigration policy but the “who.” Today, states on both sides of the aisle are unwilling to stand by idly as immigration policy is set—and reset—at the national level. This persistent dynamic upends the conventional wisdom that immigration regulation falls within the exclusive purview of the federal government. The pitched legal battles lay bare the reality that not just specific policies, but also the prerogative to make immigration policy in the first place, are up for grabs.

Assistant Professor Aadhithi Padmanabhan directs Maryland Carey Law’s Federal Appellate Immigration Clinic, which is part of the Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice.
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CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF BOLD LEADERSHIP

By Wanda Haskel

LAW SCHOOL TIMELINE

1812
University of Maryland faculty of law authorized by General Assembly

1824
Maryland Law Institute opens on South St. in Baltimore with six students and David Hoffman as dean
ONE OF THE FIRST LAW SCHOOLS IN THE NATION

In the early decades of the 19th century, the United States was in its infancy, with borders yet to be cemented and a system of government many considered experimental. Immature, too, was American legal education, which largely consisted of apprenticeships and “reading law” independently.

As demand for legal services in the young nation increased, universities began adding law faculty. The same year the British attacked Baltimore’s Fort McHenry, 1814, the University of Maryland hired its first professor of law—prominent Maryland bar member David Hoffman. One of the first in the country to pen a curriculum and lectures for “law learning,” Hoffman went on to be the founding dean (1823-1836) of the Maryland Law Institute, which opened for regular evening instruction on Baltimore’s South St. in 1824. The institute is considered the fourth oldest law school in the United States. By 1831, the student body had grown to around 30, and the Maryland Law Institute moved to Courtland St. in 1833 to be closer to the courts. Moot court opportunities from the earliest days of instruction set a course for the school’s long history of leadership in the integration of theory and practice.

Reflecting its association with the university, the institute was renamed the University of Maryland, Department of Law in 1836 but temporarily shut down the same year until after the Civil War when it was reestablished as the University of Maryland, School of Law in 1869. Ten years later, the student body had grown to 60 and the faculty was made up of a who’s who of Maryland’s bench and bar with former Maryland Attorney General John Prentiss Poe (second cousin to Edgar Allan Poe) as dean (1871-1909). In the late 1800s, the course of study went from a one- or two-year program to a required minimum of two years, illustrating the increasing stature of the legal profession and the expansion and complexity of discrete areas of the law.

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1833
Move to Courtland St.

1836
Renamed University of Maryland, Department of Law

1836-1868
Temporary closure for “lack of pecuniary support” and then Civil War
Westminster Hall, adjacent to the law school, was built as a church in 1852. Its cemetery is the resting place of author Edgar Allan Poe and many other historical figures, including Founding Father James McHenry. In 1977, law school administrators led the establishment of the Westminster Historic Preservation Trust, which raised money to refurbish the hall in 1983. When the new law school building was constructed in 2002, Westminster was physically attached to Maryland Carey Law and now serves as a gathering place for law school and private functions.
CONFRONTING THE PAST

Notwithstanding the increased professionalization of legal education, the doors of the law school remained closed to everyone but White men until the second decade of the 20th century. The initial expansion was offered to White women who were allowed to enroll in 1920, with the first graduates in 1923. Black Americans and other people of color would have to wait longer for access.

In 1925, the academic program expanded to include a day program to comply with American Bar Association standards. Enrollment continued to rise and in 1931, the law school moved to a newly constructed three-story building with a library wing on the southeast corner of Redwood and Greene streets.

It would take another five years before anyone other than White people could take classes in the building. While the school allowed Black men to enroll in the aftermath of the Civil War, that practice was extinguished in the 1890s when Poe, now infamous for authoring legislation designed to disenfranchise Black voters in Maryland, was instrumental in resegregating the school with the backing of a petition from White law students. Finally, in 1936, Donald Gaines Murray ’38 was admitted, thanks to the tenacity of then-civil rights lawyer Thurgood Marshall, who, had he applied, would also have been denied admission because of his race. As Murray’s lawyer, Marshall successfully challenged Maryland’s practice of segregation in higher education in the landmark case Pearson et al. v. Murray. That same year, the Maryland Law Review, the only law journal in the state at the time, began publication.

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1879
Students divided into two classes, senior and junior

1887
Briefly desegregated, first two Black students admitted

1891
Official policy of discrimination established, and segregation is enforced
Black graduates: Harry Sythe Cummings 1889, Charles W. Johnson 1889, and Donald Gaines Murray ’38 (second integration)


Founder of an all-women law firm in Maryland: Rose Zetzer ’25

Founder of an all-Black law firm in Maryland, Brown, Allen, & Watts; and Black judge appointed to the Municipal Court in Baltimore City: Robert B. Watts ’49

Black man elected to the Maryland Senate and to sit on the Maryland Court of Appeals: Harry Cole ’49

Black women graduates: Dr. Elaine Carsley Davis ’50 and Juanita Jackson Mitchell ’50, who became the first Black woman to practice law in Maryland

Asian American graduate: Frank Chuman ’45

White woman faculty member: Alice Brumbaugh, 1969

Black man tenured full professor: Larry Gibson, 1974

Black woman appointed to the Maryland District Court: Mabel Hubbard ’75

Latino appointed to the Maryland District Court: Ricardo Zwaig ’82

Woman general counsel on Wall Street: Christine Edwards ’83

Woman chief judge, Maryland Supreme Court: Mary Ellen Barbera ’84

Black woman tenured full professor: Taunya Lovell Banks, 1989

Woman dean: Karen Rothenberg, 1999

Black dean: Phoebe Haddon, 2009

A FEW FIRSTS

1920
First women admitted

1925
Day program established to comply with 1921 ABA standards

1930
American Bar Association approves school
PROGRESS

The years to come would bring increased access to the legal academy for those who had previously been excluded. In 1946 Black women were allowed to enroll as law students, and in 1969 the first White woman joined the faculty. It would be another two decades before the first Black woman faculty member gained tenure status in 1989.

The law school moved locations again in 1965, when a new law school building was completed at Baltimore and Paca streets. The space accommodated around 550 students, 11 full-time faculty, and 50,000 library volumes. Chief Justice Earl Warren was the guest-of-honor at the opening celebration.

Charged by the Civil Rights and Women’s Rights movements, the student body and faculty began to diversify in earnest during the next decade, with the founding of the Black Law Students Association in 1968, the hiring of more faculty focused on civil rights, and a dramatic up-tick in women applying to law school.

Just before the new millennium, the first woman dean, Professor Emeritus Karen Rothenberg (1999-2009), was appointed. Soon after, the law school moved into today’s modern law school building, with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg offering the keynote address at the dedication. Professor Donald Gifford is credited with the initiation and much of the funding outreach for the new structure during his deanship (1992-1999). Rothenberg also secured funding, ensured that high-tech classrooms and reasonable accommodations were baked into the design, and completed the project.

Following the first woman dean was the first Black dean, Phoebe Haddon (2009-2014), and, in 2011, in recognition of a $30 million transformative gift from the W. P. Carey Foundation, the law school adopted its current name, the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law or Maryland Carey Law. The appellation honors Francis King Carey, an 1880 graduate and prominent founding member of two major Baltimore law firms.
1938
Granted a chapter of Order of the Coif

1938
Legal Aid Clinic is included in school catalog providing first clinical experience for students at the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau

1965
New building completed at Baltimore and Paca streets
MARSHALLING EXCELLENCE TO INCREASE IMPACT

As early as the 1930s, law school students gained clinical experience working at the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau. But under the leadership of Dean Michael Kelly (1975-1991), opportunities for students to apply, in a real-world practice setting, the legal theory they were learning in class multiplied and became one of the law school’s hallmarks. By the early 1970s, the school had a formal externship program with the Legal Aid Bureau and a grant-funded, in-house Juvenile Law Clinic. Other early clinics addressed legal issues around jail reform and civil rights, disability rights, housing, health, elder law, bankruptcy, consumer protection, environmental law, mediation, and AIDS.

A pivotal moment in the Clinical Law Program’s history came in 1987 when then-U.S. Representative Ben Cardin ’67 and others led the charge for the Maryland General Assembly to allocate funds to expand the program and establish a Legal Theory and Practice component, which dramatically increased clinical options for students. The law school was one of the earliest adopters of clinic participation as a requirement for graduation, which became known as the “Cardin Requirement” in Maryland Carey Law’s curriculum. Now, many law schools across the country have followed suit.

The state funds enabled even more growth in the decades to follow with the launch or reinvigoration of clinics in areas including

1968
Black Law Students Association founded

1969
Prisoner Assistance Program created

1969
First woman joins faculty
immigration, public health, tax, mediation, gender violence, juvenile justice, criminal appeals, post-conviction and sentencing, reentry, and intellectual property. Others in the last five years alone include criminal defense, survivors of violence, appeals immigration, and eviction prevention.

Today, students, under faculty supervision, provide around 75,000 hours (or about eight and a half years’ worth) of free legal services to disadvantaged and underrepresented communities in 17 clinics every year.

Along with a significant expansion of the Clinical Law Program in the 1980s and 1990s, the law school began offering specialized academic programs, many incorporating clinics, and some with the opportunity to earn a certificate.

Foreseeing the need for specialized legal expertise in the emerging field of health law, in 1984 the law school established the Law & Health Care Program, a perfect fit for a law school located on a health sciences campus as well as close to several federal health regulatory agencies. Early on, faculty in the program addressed issues such as end of life care, genetic testing, and access to emergency care. Soon thereafter, the pioneering Environmental Law Program was established in 1985. Its founding coincided with a rising awareness of the effects of pollution and climate change and anticipated the explosion in demand for lawyers trained in environmental law.

Maryland Carey Law clinics constantly develop and evolve to meet longstanding and emerging needs. Approximately 17 clinics are offered every year. They include:

- Consumer Bankruptcy
- Consumer Protection
- Criminal Appellate
- Criminal Defense
- Environmental Law
- Eviction Prevention
- Fair Housing
- Federal Appellate Immigration
- Gender, Prison, and Trauma
- Immigration
- Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship
- Low-Income Taxpayer
- Mediation
- Medical-Legal Partnership
- Public Health
- Survivors of Violence
- Youth, Education, and Justice
Multiple new programs and centers emerged during Rothenberg’s deanship in the 2000s, including one of Maryland Carey Law’s most innovative academic programs, the Women, Leadership & Equality Program, founded in 2002. The program provides a trailblazing curriculum that examines the structural barriers keeping women from ascending to positions of leadership in the legal profession. It equips students with the knowledge and skills to overcome and dismantle those barriers. At inception, the program was the first and only of its kind in the country.

The year 2002 also saw the founding of two high-impact centers: the Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM) and the Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS).

The Center for Dispute Resolution trains students to navigate conflicts and solve problems in constructive ways and is a leader in developing and improving the quality of dispute resolution processes in Maryland’s courts, schools, workplaces, and communities. C-DRUM offers an academic track in dispute resolution, houses the Mediation Clinic, and trains Maryland public school educators and policymakers across the state in conflict resolution.

The University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security houses a staff of more than 40 lawyers who work with emergency responders around the globe to develop plans, policies, and strategies for government, corporate, and institutional clients in the areas of...
emergency preparedness and crisis response. CHHS staff also teach in Maryland Carey Law’s Cybersecurity and Crisis Management Program in which law students specialize and gain experience as externs at the center.

Additionally, in the early 2000s, the law school launched the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, providing technical legal assistance to Maryland state and local health officials, legislators, and organizations working in tobacco control. That work expanded dramatically, and in 2010, Maryland Carey Law became the home of the Network for Public Health Law—Eastern Region, which provides technical legal assistance to national, state, and local public health professionals, attorneys, legislators, and advocates working to develop sound public policy to improve public health.

In the late 1980s through the ’90s, the Business Law and Intellectual Property Law programs were also beginning to take shape, with the official founding of both in the early 2000s and a significant expansion of the Business Law Program in 2011 thanks to the transformative W. P. Carey Foundation gift. The Maryland Intellectual Property Legal Resource Center was founded in 2002 and laid the foundation for what would eventually become the Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic in 2018.

To meet the demand for globally competent legal professionals, the law school in 2008 established the International and Comparative Law Program, which helps students understand the social, cultural, political, and economic factors that influence how the law is applied and offers study abroad opportunities in countries including Malawi and Ireland.
1988
The Raven student newspaper launched

1989
Maryland Public Interest Law Project (MPILP) founded

1992
Modern Board of Visitors established
ENVISIONING THE FUTURE

With eyes toward the future, many of the law school’s recent efforts have focused on harnessing expertise and advocacy to expand community outreach and deepen work addressing society’s systemic inequities.

Under the leadership of Professor Donald Tobin during his deanship (2014-2022), the law school launched multiple new clinics, the Levitas Initiative for Sexual Violence Prevention, and, thanks to a transformative gift from Dr. Marco and Debbie Chacón, the Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice. The center, which builds on the expertise in Maryland Carey Law’s long-running Immigration Clinic also includes a new Federal Appellate Clinic, which gives students additional opportunities to work directly with clients and advocate for law reform and policies to fundamentally improve the immigration system.

This year the law school launched the Gibson-Banks Center for Race and the Law, which works to reimagine institutions and transform systems of racial and intersectional inequality, marginalization, and oppression. The center represents the law school’s vision and leadership in helping Maryland be a national model of re-envisioning systems and institutions to protect and improve the lives of everyone.

1997
Journal of Health Care Law and Policy founded

1999
National Trial Team founded

2001
Journal of Race, Religion, Gender and Class founded (then called Margins, Maryland’s Law Journal on Race, Religion, Gender, and Class)
CHANGE MAKERS

Essential to the deep tradition of combining theory and practice is a commitment to nurturing a faculty made up of thought leaders. Since the days when founding Dean David Hoffman “wrote the book” on the curriculum for American legal education, law school scholars have been foundational thinkers and trailblazers in areas including business law, civil and political rights law, constitutional law, criminal law, cybersecurity, dispute resolution, environmental law, gender and family law, health law, housing law, immigration and human rights law, intellectual property, international law, and legal pedagogy. Their work is published in books, esteemed academic journals, and major newspapers.

Faculty are invited to present at conferences hosted by top universities around the world and are called upon by local and national media outlets to share expertise on an array of legal issues. Through their connections and partnerships with regional, national, and international thinkers, Maryland Carey Law faculty convene conferences, talks, panels, symposia, and workshops at the school that attract star scholars and practitioners from far and wide and enrich the intellectual life of the Maryland Carey Law community.

As a top law school and a Maryland fixture for 200 years, Maryland Carey Law has graduated thousands of students who have gone on to be legal leaders in private practice, the judiciary, government, public interest, and business. Alumni are U.S. senators, house representatives, and attorneys general. In Maryland, the school’s alumni have served as governors, senate presidents, legislators, county executives, Baltimore mayors, and chief legal counsel to elected officials at all levels of government. Graduates are judges and chief judges in federal and state courts. They are founders and partners of the most influential law firms in Maryland, solo practitioners, and real estate developers. They are in-house counsel and executives for major business concerns, sports organizations, and non-profits. And the law school has trained an army of social justice warriors, who found and lead a range of legal aid organizations and public interest law firms and have championed the rights of underserved populations and everyday Marylanders by building pro bono programs, serving as public defenders and prosecutors, and entering public service.

2002

New law school building incorporating library completed at 500 W. Baltimore Street

Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM) founded

Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS) founded
Strong leadership is essential in the pursuit of academic excellence. Throughout our history, deans have been dedicated administrators, teachers, and scholars.

1823 - 1833/36
David Hoffman

1869 - 1871
George W. Dobbin

1871 - 1909
John Prentiss Poe

1909 - 1931
Henry David Harlan

1931 - 1962
Roger Howell

1962 - 1975
William P. Cunningham

1975 - 1991
Michael J. Kelly

1992 - 1999
Donald G. Gifford

1999 - 2009
Karen H. Rothenberg

2009 - 2014
Phoebe A. Haddon

2014- 2022
Donald B. Tobin

2022 - Present
Renée M. Hutchins

2002
Women, Leadership & Equality Program founded

2002
Business Law Program founded

2004
Intellectual Property Law Program founded
THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

This “tapestry” offers just a sampling of influential scholarship by law school faculty.
Maryland Carey Law has always nurtured robust legislative advocacy. Efforts by faculty and students have been key to policy reforms and the passage of and compliance with legislation aimed at creating more just and equitable law and policy in Maryland and beyond. Some examples are:

- Prohibition of smoking in indoor spaces
- Raising the age of lawful access to tobacco products to 21
- Establishment of restorative approaches in Maryland schools
- Right to counsel at eviction proceedings
- Closing of the infamous state-run Montrose School
- Abolition of the death penalty
- Improvements in conditions at the Baltimore City Jail
- Removal of the governor from the parole process
- Prevention of illegal seizures on Maryland light rail
- Restrictions on police use of commercial DNA databases in criminal investigations
- Probation Before Judgment reform giving noncitizens access to probation in Maryland without the risk of deportation
- Cannabis Reform Act
- Child Victim's Act
- Maryland Mediation Confidentiality Act
- Maryland Health Care Decisions Act
- Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing
- Anti-revenge-porn legislation
- Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act
- Overdose Response Program Act
- Multiple pieces of legislation improving conditions for children in foster care and promoting expeditious reunions with biological families and adoptions
CAREY FORWARD

Reckoning with the exclusionary aspects of our past helps us appreciate the progress we have made and informs us as we set a course for our future. These days we are proud that our student body typically comprises over 35% underrepresented minorities and exceeds 50% women. The faculty is also half women. A recent national study looking at the progress of women’s representation and achievement in American law schools between 1948 and 2021 found that Maryland Carey Law placed historically first for women’s representation among faculty and second for students.

We view diversity in the legal profession as an imperative. In the wake of the recent Supreme Court decision on affirmative action, we remain committed to advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in legal education and in the legal profession using the lawful tools available to us. Lawyers from diverse backgrounds bring unique perspectives and cultural insights that enrich the legal system, encourage innovation, and better serve clients from all walks of life. Presently, the legal profession falls far behind other professions in reflecting the diversity of the general population. We believe it is our responsibility to ensure we are educating the next generation of lawyers with an eye toward closing that gap.

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2014
MLAW collaboration with University of Maryland, College Park launched

2015
Master of Science in Law (MSL) degree program launched

2018
Erin Levitas Initiative for Sexual Violence Prevention established
Dean Renée McDonald Hutchins, appointed in 2022, ushers in an era with increased emphasis, through scholarship and advocacy, on interrogating and reimagining the systems that perpetuate society’s inequalities. The start of Hutchins’s tenure also heralded a renewal of our long dedication to nurturing a law school community, including 13,000-plus alumni, that prioritizes excellence in a welcoming and caring atmosphere. In the current climate, that means finding new ways to support students’ overall wellness as they face the mental health crisis that plagues our population. As the dean told this year’s incoming class, “We are a family.”

And we are a family coming together with a vision. We are Maryland’s flagship law school, home to leading scholars and change-makers. We are preparing the next generation of lawyers to lead with compassion and protect the rights of all people equally under the law, to use their access and power to build the American ideal that we still haven’t realized, and to craft policy that inch by inch will make our country a more perfect union.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WE CONTINUE BOLDLY LEADING INTO THE FUTURE

Visit www.law.umaryland.edu/200th and follow us on social media for more highlights from the law school’s history, upcoming events, and opportunities to share your memories.
DEAR FELLOW Alumni and Friends,

I am honored to serve as the chair of the Maryland Carey Law Board of Visitors, especially as we prepare to celebrate a milestone anniversary of our beloved institution. In its first 200 years, our law school has had a game-changing impact in areas like clinical law, health law, and environmental law, to name a few. On a more personal level, the school also had a game-changing impact on my life when it encouraged me, at a time when this combination was rare, to pursue a joint JD/MBA and afforded me the opportunity to merge my curiosity with the law and my intellectual fascination of numbers!

Like so many alumni, I feel a deep and profound commitment to the law school. The school prepared me to take on challenges, to take hold of my career, and to become a passionate servant leader. I am proud to be part of such a deeply connected and generous alumni community. I am also proud of the progress, impact, and excellence our law school has achieved in its first 200 years; but more importantly, I am energized by everything that the law school is doing today to deliver an excellent legal education. Every day, I see the impact the school makes as it provides critical leadership on emerging trends and societal issues, increased access to justice for our communities, and prepares future lawyers to lead in every court. As I reflect on Dean Hutchins’s first year in her role, I am inspired by the electrifying buzz that is radiating from the law school every day.

As Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association, I see every day the rigors and pressures our players face both mentally and physically. The demands of law school place similar stress on students and I am focused on building a culture where well-being is not a maybe, it is a MUST. I will continue to prioritize well-being and kindness, recognizing that wellness is a critical piece of academic success and will foster a community of resilience, innovation, and excellence.

Alongside my teammates on the Board of Visitors, our excitement for the law school’s future only continues to grow. As the new year kicks off and the 200th anniversary celebrations begin, we are committed to supporting Dean Hutchins and the entire law school community in strengthening its legacy for the next 200 years to come. I hope to see you in the coming year!

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2023-2024

New BOV Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Board of Visitors:

Aja Byrd ’06
Director of Business & Legal Affairs, Netflix

Amy Petkovsek ’06
Executive Director, Community Law Center

Andrew Levy ’81
Partner, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP

The Honorable Eric Swalwell ’06
Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives

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Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

Lindsey McCulley ’12
Attorney, Salsbury Sullivan, LLC

The Honorable Matthew Fader
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Maryland
Salsbury Trial Advocacy Tournament

Maryland Carey Law launched a new internal advocacy tournament in April—the Salsbury Trial Advocacy Tournament. The tournament is now the tryout process for the law school’s highly esteemed National Trial Team. Made possible by a generous gift from Stuart Salsbury ’71 and Suzanne Salsbury ’73, the Salsbury Trial Advocacy Tournament is a tribute to the benefits their son Benjamin “Ben” Salsbury ’07 and his wife, Rebecca “Becca” Salsbury ’08 gained from their time on the National Trial Team. Now a member of the Maryland Carey Law Board of Visitors, Ben went on after graduation to serve as the team’s co-director for several years and teaches Trial Practice at the law school. This year, he was joined in the classroom by his father. Millicent Sasu ’25 earned Best Advocate at the inaugural tournament, with Giovanna Monti ’25 as runner-up.

Myerowitz Competition

In March, the law school held the 52nd annual Morris Brown Myerowitz Moot Court Competition. Finalists argued the fictional case Swanson v. Macklin, Newport and the City of Pawnee. Best Oralist went to Jessica Thayer ’24 and Best Brief to Megan Hovious ’24.

Ramsey Lecture

Delaware Court of Chancery Vice Chancellor Paul A. Fioravanti, Jr. ’97 presented the 2023 Norman P. Ramsey Distinguished Lecture, “Inside the Delaware Court of Chancery: A Modern-Day Perspective.”

Jurist-in-Residence Talk

Maryland Carey Law’s Women, Leadership & Equality Program presented the event Writing Judicial Opinions, featuring Jurist-in-Residence the Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera ’84, former chief judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals (now the Supreme Court of Maryland). During the intimate conversation with students, Judge Barbera shared insights into how appellate judges decide cases and answered questions from students interested in clerkships.
Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Banquet

At the February BLSA banquet, the group presented the Alumni of the Year Award to Tisha Edwards ’01, appointments secretary to Gov. Wes Moore. Edwards offered the keynote address. Other award recipients included A. Tonya Odom ’87, Practitioner of the Year; Open Society Institute-Baltimore (accepted by Danielle Torain ’10), Firm Diversity Award; and Derrick Milburn ’13, Impact Award.

Latinx Law Students Association (LLSA) Awards Ceremony

Last year, LLSA renamed the annual IMPACTO Award to honor Associate Dean José Bahamonde González, who passed away in 2022. The inaugural recipients of the José Bahamonde González IMPACTO Award were Wandaly Fernández García ’14 and Katrin Hussmann Schroll ’09.

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) Reception

At APALSA’s annual spring reception, the group awarded the 2023 APALSA Award of Excellence to Judge Rosalyn Tang of the Appellate Court of Maryland who offered the evening’s keynote address. Judge Tang is the first Asian American and youngest person to be appointed to Maryland’s appellate court.
MARYLAND Carey Law was abuzz with excitement March 30 through April 1 when hundreds of alumni and friends returned to Maryland Carey Law for Alumni Weekend 2023.

The celebration kicked off with the annual Alumni Honors Banquet on Thursday evening. Paul Tiburzi ’80, recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award, shared appreciation for his law school experience in his remarks. “Everything I have accomplished came from this law school,” said the prominent lawyer and former managing partner at DLA Piper’s Baltimore Office. “I learned to write at this law school…I learned to think like a lawyer.”

The crowd witnessed especially heartfelt moments when Sen. Ben Cardin ’67 presented the public service award named for him to this year’s recipient Amy Petkovsek ’06 and when the Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera ’84 presented the judicial excellence award named for her to the Hon. Joseph M. Getty ’96, who followed Judge Barbera as chief judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals (now the Supreme Court of Maryland).

Friday was a full day of fun events, including the Golden Graduates Luncheon honoring those who graduated 50 or more years ago. The luncheon celebrated the class of 1973, which this year becomes part of the distinguished group. The Hon. Richard Bennett ’73 (pictured above) offered fond recollections from his law school years, and 2L Rebecca Wells talked about what life is like for students at Maryland Carey Law today. “I am consistently awed at how excited the alumni of this school are to return and give back to students,” she said.

Alumni also attended an array of panels, talks, and programs, including a symposium on the role of law school clinics in decarceration efforts; an event hosted by the Women, Leadership & Equality Program exploring the history of the first women graduates of the law school; and a lively discussion with staff from the Center for Health and Homeland Security, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Also on Friday, the law school community spent an exciting night bidding on popular goods and services at the annual Maryland Public Interest Law Project auction. Proceeds directly support grants awarded to law students working unpaid internships at public interest organizations over the summer.

A little rain on Saturday did not dampen the enjoyment of the family-friendly picnic, with barbeque-inspired food, cornhole, face painting, and lawn games. Saturday evening featured a networking reception, where Dean Renée McDonald Hutchins addressed attendees. “I want to thank everyone here for taking time out of your busy schedules to come back to the law school to reconnect with your classmates and our broader alumni community,” said the dean. “We are deeply grateful for your engagement and hope you will continue to connect with us throughout the year.”

Congratulations to the 2023 Alumni Awards recipients. Honorees are selected by members of the Alumni Board Awards Committee and confirmed by the Alumni Board. The awards were presented as part of Alumni Weekend 2023.

**Distinguished Graduate Award**

**Paul A. Tiburzi ’80**

The Distinguished Graduate Award is presented to a Maryland Carey Law alum who has achieved prominence through professional excellence and service to the community. This year’s recipient was Paul A. Tiburzi ’80, senior counsel and former managing partner at DLA Piper, Baltimore.

**Mary Ellen Barbera ’84 Judicial Excellence Award**

**The Hon. Joseph M. Getty ’96**

The Mary Ellen Barbera ’84 Judicial Excellence Award is presented to an alum who exemplifies the highest standards of judicial excellence, displays extraordinary courage, energy, and tenacity in the handling of controversial and difficult cases as well as embodies strength of character, service, and competence as a jurist, lawyer, and public servant. This year’s honoree was the Hon. Joseph M. Getty ’96, retired chief judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals (now the Supreme Court of Maryland).

**Benjamin L. Cardin ’67 Public Service Award**

**Amy L. Petkovsek ’06**

The Benjamin L. Cardin ’67 Public Service Award is presented to an alum who has demonstrated significant and substantial contributions to furthering ideals of public service in the law. This year’s honoree was Amy L. Petkovsek ’06, executive director at the Community Law Center (previously deputy chief counsel at Maryland Legal Aid).

**Star Award**

**Benjamin S. Salsbury ’07**

The Star Award recognizes the unsung heroes among the alumni population. Those alumni who volunteer for Maryland Carey Law behind the scenes with little fanfare, and who are steadfast in their support, loyal in their hearts, and deserving of special recognition. This year’s honoree was Benjamin S. Salsbury ’07, founding member of Salsbury Sullivan, LLC.

**Rising Star Award**

**Letam Duson ’13**

The Rising Star Award recognizes a recent graduate whose exemplary contributions of service and leadership, either professionally or at Maryland Carey Law, have brought credit to the graduate and this institution. This year’s honoree was Letam Duson ’13, senior assistant state prosecutor with the Maryland Office of the State Prosecutor.
The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2023 the week of May 15-19.

The May 19 Hooding Ceremony at the Hippodrome Theatre was Renée McDonald Hutchins’s first as dean of Maryland Carey Law. “In this glorious moment,” she told the assemblage, “we get to take a deep breath and celebrate the accomplishments of the great Class of 2023.”

Hutchins also introduced the keynote speaker, former Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh, calling out the history of partnerships between the law school and Frosh, including cooperation on cases involving environmental protection and a program through which clinic students work in the attorney general’s office on consumer protection issues. In his address, Frosh encouraged graduates to use their JDs to improve lives. “You have the ability to be agents of change,” he said. “The law is your tool, and you should use it as a force for good, a force for justice.”

Additionally, day program class president Kaska Watson (pictured to the left) and evening division president Samantha Safchinsky offered reflections on their law school experiences.

Members of the high-achieving Class of 2023 were honored the previous day in Maryland Carey Law’s annual Recognition Ceremony where graduation prizes, Latin Honors, and Order of the Coif inductees were announced.
To welcome the Class of 2023 to the alumni community, the Maryland Carey Law School Club (MCLSC), comprising philanthropic leaders, hosted a champagne toast for the class. The MCLSC committee co-chairs are Letam Duson ’13, Barry Herman ’99, Joanne Pollak ’76, and Xochitl Strohbehn ’09, three of whom offered remarks. Other speakers were Hutchins and Student Bar Association President Meg Tippett ’23, who spearheaded the Carey Forward campaign through which the Class of 2023 raised the largest pre-graduation class gift to date.

Hutchins offered the toast, telling graduates, “From the moment you started your law school journey, you became part of the Maryland Carey Law community. Now as graduates, you are also part of our diverse community of alumni who are practitioners, scholars, civil servants, advocates, activists, authors and much more. Welcome to the Maryland Carey Law alumni family.”
1950s

Arnold Weiner ’57 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record.

1960s

William Wood ’66 was re-appointed to the University System of Maryland Board of Regents by Gov. Wes Moore.

Mark Dopkin ’67 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by The Best Lawyers in America for his real estate practice.

1970s

William Sammons ’70 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by The Best Lawyers in America for his commercial litigation practice.

Paul Bekman ’71 was named a 2023 Lifetime Achievement Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Glenn Cooper ’73 was named to the 2022 Top Lawyers Hall of Fame by the Washingtonian and joined Lerch, Early & Brewer as principal in the firm’s litigation and divorce/family law practice group.

David Irwin ’73 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record.

Stuart Sagal ’73 joined McNees Wallace & Nurick as a member.

Alan Betten ’76 joined McNees Wallace & Nurick as a member.

Paula Junghans ’76 was named to the Washingtonian magazine’s Top Lawyers Hall of Fame and received the publication’s Lifetime Lawyer Achievement award.

Alan Grochal ’77 was recognized by The Best Lawyers in America as the 2023 Lawyer of the Year in Baltimore for his bankruptcy litigation, and bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights and insolvency and reorganization law practices.

John Isbister ’77 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by The Best Lawyers in America for his commercial litigation, mass tort litigation/class actions and product liability litigation defense practices.

Steven Bers ’78 was named to the 2023 Labor and Employment Stars list by Benchmark Litigation.


Emerson Dorsey, Jr. ’79 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by The Best Lawyers in America for his real estate practice.

Caroline Harris ’79 published the article, “The City of Yes – NYC is Taking Leadership on Energy Storage System Siting” in CityLand.

Roger Winston ’79 was named to the 2022 Top Lawyers Hall of Fame by the Washingtonian.

The Hon. Lynne Battaglia ’74, Howard Kurman ’75, and Kerry Staton ’80 were chosen as 2022 Icon Honors Award winners by The Daily Record.
1980s

Lawrence Haislip ’80 joined Niles, Barton & Wilmer as of counsel in the firm’s real estate department.

Franklin Lee ’80 was inducted into the MBE Leaders and Legends Hall of Fame by The Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council.

Kerry Staton ’80 was named to the 2022 Personal Injury & Medical Malpractice Law Power List and was chosen as a 2022 Icon Honors Award winner by The Daily Record.

Andrew Levy ’81 was recognized by Chambers USA in the general commercial and appellate litigation categories.

William Carrier, III ’83 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by The Best Lawyers in America for his mass tort litigation/class actions and product liability litigation defense practices.

Alan Cason ’83 was named a 2023 Lifetime Achievement Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Margaret Garrett ’83 received the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Lewisburg Area High School Alumni Association.

David Hamilton ’83 joined DLA Piper as a partner in the firm’s litigation practice.

Rick Jaklitsch ’83 was named to the 2022 Personal Injury & Medical Malpractice Law Power List by The Daily Record.

Daniel Quasney ’83 joined McNees Wallace & Nurick as a member.

Gregory Wells ’84 was selected as a regent for the American College of Trial Lawyers, Region 11.

The Hon. Michael Barranco ’85 was appointed to the Baltimore County Circuit Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Miriam Fisher ’85 was named to the 2022 Top Lawyers Hall of Fame by The Washingtonian.

The Hon. Donna Schaeffer ’85 was named County Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

The Hon. Sean Wallace ’85 was elected to a seven-year term on the United Nations Dispute Tribunal as a full-time judge.

The Hon. Toni Clarke ’86 was elected president of the National Association of Women Judges.

David Diggs ’86 was named to the 2022 Family Law Power List by The Daily Record.

The Hon. Zakia Mahasa ’86 was appointed to the Employees’ & Elected Officials Retirement Systems Board of Trustees.

Ruth Renlund ’86 joined the International Center for Law and Religion Studies as center senior fellow.

Carol Ann Smith ’86 was named to the 2023 Top 100 Women in Maryland List by The Daily Record and was named a 2023 Lifetime Achievement Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Brenya Twumasi ’86 received the U.S. President’s Lifetime Achievement Award for her service to the San Antonio community and the nation.

Irwin Kramer ’87 was appointed chair of the Professional Ethics Committee of the Bar Association of Baltimore City.

Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum ’87 was named to Lawdragon’s 500 Leading Litigators in America list for 2023.

Anne Kelly Laynor ’87 was named to the 2022 Family Law Power List by The Daily Record.

Dorothy Lennig ’87 was appointed executive director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services by Gov. Wes Moore and was named to the 2022 Family Law Power List by The Daily Record.

Aron Raskas ’87 was sworn in as a member of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Executive Board of Governors.

Elva Tillman ’87 was inducted into the Monumental City Bar Association’s Hall of Fame for her work in government and public interest.

Brian Balenson ’88 was named to the “Best Lawyer” list by The Best Lawyers in America for his trusts and estates practice.

Laura Black ’88 authored her second book Climbing Down The Ladder: A Journey to a Different Kind of Happy.

David Martin ’88 was named to the 2022 Top Lawyers Hall of Fame by the Washingtonian.

Barbara Richardson ’88 was appointed as the Harford County Director of Housing and Community Development by Harford County Executive Elect Bob Cassilly.

1990s

Carol Dobak ’90 was appointed to the U.S. AbilityOne Commission by President Biden.

Leah Morabito ’90 joined McMillan Metro, P.C. as partner.

Deborah Potter ’90 was named to the 2022 Personal Injury & Medical Malpractice Law Power List by The Daily Record.
Mary Roby-Sanders ’90 was named to the 2022 Family Law Power List by The Daily Record.

The Hon. Daneeka Varner Cotton ’91 was appointed administrative judge for the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County.

Catherine Flynn ’91 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record.

The Hon. Darren Kadish ’91 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record and was appointed to the Baltimore City District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Trish Weaver ’91 joined Lerch, Early & Brewer as principal in the firm’s litigation and employment practice groups.

Dina Billian ’93 joined the University of Baltimore School of Law as assistant dean of career development.

Jonathan Eisner ’93 joined Venable LLP as a partner in the firm’s private wealth planning group.

Lori Hamilton Price ’93 was named director for the Office of Credit Ratings at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Kimberly Ross ’93 was named to Lawyers of Color’s Top Lobbyists & Influencers List for 2022.

J. Kevin Carnell ’94 was appointed executive chairman of CAC Specialty’s healthcare division.

Prabir Chakrabarty ’94 joined the Association of Corporate Counsel as director of corporate membership.

Monica Holman Evans ’94, executive director for the DC Board of Elections, was certified as an Elections & Registration Administrator from the National Association of Election Officials – the highest professional achievement for election officials.

Andrew Jezic ’94 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record.

Christopher Moylan ’94 received an LLM in Comparative and International Tax Law from Uppsala University, Sweden.

The Hon. Kathleen Murphy ’94 was appointed to the Baltimore County District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Shannon Stanley-Street ’94 was named to the 2023 Top 100 Women in Maryland List by The Daily Record.

Esther Lim ’95 appeared on the TODAY show to discuss her heartwarming story about a teacher who changed her life.

Eric McLauchlin ’95 was named to the 2022 Business & Employment Law Power List by The Daily Record and was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

The Hon. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake ’95 joined the National Basketball Players Association Foundation as executive director.

Joanne Roskey ’95 joined Miller & Chevalier as a member of the firm’s ERISA & employee benefits litigation.

The Hon. Angela Alsobrooks ’96 was named to the 2023 Power List for Government & Lobbying by The Daily Record.

Jason Buckel ’96 was named to the 2023 Power List for Government & Lobbying by The Daily Record.

Paul Comfort ’96 authored a book titled, “Conversations on Equity and Inclusion in Public Transportation.”

Holly Drumheller Butler ’97 was named to the 2023 Top 100 Women in Maryland List by The Daily Record.

Donna Shopulski ’97 was promoted to vice president for human resources, risk, and compliance at Harford Community College.

The Hon. Shaem Spencer ’97 was appointed district administrative judge for the District Court of Maryland in Anne Arundel County.

Geoffrey Washington ’97 joined Rifkin Weiner Livingston LLC as partner.

LaChia Bradshaw ’98 was recognized by the Burlington County, New Jersey Commissioners for exemplary service.

Kay Kim ’98 joined Paul Hastings as chief practice innovation officer.

CRAIG THOMPSON ’95

was appointed board chair for the Maryland Stadium Authority by Gov. Wes Moore.
TISHA EDWARDS ’01 was named secretary of appointments by Gov. Wes Moore.

Gordon Knox ’98 was named a 2023 Honoree as part of the Baltimore Business Journal’s Leaders in Diversity Award.

Timothy Kovac ’98 joined Sentry Insurance as chief legal and compliance officer.

Kraig Long ’98 was named managing partner of Nelson Mullins’ Baltimore Office.

Joel Perrell Jr. ’98 joined Womble Bond Dickinson as partner in the firm’s capital markets group.

Catherine Martin ’99, chief corporate compliance officer at Luminis Health, was named a featured mover by The Daily Record.

Mary O’Byrne ’99 joined Bowie & Jensen as a partner.

Yosefi Seltzer ’99 received the LAMP Distinguished Service Award from the American Bar Association Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel.

Ken Turnbull ’99 joined the U.S. Department of Justice as a trial attorney.

2000s

Carla Murphy ’00 joined Baker Donelson as a shareholder in the firm’s labor and employment group.

Anil Punyapu ’00 was appointed to the Louisiana State University Foundation Board of Directors.

Jennifer Alexander ’01 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record and was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Esteban Gergely ’01 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record.

Khalilah Harris ’01 was named senior policy advisor at the U.S. Office of Personal Management.

Kevin LaTulip ’01 was named chair of Baker Donelson’s Financial Services Transactions Group.

The Hon. Amy Lorenzini ’01 was named to the 2023 Top 100 Women in Maryland List by The Daily Record and was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Jennifer Schwartzott ’01 was elected to Bond, Schoeneck & King’s management committee.

Toni St. John ’01 was named executive director of Baltimore Collegetown Network and was named to the 2023 Higher Education Power List by The Daily Record.

The Hon. Christine Celeste ’02 was appointed to the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Ty Kelly ’02 was named to the 2023 Top 100 Women in Maryland List by The Daily Record.

Mark Kipa ’02 was elected to the Association of Corporate Counsel Greater Philadelphia Board of Directors and was named deputy general counsel at Comcast.

Eric Oberer ’02 authored the book, Courts of Law Not Courts of Justice.

Michael Pedone ’02 joined Venable LLP as a partner in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office.

The Hon. Allison Sayers ’02 was appointed to the Howard County District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.


Christina Bolmarcich ’03 was named to the 2023 Top 100 Women in Maryland List by The Daily Record.

Jason Caron ’03 joined Latham and Watkins as a partner.

Heather Culp ’03 was named senior vice president and chief philanthropy officer for the University of Maryland Medical Center and the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The Hon. Tracee Orlove Fruman ’03 was appointed to the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings as an administrative law judge.

Carrie Williams ’03 joined Goodell DeVries as counsel in the firm’s appellate practice group.
Sara Gross ’04 was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

C. Justin Brown ’05 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record.

The Hon. Michele Bernice Lambert ’05 was appointed to the Baltimore City District Court by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Jeanette Ortiz ’05 joined Johns Hopkins University as associate director for the Office of Government and Community Affairs.

Michael Stelmack ’05 was appointed to serve on the Baltimore County Board of Appeals.

Alex Tanouye ’05 joined Brown Advisory as partner and head of fiduciary services.

Oana Brooks ’06 was named to the 2022 Criminal Law Power List by The Daily Record.

Aaron Casagrande ’06 was named to the 2023 Future Stars list by Benchmark Litigation.

Jennifer Curry ’06 was named to the 2022 Business & Employment Law Power List by The Daily Record.

William Herrfeldt ’06 joined McGuireWoods as a partner.

David Hodnett ’06 joined UPD Consulting as director of strategic partnerships.

Delora Sanchez Ifekauche ’06 was named to the 2023 Power List for Government & Lobbying by The Daily Record and was named to the Cornerstone Government Affairs Board of Directors.

Scott Lloyd ’06 joined Gordon Feinblatt as an attorney on the firm’s intellectual property and business law teams.

Moya Panda ’06 was appointed executive director of the Police Accountability Board by Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman.

Kelly Preteroti ’06 was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Indira Sharma ’06 was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Rebecca Shore ’06 was featured in the Adweek article, “Retailer Albertsons’ Chief Privacy Officer on Making Policies Readable and Starting Out at NASA.”

Jaymi Sterling ’06 was elected as the next state’s attorney for St. Mary’s County in Maryland.

Russell Berger ’07 was named to the 2022 Business & Employment Law Power List by The Daily Record.

Jessica Butkera ’07 joined Cipriani & Werner, P.C. as a partner in its Maryland Office.

Jason Downs ’07 was recognized as a 2022 DC Rising Star by the National Law Journal.

Andrew Katzenberg ’07 joined ArentFox Schiff as a partner.

Sara Alpert Lawson ’07 was appointed chairperson of Bay Area Legal’s Development Council.

Shawn Shaffie ’07 was named partner at Parker Shaffie LLP.

Alicia Wilson ’07 was named to Savoy magazine’s 2022 list of Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America; received the 2022 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award from the Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; and joined JPMorgan Chase as managing director of the North American regional philanthropy team.

Nina Basu ’08 was named to the 2022 list of Most Admired CEOs by The Daily Record.

Thomas Grace ’08 joined Venable LLP as a partner in the firm’s private wealth planning group.

Jamie Jackson ’08 joined K&L Gates as partner in the firm’s public policy and law practice.

Jennifer Katz ’08 was named deputy legal counsel for Maryland Gov. Wes Moore.

Deepti Kulkarni ’08 joined Covington & Burling LLP as a partner in the firm’s food, drug and device practice group.
Michelle Mendez ’08 was named to the Washington, DC’s Top Lawyers: Immigration List by the Washingtonian.

George O’Brien ’08 joined Mayer Brown as a partner in the corporate and securities practice in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office.

Thaila Sundaresan ’08 was named to the 2023 Fellowship Class by the South Asia Bar Association (SABA) Leadership Institute.

Atresha Karra Whitmore ’08 was named a principal in the government practice group at Deloitte Consulting LLP.

Richard Abbruzzese ’09 was named to the 2023 Power List for Government & Lobbying by The Daily Record.

Candace Gregory ’09 joined Phelps Dunbar as a partner.

Kevin Mattingly ’09 joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as a senior attorney.

Joseph Selba ’09 was elected as president of the Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association.

Danielle Turnipseed ’09 joined the Association of American Medical Colleges as chief public policy officer.

James Bragdon ’10 was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Himedes Chicas ’10 was named to the Washington, DC’s Top Lawyers: Immigration List by the Washingtonian.

Evan Cordes ’10 was named one of the top workers’ compensation lawyers in the State of Minnesota by Minnesota Monthly.

James Dold ’10 was named a 2023 Roddenberry Fellow.

The Hon. William Ferguson IV ’10 was named to the 2023 Power List for Government & Lobbying by The Daily Record.

Kristen Fidler ’10 was appointed assistant secretary for aquatic resources at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Ethan Haire ’10 was promoted to vice president, deputy general counsel at Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.

Angela N. Hanks ’10 joined Demos as chief of programs.

Joshua Kahn ’10 joined Schochor, Staton, Goldberg and Cardea, P.A. as an attorney.

The Hon. Marc Korman ’10 was named to the 2023 Power List for Government & Lobbying by The Daily Record.

Rama Taib-Lopez ’10 joined the family law practice at Stein Sperling as of counsel.

Jessica Ayd ’11 was elected partner at Goodell DeVries.

Kathleen Hyland ’11 was named a 2022 Rising Star by the National Consumer Law Center.

Aaron Mapes ’11 joined Fox Rothschild as a partner in the firm’s environmental department.

Sally McMillan Robb ’11 was featured in the AFRO article “AFRO Spotlight on Black excellence: meet the women in leadership serving as chiefs of staff.”

Natasha Mehu ’11 joined Manis Caning & Associates.

Andrew Vetter ’11 joined Schwartz, Metz, Wise & Kauffman.

Ajoke Agboola ’12 joined the U.S. Department of Energy as an attorney advisor.

Ethan Cohen ’12 was named head of the Appellate Litigation Department at Rosenberg & Estis.

Lindsey Cook ’12 was named partner at Barley Snyder.

Peter Goldsmith ’12 joined Lerch Early Brewer as a land use/zoning principal to lead the firm’s Prince George’s County practice.

Anyamarino ’12 was named to the 2023 40 Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40 List by the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association.

Rianna Matthews-Brown ’12 was featured in the AFRO article “AFRO Spotlight on Black excellence: meet the women in leadership serving as chiefs of staff.”

Juliana Neelbauer ’12 joined Fox Rothschild LLP as a partner in the corporate department in the firm’s Atlanta office.

THE HON. LAURA HATCHER ’07

was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.
Chelsea Ortega ’12 was elected to the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service Board of Directors.

Phillip Westry ’12 became executive director of FreeState Justice.

Michael Bakhama ’13 joined Nusinov Smith LLP as a partner.

Sarah David ’13 was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Maggie Davis ’13 was selected as a 2023 Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative fellow at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

Abe Gitterman ’13 received the 2023 Rising Star Award from the Food and Drug Law Institute.

Glenn Gordon ’13 was elected principal at Miles & Stockbridge.

Marshall Jackson, Jr. ’13 was named a DC Rising Star as part of The National Law Journal’s 2022 Legal Awards.

Jessica Killeen ’13 joined Shannon Mullins & Wright LLP as counsel.

Zachary Schultz ’13 was elected principal at Miles & Stockbridge.

Gabriel Scott ’13 was named partner at K&L Gates LLP.

Travis Chance ’14 was named shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

Atif Chaudhry ’14 was appointed secretary of the Department of General Service by Gov. Wes Moore.

Christine Diana ’14 was named partner at Jones Jones LLC.

Laura Dunn ’14 was featured in the Netflix documentary “Victim/Suspect.”

Emmanuel Fishelman ’14 was reelected to the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association Board of Directors.

Fernando Guerra ’14 joined American Wild Horse Campaign as the legal affairs director.

Alison Li ’14 joined Klasko Immigration Law Partners, LLP as an associate attorney.

Megan McGinnis ’14 was elected principal at Miles & Stockbridge and was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Danielle Noe ’14 was promoted to division vice president & associate general counsel, risk management group for divergent solutions at Jacobs.

Viola Woolums ’14 joined the Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities at the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights as legal counsel.

Roberto Berrios ’15 was promoted to special assistant to the President and director of confirmations at The White House.

Michael Brown ’15 joined Miles & Stockbridge as an associate in the firm’s litigation practice group.

Clifford Glover III ’15 joined Exelon as assistant general counsel for labor and employment.

Roy Lyford-Pike ’15 was elected to the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association Board of Directors.

Anthony May ’15 was elected to the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service Board of Directors.

Bianca Pinnock ’15 joined Shulman Rogers as an attorney.

Nicholas Rodriguez ’15 was promoted to counsel at Reed Smith.

Monica Basche ’16 was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Michael Curto ’16 was named legislative director for U.S. Representative Troy E. Nehls.

Susan DuMont ’16 was elected to the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service Board of Directors.

Benjamin Garmoe ’16 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Alumni Association.

Christopher Huang ’16 joined IT Concepts, Inc. as director of contracts & compliance.

Molly Lolli ’16 was appointed as legislative director by U.S. Representative Richard Hudson.

Jade McDuffie McClary ’16 joined the National Trust for Historic Preservation as associate general counsel.

Hillary Scholten ’11

was elected to Congress in Michigan’s 3rd Congressional District.
Matthew Healy ’17 joined PilieroMazza as an associate in the firm’s litigation and dispute resolution group.

Hillary Irvin ’17 was named assistant United States attorney at the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of California.

Michael Martin ’17 was named chief of staff for U.S. Representative Mark Alford.

Maria Nazarova JD ’17/LLM ’11 joined Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP as an associate in the mergers and acquisitions and private equity practices.

J. Michael Pardoe ’17 joined Cole Schotz P.C. as an associate in the firm’s litigation and bankruptcy & corporate restructuring departments.

Heather Shek ’17 was named deputy legal counsel at the Maryland Office of Legal Counsel by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Jeffrey Wettengel ’17 joined the environmental, safety and incident response group at Baker Botts LLP as an associate.

Jake Whitaker ’17 was named the director of government affairs for the Maryland Hospital Association.

Abigail Beichler ’18 joined The Law Offices of James E. Crawford, Jr. & Associates, LLC as managing attorney.

Zachary Gilreath ’18 joined Baker Donelson as an associate in the firm’s construction group.

Veronica McBeth MSL ’18 was appointed as senior advisor of the Federal Transit Administration at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Max Cardin ’19 joined Hogan Lovells as an associate.

Faith Harrington ’19 joined Nusinov Smith LLP as an associate.

Samone Ijoma ’19 joined Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP as an associate.

Charlie Kassir ’19 joined the Maryland Judiciary as senior advisor to the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland.

Saikrishna Srikanth ’19 joined Capehart Scatchard as an associate in the firm’s workers’ compensation practice.

Robert Troiano ’19 joined PilieroMazzo as an associate in the firm’s business and transactions group.

2020s

Blaine Boyd ’20 was named legislative director and counsel for U.S. Representative Mikie Sherrill.

Kara Gundel ’20 joined Diesel Technology Forum as senior director of public policy.

Hunter Haines ’20 was named director of platform innovation and technology at Next powered by Shulman Rogers.

William Joyner ’20 was named assistant vice president for community engagement at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Amelia Marsden ’20 joined Markham Law Firm as an associate.

Megan Sunderland ’20 joined Venable LLP as an associate in the firm’s private wealth planning group.

Stephen Weyler ’20 was promoted to director of government relations at Invariant.

Maria Juliana Bermudez ’21 was elected to the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association Board of Directors.

Jonathan Couce ’21 joined the Bronx District Attorney’s Office as an assistant district attorney.

Ebele Ebonwu ’21 joined the workers’ compensation group at Goldberg Segalla in the firm’s Baltimore office.

Edward Healy ’21 joined Wright, Constable & Skeen, LLP as an associate in the firm’s Baltimore office and was named a 2023 Honoree as part of The Daily Record’s Leadership in Law awards program.

Naila Herrera ’21 was reelected to the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association Board of Directors.

Veronica Mina ’21 joined Kagan Stern Marinello & Beard, PLLC as an associate.

Ryan D’Souza ’22 joined Keller and Heckman LLP as an associate in the firm’s food and drug law practice.

Maya Foster ’22 joined Shawe Rosenthal LLP as an associate.

Tanner Whited ’22 joined Husch Blackwell as an associate in the firm’s Omaha, Neb. Office.

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Another accomplishment important to the law school’s cultural life was Kelly’s establishment of Westminster Hall. In 1974, the former church adjacent to the law school building was designated a historic landmark, sitting within the cemetery where Edgar Allan Poe and many prominent Maryland figures are interred. Working with Professor Emeritus Garrett Power, who went on to manage the project, Kelly established the Westminster Historic Preservation Trust, which raised money to refurbish the hall. Today, Westminster is physically attached to the law school and serves as a beautiful gathering place for everything from investitures to reunions, retirement banquets to wedding receptions.

In his own scholarly life, Kelly conducted a comprehensive study of legal ethics and legal education, and wrote two pioneering books, Lives of Lawyers and Lives of Lawyers Revisited, examining the differing cultures and leadership styles of law firms and the impacts these had on the legal services that clients received and the communities in which the law firms worked.

Kelly is remembered for appreciating and supporting activities that make a law school great—excellent scholarship and teaching, attention to students, practice experiences, collegiality, and public engagement.

He kicked off one academic year by releasing a ceremonial hot air balloon on the law school’s front porch to student applause. He also held sessions on ethical lessons after each episode of the television program “L.A. Law.” They became so popular that Richard Dysart, who starred as Leland McKenzie in the series, became a fan of Kelly and presented a lecture at the school—on the similarities and differences between actors and lawyers.

When Kelly left the law school, he became vice president and chief operating officer at Georgetown University. Dedicated to public service, he served as executive director of the Maryland Commission on Judicial Reform and chair of the National Senior Citizens Law Center.

Maryland Carey Law lost beloved former dean Michael J. Kelly in January 2023.

During Kelly’s tenure from 1975 to 1991, the law school created nationally recognized clinical, environmental, and health law programs; launched the Cardin Requirement, making clinical experience a condition of graduation; and became a national leader in integrating theory and practice. Additionally, Kelly significantly diversified and enhanced the faculty and student body.

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Maryland Carey Law mourns the passing of the Honorable Benjamin Civiletti ’61, who died in October 2022.

Civiletti was U.S. attorney general from 1979 to 1981. In that role, he argued before the Supreme Court for the right of the government to denaturalize Nazi war criminals and before the International Court of Justice on behalf of the American captives in Iran during the Iran hostage crisis. He also investigated presidential brother Billy Carter in his dealings with Libya. Perhaps his most enduring contribution to the profession, however, was his issuance of public attorney general guidelines with policies and procedures that guide government investigations and prosecutions to this day.

After leaving the Justice Department in 1982, Civiletti returned to Baltimore to rejoin the firm currently known as Venable LLC, where he had been a partner prior to his service in Washington.

Civiletti focused his practice on commercial litigation, banking, white-collar crime, government regulation, and corporate governance. Moreover, he developed a practice in alternative dispute resolution, working as a mediator, facilitator, master, and arbitrator in many commercial and tort disputes. When Civiletti retired from Venable LLC in 2014, he was a senior partner and chairman emeritus.

A leader in the Maryland legal community, Civiletti served on several local and state-wide task forces and investigations, including the Governor’s plan for Welfare Reform in Maryland and, following the death of University of Maryland, College Park, basketball star Len Bias, the Governor’s Task Force to Investigate Student Drug Use in higher education in Maryland. Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley ’88 appointed Civiletti as chair of the Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment in 2008. In November of that year, the commission recommended abolition of the death penalty to the Maryland General Assembly.

His community work also included serving as a member of multiple bar associations, chair of the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association, and a fellow of the American Law Institute and the American Bar Foundation.

Upon his retirement, Maryland Carey Law established the Benjamin R. Civiletti Scholarship Fund through the generosity of Venable LLP, along with family, friends, and colleagues of Civiletti. The purpose of the fund is to provide endowed scholarship support for students who have a record of high academic achievement, demonstrated financial need, characteristics of leadership, and a commitment to public service.

Born in 1935 in Peekskill, New York, Civiletti earned a degree in psychology from Johns Hopkins University in 1957 and graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1961. The law school honored him with the Distinguished Graduate Award in 1980. Civiletti’s papers are held as a special collection at the Thurgood Marshall Law Library.
SCAR GRAY, the Jacob A. France Professor Emeritus of Torts, was one of the nation’s preeminent torts scholars for more than 40 years. He published the second and third editions of the definitive six-volume treatise on tort law, *Harper, James and Gray on Torts*. He also was a co-editor of the influential torts casebook, *Cases and Materials on Torts*, along with Harry Shulman, Fleming James, Jr., and Professor Don Gifford. During the mid-1990s, he served as chair of the AALS Section on Tort and Compensation Systems, and in 2010, he received the William L. Prosser Award for lifetime service from the section.

Upon Gray’s death in 2019, his beloved spouse of more than 50 years, Dr. Sheila Hafter Gray, established an endowment in his honor. The fund creates a faculty teaching fellowship that supports individuals with a demonstrated commitment to legal scholarship who are engaged in teaching the core curriculum at the law school. These scholars will be known as Oscar S. Gray Fellows. The selection of fellows will reflect Professor Gray’s commitment to social justice in civil and military law. Before she passed away in 2021, Dr. Gray generously added to the endowment through a planned gift.

Before the endowment is fully funded, it will support research fellowships to provide supplemental funding for the work of upper-level law students serving as research assistants to faculty members.

In a special 2020 tribute to Gray in the *Maryland Law Review*, Gifford, Gray’s longtime collaborator and friend, quoted a University of Virginia professor, who, in the 1990s, said of Gray: “In the world today, no one better epitomizes that ‘ancient and hallowed term “scholar’” than Oscar Gray.”

It is fitting that Gray’s legacy will live on in the work of future scholars at Maryland Carey Law.
PHILLIP WESTRY ’12 still remembers his first hearing as a staff attorney at St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center. “I was working in foreclosure prevention legal services, and my first client was a single mother with her own business who had fallen behind on her mortgage,” recalls Westry. “She brought her baby to the hearing, and I remember thinking that with my law degree and skills I can help save someone’s home—a home a baby grows up in or a home that might create generational wealth and equity.”

That experience was a motivating factor in Westry’s decision to spend his career in the nonprofit sector. Following nearly five years at St. Ambrose, he went on to become a staff attorney with the Maryland Center for Legal Assistance and then the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, where he provided legal services, including representing Baltimore Health Corps employees in consumer debt and foreclosure cases in the aftermath of COVID-19.

In 2021, Westry was named legal director for FreeState Justice, a legal advocacy organization that seeks to improve the lives of low-income lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) Marylanders. “The low-income LGBTQ population continues to struggle with barriers to living their lives authentically,” says Westry, citing a host of legal challenges facing the LGBTQ community such as harassment, complex family law issues, and anti-LGBTQ discrimination in employment, housing, foster care, health care, and public accommodations. Westry recently was named executive director, a role that will allow him to help move the state of Maryland forward in terms of LGBTQ-friendly legislation.

Westry was an evening law student, working full time with a tight schedule. Still, he actively participated in the Black Law Students Association. “As a first-generation undergraduate and law school student, I welcomed the community support from other Black students who were from similar backgrounds and in similar situations,” says Westry, who attended alumni mixers where he met faculty members and former students. Mark Scurti, currently an associate judge of the District Court of Maryland in Baltimore City, was a faculty member who would become a mentor. “His class covered LGBTQ-specific cases and laws, which opened my eyes to this area of practice,” says Westry. Judge Scurti was one of the organizing members of the FreeState Legal Project, which was founded out of a law clinic at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and evolved into FreeState Justice.

Westry’s ties to the law school run deep: FreeState partners with Maryland Carey Law to promote the Maryland Public Interest Law Project and regularly employs its students. He takes pride in his law school experience. “When I attended the law school, the culture was about collaboration and cooperation even though law is a very competitive field. Today, more than ever, a collaborative and team approach is needed to produce high-quality legal work.”
In law school, Toks Arowojolu was inspired by her experiences in the Women, Leadership, & Equality Program, Gender Violence Clinic, and ADR team. After graduation, she was an associate at K&L Gates LLP, then corporate counsel at Ameren. Now she is back in her home state working in the front office of her favorite team, the Baltimore Ravens, as associate general counsel.

Inspired by Professors Michael Pinard and Sherrilyn Ifill to think about how the practice of law can enhance social equity and civil rights, Jennifer Katz spent 10 years at the Maryland Attorney General’s Office, most of them as a litigator in the Civil Division defending the state’s firearm safety laws. These days, she is deputy legal counsel to Maryland Gov. Wes Moore.
GO ANYWHERE

Rudhir Krishtel ’02
CEO/Founder
Krishtel Coaching

Previously senior counsel at Apple and a partner at Fish & Richardson P.C., Rudhir Krishtel founded Krishtel Coaching in 2018, offering keynotes, workshops, and coaching on wellbeing, DEI, and leadership for the likes of Google, USA Soccer, and top law firms. At Maryland Carey Law, he was active in APALSA and interned with the DOJ Civil Rights Division before clerking for the Hon. Andre M. Davis ’78.

Thomas Leone MSL ’21
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