

Six From HLS Win Prestigious Skadden Fellowships

December 16, 2008

For the second straight year, six Harvard Law School students and recent graduates have been chosen to receive Skadden Fellowships to support their work in public service. This marks the seventh consecutive year that HLS students and recent graduates have won more of the prestigious Skadden fellowships than their competitors from other law schools.

The six students are: Alex Boni-Saenz '08, Aaron Halegua '09, Alison Kamhi '08, Damon King '09, Michelle Kuo '09, and Jason Szanyi '09.

"This is terrific news--not just for this year's group of remarkably accomplished recipients, but for all the many people they will help in their new positions," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "The Skadden Fellowships have enabled more than 100 HLS graduates to pursue their commitment to public service, and I'm delighted that these six dedicated students and alumni will now have that same opportunity. I could not be more proud, and I congratulate them all."

Described as a legal Peace Corps by the Los Angeles Times, the Skadden Fellowship program was established by the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher Flom in 1988 in recognition of the need for greater funding for graduating law students who wish to devote their professional lives to providing legal services to the poor.

The fellowship provides a \$46,000 salary plus benefits for one year, with the expectation of renewal for a second year. To apply, students must create their own projects at public interest organizations with the help of at least two lawyers.

Over the last 20 years, the Skadden Fellowship program has funded more than 500 law school graduates and judicial clerks to work full-time for legal and advocacy organizations. Since the program's inception, almost 90 percent of the Fellows have remained in public interest or public sector work after finishing their fellowships.

Both Halegua and Kamhi are former Fulbright Scholars, while Boni-Saenz and Kuo are former Truman Scholars. Kuo is also a 2007 Soros Fellow and a former Harvard-Knox fellow, and Kamhi was named a Chayes Fellow in 2006. Boni-Saenz will represent low-income seniors through the creation of the first medical-legal partnership for the elderly in the Chicago area. His placement will be with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Halegua will work for the The Legal Aid Society in New York, NY. He will engage in advocacy to combat the exploitation of low-income Chinese immigrant workers in New York city by providing direct representation in wage and hour, discrimination and retaliation cases as well as educational outreach through community groups in Flushing.

Kamhi will work for Catholic Charities in New York, NY, and will represent abused, neglected and abandoned immigrant youth who are housed temporarily by the Federal Government in

Children's Village Facilities in NYC. She will facilitate their release, reintegration with their families or transfer to foster care systems.

King will work at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco, to enforce the rights of children in California's group homes through direct representation, legal support for court-appointed attorneys and collaboration with state agencies to resolve facility licensing violations.

Kuo, who will work for Centro Legal de Raza in Oakland, CA, plans to establish an on-site legal clinic at a public high school that will create direct access to legal aid for indigent families. She will also teach conflict resolution to youth.

Szanyi will go to the Center for Children's Law and Policy in Washington, DC, where he will work on impact litigation and policy advocacy for children in the juvenile justice system, focusing on abused children and others who are not receiving adequate education or health care. He also plans to engage in direct representation as a foundation for national advocacy.

Find more about the Skadden Fellowships [here](#).

Lawrence Lessig named professor of law at HLS, director of Harvard's Edmond J. Safra Foundation Center for Ethics

December 12, 2008

Renowned legal scholar Lawrence Lessig has been appointed to the faculty of Harvard Law School, and as the faculty director of Harvard University's Edmond J. Safra Foundation Center for Ethics.

The announcement was made jointly today (Dec. 12) by Harvard University Provost Steven E. Hyman and Harvard Law School Dean Elena Kagan.

Lessig — a widely acclaimed expert in constitutional law, cyberlaw, and intellectual property — comes to Harvard from the faculty of Stanford Law School. Prior to joining the Stanford faculty in 2000, he was on the faculty of the University of Chicago Law School and Harvard Law School.

"Harvard is fortunate to have such an outstanding scholar at the helm of one of its finest organizations," said Hyman of the Center appointment. "Lawrence brings with him tremendous vision and administrative experience, which will serve the center well as he continues to build upon its remarkable success."

"Larry Lessig is one of the most brilliant and important legal scholars of our time," Kagan said. "His work has recast the very terms of discussion and debate in multiple areas of law, ranging from intellectual property to constitutional theory. His new focus on questions of governance and corruption will be similarly transformative, and I am thrilled that he is returning to Harvard Law School and assuming the directorship of the Center to advance those efforts."

As faculty director of the Center, Lessig will expand on the center's work to encourage teaching and research about ethical issues in public and professional life. He will also launch a major five-year project examining what happens when public institutions depend on money from sources that may be affected by the work of those institutions — for example, medical research programs that receive funding from pharmaceutical companies whose drugs they review, or academics whose policy analyses are underwritten by special interest groups.

"I am very excited to be returning to Harvard to work on a project of enormous importance to our democracy," said Lessig. "The chance to extend the work of the Center to focus on the problems of institutional independence is timely and essential. I am eager to work with friends and old colleagues from the Law School and across the University to make this project a success."

A prolific writer, Lessig is the author of five books: "Remix" (2008), "Code v2" (2007), "Free Culture" (2004), "The Future of Ideas" (2001), and "Code, and Other Laws of Cyberspace" (1999). He has published more than 60 scholarly articles in leading law and technology journals. His work also appears regularly in the popular press, and he was a monthly columnist for Wired Magazine.

In addition to his teaching, research, and writing, Lessig has also represented clients in several high-profile cases involving the Internet. He represented Web site operator Eric Eldred in the groundbreaking case *Eldred v. Ashcroft*, challenging the 1998 Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act.

In 2006, Lessig was elected as a fellow of the Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is on the board of the [Creative Commons](#) project, [MAPLight](#), [Free Press](#), [Brave New Film Foundation](#), [Change Congress](#), [The American Academy, Berlin](#), and [iCommons.org](#). He is on the advisory board of the [Sunlight Foundation](#) and [LiveJournal](#), and has held board positions at Public Knowledge (Washington, D.C.), Electronic Frontier Foundation (San Francisco), and RedHat Center for the Public Domain.

Lessig was named to the National Law Journal's "100 Most Influential Lawyers" list in 2000 and in 2006. A past fellow of the Center himself (1996-97), he has also been a fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (1999-2000).

He holds a law degree from Yale Law School, an M.A. in philosophy from Trinity College at Cambridge University, and a B.A. in economics and a B.S. in management from the University of Pennsylvania. He clerked for Judge Richard Posner of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lessig succeeds Dennis Thompson, the Alfred North Whitehead Professor of Political Philosophy, as director of the Center. Thompson founded the center in 1987 and served as director until 2007.

"We are deeply proud of the Center's achievements, and we are supremely confident of its future success under the direction of Lawrence Lessig," said Lily Safra, chairwoman of the Edmond J. Safra Foundation. "It won't be easy to fill Dennis Thompson's shoes, but we are delighted that someone of Professor Lessig's caliber will be building upon the foundation he laid."

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation is an international leader in the support of medical research and health care, education, religion, humanitarianism, and culture. Edmond J. Safra was a prominent international banker and a dedicated philanthropist who supported countless humanitarian, religious, educational, and cultural causes.

Lessig will join the Law School faculty and take up his duties as director of the Center in the summer of 2009.

Lloyd E. Ohlin, expert in criminal justice, 1918-2008

December 12, 2008

Professor Emeritus Lloyd E. Ohlin, an expert in criminal justice who was widely known for his academic work and public service, died on December 6, 2008, at the age of 90.

A sociologist by training, Ohlin's work focused on the intersection of sociology and the criminal justice system. He joined the Harvard Law School faculty in 1967, and held the Roscoe Pound Professorship of Criminology and later the Touroff-Glueck Professorship of Criminal Justice, Emeritus. While at Harvard Law, Ohlin served as the research director of the Center for Criminal Justice. He retired from the HLS faculty in 1982.

"Lloyd Ohlin was one of the early participants in the interdisciplinary approach to legal education," said Harvard Law School Dean Elena Kagan '86. "During his time here, his students and colleagues gained invaluable insight into problems of crime and punishment, especially relating to juvenile offenders, thanks to his grounding in the fields of sociology and criminology. We are grateful that we had the benefit of his scholarship and his lifelong example of public service."

Ohlin was the author of numerous articles published in professional journals and many books, including: *Sociology and the Field of Corrections* (1956), *Delinquency and Opportunity* (with Richard A. Cloward, 1960), *A Theory of Correctional Reform* (with Alden Miller and Robert Coates, 1977), *Diversity in a Youth Correctional System: Handling Delinquents in Massachusetts* (1978), *Delinquency and Community* (with Alden Miller, 1985), and *Human Development and Criminal Behavior* (with Michael Tonry and David F. Farrington, 1991).

Prior to joining the HLS faculty, Ohlin directed the work of the Center for Education and Research in Corrections at the University of Chicago and taught as a professor of sociology at the Columbia University School of Social Work from 1956-1967.

In addition to his academic work, Ohlin was a committed public servant. He served in the Army during World War II and during the Korean War as an expert consultant.

Ohlin worked as a sociologist for the Illinois Parole and Pardon Board from 1947-1953. And, on a leave of absence from Columbia University, he helped to direct a new federal program for the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime in 1961-1962. From 1965 to 1967, Ohlin served as associate director of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice.

Ohlin was president of the American Society of Criminology in 1986, a Fellow in 1982, and recipient of the Edwin Sutherland Award in 1967. He also received the Bruce Smith, Jr. Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in 1992.

Ohlin earned his B.A. from Brown University, an M.A. in Sociology from Indiana University, and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago.

After his retirement from Harvard Law School, Ohlin continued work on several projects, including the final report of a study he headed on the Massachusetts Juvenile Justice System. He also consulted for the National Institute of Justice and other foundations, from his oceanfront home in Maine and his home in Santa Barbara, California.

Harvard Law School celebrates record-setting capital campaign

October 23, 2008

Harvard Law School's "Setting the Standard" campaign has raised \$476,475,707, making it the most successful fund-raising drive in the history of legal education.

"This campaign has made it possible for us to strengthen the law school in all kinds new and exciting ways – by expanding our faculty, modernizing and internationalizing our curriculum, constructing a major building complex, augmenting the financial assistance we give to students, and further encouraging public service," said Harvard Law School Dean Elena Kagan. "I am deeply grateful to the more than 23,000 alumni and friends who joined in this effort. They know how special a place Harvard Law School is and how transformational it can be, and they have enabled us to do more for our students, our profession, and our world than ever before."

At a gala event on Thursday, October 23, Harvard Law School leaders gathered in Cambridge to celebrate the successful completion of the campaign, which was launched five years ago and ended on June 30th.

The campaign's goals were based on a comprehensive plan developed by the Harvard Law faculty over a three-year period. As a result, resources were raised in a targeted fashion to support and strengthen financial aid, faculty expansion, research programs, efforts to internationalize the school, and the design and construction of a major new building complex.

"For nearly two centuries, Harvard Law School has set the standard for legal education," said Finn M.W. Caspersen, a 1966 graduate of the law school and chairman of the campaign. "This campaign allowed us to reinforce Harvard Law School's position as the world's premier center for legal education and research."

The success of the campaign can be attributed in large part to significant involvement of the Law School's Dean's Advisory Board, including Caspersen and campaign co-chairs Gus Hauser, Rita Hauser, John F. Cogan Jr., and William D. Walsh, and also Bruce Wasserstein, all of whom made generous gifts. During the course of the campaign, the School also raised more than \$60 million in smaller, unrestricted gifts to the Harvard Law School Fund.

Proceeds from the campaign are supporting a significant expansion of the faculty, which is now the largest and strongest in the law school's history. They are also supporting path-breaking research centers focusing on such critical areas as environmental law, health law policy, human rights law, cyber law, and corporate governance; a host of programs to internationalize the school's activities, including many new student exchange programs with foreign universities; and new initiatives to encourage students to pursue public service, including the school's unprecedented 3rd year tuition-waiver program for students who agree to work in public service for at least five years after graduation. The campaign also has enabled a dramatic expansion of clinical education programs, increased significantly the amount of financial aid available to students.

The law school kicked off its campaign in 2003, under the leadership of then Dean Robert Clark. Before the campaign's official launch, Clark had already secured \$170.1 million in commitments toward the campaign's \$400 million goal.

The law school's previous fund-raising campaign took place between 1991 and 1995, and surpassed its \$150 million goal by raising \$183 million.

Related Links:

- [Harvard Law rallies \\$476.5M in fundraising campaign](#) (National Law Journal)
- [Harvard Law School raises \\$476 million in capital campaign](#) (The Harvard Crimson)

Henry E. Smith to join HLS faculty in 2009

September 03, 2008

Yale Law Professor **Henry E. Smith**, an expert in property, intellectual property, natural resources, and taxation, will join the Harvard Law School faculty in January 2009, Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced today.

"Henry Smith is one of the nation's leading lights in the crucial fields of property and intellectual property," said Kagan. "His scholarship is as original as it is rigorous, as brilliantly interdisciplinary as it is deeply rooted in law. He is also a very fine teacher, as our students well know. I am thrilled he is joining our faculty."

Smith currently holds a joint appointment as the Fred A. Johnston Professor of Property and Environmental Law and as professor of cognitive science. He has authored numerous articles, primarily about the law and economics of property and intellectual property, which have been published in leading law journals. He serves on the board of advisors for the *Journal of Law, Economics, and Policy*. Smith is also the co-author with Thomas W. Merrill of "Property: Principles and Policies," a casebook on property law.

"Joining the Harvard faculty is a tremendous honor to me," said Smith. "Harvard outstandingly combines interdisciplinary analysis and seriousness about law, and I look forward to drawing on the strengths of this amazing university. It is both humbling to think of the many giants of the past who have made Harvard Law School a legend and inspiring to be in their footsteps as the school moves in exciting new directions."

Prior to joining the Yale Law School faculty in 2002, Smith taught at the Northwestern University School of Law. He was awarded the Dean's Teaching Award for excellence in teaching for the 1997-98 academic year. Smith has been a visiting professor at the University of Chicago Law School, and has visited HLS twice: once as the William K. Jacobs, Jr. Visiting Professor of Law at HLS in the spring of 2006, and once as the Austin Wakeman Scott Visiting Professor of Law in the spring of 2008.

Smith has won several prizes and fellowships for his scholarship. In 2003, he was awarded a Berlin Prize Fellowship by the American Academy in Berlin. Smith was also the recipient of a John M. Olin Faculty Fellowship and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Oslo in Norway.

Smith earned his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1996, winning the Benjamin Scharps Prize for best third-year paper. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Ralph K. Winter, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

In addition to his legal scholarship, he also holds a Ph.D. in linguistics from Stanford University. Prior to attending law school, he taught linguistics at the University of Chicago and at Indiana University in Bloomington. Smith holds an A.B. from Harvard University.

John Goldberg to join HLS faculty

August 7, 2008

Vanderbilt University Law School Professor **John Goldberg**, an expert in tort law, tort theory, and political philosophy, will join the Harvard Law School faculty as a tenured professor this fall.

"John Goldberg is one of the most original and thoughtful scholars writing today about our tort and compensation systems," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "His work combines philosophical sophistication with deep understanding of legal doctrine to produce fascinating insights into the nature and purpose of tort law. And, as our students learned while he was a visiting professor here last fall, he is a simply exceptional teacher."

Goldberg has taught at Vanderbilt since 1995 when he joined that faculty. He is the author of a leading tort law casebook, "Tort Law: Responsibilities and Redress" (Aspen Press, 2004), now in its second edition. In addition, Goldberg has published over 30 scholarly articles in leading law reviews, most on aspects of the tort system. He serves on the editorial board of the law journal "Legal Theory" and he is a senior editor of "Journal of Tort Law."

"I am thrilled to be joining the extraordinarily accomplished faculty and students of Harvard Law School," said Goldberg. "There simply is no better place to teach, study, and write about the law."

While teaching an unusually broad array of first-year and upper-level courses, Goldberg has consistently been recognized for excellence in the classroom, winning four teaching prizes at Vanderbilt. Each award was received for teaching a different subject, including courses in Advanced Torts/Philosophy of Law, Torts, Contracts, and Civil Procedure.

Goldberg has been an active participant in the American Law Institute's drafting of the Third Torts Restatement, and next year he will serve as president of the Torts and Compensation Systems section of the Association of American Law Schools.

After receiving his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1991, Goldberg clerked for District Judge Jack Weinstein of the Eastern District of New York and for Supreme Court Justice Byron White. He then practiced law at Hill and Barlow in Boston until joining the Vanderbilt faculty.

Goldberg received his B.A. with high honors in Social Studies from Wesleyan University. He holds an M. Phil. in politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and an M.A. in politics from Princeton University.

Kagan is honored for her work to encourage public service

August 04, 2008

Dean Elena Kagan '86 has been awarded the 2008 John R. Kramer Outstanding Law Dean Award from Equal Justice Works for her extensive efforts to promote and support public service.

"I am deeply honored to be recognized by Equal Justice Works," said Kagan. "There's no more important part of my job than ensuring that Harvard Law students have the greatest opportunities possible to do public service. I look forward to working with faculty, staff, and students at HLS and to teaming up with organizations like Equal Justice Works to continue these efforts."

The award comes on the heels of several important announcements and events related to public service at HLS. This spring, Kagan announced a new Public Service Initiative, which will pay the third year of tuition for incoming students who commit to work in public service for five years following graduation. The program was announced at the first-ever Celebration of Public Interest, which recognized the work of the many HLS alumni who have pursued public interest careers.

Since becoming dean in 2003, Kagan has increased a number of programs designed to offer institutional support to students interested in the public interest field. The Law School's loan repayment program – which calculates a student's debt and income to provide repayment of educational loans – has been greatly expanded during Kagan's tenure to become the most generous of its kind.

The School has increased the number of fellowships that support students who go to work in specific public service sectors and into academia. Funding for Summer Public Interest Fellowships, which allow any student to receive funding for low-paying or no-paying summer public interest jobs, has been greatly enhanced. Many of these programs are administered by the Bernard Koteen Office of Public Interest Advising, a department of the Law School that is dedicated specifically to assisting students seeking public service work.

Each year, Equal Justice Works honors an outstanding individual, law school dean, and member of a law school faculty or staff. This year, former Senator George Mitchell and Georgetown Law Professor Phillip Schrag will receive awards along with Kagan.

Jonathan Zittrain appointed to tenured faculty position

June 11, 2008

Jonathan Zittrain '95, one of the world's leading experts on the legal and policy issues surrounding the Internet, has accepted an offer to become a tenured professor at Harvard Law School. Currently the professor of Internet Governance and Regulation at Oxford University, Zittrain is a co-founder of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard.

"In the field of cyberlaw, Jonathan Zittrain is a true pioneer," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "His scholarly work is some of the most thought-provoking in legal academia, and the ideas he grapples with are literally pushing the frontiers of his field. Jonathan returns to Harvard Law School as the Berkman Center is currently expanding its role, and the faculty recently embraced an 'open access' model for new research. He has also been a leader in effectively using technology in his teaching, which results in a powerful classroom experience. I am thrilled that Jonathan will help lead us into exciting new territory by returning to Harvard Law School."

In addition to his appointment as a professor of law, Zittrain will serve as a faculty co-director of the Berkman Center, along with Professors Yochai Benkler '94, William Fisher '82, Charles Nesson '63, and John Palfrey '01.

"HLS and the Berkman Center have become extraordinary platforms for innovation on and about the Internet," said Zittrain. "The Center's work involves amazingly diverse people, disciplines and universities, and I'm so pleased to be returning to it."

Zittrain is author of the new book, *The Future of the Internet -- And How to Stop It*, which examines how the Internet is transitioning from a user-dominated, highly innovative phenomenon to a closed, more restrictive "appliancized" model of technology. The book explores participatory solutions to a range of problems arising from the Internet. It has received critical acclaim from top Internet scholars and legal academics alike.

Zittrain's scholarly work connects theory to experimentation and building tools for and on the Internet. His concept of the shifting roles of public and private institutions is the intellectual underpinning for StopBadware, a large-scale empirical study of the flow of Internet malware online, undertaken jointly by HLS and Oxford's Internet Institute. The study has flagged millions of sites that contain harmful code. From this dataset, the StopBadware research team has been able to track trends in computer security over time, isolate particular services more likely than others to host harmful code, and inform the public debate over the future of computing security. The project has involved Harvard Law School clinical students to develop a best-of-breed appeals process for ensuring that webmasters whose sites are listed in the database can get their sites removed once they are clean.

Zittrain is also a co-editor of *Access Denied: The Practice and Policy of Global Internet Filtering*, which documents Internet censorship around the world. As part of what would become the OpenNet Initiative, he pioneered the first large-scale tests of Internet filtering in China and Saudi Arabia. Today the Initiative involves researchers from four universities and tracks

Internet censorship in 60 countries around the world. Its research reports have been downloaded hundreds of thousands of times, and an emerging methodology will solicit, assess, and distribute information about blocking from Internet users around the world as they are made. Zittrain was among the first to call for a code of conduct for multinational corporations doing business in regimes that filter the Web, an initiative he and others have described as "a Sullivan Principles for Cyberspace." This call has led to the establishment of a formal, multi-stakeholder process that includes human rights groups, academics, and major Internet companies such as Google, Yahoo!, and Microsoft.

In addition to his J.D., Zittrain holds an M.P.A. from the Harvard Kennedy School and a B.S. from Yale University in cognitive science and artificial intelligence.

Highlights from Commencement Exercises

June 5, 2008

Harvard University's 367th annual Commencement Exercises came to a close this afternoon with Harvard Law School conferring 588 J.D. degrees, 168 LL.M. degrees, and 10 S.J.D. degrees.

At approximately 9 a.m., Dean Elena Kagan '86 led the HLS graduates from the Law School to Tercentenary Theater in Harvard Yard to participate in the University-wide Commencement Exercises. President Drew Gilpin Faust conferred degrees on all the Harvard University graduates by school, and several honorary degrees were also awarded.

Watch the webcast.

After the morning ceremony, the HLS graduates joined their families for the diploma ceremony on Holmes Field in front of Langdell Hall. Kagan offered words of advice to the graduates before handing out the diplomas, and said she was "bursting with pride" at their accomplishments.

"Be proud of what you've become, do what you love, and give back to others," said Kagan. "You see complexity where you once saw simplicity; you see grays where you once saw black and white. This is to the good...only those who see the world that way can make any progress."

On Thursday afternoon, the University's festivities concluded with a speech by President Drew Gilpin Faust. Children's book author J.K. Rowling also spoke about the importance of learning from failure and about imagination.

On Wednesday, the class of 2008 presented Professor Daryl Levinson with the prestigious Sacks-Freund Teaching Award for his dedication to his students. Kathy Lovell, an administrator in the Registrar's Office, received the Suzanne Richardson Staff Award for her contributions to student life at HLS.

Cory Booker, mayor of Newark, New Jersey, was the Class Day speaker. Chosen by the class of 2008 because of the difference he has made in his community, he spoke about his personal experiences, such as living in Newark's public housing projects for eight years to observe conditions first-hand. "I've realized that the biggest, most important challenge is not to change myself, but to be myself," said Booker.

Archived webcasts of all the events will be available soon.

Malone and Jacobs appointed clinical professors of law

May 13, 2008

Phil Malone and Wendy Jacobs '81 have been appointed clinical professors of law, Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced today. Both currently lecturers on law, Malone is the director of the Berkman Center for Internet and Society's Cyberlaw Clinic and Jacobs is director of the Environmental Law and Policy Clinic.

"I am delighted that these two exceptional lawyers and teachers are joining our faculty," said Kagan. "Wendy's experience and expertise in environmental law, and Phil's in cyberlaw, are second to none. Under their guidance, our students will see how practice connects to theory and how both can be used to solve some of the most important legal and policy issues of our time."

Malone came to the Berkman Center in 2001 as a Victor H. Kramer Fellow. His research then focused on legal approaches to encouraging and preserving innovation in the technology industry and evolving competition policy in the computer industry. He became director of the Berkman Center's Cyberlaw Clinic in 2004.

"I'm thrilled and honored to have this opportunity to deepen my clinical teaching and research here at Harvard Law School," Malone said. "The Berkman Center's Cyberlaw Clinic has become an outstanding program for students to gain intensive, first-hand experience representing clients in a broad spectrum of internet, new technology, and intellectual property cases and projects. I look forward to working with the wonderful group of scholars and students at HLS to continue to innovate and expand the reach and impact of the Clinic's work."

Prior to his work at HLS, Malone was a federal prosecutor with the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice for more than 20 years. During his tenure, he directed numerous civil and criminal antitrust investigations and prosecutions in cases involving the technology industry. From 1996 to 2002, Malone was the lead career counsel in the trial, appeal, settlement, and enforcement phases of the government's antitrust case against Microsoft.

He holds a J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law and an A.B. from Harvard College.

Jacobs came to HLS in 2007 after serving as a partner at Foley Hoag in Boston for 17 years. She worked almost exclusively on environmental matters, covering a variety of issues, including compliance counseling, handling of complex permit applications, drafting of legislation, administrative trials and appeals, environmental audits, and the development of corporate risk management and environmental protection policies. She also led the firm's pro bono program, which was ranked first in the Boston area and 16th in the nation during her tenure.

"This appointment is the perfect finish to an extraordinary year for me," said Jacobs. "I've had the privilege of working with an amazingly smart and dedicated group of HLS students on a variety of innovative and cutting-edge projects, and I look forward to creating more opportunities for students of all professional aspirations to sample environmental law or immerse themselves

in it in the coming years. In this significant – if not perilous – time of climate change and awakening corporate social responsibility, having at least a working familiarity with environmental law is increasingly important for most lawyers – no matter their practice area.”

After earning her J.D. degree, Jacobs first worked as an appellate lawyer and special litigator in the environmental division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She then worked at a law firm in Seattle, handling First Amendment and commercial litigation cases. She holds a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Malone and Jacobs will join eight current clinical professors who have helped to significantly expand the school's diverse clinical offerings.

Harvard Law faculty votes for 'open access' to scholarly articles

May 7, 2008

In a move that will disseminate faculty research and scholarship as broadly as possible, the Harvard Law School faculty unanimously voted last week to make each faculty member's scholarly articles available online for free, making HLS the first law school to commit to a mandatory open access policy.

"The Harvard Law School faculty produces some of the most exciting, groundbreaking scholarship in the world," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "Our decision to embrace 'open access' means that people everywhere can benefit from the ideas generated here at the Law School."

Under the new policy, HLS will make articles authored by faculty members available in an online repository, whose contents would be searchable and available to other services such as Google Scholar. Authors can also legally distribute the articles on their own websites, and educators here and elsewhere can freely provide the articles to students, so long as the materials are not used for profit.

"This exciting development is something in which the whole Harvard Law School community can take great pride," said John Palfrey '01, executive director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society and newly appointed vice dean of library and information resources. "The acceptance of open access ensures that our faculty's world-class scholarship is accessible today and into the future. I look forward to the work of implementing this commitment."

The vote came after an open access proposal was made by a university-wide committee aimed at encouraging wider dissemination of scholarly work. Earlier this semester, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences voted to adopt a policy similar to the Law School's new initiative.

Similar initiatives are underway to promote free and open access to scholarly articles elsewhere, although no initiative extends as far as Harvard's. Legislation before Congress would mandate that all federally funded research be available in open access.

Palfrey appointed as new head of Harvard Law School Library

April 30, 2008

John G. Palfrey '01 has been appointed vice dean of library and information resources and a tenured professor of law, Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced today.

Palfrey is currently executive director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society and a clinical professor of law. In his new position, he will be responsible for expanding the Library's reach and services, and finding new ways to use digital technologies to enhance the Law School's scholarship, teaching, and other activities. Palfrey will remain a faculty director of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society.

"John is the perfect person to ensure that the Harvard Law School Library is as important an institution in the 21st century as it has been in the past," said Kagan. "His extraordinary understanding of how digital technologies can facilitate scholarship and teaching, his deep commitment to making information and knowledge accessible, and his inspired leadership of research institutions all make him uniquely qualified to assume this great responsibility. Everyone who honors the Harvard Law School Library -- who appreciates what it has done and what it can do to advance learning in the world -- should feel a sense of joy about this appointment."

"I couldn't be more excited to take on this new challenge," said Palfrey. "The Harvard Law School Library is an extraordinary institution, with a proud tradition and a bright future. I'm so grateful to have the chance to work with the staff, students, and faculty of the Harvard Law School in this job during our transition to a digital age."

Palfrey's work focuses on Internet law, intellectual property, and the potential of new technologies to strengthen democracies locally and around the world. He is the leader of several Berkman Center research ventures, including the new Digital Natives project, which focuses on the key legal, social, and political implications of a generation that has grown up immersed in digital technologies. Palfrey is the co-author of a forthcoming book focusing on the theories behind this new project entitled, "Born Digital: Understanding the First Generation of Digital Natives."

Currently a visiting professor of information law and policy at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland, Palfrey is also a co-principal investigator on the OpenNet Initiative, which seeks to identify and document Internet censorship around the world. He recently travelled to Turkey to speak with government officials about legislation aimed at limiting Internet access. Together with Visiting Professor Jonathan Zittrain '95, Palfrey is a co-editor of a book exploring Internet censorship entitled "Access Denied: The Practice and Policy of Global Internet Filtering."

Palfrey joined the Harvard Law faculty as a lecturer on law in 2003. Prior to coming to HLS, he practiced law at Ropes & Gray, where he worked on intellectual property, Internet law, and private equity transactions. Palfrey also served as a special assistant at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during the Clinton administration.

Palfrey holds an A.B. from Harvard College and an M.Phil. from the University of Cambridge in addition to his J.D.

Palfrey succeeds Harry S. Martin, the Henry N. Ess III Librarian and Professor of Law, who served as head of the Harvard Law Library for 27 years.

Stuntz and Warren elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences

April 29, 2008

Harvard Law School Professors William J. Stuntz and Elizabeth Warren are amongst the new class of members elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious scholarly societies. Members are chosen on the basis of "preeminent contributions to their disciplines and to society at large."

"Induction into the American Academy recognizes scholarly excellence and importance, and I am delighted that Bill Stuntz and Elizabeth Warren have been so honored this year," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "Both are visionary scholars doing work that addresses some of the most critical issues facing society today. Bill's work on crime and policing and Elizabeth's work on bankruptcy and credit issues have had a transformative effect on their fields. Harvard Law School is privileged to have these two great scholars -- and, perhaps not coincidentally, spectacular teachers -- on its faculty."

Stuntz joined the HLS faculty in 2000 and writes about a wide range of criminal justice issues. His work is known for its unique approach of analyzing empirical research and drawing conclusions about the effectiveness of existing legal policies. He is currently writing a book about trends in crime punishment and policing in Iraq and the U.S. titled *Fighting Crime*. Named the Henry J. Friendly Professor of Law in 2006, Stuntz received the 2004 Sacks-Freund Award for excellence in teaching.

A member of the Harvard Law faculty since 1995, Warren is the Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law and writes about bankruptcy and credit issues facing middle-class Americans. She has recently called for the creation of a financial products safety commission, which would regulate credit products in the same way the government regulates other consumer goods. She frequently testifies before Congress about proposals to change the way lenders relate to consumers. Warren is the author of *The Two Income Trap: Why Middle-Class Mothers and Fathers are Going Broke*, and she was selected to receive the Sacks-Freund Award in 1997.

The new class of Academy members, which also includes Mark Kelman '76 and Rick Pildes '84, will be inducted at a ceremony on October 11, at the Academy's headquarters in Cambridge, Mass.

Other members of the HLS faculty who have been selected as fellows include Lucian Bebchuk LL.M. '80 S.J.D. '84, Victor Brudney, Robert Clark '72, Richard Fallon, Roger Fisher LL.B. '48, Charles Fried, Mary Ann Glendon, Charles Haar LL.B. '48, Morton Horwitz LL.B. '67, Dean Elena Kagan '86, Benjamin Kaplan, Louis Kaplow '81, Duncan Kennedy, Randall Kennedy, Daniel Meltzer '75, Frank Michelman LL.B. '60, Martha Minow, Robert Mnookin LL.B. '68, Steven Shavell, Cass Sunstein '78 (newly appointed), Laurence Tribe '66, Mark Tushnet, and Roberto Mangabeira Unger LL.M. '70 S.J.D. '76.

A list of newly elected fellows and honorary foreign members with their affiliations can be found on the Academy's [website](#).

Ashish Nanda will join the HLS faculty as professor of practice

April 14, 2008

Ashish Nanda, an expert in law firms and other professional service organizations, has accepted an offer to join the Harvard Law School faculty as Professor of Practice, Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced today. Currently an adjunct professor at HLS, Nanda is the research director of the Program on the Legal Profession and faculty director of the school's principal Executive Education courses.

"Ashish Nanda is known far and wide for his deep understanding of law and other professional service firms," said Kagan. "He is the perfect person to lead our executive education programs and to conduct research on, and teach our students about, important aspects of the legal profession. Through his appointment, Harvard Law School will strengthen its connection to the world of legal practice, to the great benefit of our students, faculty, and alumni and to the profession itself."

As research director, Nanda plays a leading role in the Program on the Legal Profession's corporate purchasing project, which is a quantitative and qualitative analysis of how corporations procure legal services. He also teaches a course entitled "Professional Services" in the J.D. curriculum.

"I am delighted to join Harvard Law School and look forward to working with, and learning from, the Harvard Law School community," said Nanda. "Through research and teaching at the law school, I hope to help bring the domains of academia and practice closer."

Prior to his work at the Program on the Legal Profession, Nanda was a professor at Harvard Business School for 13 years, where he taught courses in both the MBA and Executive Education programs. A recipient of the Henry R. Arthur Fellowship and the Center in Ethics and the Professions Fellowship, he has published numerous case studies and other scholarly articles, the most recent of which is entitled "Linklaters (A): Seeking Clear Blue Water." Nanda is a co-author (with Tom DeLong) of *Professional Services: Cases & Text*, the first casebook published on the management of professional service firms.

Nanda has advised law, accounting, investment banking, management consulting, advertising, and executive search firms on topics ranging from strategic planning, review of specific organizational practices and systems, leadership programs, and personal coaching. Before coming to Harvard, he was an executive with the Tata group of companies in India.

Nanda received a bachelor of technology in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology at Delhi, and a post graduate diploma in management from the Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad. He also holds an A.M. in economics from Harvard, and a Ph.D. in business economics from Harvard Business School.

Oliveira Appointed Associate Dean and Dean for Development and Alumni Relations

April 9, 2008

Steven Oliveira, an accomplished university advancement professional with over 23 years of experience, has joined Harvard Law School as associate dean and dean for development and alumni relations. Oliveira brings a wide range of relevant experience to his new position, including senior positions at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Virginia, and Brown University. He comes to HLS as the School is completing a five-year campaign to raise \$400 million—the most ambitious fund-raising drive in the history of legal education.

“I am delighted that we’ve recruited Steve Oliveira to oversee this critically important area of the Law School,” said Dean Elena Kagan ’86. “In addition to bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the position, Steve has a proven track record of success in development and alumni relations. As we complete our current campaign, Steve will help sustain our momentum, while also building a development and alumni relations program that will serve the School going forward.”

Oliveira served most recently as associate dean for external affairs at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, where he led the successful *Campaign for Sustained Leadership*, raising more than \$447 million, at that time the largest business school campaign in history. Previously, as vice president for development and alumni relations at the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business, he led the *Campaign for Darden*, exceeding the goal by over 100 percent and raising the largest gift in the history of business education. At Brown, he served as associate vice president and co-director of development and played a major role in Brown’s *Campaign for the Rising Generation*.

In each of these positions Oliveira rebuilt and revitalized advancement programs, provided strategic planning and leadership, led record-breaking fundraising efforts, increased annual giving, and deepened alumni involvement and engagement.

Oliveira completed his undergraduate degree at Brown and went on to earn a J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School. He succeeds Richard Boardman, a longtime Harvard development professional, who has been leading the Law School’s development and alumni relations effort for the past two years. Boardman will remain in his position until the end of the current *Setting the Standard* campaign.

Three young scholars join HLS faculty as assistant professors

April 7, 2008

Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced today that **I. Glenn Cohen** '03, **Benjamin Roin** '05, and **Benjamin Sachs** have accepted offers to join the Harvard Law School faculty as assistant professors.

"I am thrilled to welcome these talented young scholars to the faculty," said Kagan. "Glenn Cohen and Ben Roin will enrich our research and teaching in the new critical fields of bioethics and biotechnology. Ben Sachs brings a wide range of practice experiences to our faculty and will do important scholarship and teaching relating to labor and workplace law."

Cohen is currently an academic fellow at the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at HLS. Specializing in bioethics, he is the author of several law review articles on approaches to end-of-life decision-making, pediatric research ethics, pre-embryo disposition agreements, and commodification. His most recent article, "The Constitution and the Rights Not To Procreate," has just been published in the Stanford Law Review. A companion article, "The Right Not To Be a Genetic Parent?," is forthcoming in the Southern California Law Review in the Fall.

"I am truly honored to be joining the law school, and to have as colleagues the amazing people who, during my student days, shaped the way I think about the world and the law," said Cohen. "With all the exciting things happening at the Petrie-Flom Center and the great connections the law school has with the medical and public health schools, Harvard is poised to become one of the preeminent places to study the intersection of law with health policy, bioethics, and biotechnology."

While a student at HLS, Cohen was the winner of the prestigious Sears Prize for the highest grades during his 1L year. He was also an editor of the Harvard Law Review and a Hewlett Fellow in Law and Negotiation at the HLS Program on Negotiation. After law school, Cohen clerked for Chief Judge Michael Boudin of U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. From 2004-2006, he was an honors program attorney in the Appellate Staff of the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division. During his tenure, he acted as lead counsel in over 11 Circuit Court cases, and in conjunction with the Solicitor General's office, represented the United States in the U.S. Supreme Court. He holds a B.A. in Bioethics/Philosophy and Psychology from the University of Toronto.

Also an academic fellow at the Petrie-Flom Center for Bioethics, **Roin** is an expert in patent law. His scholarship includes work on issues involving patent law and biotechnology, including the effects of the patent process on the development of pharmaceuticals and possible legal solutions to problems in the pharmaceutical patent process. "I am thrilled to be joining the Harvard Law School faculty, and humbled to be starting my career at such an outstanding institution," said Roin. "The community here is an ideal place for me to develop as a scholar."

In addition to his J.D., Roin holds a B.A. from Amherst College. During law school, he served as primary editor of the Harvard Law Review and received the Sears Prize for the highest grade average in his 1L year. After graduating, he clerked for Judge Michael McConnell on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Sachs is currently the Joseph Goldstein Fellow and Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School, where he has taught Emerging Trends in Labor Law since the fall of 2005. He is the author of several scholarly publications in leading law journals, and he has articles in progress about state and local labor law, new labor law regulation, and the “union wage gap.”

“I am honored to join the Harvard Law School faculty,” said Sachs. “The dynamism of the law school’s intellectual community, along with the deep strength of the University, makes Harvard the ideal place for contemporary labor law scholarship.”

Sachs holds a B.A. from Oberlin College, where he was a Truman Scholar and Phi Beta Kappa, as well as a J.D. from Yale Law School. Before obtaining his law degree, Sachs worked at the U.S. Department of Labor and in the Employment Division of Northeast Ohio Legal Services. He has also spent time at the Latino Workers Center and as a summer associate at Bredhoff & Kaiser in Washington, DC. After law school, he clerked for Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. A Skadden Fellow, Sachs was a staff attorney at the Workplace Justice Project before becoming assistant general counsel of the Service Employees International Union.

Anne Alstott, expert on tax law and social welfare, will join HLS faculty

March 20, 2008

Anne Alstott, an expert on federal income taxation, corporate taxation and tax policy as well as on social welfare policy, family policy, and feminism and economic justice, will join the Harvard Law School faculty as a tenured professor, Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced today.

Alstott is presently the Jacquin D. Bierman Professor of Taxation at Yale Law School, where she has held a tenured professorship since 1997 and the Bierman chair since 2004. At Yale, she has taught federal income taxation, corporate taxation, and subjects related to taxation and social policy. She has won three awards for outstanding teaching.

"I'm thrilled that Anne has decided to join our faculty," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "She is in the very first rank of interdisciplinary legal experts on taxation and social welfare policy; her scholarship is among the most creative, thoughtful, and influential in her field. And she is a spectacular teacher, whom students will love to learn from and work with."

Prior to joining the Yale Law School faculty, Alstott was an associate professor at Columbia University School of Law in New York (1992-1997) and before that she was an attorney-advisor in the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Tax Policy, Office of Tax Legislative Counsel in Washington, D.C. (1990-1992). She began her legal career as an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York (1987-1990).

"I'm honored and delighted to join the Harvard Law School faculty," said Alstott. "The intellectual depth and breadth of the faculty, combined with the University's strengths in social science and public policy, create an ideal site for studying taxation and family policy and for circulating ideas to the wider intellectual community. This is an exciting time to join Harvard Law, and I look forward to collaborating with faculty and students."

Professor Alstott has published a number of important books and articles on taxation and social policy.

In her 2004 book "No Exit: What Parents Owe Children and What Society Owes Parents," Alstott argues that the need to provide continuity of care to children places a burden on parents, and that society can support them in meeting their parental obligations. She calls for social policy that gives greater support to child rearing, specifically in the form of "caretaker resource accounts." In her plan, caretaker parents of children under the age of 13 would receive \$5,000 a year to use for childcare, their own education or retirement savings.

In an earlier book, "The Stakeholder Society," Alstott and co-author Bruce Ackerman suggest a plan to address economic inequality in America by giving \$80,000 to every high school-educated U.S. citizen on his or her 21st birthday (or earlier to those who go to college). The idea, say the authors, is to provide each young adult "a fair share of the nation's resources as they accept the full responsibilities of adult life." The authors contend this plan would promote equal

opportunity and national loyalty, among other values. The book served as part of the intellectual foundation for the Child Trust Fund initiative in Britain in 2005.

Professor Alstott is a 1987 J.D. graduate of the Yale Law School, and a 1984 A.B. graduate of Georgetown University, *summa cum laude*.

Harvard Law School launches new Public Service Initiative

March 18, 2008

In a move that will further strengthen its commitment to public service, Harvard Law School is announcing that it will pay the third year of tuition for all future students who commit to work in public service for five years following graduation. Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced the new program following a three-day "Celebration of Public Interest," which brought more than 600 alumni back to the HLS campus.

The new initiative will operate in addition to the Law School's current loan repayment program, which is—and will continue to be—the most generous in the nation.

"I want all of our students to have the ability to make public service their first choice after law school," said Kagan. "We have tried in many ways to make this choice easier, particularly for students who have accumulated significant debt in college and law school. This initiative, which effectively provides a \$40,000-plus grant to all our public service-oriented students, is the next big step toward giving our students greater career choices. There is no better time to announce it than now—following our first-ever Celebration of Public Interest."

The Public Service Initiative is the first program of its kind in legal education. Over the course of its first five years, the initiative represents an additional annual investment of just over \$3 million on the part of the Law School.

Students interested in participating in the initiative must demonstrate a commitment to public service during their time in law school. Students will earn eligibility "credits" by engaging in public service activities such as summer internships and relevant clinical programs. Students who pledge to work for five years in a qualifying public service job will receive a grant totaling the cost of their tuition for the third year. Tuition at Harvard Law School will be \$41,500 next year.

The School's office of Student Financial Services will administer the new program. Qualifying jobs would include a wide variety of work in government and nonprofit organizations. Although the program will go into full operation with J.D. students entering the school this fall—the class of 2011—current 2Ls and 1Ls will benefit from a phase-in period that makes them eligible to receive third-year tuition grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 respectively.

The Public Service Initiative supplements a range of existing programs at Harvard designed to enable law students to choose public service careers. The Law School's loan repayment program—which calculates a student's debt and income to provide repayment of educational loans—is the most generous of its kind. That program—known as the Low Income Protection Plan—will continue unchanged, even as the Public Service Initiative ensures that participating students will carry less debt at graduation.

The School has recently increased funding for Summer Public Interest Fellowships, which allow any student to receive funding for low-paying or no-paying summer public interest jobs. The

School also offers a series of fellowships that support students who go to work in specific public service sectors and into academia.

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- *Wall Street Journal Law Blog*: [Harvard Law: Take a public interest job and the third year's on us!](#)

Sunstein to join Harvard Law School faculty

February 19, 2008

Renowned legal scholar and political theorist **Cass R. Sunstein** '78 has accepted an offer to join the Harvard Law School faculty, Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced today. Sunstein, currently a tenured professor at the University of Chicago Law School, will begin teaching at HLS in the fall. He will also become director of the new Program on Risk Regulation. "Cass Sunstein is the preeminent legal scholar of our time -- the most wide-ranging, the most prolific, the most cited, and the most influential," said Kagan. "His work in any one of the fields he pursues -- administrative law and policy, constitutional law and theory, behavioral economics and law, environmental law, to name a non-exhaustive few -- would put him in the very front ranks of legal scholars; the combination is singular and breathtaking. He has a gift for framing and discussing issues in ways that invariably gain traction and make progress. And perhaps best of all, this individual superstar is also the consummate team player -- a person whose passion for reasoned intellectual inquiry is contagious and who raises the level of everyone around him. If I could add only one person to the faculty, Cass would be that person, and I am thrilled beyond measure to announce his appointment."

The Program on Risk Regulation will focus on how law and policy deal with the central hazards of the 21st century. Anticipated areas of study include terrorism, climate change, occupational safety, infectious diseases, natural disasters, and other low-probability, high-consequence events. Sunstein plans to rely on significant student involvement in the work of this new program.

"The nation and the world are facing many unanticipated problems, and policymakers must find ways to protect people from risks without creating unanticipated side-effects," said Sunstein. "Our goals are to improve our sense of what the law is now doing -- and to see how it might do better. We hope to enlist the creativity of the HLS community -- above all law students -- in accomplishing those goals."

The author or co-author of more than 15 books and hundreds of scholarly articles, Sunstein is the most cited law professor on any law faculty in the United States. He has written extensively on many aspects of public law, including the regulation of risk, the nature of rights, judicial decision-making, and numerous features of administrative, environmental, and constitutional doctrine. In recent years, he has worked on various projects involving the relationship between law and human behavior. Focusing on new technologies, his recent book "Infotopia: How Many Minds Produce Knowledge," explores how private companies and governments can aggregate information -- how efforts to pool knowledge sometimes go wrong, and how they can be made to go right. Sunstein's analysis has been studied by many private and public institutions, including the Central Intelligence Agency. His forthcoming book, "Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness" (with Richard Thaler), applies cutting-edge social science work on human behavior to legal questions in many areas, including mortgage markets, the stock market, environmental protection, and family law.

Sunstein is also a leading public intellectual, frequently providing expert testimony to congressional committees, including the Senate Judiciary Committee during its consideration of

Supreme Court nominees. He has appeared on many television and radio programs and on the pages of many newspapers and magazines, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune, Harper's, The New Republic, and The American Prospect. Last year, Sunstein was awarded the prestigious Henry M. Phillips Prize by the American Philosophical Association, given every three years for lifetime achievement in jurisprudence. Sunstein joined the University of Chicago Law School faculty in 1981 as an assistant professor. Today he is the Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Service Professor of Jurisprudence, a joint appointment of the law school and Political Science Department. He has taught several times at HLS as a visiting professor. Following his graduation from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Sunstein went on to clerk for Justice Benjamin Kaplan of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and Justice Thurgood Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court. He also worked in the Department of Justice as an attorney-advisor in the influential Office of Legal Counsel. Sunstein has also worked on constitutional and law reform issues outside the U.S. as a legal adviser for many nations, including Ukraine, Poland, China, South Africa, and Russia. He was elected to the Academy of Arts & Sciences in 1992 and the American Law Institute in 1990.

Michael Klarman to join HLS faculty

January 24, 2008

University of Virginia School of Law Professor **Michael J. Klarman** has accepted an offer to join the Harvard Law School faculty with tenure this summer. An expert in constitutional law and history with a particular focus on race, he currently teaches criminal law, constitutional law, constitutional theory, and constitutional history.

"Having Mike Klarman join our faculty is like winning a trifecta," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "He is a pathbreaking scholar whose work abounds with new insights into some of the most important moments in American constitutional history. He is an extraordinary teacher, as Harvard Law students discovered when he was a visiting professor here. And, he is a renowned institutional citizen and colleague. I am thrilled that he will be joining us."

Since joining the Virginia faculty in 1987, Klarman has been named the James Monroe Distinguished Professor of Law as well as the Elizabeth D. and Richard A. Merrill Research Professor and Professor of History. He is the author of several books and over 30 articles, including "From Jim Crow to Civil Rights: The Supreme Court and the Struggle for Racial Equality," which won the Bancroft Prize in 2005, widely considered to be the most prestigious award in American history writing. Most recently, Klarman wrote "Unfinished Business: Racial Equality in American History," which was published in 2007.

Klarman's articles have appeared in leading law journals including the *Michigan Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Virginia Law Review*, and the *Supreme Court Review*. He also comments frequently in leading publications such as the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, and *Time Magazine*.

"I'm thrilled and honored to be joining the Harvard Law School faculty," Klarman said. "As a visitor in 2005-06, I was incredibly impressed with the talent, motivation, and cordiality of the students. I already have some close friends on the faculty and am a huge admirer of the work of many others. The fact that Harvard is just a long stroll from Fenway Park makes this almost a dream come true. I am especially grateful to Dean Kagan, without whose passion, warmth, and generosity I don't think this would have happened."

Klarman's scholarly work and teaching has garnered him several awards, including the first Roger and Madeleine Traynor Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship given by Virginia Law, the University of Virginia Harrison Achievement Award, the State Council of Higher Education Faculty Award, and the All-University Teaching Award, one of the University's highest honors for excellence in teaching, research, and service.

Klarman holds a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, a D. Phil in History from Oxford University, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. He is a member of the Order of the Coif and Phi Beta Kappa and was a Marshall Scholar at Oxford. After graduation from law school, Klarman clerked for Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Klarman's appointment brings the total number of full-time faculty to 94, the largest in HLS history. He is the 22nd tenured or tenure-track professor hired by HLS in the past five academic years.

Six from HLS win prestigious Skadden Fellowships

December 13, 2007

Six Harvard Law School students and recent graduates have been chosen to receive the 2008 Skadden Fellowships to support their work in public service. For the sixth year in a row, current and former HLS students won more Skadden fellowships than affiliates of any other law school.

“These students and recent graduates exemplify Harvard Law School’s commitment to public service,” said Dean Elena Kagan ’86, who has emphasized the importance of public service since becoming dean. “I hope that through the example set by our Skadden winners, and because of a genuine desire to give back, all of our students will make public service a vital part of their lives and careers.”

The following six students will begin their public interest work next fall: Elizabeth Cho ’08, Dan Farbman ’07, Lam Ho ’08, Dan Klaff ’08, Grace Spulak ’08, and Brandon Weiss ’08.

Described as a “legal Peace Corps” by the Los Angeles Times, the Skadden Fellowship program was established by the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in 1988 in recognition of the dire need for greater funding for graduating law students who wish to devote their professional lives to providing legal services to the poor.

The fellowship provides a \$46,000 salary plus benefits for one year, with the expectation of renewal for a second year. To apply, students must create their own projects at public interest organizations with the help of at least two lawyers.

Over the last 20 years, the Skadden Fellowship program has funded over 500 law school graduates and judicial clerks to work full-time for legal and advocacy programs. Since the program’s inception, almost 90 percent of the Fellows have remained in public interest or public sector work.

Pakistani chief justice to receive Harvard Law School 'Medal of Freedom'

November 13, 2007

Following last week's military crackdown in Pakistan and the detention of hundreds of lawyers, the Harvard Law School Association has decided to award Pakistani Chief Justice Ifikhar Chaudhry its highest honor: The Harvard Law School Medal of Freedom. Chaudhry was detained after he convened the Pakistani Supreme Court to declare the current state of emergency imposed by General Pervez Musharraf to be null and void.

Although Chaudhry has been placed under house arrest and is not free to leave Pakistan, Dean Elena Kagan has reached out to the chief justice regarding the award and hopes that he'll be able to come to the Law School to receive it when the state of emergency is lifted.

"As lawyers who value freedom and the rule of law, we at Harvard Law School want Chief Justice Chaudhry and all of the courageous lawyers in Pakistan to know that we stand with them in solidarity," said Kagan. "We are proud to be their colleagues in the cause of justice, and we will do all we can to press for the prompt restoration of constitutionalism and legality in Pakistan."

Hundreds of lawyers and other critics of Musharraf have been detained since the emergency rule was established more than a week ago. HLS graduates and practicing lawyers in Pakistan Babar Sattar LL.M. '02 and Tariq Hassan LL.M. '76 S.J.D. '80 have spoken out in protest of the suspension of the constitution.

To raise awareness and further promote discussion about the events in Pakistan, the Harvard South Asia Initiative will be hosting campus-wide events on Friday, November 16.

The Medal of Freedom was established by Harvard Law School to honor the achievements of individuals who have worked to uphold the legal system's fundamental commitment to freedom, justice, and equality. To symbolize this commitment, the award bears the image of Charles Hamilton Houston, whose leadership of the crusade that culminated in the landmark Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* exemplifies the highest ideals of our democracy.

Past recipients of the Medal of Freedom include the members of the *Brown v. Board of Education* litigation team and former South African President Nelson Mandela.

Clark Byse, celebrated HLS professor of administrative law and contracts: 1912-2007

October 9, 1007

Professor Emeritus Clark Byse, an expert in administrative law and contracts who taught at Harvard Law School for nearly 50 years, died October 9 at the age of 95. A legend on the HLS campus and beyond, Byse wrote the definitive casebook on Administrative law and was also known for his work in support of academic freedom. He is considered by many to be the inspiration for the character of Charles Kingsfield in the movie "The Paper Chase."

"Harvard Law School has lost a legend, many thousands of its graduates have lost the finest teacher they ever had, and all of us have lost a friend," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "No one cared more deeply about great teaching, and no one communicated that passion more effectively to his students. He insisted on excellence, but always with a twinkle in his eye."

After receiving his B.Ed. degree from Oshkosh State Teachers College in 1935, Byse attended the University of Wisconsin Law School and received his LL.B. in 1938. He then began his teaching career in 1939 at the University of Iowa. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy and as an attorney with the Board of Economic Warfare. He also spent a brief one-year tenure at the Securities and Exchange Commission after the war before becoming an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1946. He joined the Harvard Law School faculty in 1957 as an assistant professor.

Byse was named the Bussey Professor of Law in 1970 and the Byrne Professor of Law in 1976. In 1983, he became professor emeritus and became a visiting professor at the Boston University School of Law.

Byse's published works include the seminal casebook "Administrative Law: Cases and Comments," first published in 1954 and now in its 10th edition. HLS Professor Todd Rakoff '75 collaborated with him on several editions.

In October 1999, the HLS Graduate Program established six S.J.D. fellowships named in Byse's honor. The Byse Fellowships are awarded to outstanding students in the S.J.D. program who have completed oral examinations, to help fund their dissertation work.

In 2000, Byse was awarded the Harvard Law School Association Award, the highest honor given by the association, for his extraordinary service to the legal profession as well as to the public welfare. That same year, he also received the Silver Shingle Award from Boston University and the Distinguished Columbian in Teaching Award from Columbia Law School, where he received his LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees.

William Rubenstein joins HLS faculty

August 6, 2007

UCLA School of Law Professor **William Rubenstein '86** has accepted a tenured offer to join the Harvard Law School faculty. He is an expert in civil procedure whose scholarship focuses on class action law, and he is a celebrated teacher who has won several teaching awards.

"Bill Rubenstein is one of the leading procedure scholars in the nation, known especially for his influential work on class action suits and other complex litigation," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "He is also one of the most acclaimed teachers in the legal academy. Both his scholarship and his teaching benefit from his longtime experience as an innovative and remarkably successful litigator. It is truly a pleasure to add someone of so many and varied talents to our faculty."

Rubenstein has taught at HLS in various capacities dating back to the 1990-1991 academic year, when he was first a lecturer in law. He was a visiting professor during the winter terms of 2004 and 2006 as well as the fall and winter 2006-07 academic year. Prior to joining the UCLA faculty in 1997, he also taught as an adjunct faculty member at Stanford and Yale Law Schools. Rubenstein received teaching awards in 2002 at UCLA and in 1997 at Stanford Law School.

"Civil procedure was the first class I had on the first day of my first year at HLS a quarter century ago," said Rubenstein. "I was the peculiar 1L who loved the subject, deepened my knowledge of it during years of legal practice, and adored returning to it when I entered academia. It will be a great thrill to think, write, and teach about the processes of adjudication at HLS, among such a wonderful group of scholars and students and at an institution that has contributed so much to our understanding of the subject."

Rubenstein is the author, co-author, or editor of four books and dozens of scholarly articles and shorter publications, most of which concern various aspects of complex litigation. His work has been widely published in leading law journals including the Yale Law Journal, NYU Law Review, the Vanderbilt Law Review, and the Georgetown Law Journal. He has also litigated, served as an expert witness, and regularly provides consulting services to attorneys involved in complex procedural matters. As a result of his experience and expertise, Rubenstein was chosen to be one of the Advisors on the American Law Institute's current effort to re-think class action law -- The Project on the Principles of the Law of Aggregate Litigation. He is also the co-chair of the Class Action Subcommittee of the Mass Torts Committee of the ABA's Litigation Section.

Before beginning his academic career, Rubenstein worked for nearly a decade at the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union, litigating sexual orientation and AIDS discrimination cases in federal and state courts throughout the U.S. He published the first law school casebook in the sexual orientation field and co-authored "The Rights of People Who are HIV Positive," which received the 1997 American Bar Association Certificate of Merit. Rubenstein's extensive practice experience has earned him numerous awards, including being named one of top 20 lawyers under 40 in the state of California by *California Law Business* in

May of 2000 and being given the Award of Courage from the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Rubenstein is a frequent contributor to public discussion of legal issues. He has published numerous op-ed pieces in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and scores of other newspapers and legal magazines throughout the United States.

Rubenstein holds a B.A. from Yale College in addition to his J.D. from HLS. After graduating from law school, he clerked for the Honorable Stanley Sporkin, U.S. District Court, Washington, DC.

Rubenstein's appointment brings the total number of full-time faculty to 93, the largest in HLS history. He will join several new faculty members, including Noah Feldman, Kathy Spier, Gabriella Blum, James Greiner, Robert Sitkoff, and Yochai Benkler when he begins at HLS this fall. Rubenstein is the 21st tenured or tenure-track professor hired by HLS in the past four academic years.

Robert E. Keeton, pioneer of insurance law and District Court judge: 1919-2007

July 3, 2007

Professor Emeritus Robert E. Keeton S.J.D. '56, a leading scholar on insurance law, torts, and trial tactics who taught at Harvard Law School and served as a District Court judge, died July 2 at the age of 88.

"Judge Keeton served on the HLS faculty for 26 years prior to his appointment to the federal bench in 1979," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "He was a great teacher, scholar, and judge who will always be known as a pioneer in insurance and tort law."

Robert Keeton was born in Clarksville, Texas, on December 16, 1919 and obtained a B.B.A. and an LL.B. from the University of Texas. He practiced law in Houston, Texas, until going into active duty with the Navy. Serving as a lieutenant in World War II, he earned a Purple Heart for surviving a torpedo blast while aboard the escort aircraft carrier USS Liscome Bay on November 24, 1943.

Keeton returned to private practice in Houston after the War and then began teaching at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1951. In 1953, he joined the HLS faculty and obtained his S.J.D. degree in 1956. He was known as a leading expert on torts and insurance law.

His published works include "Tort and Accident Law," one of the leading texts in the field. HLS Professors Henry Steiner '55 and Lewis Sargentich '70 collaborated with Keeton on various editions of this work.

Among the most important of Keeton's contributions to insurance law was a ground-breaking study on the automobile insurance system, which led to the passage of Massachusetts' no-fault auto insurance law.

Keeton was named the Langdell Professor of Law in 1973 and was also associate dean from 1975 through 1979.

In 1979, Keeton was appointed to the federal court by President Carter and quickly became known as a "judge's judge" for his sharp intellect and respect for the rule of law. He presided over several high-profile cases, including the 1989 conspiracy, mail fraud, and tax evasion trial of presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche Jr., which ended in a mistrial.

He served in his federal post until 2006, when he retired as the oldest member of the federal judiciary in Massachusetts.

Olara Otunnu receives Harvard Law School Association Award

June 14, 2007

Harvard Law School graduate Olara A. Otunnu LL.M. '78 is the newest recipient of the prestigious Harvard Law School Association Award. The award was presented by Dean Elena Kagan '86 and Harvard Law School Association President Jay H. Hebert '86 on June 15 at the Worldwide Alumni Congress, held this year in Washington DC.

"Olara Otunnu is one of our most inspiring alumni," said Kagan. "His career in public service, his extensive leadership in the fields of international security and human rights, and his groundbreaking work at the UN set an example for all of us. He is a tireless advocate for children around the world, and I am honored to be able to present him with the HLSA Award."

The former United Nations under-secretary general and special representative for children and armed conflict, Otunnu founded and currently heads the LBL Foundation for Children. The New York-based non-profit is committed to promoting education and healing for children around the world, especially those whose lives have been dislocated by war. By drawing international attention to neglected conflict situations and pressing for full compliance with international protection laws, the LBL Foundation supports communities to recover and rebuild themselves.

During his time at the UN, Otunnu spearheaded the campaign to develop and mobilize international action on behalf of children exposed to war. He was the architect of the groundbreaking compliance mechanism designed to protect war-affected children, which was unanimously adopted by the UN Security Council in Resolution 1612 (2005).

Otunnu is also the recipient of the 2005 Sydney Peace Prize, the 2002 German Africa Prize, and the Global Award for Outstanding Contribution to Human Rights. In 2006, the International Jury for the World's Children's Prize, on behalf of 12 million children in Global Friend schools, elected him the first World's Children's Ombudsman.

He has also served as president of the International Peace Academy; president of the UN Security Council; chairman of the UN Commission on Human Rights; and Uganda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representative to the UN. Otunnu serves on the boards of the Aspen Institute; the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Carnegie Corporation of New York; and the Hilton Humanitarian Prize.

The HLSA designates up to three award recipients each year. The award honors HLS alumni, faculty members and friends who have demonstrated extraordinary service to the legal profession, to society, or to HLS. Recipients are nominated by the HLS community and chosen by the HLSA Awards Committee. The first HLSA Award was presented to Erwin Nathaniel Griswold '28 S.J.D. '29 in 1992. Since then, recipients have included Mary Robinson LL.M. '68, the former president of Ireland; former Attorney General Janet Reno '63; and Senator Barack Obama '91.

Yochai Benkler joins HLS faculty

June 11, 2007

Yale Law School Professor **Yochai Benkler '94** has accepted a tenured offer to join the Harvard Law School faculty. Benkler is a renowned expert in information law and policy, communications law, and intellectual property.

"Yochai Benkler is a pathbreaking scholar whose work challenges current thinking about the way society regulates ideas and information," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "His deep and probing intellect combine with his interdisciplinary focus and range to make him an important appointment not only for Harvard Law School, but for the entire University. He is a marvelous teacher and mentor, and he will bring boundless energy, excitement, and vision to our community. We are very lucky to have him."

Benkler is known for his research about how information technology is transforming the economy and society by making large-scale collaboration possible. In his influential paper titled "Coase's Penguin," he coined the term "commons-based peer production" to describe projects made possible by digital technology, such as Wikipedia or open source software.

"It is wonderful to be coming back to the Harvard Law School," Benkler said. "I am thrilled to be able to reconnect with old friends, and look forward to building new friendships, starting new conversations, and opening a new chapter in life in Cambridge."

In addition to his many scholarly articles published in journals such as the Yale Law Journal, the Duke Law Journal, the International Review of Law and Economics, and the New York University Law Review, Benkler is the author of two books: "The Wealth of Networks: How Social Production Transforms Markets and Freedom" and "Rules of the Road for the Information Superhighway: Electronic Communications and the Law."

Prior to joining the Yale Law faculty in 2003, Benkler began his teaching career at the New York University School of Law in 1996, where he was also director of the Engleberg Center for Innovation Law and Policy and the Information Law Institute. He was a visiting professor at HLS in 2002.

Benkler holds an LL.B. from Tel-Aviv University and a J.D. from HLS. After graduating from HLS, Benkler was an associate at Ropes & Gray in Boston, and went on to clerk for Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer '64.

Benkler will join several new faculty members, including Noah Feldman, Kathy Spier, Gabriella Blum, James Greiner, and Robert Sitkoff, when he begins at HLS this fall. He is the 20th tenured or tenure-track professor hired by HLS in the past four academic years.

Highlights from Harvard Law School's Commencement

June 8, 2007

Harvard University's 356th annual Commencement festivities came to a close yesterday. The Harvard Law School conferred 742 total degrees upon graduates, including 574 J.D.s, 154 LL.M.s, and 14 S.J.D.s on Thursday, June 7.

Dean Elena Kagan '86 offered words of encouragement to the graduates before handing out their diplomas, urging them to always stand up for the rule of law. She spoke of two instances in American history -- one very recent and the other generation earlier -- when lawyers in positions of power were confronted with weighty decisions.

"In each of your spheres of life, and at every level of responsibility, you will face choices that have much in common with the choices that I've related to you today," said Kagan. "You will face choices between expedience and principle. You will face choices between doing what is easy and doing what is right. You will face choices between disregarding or upholding the values embedded in the idea of the rule of law."

Click [here](#) to read the full text of Kagan's remarks. A webcast of her speech is available [here](#). A webcast of the entire Harvard Law School degree ceremony is available [here](#). (Real Player required.)

Former Harvard student and Microsoft chairman Bill Gates spoke at the university-wide afternoon exercises. During his remarks, he spoke about the inequalities in the world and urged the graduates to develop a more creative capitalism to fight poverty.

Harvard President Derek Bok '54 also addressed the University's graduates, marking his last occasion to speak as president before president-elect Drew Gilpin Faust takes office on July 1. A webcast of the Afternoon Exercises, including both Gates' and Bok's speeches, is available [here](#). (Real Player required.)

On Wednesday, the class of 2007 presented Clinical Professor Bob Bordone '97 with the prestigious Sacks-Freund Teaching Award for his dedication to his students. Doralean Cox received the Suzanne Richardson Staff Award for her contribution to student life at HLS.

"When it comes to telling your story, there are many eligible ghost-writers, but there is only one legitimate author, and that person is you," Bordone said in his acceptance speech. "When developing your storyline, be sure that it is driven by your most deeply held values, ideals, and passions."

A webcast of the Class Day exercises are available [here](#). (Real Player required.)

The Honorable Guido Calabresi, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, was the Class Day speaker. Drawing from his experiences as a young law clerk and later as dean of Yale Law School, Calabresi delivered a stirring address in which he urged graduating students

to have faith in the law and in human beings. "Excellence combined with decency and love and humanity is what can move the world," said Calabresi.

A webcast of Calabresi's remarks are available [here](#). (Real Player required.)

Bordone and Cox honored on Class Day

June 6, 2007

Harvard Law School Assistant Clinical Professor Robert Bordone '97 is this year's winner of the prestigious Sacks-Freund Teaching Award, and Doralean Cox is the winner of the Suzanne Richardson Staff Recognition Award. Both awards were presented at Class Day exercises today by the graduating class in honor of Bordone and Cox's contributions to student life at HLS.

"When it comes to telling your story, there are many eligible ghost-writers, but there is only one legitimate author, and that person is you," Bordone said in his acceptance speech. "When developing your storyline, be sure that it is driven by your most deeply held values, ideals, and passions."

"Bob Bordone brings so much to this school -- his enormous concern and caring for the students, his great teaching -- and we are very lucky to have him here," Dean Elena Kagan '86 said, lauding the recipients. "Doralean just puts a smile on my face, and that's a very special thing."

A leading expert in dispute resolution, Bordone is the Thaddeus R. Beal assistant clinical professor of law and director of the Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Program. He joined the HLS faculty in 1998 as a lecturer on law and was named assistant clinical professor of law in 2006. He teaches a seminar on Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, reading groups on Dispute System Design and Mobilization and Organization, and the Negotiation Workshop.

Bordone is the author of several scholarly articles and a book titled "Handbook of Dispute Resolution." He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and an A.B. from Dartmouth College.

Established in 1992, the Sacks-Freund award is named in honor of the late Harvard Law School Professors Albert Sacks and Paul Freund. Recent award winners have included Richard Fallon, Martha Minow, William Stuntz, Laurence Tribe, and Lani Guinier.

Cox is a Boston native and works for Sodehxo in the Harkness Commons cafe. She is the 12th recipient of the staff award, and the fifth since the award was renamed for Suzanne Richardson who was Dean of Students at HLS from 1993-2004.

Robert H. Sitkoff joins HLS faculty

May 23, 2007

Robert H. Sitkoff, currently a tenured professor at the New York University School of Law and an expert in trusts and estates, has accepted an offer to join the Harvard Law School faculty.

"Rob Sitkoff is doing the most exciting and important academic work in trust and estates that anyone has seen in years," Dean Elena Kagan '86 said. "His work is especially notable for its combination of rigorous legal analysis and empirical grounding. He is the future of the field and a worthy heir to the great Harvard tradition of Austin Wakeman Scott, Barton Leach, and James Casner. Rob is also an enormously gifted teacher, as demonstrated by his shelf full of teaching awards. I am simply delighted that he is bringing his enormous energy and talents to the HLS community."

Sitkoff's scholarship has appeared in leading publications such as the *Yale Law Journal*, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, and the *Journal of Law and Economics*. He is also a co-author of "Wills, Trusts, and Estates," the leading American trusts and estates casebook, and the co-author of the forthcoming book "Lawyers, Banks, and Money: The Revolution in Modern American Trust Law," to be published by Yale University Press.

"I am excited to be joining the Harvard community," Sitkoff said. "The Harvard Law School has a rich history in the trusts and estates field, and it is a privilege to help continue that tradition."

Sitkoff was the John L. Gray Visiting Professor of Law at HLS this past spring. Prior to becoming a tenured professor at NYU in 2006, Sitkoff was at the Northwestern University School of Law, first as an assistant professor and then as an associate professor. He also visited at the University of Michigan Law School in 2004. Sitkoff won teaching awards at Northwestern in 2001 and 2002, and at NYU in 2007.

In addition to his scholarly work and teaching, Sitkoff was appointed as the reporter, or principal drafter, for the Uniform Law Commission's effort to create a uniform statutory business trust act. Sitkoff is also a member of two consultative drafting groups of the American Law Institute: the Restatement of Trusts group and the Restatement of Property, Wills, and Other Donative Transfers group.

He holds a B.A. with distinction from the University of Virginia and a J.D. with high honors from the University of Chicago Law School. After graduating from law school, Sitkoff was a clerk for the Honorable Richard A. Posner, chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Sitkoff will join several new faculty members, including Noah Feldman, Kathy Spier, Gabriella Blum, and James Greiner, when he begins at HLS this fall. He is the 19th tenured or tenure-track professor hired by HLS in the past four academic years. In the fall, there will be 91 full-time faculty members at HLS, including 76 tenured professors, seven tenure-track professors, and eight clinical professors.

Gabriella Blum and James Greiner join HLS faculty

May 15, 2007

As part of an ongoing effort to expand the full-time faculty at HLS, Dean Elena Kagan '86 announced today that **Gabriella Blum** LL.M. '01 S.J.D. '03 and **D. James Greiner** have accepted offers to join the Harvard Law School faculty as assistant professors.

"I am thrilled to welcome these two young scholars to the permanent faculty," said Kagan. "Gabby Blum will add wonderful depth to our international program, bringing a combination of scholarly accomplishment and practical experience to some of today's most pressing international issues. Jim Greiner will greatly enhance our exploration and understanding of the ways that law can benefit from quantitative and statistical methods."

When Blum and Greiner arrive to teach in the fall, they will be joined by Professors Noah Feldman and Kathryn Spier, who accepted tenured offers earlier this year. Over the past four academic years, 18 full-time professors have joined the HLS faculty, including Blum and Greiner. In all, there are 90 full-time faculty members at HLS, including 75 tenured professors, seven tenure-track professors, and eight clinical professors.

"Harvard has been my home away from home for five years, first as a student and then as a visiting assistant professor," said Blum. "Being able to teach as a tenure-track professor feels both like a natural transition and an amazing opportunity."

Currently the Learned Hand Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at HLS, Blum's research interests include conflict management, counter-terrorism operations, law of armed conflict, negotiation, and public international law. She will teach International Negotiation and Public International Law next year.

Blum earned an LL.B. in 1995, a B.A. in Economics in 1997, and an LL.M. in 1999, all from Tel-Aviv University. She then joined the Israel Defense Forces, serving in the International Law Department of the Military Advocate General's Corps. After completion of her LL.M and S.J.D. degrees in 2003, Blum returned to the International Law Department of the Israel Defense Forces to lead the counter-terrorism desk and then went on to serve as strategic advisor to the National Security Council. She came back to Harvard as a visiting assistant professor in 2005.

Her book, entitled Islands of Agreement: Managing Enduring Armed Rivalries was recently released by Harvard University Press.

Greiner will receive his Ph.D. in statistics from Harvard this spring. His graduate work focused on applying quantitative thinking to legal issues with the hope of improving the processes utilized in courtrooms and administrative agencies.

"What drew me to Harvard was the chance to integrate my research and teaching interests," said Greiner. "There are few institutions around the country that offer an opportunity to grow as a scholar in law, quantitative methods, and a combination of the two."

In spring 2006, Greiner co-taught a seminar for law students and students in the university's statistics department exploring the relationship between quantitative methods and law. He will teach civil procedure at HLS in the fall semester.

In addition to his Ph.D. in statistics, Greiner holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and a B.A. from the University of Virginia. Before commencing his Ph.D. work at Harvard, Greiner was an associate at Jenner & Block in Washington, DC. He also served as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Federal Programs Branch and as a clerk for Justice Patrick Higginbotham of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

HLS adds five clinical professors

April 4, 2007

This year Harvard Law School appointed five new clinical professors, who will teach a range of courses and provide leadership of important clinical programs. Three of the new hires – Robert Bordone'97, David Grossman '88, and Brian Price – began teaching this academic year, while two others – Alex Whiting and Ronald Sullivan '94 – will begin teaching in the fall.

"Our clinical programs are exploding both in the number of students participating and in the variety of offerings," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "Clinical work enables our students to experience the crucial links between theory and practice, while also providing important public service. I am delighted to welcome these exceptional teachers and lawyers to our faculty."

A leading expert in dispute resolution, Bordone serves as director of the Harvard Negotiation and Mediation Clinical Program. He also teaches a seminar on Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, reading groups on Dispute System Design and Mobilization and Organization, and the Negotiation Workshop. Bordone is the author of several scholarly articles and a book titled "Handbook of Dispute Resolution."

Grossman is the director of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, which is the oldest student-run legal services office in the country. He is teaching Introduction to Advocacy: Skills and Ethics in Clinical Practice, Housing Law and Policy, and Introduction to Advocacy: Civil – The Lawyering Process. In the past, he has worked as a staff attorney and clinical instructor in the housing unit of the Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center beginning in 1995.

In addition to his clinical teaching appointment, Price serves as director of the Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center, the law school's largest legal clinical center. He has also been a senior clinical instructor in the center's Community Enterprise Project since 1997. This year he taught Transactional Practice in both the fall and spring semesters.

Sullivan will serve as faculty director of the HLS Criminal Justice Institute. Currently an associate clinical professor and supervising attorney of the Criminal Justice Clinic at Yale Law School, Sullivan previously spent a year in Kenya helping to draft the new constitution and was the director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

Whiting will join the HLS faculty as an assistant clinical professor and will lead the clinical offerings on domestic and international prosecution. He will teach Government Lawyer and the War Crimes Prosecution Workshop. Whiting is currently a senior trial attorney in the prosecutor's office for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague and is a former assistant U.S. attorney in Boston.

HLS students are seeking out opportunities to get hands-on legal experience in record numbers, with about 75 percent of students participating in a clinical experience prior to graduation. These appointments further strengthen Harvard Law's commitment to clinical education, which gives

students an important opportunity to see how theory is put into practice prior to graduating and joining the legal profession.

Through the many clinical programs at HLS, students often perform important public service by providing pro bono legal services to communities and individuals. A recent graduating class performed more than 240,000 hours of pro bono service.

Kathryn Spier to join HLS faculty

March 26, 2007

Kathryn Spier, currently a tenured professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and School of Law, has accepted an offer to join the Harvard Law School faculty. Spier is an expert in law and economics, with a particular focus on liability, strategic contracting, and litigation strategy.

"Kathy Spier is an outstanding addition to our law and economics faculty, further strengthening an already extraordinary group of scholars," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "Kathy's research -- such as her work on settlement behavior, fee-shifting rules, and other aspects of the civil justice system -- is notable for its originality and rigor. And her teaching, as Harvard students discovered when she visited here, is simply exemplary. I am delighted she is bringing her enormous talents to Harvard Law School."

Spier's appointment is part of an ongoing effort to expand the full-time faculty at HLS. When she arrives to teach in the fall, Spier will be joined by Professor Noah Feldman of NYU, who also accepted a tenured offer this year. Including Spier and Feldman, over the past four academic years 16 full-time professors have joined the HLS faculty.

"I was on the faculty at Harvard 18 years ago, and those years were the most rewarding of my career," said Spier. "I am thrilled to return to Harvard and excited about using my business school experience to contribute to the HLS curriculum."

Spier began her academic career at Harvard University in the Department of Economics, where she was an associate professor. She continued on to the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, and then joined the Northwestern faculty. In the fall of 2005, Spier taught at HLS as a visiting professor.

Currently on the board of directors of The American Law and Economics Association, Spier is the author of several scholarly articles published in journals such as the *American Economic Review*, *The Journal of Legal Studies*, and the *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. She is the associate editor of the *RAND Journal of Economics*, and sits on the editorial boards of several other publications.

A research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, Spier is the recipient of several awards, including the Searle Fund Grant, the Garvin Price in Law and Economics, the Sidney J. Levy Teaching Award from the Kellogg School of Management, and the Olin Fellowship.

Spier earned a B.A. *summa cum laude* in Mathematics and Economics from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in Economics from MIT.

Wasserstein Family Gives \$25 Million to Harvard Law School for Academic Center

March 22, 2007

The Wasserstein family has made a \$25 million gift to Harvard Law School to support construction of Wasserstein Hall, the new academic center of the Harvard Law School campus, Dean Elena Kagan announced today. The gift is the second biggest in the Law School's history.

Wasserstein Hall will be adjacent to a new student center and clinical center facilities, which together will be the most ambitious building project in the history of the Law School.

"I am profoundly grateful to the Wasserstein family for their generosity and vision," said Kagan. "This new gift will have a dramatic and long-lasting impact on the Law School, and particularly on the educational experience of our students. For generations to come, Wasserstein Hall will enable us to perform better our essential mission of training great thinkers and leaders."

"Our family is pleased to make a contribution to this dynamic institution which will continue to educate many of America's leaders," said Bruce Wasserstein, HLS class of 1971 and CEO of Lazard.

The Wasserstein family has been a longtime supporter of the Law School, especially its public interest activities. In 1990, the family established the Wasserstein Fellows Program, which brings public interest lawyers to campus to meet with and mentor current students. In 1996, the family endowed the Morris Wasserstein Professorship of Public Interest Law, now held by Professor Elizabeth Bartholet, in honor of Morris Wasserstein, a businessman, inventor and philanthropist.

As a result of the new Wasserstein gift, the Law School's current "Setting the Standard" campaign has now raised more than \$342 million. The campaign will be completed in June 2008, and is expected to exceed its ambitious \$400 million goal.

"Harvard Law School has a long and proud tradition of alumni leaders stepping forward to make critical investments in the School," said Finn M.W. Caspersen, chairman of the campaign.

Construction will begin this summer with the demolition of the Everett Street parking garage and Wyeth Hall dormitory, each at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Everett Street. When completed, the new complex, including Wasserstein Hall, will provide an additional 250,000 square feet of academic, clinical, and social space for the Law School community. Designed by renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern, the project is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2011, and ready for the arrival of students that fall.

Human Rights Program announces new fellowship opportunity

February 22, 2007

The Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School has announced a new fellowship program for current LL.M. students, third-year J.D. students, and recent J.D. graduates.

The Satter Human Rights Fellowships, made possible by a generous gift from the Satter Foundation, will provide two fellowships annually to work with human rights organizations responding to mass atrocities or widespread and severe patterns of rights abuse. The Satter Foundation was founded by Harvard Law School alumnus Muncer A. Satter '87.

"The Satter Fellows will help to improve conditions in areas of extreme human rights violations and mass atrocity," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "They will put their considerable talents to work combating human rights abuses and seeking to expand the rule of law and democracy. We are deeply grateful to our alumnus Muncer A. Satter for the generous gift that will make their work possible."

Satter Fellows will spend one year working outside of the U.S. focusing on situations of severe conflict, widespread and extreme violations of human rights, and transition in the aftermath of mass human rights violations. The fellowships award a stipend of \$27,000 for the fellowship period and include medical and other benefits.

"The Human Rights Program is thrilled to announce the Satter Human Rights Fellowships," said Ryan Goodman, director of the Human Rights Program and Rita E. Hauser Professor of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. "Supporting committed graduates and enabling them to play significant roles in addressing severe human rights violations fits perfectly with the mission of the Human Rights Program. These fellowships will provide a special opportunity for Harvard Law graduates to build a career working on some of the most pressing human rights concerns."

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, March 6, 2007. Fellowships will be announced in late spring.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Satter Human Rights Fellowships and the Human Rights Program.

Dean Elena Kagan praises incoming Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust

February 11, 2007

Following today's announcement that Drew Gilpin Faust has been appointed the 28th president of Harvard University, Law School Dean Elena Kagan released the following statement:

"I congratulate my friend and colleague Drew Faust on her appointment as president of Harvard University. Drew is a gifted leader, superb scholar, and splendid person, who will bring great strengths to the presidency. I look forward to working closely with her on the opportunities and challenges facing both the Law School and the rest of the University. With Drew at the helm, I know Harvard will embark on a wonderfully exciting era."

Richard A. Musgrave, noted economist and pioneer in public finance: 1910-2007

January 16, 2007

Professor Emeritus Richard A. Musgrave, a leading 20th century political economist who taught at Harvard University and at Harvard Law School between 1965 and 1981, died January 15 at the age of 96.

"Richard Musgrave was one of the great economists and thinkers of the post-war era and beyond, and the Harvard Law School community is grateful for the years that we had the benefit of his wisdom here," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "His contributions to the field of public finance are immense, and he will forever be recognized as one of the true pioneers and scholars in that area."

Musgrave was born in Koenigstein, Germany in 1910 and received his early education in Munich and Heidelberg. He came to the United States in 1933 as an exchange student, and decided not to return to Nazi Germany. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard in 1937.

During the war years and up until 1948, Musgrave worked as an economist for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C., and then taught economics at Johns Hopkins, the University of Michigan and at Princeton before joining the Harvard faculty in 1965.

He taught tax and expenditure policy, economics for lawyers, and taxation and economic development, among other courses. He was appointed the Harold Hitchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy and Professor of Economics in 1970, the chair he occupied until he took emeritus status in 1981.

Musgrave was the first person to receive joint appointments to the faculty of Harvard University and Harvard Law School, according to Prof. Emeritus Oliver Oldman, a longtime friend and colleague.

Musgrave is widely viewed as one of the most influential economists of the last century, and a pioneer in the field of public finance. His 1959 book, "The Theory of Public Finance," is considered by experts to be a springboard for important work that came later from economists such as Nobel Laureate Paul Samuelson, who credited Musgrave as a key influence.

Six from HLS win Skadden public interest fellowships

January 2, 2007

Six Harvard Law students and recent graduates have been chosen to receive 2007 Skadden fellowships to support work in public service.

For the fifth year in a row, HLS students and alumni won more Skadden fellowships than affiliates of any other law school. Each year, the program provides funding to 30 law students and new lawyers from law schools across the country.

Dean Elena Kagan '86, a former White House lawyer and policy adviser, has urged all HLS students to make public service a vital part of their lives and careers. Students work closely with the [Bernard Kogen Office of Public Interest Advising](#) to apply for, and win, the prestigious fellowships.

The following six HLS students and recent grads will begin their public interest work next fall:

The Skadden fellowship provides a \$46,000 salary, plus benefits, for one year, with the expectation of renewal for a second year. Described as "a legal Peace Corps" by the Los Angeles Times, the fellowship program was established by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in 1988.

For the past 18 years, Skadden has funded the work of more than 500 fellows, 96 of whom are HLS graduates. The law school with the next highest number of Skadden Fellows is New York University, with 62 graduates.

Noah Feldman to join Harvard Law faculty

December 7, 2006

Constitutional law scholar and well-known author Noah Feldman, currently a tenured professor of law at New York University, has accepted an offer to join the Harvard Law faculty beginning next fall. Feldman is a leading expert in many aspects of constitutional law, particularly law and religion, constitutional design and the history of legal theory.

"Noah Feldman is one of the stars of his generation," said Dean Elena Kagan '86. "He is a brilliant thinker and writer, who has produced a remarkable body of work while still early in his career. From his on-the-ground knowledge of lawmaking in Iraq to his historical research on religious freedom in the United States, his range is as wide as any in the legal academy. He will add depth to our already great constitutional law faculty, and enhance the richness and dynamism of the Harvard Law community in innumerable ways."

In addition to his teaching and research, Feldman is a regular contributor to the *New York Times Magazine* and other news outlets on topics ranging from the separation of church and state to American foreign policy. In 2003, he served as a constitutional advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq.

Feldman is the author of three books: *After Jihad: America and the Struggle for Islamic Democracy* (2003), *What We Owe Iraq: War and the Ethics of Nation Building* (2004), and *Divided By God: America's Church-State Problem - and What We Should Do About It* (2005). He is also the author of many scholarly articles published in journals such as the *Harvard Law Review*, the *New York University Law Review* and the *Yale Law Journal*.

In 1992, Feldman earned an A.B. summa cum laude from Harvard College in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. He was selected to be a Rhodes Scholar and earned a D. Phil in Islamic Thought from Oxford University in 1994. He attended Yale Law School, where he earned his J.D. in 1997, and served as book reviews editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

Feldman went on to clerk for Chief Judge Harry T. Edwards of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and then for Associate Justice David Souter '66 of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Feldman began teaching at NYU in 2001, following an appointment as a junior fellow of the Harvard Society of Fellows. He was a visiting professor at HLS during the 2004-05 academic year. He was named a Carnegie Scholar in 2005-06, and is currently an adjunct senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

HLS faculty unanimously approves first-year curricular reform

October 6, 2006

The Harvard Law School faculty unanimously adopted a reform of the required first-year curriculum yesterday, after a three-year process of study and consultation with legal academics, faculty from other professional schools, and practicing lawyers.

"This marks a major step forward in our efforts to develop a law school curriculum for the 21st century," said Dean Elena Kagan. "Over 100 years ago, Harvard Law School invented the basic law school curriculum, and we are now making the most significant revisions to it since that time. Thanks to yesterday's unanimous faculty vote, we will add new first-year courses in international and comparative law, legislation and regulation, and complex problem solving -- areas of great and ever-growing importance in today's world. I am extraordinarily grateful to the entire faculty for its vision and support of these far-reaching reforms, which I am confident will give our students the best possible training for the leadership positions they will soon occupy."

Professor Martha Minow, who chaired the process, added: "We believe these changes will better prepare our students to think about and practice in a legal world in which regulations and statutes play an equal or more important role in the creation and elaboration of law as do court decisions; in which transactions and interactions among parties are increasingly global in nature; and in which economic, cultural and technological changes call upon the best lawyers to become skilled in system design, problem solving and creative approaches to issues."

Specifically, the changes seek to ensure:

To pursue these goals, the law school will add three new course requirements to the first-year curriculum:

These reforms complement a reform of the upper level curriculum adopted by the faculty last spring that promotes concentrated and focused study, and application by developing distinctive Programs of Study, organizing classroom, clinical, research, and work opportunities to help students pursue greater progression and depth before graduation. Initial Programs of Study are: Law and Government; Law and Business; Law, Science and Technology; Law and the International Sphere; and Law and Social Change. The new first-year curriculum provides a foundation to enable any student who wishes to pursue an advanced Program of Study.

For both sets of reforms, there will be a period of transition and phase-in, and also a process of ongoing assessment of the reforms with opportunities to refine and revise the curriculum over time.

In greater detail, here are descriptions of the new courses:

Room for the new first-year courses will be created by devoting fewer class hours to the traditional first-year curriculum (contracts, torts, civil procedure, criminal law, and property) and by revising the school's calendar to create a new January term for first-year students, devoted exclusively to the Problems and Theories class.

Webcast: Dean Kagan delivers 'State of the School' address

September 20, 2006

Dean Elena Kagan delivered her fourth "State of the School" speech to students and other members of the Harvard Law community who assembled in the Ames Courtroom on Wednesday afternoon.

Framing her remarks as an opportunity to discuss "where we are now and where we're going," Kagan focused on current priorities such as faculty hiring and the increasing importance of clinical programs. Noting that the school is in a "time of transformation," Kagan also addressed curricular reform efforts and the ambitious Northwest Corner development -- a major construction project that will begin in the spring semester.

Calling Harvard "the great metropolis of legal education," Kagan urged students to take advantage of the law school's size and the diversity of its academic and social opportunities. "I want you to love this school as much as I do," she added.

[Click here to watch a webcast of Kagan's remarks.](#) (You must have RealPlayer installed.)

Fallon selected to join American Academy of Arts and Sciences

April 24, 2006

Professor Richard Fallon is among the 195 new fellows recently selected to join the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Members are chosen on the basis of "preeminent contributions to their disciplines and to society at large."

"Dick is a brilliant scholar and an inspiring teacher," said Dean Elena Kagan. "His election to the Academy is richly deserved. I am very pleased that he continues the School's strong tradition of membership in this distinguished organization."

Fallon, a specialist in constitutional law, joined the HLS faculty in 1982. Last year, he was appointed to the Ralph S. Tyler, Jr. Professorship of Constitutional Law, the chair once held by John Hart Ely and Laurence Tribe. His recent course offerings include the innovative Public Law Workshop, a seminar designed for students who are thinking about careers in legal scholarship and teaching. The workshop provides students a rare chance to critique works in progress by some of the nation's leading experts in various fields of law.

Benjamin Heineman, a senior fellow at the Program on the Legal Profession and formerly the Senior Vice President-General Counsel at General Electric, was also named a fellow, along with Chief Justice John Roberts '79, Joseph Flom '48 and Kenneth Chenault '77.

The new fellows will join 17 other members of the current HLS faculty who belong to the Academy.

The Academy -- an interdisciplinary society of scholars based in Cambridge, Mass. -- was founded in 1780 by John Adams, James Bowdoin, John Hancock and others "to cultivate every art and science which may tend to advance the interest, honor, dignity and happiness of a free, independent and virtuous people."

Associate Dean Scott Nichols to Conclude Service

March 1, 2006

After 20 years as Harvard Law School's Associate Dean for Development, Scott Nichols will conclude his service on April 30 to become Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs at Boston University.

During Nichols' tenure, Harvard Law School has raised more than \$500 million to support all aspects of the school's teaching and research activities. A significant portion of the funds were raised as part of two comprehensive campaigns, including "The Campaign for Harvard Law School," which took place in the early 1990s, and the current "Setting the Standard" campaign.

The first campaign raised a total of \$183 million and far outpaced anything in legal education at that time. The current campaign has a goal of \$400 million and with over \$270 million already raised—is more than two-thirds complete. The campaign will support a broad range of priorities, including expansion of the faculty, improving the campus, and providing more financial aid.

"The contributions that Scott Nichols has made to Harvard Law School over the past 20 years are enormous," said Dean Elena Kagan. "Scott has raised more funds than any single person in legal education, and he has helped the Law School come together behind bold plans to improve the campus, increase financial aid, and support countless faculty and research initiatives. He leaves the Law School in terrific shape, and the positive impact of his work will be felt for many years to come."

As Associate Dean, Nichols oversaw all of the Law School's advancement activities, including development, alumni relations, and communications. He often said that good fund-raising also results in important non-monetary achievements, such as setting institutional priorities and developing consensus around strategic planning initiatives.

"I have loved every single day I've been at Harvard Law School," said Nichols. "I am particularly proud of the way we've re-engaged the alumni, making them active partners in the life of the Law School." Among his key accomplishments, Nichols cited the dramatic restoration of Langdell Hall and the establishment of 37 endowed faculty chairs. "The hardest part about moving on will be leaving such great colleagues and alumni leaders."

"We will miss Scott," said Finn M. W. Caspersen, chairman of the "Setting the Standard" campaign. "From a volunteer's perspective, he made soliciting a contribution, normally a distasteful job, a pleasant task, and the making of a contribution even more pleasant. More importantly than even the funds raised under his tutelage was the revitalization of alumni participation in the Law School. I suspect that history will remember this as his most important achievement."

The Law School will immediately begin a search for a permanent successor to Nichols, who will start at B.U. on May 1.

Professor Arthur von Mehren, 1922 – 2006

January 18, 2006

Arthur Taylor von Mehren, the Story Professor of Law Emeritus, died on January 16 at the age of 83.

In addition to educating thousands of Harvard Law students over the course of a 50-year teaching career, von Mehren was a pioneer in comparative and private international law. He helped to develop new thinking on a range of legal issues including international jurisdictions, commercial arbitration and comparative constitutional law.

"All of us in legal education owe a debt of gratitude to Arthur von Mehren, who was a trailblazer in his field," said Dean Elena Kagan. "At a time when law schools are increasing their focus on comparative and international law, Arthur's contributions have provided us with a strong and enduring foundation."

"Arthur von Mehren was a towering figure in the fields of international jurisdiction, choice of laws, comparative law and international commercial arbitration," said Professor Peter Murray, who organized a symposium honoring von Mehren's career in September 2002. At the two-day event, von Mehren was presented with *Law and Justice in a Multistate World*, a collection of more than 54 articles and essays written by leading academics. "He was one of the last of a generation of legal scholars trained in the immediate aftermath of World War II. His work spanned a time in which Europe arose from the ashes of that conflict to create a new legal and political order, which is still evolving."

During his remarkable career, von Mehren studied law in three countries, taught in nine, and authored over 200 publications, including 10 books. Murray noted that von Mehren maintained a demanding teaching and research regimen up until the point of his death. His work comparing German and American civil procedure has remained definitive for nearly 50 years.

"Arthur von Mehren was a true giant in the area of comparative and international law," said Professor Dan Coquillette, an expert on the history of American legal education. "The leadership and stature he brought to Harvard Law School was extraordinary. He put Harvard on the map globally."

Born on August 10, 1922 in Albert Lea, Minn., von Mehren graduated from Harvard College in 1942 and from Harvard Law School in 1945. In 1946 he was awarded his doctorate in government from Harvard and was appointed assistant professor at HLS. von Mehren spent the first three years of his more than 50-year career at Harvard Law School in full-time study of Swiss, German and French law at the Universities of Zurich and Paris. In 1953 he was named a tenured professor of law at Harvard and in 1976 assumed the Story Professorship. Since 1991 he has been the Story Professor of Law, Emeritus.

von Mehren founded the Joseph Story Fellow program, under which talented young German academics would come to work as his research assistant for one year periods. The 12 graduates of this program are now members of both German and American law faculties. At the time of his death, the Story Fellow alumni were in the process of preparing a commemorative volume of essays to be published in his honor.

A memorial service will be held in his honor later this year.

HLS students win record number of public service fellowships

December 6, 2005

Harvard Law students won nine out of 27 Skadden fellowships for 2005. The Skadden program provides funding to graduating students and recent alumni to pursue public interest legal work. This year's achievement is the most in the history of the fellowship program awarded to students from a single school.

"I am so proud of these students, who have demonstrated throughout their law school careers a deep and lasting commitment to public service," said Dean Elena Kagan. "The receipt of these fellowships is a great honor, but a still greater opportunity to help people in need of quality legal representation."

The following is a list of this year's recipients and organizations where they will work:

"This achievement is a testament to how dedicated, skilled, dynamic and passionate our students are, to the practical training they receive at HLS, and to the hard work of Judy Murciano, OPIA's Fellowships Director, in helping prepare them for the selection process," said Alexa Shabecoff, assistant dean for public service. "But what I am most delighted about is that multiple communities will benefit from the talents of our grads."

The fellowship, established in 1988 by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, grants awards to graduating law students and outgoing judicial clerks. Fellows are provided a \$46,000 salary and benefits package, with the expectation of renewal for a second year. More information about the program is available on the Skadden fellowship [website](#).

Harvard Law School launches new center to investigate intersections of health, technology and law

\$10 million gift will make Petrie-Flom Center the largest of its kind in legal education

November 29, 2005

The nation's oldest law school is expanding into cutting-edge legal territory with today's launch of the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics. The new Harvard Law School program is the result of extensive academic planning and a \$10 million gift from the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation and HLS graduate Joseph H. Flom.

A core group of Harvard faculty members, and a substantial fellows program, will allow the Center to tackle a range of complex issues brought on by advances in genetics, technology, and biotechnology—subjects that push the boundaries of existing thinking on what defines human life to what constitutes an ethically tenable area of medical research. The Center will also examine health care policy, including challenges related to access, cost and quality of care.

“Although health care consumes 15 percent of U.S. GDP, and probably an even greater share of legal practice given its regulatory nature, it probably occupies less than a 1 percent mind share in our top law schools,” said Einer Elhauge, faculty director of the Petrie-Flom Center, and the Carroll and Milton Petrie Professor of Law. “This Center aims to change that. With its emphasis on interdisciplinary work in health law policy, bioethics and biotechnology, and an extensive fellowship program to develop new health law scholars, I have no doubt that the Petrie-Flom Center will become the most intellectually influential center in its field.”

In addition to hosting research fellows and serving as an incubator for new ideas, the Petrie-Flom Center will undertake major research studies and hold conferences and symposia related to its mission.

“I believe that there are, and will be, increasing unexplored areas as a result of the breakneck pace of developments in the biotechnology area as well as related fields,” said Flom. “It is the hope of the Petrie Foundation and myself that this Center will be a major source of thinking and dealing with these developments.”

The Petrie-Flom Center takes its place alongside approximately 20 other research and policy programs at Harvard Law School, including the Program on Negotiation, the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, the Program on Corporate Governance, the Program on the Legal Profession, the Berkman Center for Internet & Society and others.

“Given all the legal issues associated with health policy, biotechnology and bioethics, Harvard Law School has an obligation to put significant resources and brain power into this new center,” said Dean Elena Kagan. “We owe it to today's students—whom we must prepare for a modern world of legal practice—and we owe it to our communities to make sure this new venture succeeds. It is my hope that the ideas generated by the Petrie-Flom Center will establish an important intellectual agenda and, ultimately, improve people's lives.”

Although it will be based at the Law School, the Petrie-Flom Center will draw upon work done at many of Harvard's other schools, including the Medical School, the School of Public Health and the Kennedy School of Government. In addition to Elhauge and several other Law School professors, Michael Sandel, a professor in Harvard's Government Department, will also maintain an affiliation with the Center.

"This generous gift enables Harvard to study critical issues at the intersection of law, ethics and science," said Harvard President Lawrence Summers. "It is illustrative of the multidisciplinary challenges facing our world today, and the programs we can develop in response."

The \$10 million dollar gift to establish the Petrie-Flom Center was spearheaded by Joseph Flom, a 1948 Harvard Law graduate and a partner with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York. Widely recognized as one of the leading attorneys practicing in the merger and acquisition arena, Flom is credited with pioneering many of the strategies used today by bidders, targets and investment bankers. He is a member of Harvard Law School's Dean's Advisory Board and on the Executive Committee of Setting the Standard: The Harvard Law School Campaign.

Webcast of Dean Kagan's 'state of the school' address

September 23, 2005

Dean Elena Kagan gave her annual "state of the school" address in Ames Courtroom this week to mark the beginning of the academic year. [Click here](#) to watch an archived webcast of the address.

"The state of our law school is exceptionally strong," Kagan said in welcoming new and returning students. The half-hour address described recent developments at the school, including new faculty appointments, improvements to the campus and ongoing academic priorities.

Celebration of Black Alumni begins this weekend

September 15, 2005

This weekend, Harvard Law School will hold its second Celebration of Black Alumni. Highlights of the three-day event include a keynote address by Sen. Barack Obama, a 1991 Harvard Law graduate, and speeches by Harvard President Lawrence Summers and Law School Dean Elena Kagan. Hundreds of alumni are expected to return to campus for the event.

"I am honored to host this extraordinary event," said Dean Elena Kagan, the Charles Hamilton Houston Professor of Law and a 1986 Harvard Law graduate. "The impact that our African-American alumni have had on the world is extraordinary by any measure. I hope that today's students—of all races and backgrounds—will be inspired by the people and events associated with this celebration."

The Celebration comes on the heels of the launch of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice, a new research institute led by Professor Charles Ogletree, and will spotlight the accomplishments of the school's black graduates.

"Our Celebration of Black Alumni will bring together some of the most talented and accomplished members of the Harvard Law community," said Sharon E. Jones, a co-chair of the event and a 1982 HLS graduate.

"I am proud to be connected with this event that celebrates the pioneering role Harvard Law School, an institution founded in part on the proceeds of a benefactor's sale of slaveholdings, has played in the education of black attorneys," added Neil Brown, the other co-chair and a 1978 HLS graduate.

Highlights of the event on Friday include a presentation by Harvard University President Lawrence Summers as well as a series of panels that will focus on issues like public service and the legacy of the Brown decision. For a complete schedule, please visit the [Celebration of Black Alumni webpage](#).

Dean Kagan announces hurricane relief efforts

September 2, 2005

Dean Elena Kagan sent the following letter to the Harvard Law School community today, outlining some of the school's efforts to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina. [Click here to read a letter from Dean Kagan to alumni in the region.](#)

To all members of the HLS community:

We have all watched with horror the devastation that Hurricane Katrina has caused in the Gulf Coast, and particularly in New Orleans. The families of several members of our own community have suffered grievous losses. I am writing to let you know about what Harvard is doing to try to help.

The university as a whole will match charitable contributions to designated relief organizations from students, staff, and faculty of up to \$100. The university expects to provide details about this program on its homepage by the end of the day.

In common with a good number of other law schools, the law school will open its doors to members of the two law schools in New Orleans -- Tulane and Loyola. We expect up to 25 second- and third-year students to enroll as visiting students for the fall term (and if necessary, the rest of the year). The law school will waive tuition provided the student has paid tuition to his or her home law school. Dean Cosgrove and the Board of Student Advisers will work closely together to make the transition of these students as smooth as possible. I am particularly grateful for the BSA's willingness to assume this responsibility.

A number of students and student groups are coordinating efforts to raise money and otherwise assist the relief effort. I thank all the students who have e-mailed me about such activities. If other students wish to become involved, Dean Cosgrove will be able to direct them.

I know that the victims of these terrible events are in the thoughts and prayers of many members of the community. If you have ideas about other ways Harvard can support relief efforts, I would be very glad to hear them.

Best,

Elena Kagan

Five new professors join HLS faculty

August 30, 2005

The ranks of the Harvard Law School faculty expanded over the summer with the arrival of three new assistant professors and two new tenured professors of law. The hires are part of an effort to bring about a net increase of 15 faculty members over the next decade.

In addition to further reducing the student/faculty ratio, the new faculty members bring expertise in a range of subjects, including environmental law, constitutional law, administrative law and legal history.

"It's very difficult to find the kind of teaching talent and scholarly accomplishment that we look for in faculty members, so we count ourselves very fortunate to have made these hires," said Dean Elena Kagan. "Each of these men and women brings an enormous amount to Harvard Law School. Our students will benefit from their dedication to teaching, and the world will benefit from their contributions to legal scholarship."

The permanent law school faculty (not including visiting professors, lecturers and emeriti) now stands at 82 assistant professors and professors of law. The five additions help to offset the retirements of Professors Henry Steiner and Detlev Vagts. (Look for tributes to Steiner and Vagts in the Fall 2005 Harvard Law Bulletin.)

The new faculty members are:

Professor Jody Freeman

Freeman comes to HLS from the UCLA School of Law, where she taught administrative law, environmental law and a course titled Toxic Torts. She has published widely on administrative and environmental law; her article, "Extending Public Law Norms Through Privatization," was published by the Harvard Law Review in 2003. In addition to earning LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees from HLS, Freeman holds a B.A. from Stanford University and an LL.B. from the University of Toronto. This year, she is teaching Administrative Law, Natural Resources and a seminar on regional ecosystem management.

Assistant Professor Adriaan Lanni

A legal historian, Lanni holds a doctoral degree in history from the University of Michigan, as well as degrees in classical civilization and law from Yale University. She also earned a degree in classics from Cambridge University. Her doctoral dissertation focused on the law courts of classical Athens, and her most recent article, "The Future of Community Justice," will be published in the forthcoming edition of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

She is teaching Criminal Law and Legal History: Topics in Ancient Law.

Professor Daryl Levinson

Levinson is a constitutional law expert who comes to HLS from the NYU School of Law. He also taught at the University of Virginia, where he earned master's and law degrees after completing his undergraduate work at Harvard College. His research focuses primarily on constitutional issues. His most recent article, "Empire-Building Government in Constitutional Law," was published by the Harvard Law Review in 2005. Levinson has also taught courses on law and political participation, criminal law and constitutional design. This year, he is teaching a course titled Remedies.

Assistant Professor Jed Shugerman

An expert on history and the American judicial system, Shugerman is currently completing his doctoral studies in history at Yale University. He holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was senior editor of the Yale Law Journal, and a B.A. from Yale College, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in history. His research has focused on judicial independence, the adoption of judicial elections in the U.S. and the effect of this system on tort law and constitutionalism. He will teach Torts in the spring semester.

Assistant Professor Matthew Stephenson

Appointed to the faculty a year ago, Stephenson recently completed a Supreme Court clerkship with Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy. In addition to his J.D., he holds a Ph.D. in political science and an A.B. in East Asian studies--both from Harvard. A former Harvard-Yenching fellow, he has written about legal issues in China and Japan, as well as more recent articles on U.S. federal agencies and judicial power. Stephenson is teaching Administrative Law, Environmental Law and a seminar titled Quantitative Social Science: Law, Expert Witnesses, and Litigation.

HLS to hold second Celebration of Black Alumni

August 24, 2005

This September, Harvard Law School will hold its second Celebration of Black Alumni, bringing hundreds of black Harvard Law graduates to campus for a range of programming focusing on national and international legal issues. Highlights of the three-day event include a keynote address by Sen. Barack Obama, a 1991 Harvard Law graduate, and speeches by Harvard President Lawrence Summers and Law School Dean Elena Kagan. The event will take place on the HLS campus September 16-18.

“Our Celebration of Black Alumni will bring together some of the most talented and accomplished members of the Harvard Law community,” said Sharon E. Jones, a co-chair of the event and a 1982 HLS graduate. “With the exception of Howard Law School in Washington, D.C., Harvard Law School has produced more black lawyers than any other law school in the country. These remarkable men and women have made deep and far-reaching contributions to society. Coming together this fall to discuss issues of common interest is sure to be inspiring.”

In addition to speeches by Obama, Summers and Kagan, there will be a series of presentations and panel discussions that cover a range of topics.

“Our first celebration in 2000, conceived by Professor David Wilkins, highlighted the special relationship between Harvard Law School and its black students and alumni,” said co-chair Neil Brown, a 1978 HLS graduate. “I am proud to be connected with this event that celebrates the pioneering role Harvard Law School, an institution founded in part on the proceeds of a benefactor’s sale of slaveholdings, has played in the education of black attorneys, and the extraordinary accomplishments of its black graduates.”

A highlight of the weekend will be the presentation of the Harvard Law School Medal of Freedom to Randall Robinson, a 1970 Harvard Law graduate and the founder and former president of TransAfrica. Robinson and TransAfrica were instrumental in keeping the apartheid regime in South Africa on the national and international agenda. In 2000, the Medal of Freedom was given to members of the Brown v. Board of Education litigation team who were reunited at the first Celebration of Black Alumni.

“I am honored to host this extraordinary event,” said Dean Elena Kagan, the Charles Hamilton Houston Professor of Law and a 1986 Harvard Law graduate. “The impact that our African-American alumni have had on the world is extraordinary by any measure. I hope that today’s students—of all races and backgrounds—will be inspired by the people and events associated with this celebration.”

The 2005 celebration coincides with the September 15 launch of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice, a new research and policy initiative at Harvard. HLS Professor Charles Ogletree, Jr. will serve as director, and the September 15 opening will feature speakers

and panels that discuss the mission of the new institute. Professors Ogletree and Wilkins will serve as honorary co-chairs of the 2005 celebration.

The first celebration, held at the law school in September 2000, drew more than 600 alumni from around the world. In addition to practicing lawyers, attendees included elected officials, judges, academics, business leaders and philanthropists.

Additional information about the panels and speakers is available on the [CBA Program of Events](#).

Kirkland & Ellis Gift Honored by Renaming Major Harvard Law School Teaching Space

June 21, 2005

Harvard Law School's historic Langdell South classroom has been renamed Kirkland & Ellis Hall in recognition of a \$3 million gift made by the Chicago-based international law firm. The gift will support preservation and upkeep of this important 162-seat teaching space and—as part of the Harvard Law School endowment—support the law school's general educational and research activities.

“Harvard Law School is a critical source of lawyers and leadership for Kirkland & Ellis LLP,” said Kirkland senior corporate partner Jack S. Levin, a 1961 Harvard Law graduate and former member of HLS's Visiting Committee. “Kirkland's many Harvard Law School partners and associates are pleased to give back and positively impact future generations of Harvard lawyers.”

The new gift is the third significant contribution made by Kirkland & Ellis to Harvard Law School. In the 1990s, Kirkland endowed the Kirkland & Ellis professorship, which is currently held by Professor David Wilkins, one of the nation's leading experts on the legal profession. It is the first professorship at HLS to be endowed by a law firm. The first gift from the firm was made in the 1960s to name a seminar room in Holmes Hall.

“We are enormously grateful to everyone at Kirkland & Ellis for this new gift, and for Kirkland's unwavering support over the years,” said Dean Elena Kagan. “The true magic of a Harvard Law education takes place in the classroom, where sparks fly and minds expand. I look forward to seeing countless Harvard Law students learning in Kirkland & Ellis Hall, which is located in one of the most significant buildings in the history of American legal education.”

Kirkland & Ellis LLP is a 1,000-attorney law firm representing global clients in complex transactional, litigation, intellectual property, and restructuring matters with offices in Chicago, London, Los Angeles, Munich, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.

In addition to housing two large auditorium-style classrooms, Langdell Hall is home to the world's largest academic law library. The building is named after Christopher Columbus Langdell, who, as dean of Harvard Law School from 1870 to 1895, developed much of the modern American legal curriculum. The building's south wing—which now features Kirkland & Ellis Hall—was constructed in 1907. The entire building underwent a \$35 million renovation in 1997.

The new Kirkland & Ellis gift is part of Harvard Law School's current \$400 million Setting the Standard campaign, the most ambitious fund-raising effort in the history of legal education.

April 13, 2005

STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT LAWRENCE SUMMERS AND
DEAN ELENA KAGAN

This past fall, a magazine article contended that a 1985 book by Professor Laurence H. Tribe of Harvard Law School, entitled *God Save This Honorable Court*, contained a number of passages or phrases not appropriately attributed to a 1974 book by Professor Henry Abraham of the University of Virginia, entitled *Justices and Presidents*.

After learning of this report and reviewing the books in question, Professor Tribe promptly issued a public statement acknowledging his failure to properly attribute some of the material identified in the magazine article, and taking full responsibility for that failure. He also sent a letter of apology to Professor Abraham.

Regarding the matter as one warranting examination, we jointly asked three distinguished faculty members – Derek Bok, President Emeritus, Jeremy Knowles, former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Sidney Verba, Pforzheimer University Professor and Harvard University Librarian – to inquire into the circumstances by reviewing the materials and speaking with the individuals principally involved. They in turn reported their factual findings to us.

With the benefit of this inquiry, and as publicly acknowledged by Professor Tribe himself, it is apparent that his book contained various brief passages and phrases that echo or overlap with material in the Abraham book, and that he failed to provide appropriate attribution for them. We have taken note that the relevant conduct took place two decades ago, that Professor Tribe's book (written without footnotes and for a general audience) mentioned the Abraham book in a concluding bibliographic note, and that the unattributed material related more to matters of phrasing than to fundamental ideas. We are also firmly convinced that the error was the product of inadvertence rather than intentionality. Nevertheless, we regard the error in question as a significant lapse in proper academic practice -- as does Professor Tribe himself. The failure of an author to attribute sources properly, however inadvertent the error, is a matter of serious concern in an academic community.

We have conveyed these conclusions and concerns to Professor Tribe, and now consider the matter closed. In line with usual University practice, we intend no further comment on the matter.

Renovations to Hemenway Gymnasium slated for summer 2005

February 10, 2005

The project's architect is Sasaki Associates, Inc., of Boston and San Francisco, a firm responsible for existing fitness facilities at MIT and Brandeis University.

"Renovating Hemenway Gym will go a long way toward creating a campus that is worthy of our students," said HLS Dean Elena Kagan. "One of my highest priorities is improving the quality of student life at the law school. We've already enhanced some of our classrooms and overhauled our student center. Fixing up the gym is the next big step in this process."

"The new Hemenway will be a terrific contribution to the health and recreation of our students, faculty and staff," said FAS Dean William C. Kirby, Edith and Benjamin Geisinger Professor of History. "Our physical well-being, academic success and emotional health are all intertwined; I am delighted to support this big improvement to our athletic facilities."

The rehabilitation will more than double Hemenway's supply of fitness equipment, bringing state-of-the-art replacements for existing cardiovascular and weight machines. The building will also gain air conditioning and provide access for the disabled.

Hemenway's three-story interior will be reconfigured. Three new international-size squash courts will replace the current seven American-size courts, and cardiovascular and weight equipment will be added. Locker rooms will be consolidated on two levels. The building's top floor will continue to consist of a gymnasium, along with a multipurpose room fashioned from a former badminton court.

Few changes are expected to Hemenway's cupola-topped brick exterior, which is part of the Cambridge Common Historic District and protected by both Cambridge and Massachusetts historic commissions. Hemenway's eastern façade, facing away from Massachusetts Avenue and toward the North Yard, will be altered slightly. Three new windows will be added at the entry level and the entrance door replaced with a new door containing larger amounts of glass.

Constructed in 1938 based on design by Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch and Abbott, the present Hemenway Gymnasium replaced an older building of the same name that had occupied the North Yard since 1876. Originally featuring squash courts, a basketball court and a badminton court, Hemenway's uses have changed over time as desire has grown for all types of recreational facilities, including cardiovascular and weight equipment and group fitness rooms. The building was last significantly modified in the 1960s, when a squash viewing area was added and some building systems were upgraded.

Subramanian Joins Tenured Faculty

January 3, 2005

Following a vote of the Harvard Law School faculty, Guhan Subramanian has been promoted from assistant professor to professor of law -- a tenured faculty position. A corporate law expert who specializes in deal making and corporate governance, Subramanian joined the HLS faculty in 2002 as the Joseph Flom Assistant Professor of Law & Business. Prior to this appointment, he spent three years on the faculty of Harvard Business School, where he taught courses on negotiations and business law.

"Guhan Subramanian is truly a rising star in his field," said Dean Elena Kagan. "He is already an accomplished scholar, and his students know how dedicated he is as a teacher. He also does a wonderful job bridging the gap between academia and the world of present-day practice."

At HLS, Subramanian has taught the basic 2L course on corporate law and a negotiation workshop in the winter term. This year he will be teaching a new course titled Deal Design & Implementation. A graduate of the JD/MBA program, he has co-taught the JD/MBA seminar with Professor Detlev Vagts.

Subramanian recently wrote an article examining the negotiations that take place between controlling shareholders and minority shareholders in "freeze-out" transactions. The findings of his article, which is titled, "Post-Siliconix Freeze-Outs: Theory, Evidence, and Policy," have been covered in legal and business trade journals. He has also published articles examining the negotiations between targets and acquirers in the M&A marketplace, and on the nature of regulatory competition in the United States, among other topics.

"It is a great honor and privilege to be joining the tenured faculty at Harvard Law School," said Subramanian. "I couldn't ask for a better collection of colleagues and students to push me and challenge me in my research and teaching. It's just a wonderful place to be."

Subramanian earned his bachelor's degree in Economics from Harvard College in 1992. While a student at HLS, he served as notes chair of the Harvard Law Review and was a member of the winning Ames moot court team in 1998.

Born in Rajasthan, India, Subramanian is the first Asian-American member of the tenured faculty. He currently resides in Brookline with his wife Helen Clement and their son, Samuel James Subramanian.

Statement by Dean Elena Kagan on the Solomon Amendment

November 30, 2004

On the basis of yesterday's decision by the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals enjoining the enforcement of the Solomon Amendment, Harvard Law School will return to its prior policy on employers' use of our Office of Career Services (OCS). This return to our prior policy will allow OCS to enforce the Law School's policy of nondiscrimination without exception, including to the military services. I am gratified by this result, and I look forward to the time when all law students will have the opportunity to pursue any legal career they desire.

Memorial Service for Archibald Cox

October 6, 2004

On Friday, October 8, a memorial service will be held for Professor Emeritus Archibald Cox, the famed Watergate special prosecutor and former solicitor general, who died in May. The service, which is open to the public, will begin at 2 p.m. in Harvard's Memorial Church.

Speakers at the service will include Harvard Law School Dean Elena Kagan, Professor Emeritus Clark Byse, Professor Philip Heymann, former Harvard University President and Law School Dean Derek Bok, Pulitzer Prize winning author Anthony Lewis, family friend James Doyle, and Archibald Cox, Jr.

A graduate of Harvard College in 1934 and Harvard Law School in 1937, Cox served as a law clerk for Judge Learned Hand before joining the Harvard Law faculty in 1945 as a visiting lecturer. The following year he became a tenured professor at the age of 34. An expert in torts, administrative law and constitutional law, Cox frequently took breaks from teaching to perform a range of public service legal work. In 1980, he became chairman of Common Cause, the Washington-based advocacy group.

"Archibald Cox was a man of unwavering principle and one of the great law professors of his time," said Harvard University President Lawrence Summers. "He had a shaping influence on constitutional law and labor law, and he served the public interest with devotion as solicitor general of the United States. His reputation for integrity and fairness led to his playing a pivotal role in one of the most turbulent episodes in the nation's political history. His many colleagues, students, friends, and admirers in the Harvard community join in mourning his loss and remembering his extraordinary life."

Although Cox was involved in a number of landmark Supreme Court cases -- many as solicitor general -- he is best known for the five months he served as the Watergate special prosecutor. In this position, Cox earned a national reputation for his principled advocacy of the public interest.

Last October, Cox was on hand at a ceremony in Langdell Hall to unveil his portrait, which now hangs in a prominent place in Pound Hall. "It gives me great pleasure to have my portrait join the great company that adorn the walls of the Harvard Law School," said Cox.

During the portrait unveiling ceremony, Dean Elena Kagan praised Cox for his commitment to teaching and public service. "There is no better example for today's students, and for young lawyers everywhere, than the life and work of Archibald Cox," she said.

Harvard Law School Announces New Professorship Dedicated to Accounting and Statistics

September 30, 2004

James S. Reid, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio has made a gift to Harvard Law School to endow a professorship dedicated to the teaching of accounting, statistics and related subjects. Income generated from the gift--which totals \$3 million and includes funds given by Reid, John D. Drinko and others who were encouraged to contribute--will support the salary, benefits and research endeavors of a tenured Harvard Law professor.

"The Reid Professorship is a terrific example of a graduate helping the law school prepare students for success in today's world," said Dean Elena Kagan, who met with Reid and members of his family on campus last Friday. "Knowledge of accounting and statistics is vital for those pursuing careers in law, business and the non-profit world. Generations of Harvard Law students will benefit from Jim Reid's wisdom and generosity."

The first James S. Reid, Jr. Professor of Law is Howell Jackson, an expert in financial institutions, budget policy and other business-related issues. A member of the Harvard Law faculty since 1989, Jackson is a graduate of Harvard's joint JD/MBA program; he also serves as the school's vice dean for budget. He brings longstanding expertise in accounting to the new professorship.

"It's a tremendous honor to be chosen as the inaugural holder of the Reid chair and to know that the law school will be able to continue supporting faculty committed to research and teaching in the fields of accounting and statistics in the years ahead," said Jackson. "I'm extremely grateful to Mr. Reid and his family."

Last year, Jackson along with several other members of the law school faculty published *Analytical Methods for Lawyers*, a new textbook designed to introduce law students the fundamentals of quantitative skills, including accounting and statistics. Their *Analytical Methods* course will reach nearly two hundred students at Harvard this year, and the book has already been adopted at more than a dozen other law schools around the country.

A 1951 Harvard Law graduate, Reid is the retired CEO of Standard Products, a rubber and plastic manufacturing company. He has long believed that law students need basic training in accounting and statistics. Reid cited an accounting class taught by Professor Robert Amory, Jr. as one of the most valuable courses he took at Harvard Law School. His gift ensures that this subject will become a permanent part of the school's curriculum.

Students and Faculty Connect in First-Year Reading Groups

September 23, 2004

This semester, many first-year students at HLS are reading more than the typical load of cases and books on legal doctrine. The newly minted 1Ls are signing up for new first-year reading groups that cover everything from cyberlaw to the laws of war.

Designed in part to foster student-faculty interaction in the 1L year, the new program consists of faculty members holding reading groups in their spare time with about a dozen students who sign up for specific subjects.

Although participation is voluntary, the law school has 40-plus professors ready to lead the new groups, either in their homes or in other social settings.

"It's a pretty ambitious thing," said Professor Todd Rakoff '75, vice dean for academic programming, who noted that professors lead reading groups in addition to their normal teaching load. "It gives faculty a chance to teach something they might not ordinarily get to teach."

Faculty were given broad discretion in choosing subjects, but all are legal in some dimension. Topics range from disability law to bioethics to terrorism. Dean Elena Kagan '86 is leading a group on presidential lawmaking.

"These new reading groups do two things," said Kagan. "They promote greater student-faculty interaction, which is particularly important in the first year. And they give students the chance to explore an intellectual interest outside the scope of the basic first-year curriculum."

The concept for the 1L reading groups came from the success of an upper-level reading group on legal classics that Assistant Professor Heather Gerken held last year. "I was struck by how engaged the students were," said Gerken. "Here was a pass/fail class, and they worked incredibly hard— doing the readings and preparing presentations on movements in legal scholarship. The kicker for me was that the students were so hungry for more that they insisted on doing independent presentations to each other about all of the stuff we didn't have time to read."

After Gerken mentioned the success of this reading group to Kagan, the law school's vice deans immediately began developing a plan to incorporate reading groups into the 1L year. "Heather came up with the original idea, and then a bunch of us ran with it," said Rakoff.

Professor Martha Minow is planning to have guest speakers address her reading group on international justice, including prosecutors from international criminal courts and a translator for the Nuremberg trials.

Minow said a similar type of reading group was a valuable part of her own law school education, and believes that first-year students will benefit from exchanging ideas in small settings. "We hope [the program] offers students a chance to talk immediately about the kinds of topics that led them to be interested in law, and also to get to know some professors and hear how we think about issues of personal interest," she said.

Does the new program, with some groups focusing on unconventional or even light-sounding topics, mean HLS has gone soft? No way, says Rakoff. "This is more work for the students who sign up," he said, underscoring that the readings are in addition to all of the standard 1L coursework. Rakoff adds that the educational value is particularly important for 1Ls. Many students come to law school with a range of intellectual interests that can get lost in the rigor of the first year, he says. "This allows them to do some really interesting and thoughtful work, in addition to the boot camp stuff."

Three Professors Join Tenured Faculty

September 8, 2004

The Harvard Law School faculty has added three tenured professors to their ranks, a move that will broaden the school's coverage of different subject areas and bring increased depth and diversity to existing subjects. The additions include two new hires and the promotion of an HLS assistant professor.

"One of the law school's top priorities right now is expansion of the faculty," said Dean Elena Kagan. "Our hiring committees worked diligently in the spring to make sure we found and recruited the best scholarly and teaching talent we could find. I know the school will benefit from the wisdom and commitment of these great faculty members."

David Barron

David Barron joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1999 and was promoted to professor of law by a vote of the faculty last spring. Barron is an expert in local government law and administrative law. This semester he is teaching Property, and in the spring he will teach Administrative Law. He will also co-teach a seminar with Professor Gerald Frug titled International Local Government Law.

"I am thrilled to be a tenured member of the faculty," said Barron. "I have loved teaching at HLS these last five years, particularly after having received such a wonderful education here when I was a student. I look forward to continuing to try to do for my own classes what my teachers did for me—convey a sense of just how important, challenging and exciting the study and practice of law can be."

In addition to receiving his law degree from HLS, Barron earned a bachelor's degree in history from Harvard College. He has written extensively on urban law, federalism and constitutionalism.

"David Barron is a tremendous addition to the tenured faculty," said Kagan. "His work in the public law arena is both highly relevant and critically important at a time when different levels of government are becoming increasingly interdependent."

Jack Goldsmith

A renowned international law expert who served most recently as head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, Jack Goldsmith was appointed by the faculty in May. Prior to his federal service, Goldsmith taught law at the University of Chicago and the University of Virginia. He has written extensively on foreign relations law, conflicts of law and regulation

of the Internet. This year at HLS, he is teaching Conflicts of Law and Presidential Power.

“Jack Goldsmith is a bold and creative thinker whose scholarship and teaching will enrich the Law School immeasurably,” said Kagan. “His talents and energy will help to ensure that Harvard remains the premiere place to study international and comparative law.”

Goldsmith is a 1989 graduate of Yale Law School and holds degrees from the Hague Academy of International Law and Oxford University. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Washington & Lee University.

“I am thrilled and honored to join the faculty at the Harvard Law School,” said Goldsmith. “There is no better place in the world to study and teach international and foreign relations law.”

John Manning

An expert in administrative law, statutory interpretation and separation of powers law, John F. Manning was recruited from Columbia Law School. He taught at HLS in fall 2003 as a visiting professor. In addition to his academic experience, Manning was assistant to the U.S. solicitor general in the early 1990s.

This semester Manning is teaching Administrative Law, and in the spring he will teach Federal Courts as well as a seminar titled Statutory Interpretation in the Post-New Deal State.

“I am delighted to join the Harvard Law School,” said Manning. “The faculty is extraordinary, and the student body is extremely bright and interesting. In my experience, it is an exceptionally stimulating atmosphere in which to teach and write.”

In addition to receiving his J.D. from HLS, Manning graduated from Harvard College in 1982 with a degree in history. He received the Newcomen Prize for Best Senior Thesis in Material History.

“John Manning will add depth and strength to our public law group,” said Kagan. “His scholarship on statutory interpretation has proved to have real-world importance, and his teaching is extraordinary.”

Harvard Law School Chooses Architect for Northwest Corner

August 4, 2004

Harvard Law School has chosen Robert A.M. Stern Architects as the principal design firm to prepare a planning framework for the Law School campus and to provide the architectural design for the initial development on the School's northwest corner.

"We are fortunate to be working with a brilliant architect and a superb team, whose creativity, understanding, and sensitivity to our needs will help us to expand and upgrade our campus to serve the Law School community," said Dean Elena Kagan. "We need to be visionary in our thinking about site planning and both thoughtful and creative in our approach to building design. We want this project to respect the varied architectural styles of our campus and fit appropriately in our neighborhood while adding exciting new elements to our campus. We are delighted to have Robert Stern and his talented firm help us to shape the future face of Harvard Law School."

The Law School is embarking on an exciting phase in its development history. As a result of a feasibility study conducted in 2003, the Law School is beginning a long term development program that will dramatically improve the student experience and address the School's significant space needs in the coming decades. Initial development will include new student meeting spaces, classrooms, and faculty offices.

"We look forward to working with Harvard Law School and the School's Cambridge neighbors to create a new identity for the Law School at this important gateway to the University, capturing the spirit of this great institution and honoring its diverse architectural heritage from the time of H.H. Richardson forward," said Robert A.M. Stern, founder and senior partner at Robert A.M. Stern Architects. "With Elena Kagan and her colleagues at the Law School we will help create the sense of place now so needed by the Law School, developing both landscaped areas and new buildings, the first of which will be a campus center for all members of the Law School community."

The selection of Robert A.M. Stern Architects was made after an extensive process in which more than 30 firms from all over the world submitted initial qualifications. Robert A.M. Stern Architects is a 140 person firm of architects, planners, landscape architects, interior designers and supporting staff. Over its 35 year history, the firm has established an international reputation as a leading design firm with wide experience in residential, commercial, and institutional work. As the firm's practice has diversified, its geographical scope has widened to include current projects in Europe, Asia, South America, and throughout the United States.

The firm maintains an attention to detail and commitment to design quality that has earned international recognition and numerous awards and citations for design excellence, including National Honor Awards of the American Institute of Architects. The firm has substantial experience with the design of buildings on historic college and university campuses, including

buildings at the Harvard Business School, Dartmouth, Columbia, Princeton, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, Rice, and Stanford.

Robert A.M. Stern is a practicing architect, teacher, and writer. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and received the AIA New York Chapter's Medal of Honor in 1984 and the Chapter's President's Award in 2001. Mr. Stern is currently dean of the Yale School of Architecture.

Ogletree Appointed Director of New Harvard Institute

April 19, 2004

Professor Charles J. Ogletree Jr., the Jesse Climenko professor of law and vice dean for Clinical Programs at Harvard Law School, has been appointed director of the new Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice. The Institute is named in honor of Charles Hamilton Houston, a visionary lawyer who spearheaded the litigation in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the landmark case that ended segregation in public schools. Houston, a 1922 Harvard Law graduate and the first African American editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, also trained Justice Thurgood Marshall and Oliver Hill—pivotal players in the case—when they were students at Howard Law School.

“It is fitting that we announce the creation of this new Institute in the same week that we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision,” said Dean Elena Kagan, who holds the Charles Hamilton Houston professorship. “Charles Hamilton Houston was a scholar and an activist who had a tremendous impact on American society. Some have called him the man who stopped Jim Crow. We’re proud to call him one of our distinguished alumni. And, in many ways, Charles Ogletree continues the work of Houston today— I’m thrilled that he will lead this new Institute.”

The new Institute will focus on a variety of issues relating to race and justice. It will sponsor research, hold conferences, and provide policy analysis. Ogletree envisions the Institute focusing on civil and criminal law areas, with a special emphasis on issues of voting rights, the future of affirmative action, and the criminal justice system.

“I am delighted that Harvard is announcing the new Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice,” said Harvard President Lawrence Summers. “The Institute owes its name to one of Harvard Law School’s most distinguished graduates, whose critical work in fighting for racial equality helped change America for the better, and whose dedication has made a lasting impact on the Law School. I am personally grateful to Professor Charles Ogletree for his vision and leadership in serving as its founding director.”

“It is a distinct honor to serve as the founding director of an Institute that will further the vision of racial justice and equality that was so well articulated by Charles Hamilton Houston,” said Ogletree, who will spend the next several months further defining the role and mission of the Institute. “I am also excited at the prospect of working with Howard Law School on various projects, in the same manner that Houston and Justice Marshall worked with Howard on the *Brown* case and other matters.”

“I was thrilled to learn of the creation of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute and of the appointment of Professor Ogletree as its director,” said Kurt L. Schmoke, dean of the Howard University School of Law and a Harvard Law graduate. “Houston promoted the concept of the

lawyer as a social engineer. Professor Ogletree's career has been exemplary of the Houstonian tradition."

Born in 1895, just blocks from the Supreme Court, Charles Hamilton Houston attended a prestigious all black high school and later enrolled in Amherst College. After graduating from Harvard Law School, he traveled to Europe and Africa, and returned to the United States to assume a faculty position at Howard Law School. He served as the first special counsel to the NAACP and arguably contributed to every legal victory in civil rights from the 1930s through *Brown v. Board of Education*.

"My father would be honored to know that Professor Ogletree and Harvard are continuing his vision for equal justice under the law," said Charles Hamilton Houston, Jr., a lecturer in the history and geography department at Morgan State University in Baltimore. "While we have made tremendous strides since the *Brown* decision, there is much still to do. This Institute has the potential to make a real contribution."

The Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice is expected to begin its activities in the fall of 2005.

School Wins Record Number of Skadden Fellowships

December 11, 2003

HLS students and recent graduates have won an unprecedented eight Skadden Fellowships to pursue public interest work. The awards represent the most given to applicants from any single law school in the 15-year history of the Skadden Fellowship Foundation.

"We are thrilled that our students and judicial clerks received such a generous number of the coveted Skadden Fellowships and will therefore be able to contribute their skills to a large variety of communities that could greatly benefit from additional legal assistance," said Assistant Dean Alexa Shabecoff, director of the Bernard Koteen Office of Public Interest Advising. "This is a credit to Judy Murciano, our fellowships director, who works intensively with all the applicants. But in the end, this is a testament to our incredible students-their many talents, their hard work in thinking about the communities they hope to serve and the issues they want to tackle, and their passion for public service."

The fellows will pursue public interest work in a variety of areas, including legal services to low-income urban residents, minorities and recent immigrants.

Dean Elena Kagan '86, who has emphasized the importance of public service since assuming the deanship, praised the Skadden fellows for focusing their legal training on underserved communities.

"Through their commitment to public service, these students and recent graduates help fulfill a vital part of our mission," said Kagan. "While it is wonderful to see Harvard Law School win more of these fellowships than ever before, the real winners are the people who will benefit from the great work of our Skadden fellows."

The HLS recipients are:

Skadden fellowship recipients say the award will allow them to pursue their interests and see the effects of public policy at the community level. Murthy said she applied for her fellowship after learning of the growing immigrant and refugee community in Nashville, Tenn., where she now clerks for Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. A child of immigrants, Murthy said she's always wanted to help people from other countries, who are often unaware of their legal rights in the United States. "Generally, there isn't too much representation of non-English speaking people from these communities and so we recognized that as a need that really needed to be filled here," she said.

Richie, who is pursuing a joint degree at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, said she has always worked on public assistance issues, and the Welfare Law Center "is perfectly tailored to my legal interests." Her work there will include collaborating with community groups, helping

people gain access to education and training, and expanding the network of available attorneys.

"I definitely plan to stay in the field of welfare-related law," said Richie. "My goal is to start a nonprofit, and I think that this will give me a lot of hands-on experience meshing legal advocacy and policy advocacy."

The Skadden Fellowship Foundation, established in 1988 by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, each year awards 25 fellowships to graduating law students and outgoing judicial clerks. Fellows are provided a \$37,500 salary and fringe benefits package, with the expectation of renewal for a second year. With the newest additions, a total of 75 Harvard Law students and alumni have earned Skadden Fellowships, the most from any law school.

HLS Announces Environmental Law Fellowship

November 7, 2003

"This new fellowship program will give our students an extraordinary opportunity to pursue a career in environmental law within the non-profit sector," said Dean Elena Kagan. "We are very grateful for the generosity of Joy Covey, and we look forward to collaborating with the NRDC."

The NRDC and an HLS committee appointed by Kagan will jointly select one fellow each year. The committee will consider graduating Harvard Law Students and recent graduates based on their academic credentials as well as a demonstrated interest in environmental law.

The funds used to establish the fellowship are a significant portion of a \$1 million gift from the Beagle Foundation that will support programs at the law school and Harvard Business School.

The announcement comes during the first day of the Harvard Law School Environmental Law Conference. The two-day conference features a series of panel discussions and presentations by leading environmental law experts.

In addition to her Harvard Law degree, Covey holds degrees from Fresno State University and the Harvard Business School. She is currently president of the Beagle Foundation, a private environmental group. A member of the Harvard Law School Dean's Advisory Board, Covey formerly served as Amazon.com's chief financial officer and chief strategy officer.

The Natural Resources Defense Council is a national, non-profit organization of scientists, lawyers and environmental specialists dedicated to protecting public health and the environment. Founded in 1970, NRDC has more than 550,000 members nationwide, served from offices in New York, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Celebrating a Legal Services Partnership

October 23, 2003

First opened in 1979, today the Legal Services Center serves more than 2,000 low-income clients each year in the greater Boston area and provides Harvard Law students with valuable clinical legal experience. In 1993, following a gift from Hale and Dorr, the center moved into its own building and receives significant pro bono support from Hale and Dorr attorneys.

"At the Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center everybody wins," said Kagan. "People from the greater Boston area receive superb legal assistance and Harvard Law students gain valuable clinical experience. We are grateful to Hale and Dorr for its unwavering support over the past 10 years."

Students work in the following areas: community economic development, housing law and litigation, family law, estate planning, social security disability, unemployment, employment and fair housing discrimination, real estate, entertainment law, nonprofit and business law.

"The experiences of the past 10 years have proven that this formula works to provide students with excellent hands-on legal experience under the careful supervision of the center's staff and lawyers engaged in the private practice," said Vincent P. McCarthy, senior partner at Hale and Dorr LLP and visiting clinical instructor at the center. "Students are also exposed to the professional responsibilities they will assume as practitioners in a private law firm and lawyers currently practicing in a private law firm are provided with fulfilling opportunities to serve the Boston community."

Fisher Named Hale and Dorr Professor

October 18, 2003

Professor William Fisher III has been named the Hale and Dorr Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Harvard Law School Dean Elena Kagan announced. The Hale and Dorr chair was established in October 2002 in connection with a gift from the Boston-based law firm.

"Terry Fisher is the ideal candidate to hold this chair in intellectual property law," said Kagan. "His scholarship and teaching will shape our understanding of this important field far into the future."

To celebrate the appointment, on Wednesday, October 15 Fisher delivered a lecture to the HLS community titled "The Disaggregation of Intellectual Property." During his remarks, Fisher examined the enormous growth in the three fields of intellectual property—copyright, patent, and trademark—over the past 200 years, and addressed the pros and cons of developing specific intellectual property regimes for different industries. Fisher's forthcoming book is titled, "Technology, Law, and the Future of Entertainment."

An expert in intellectual property, Internet law, trademark, and legal history, Fisher joined the Harvard Law faculty as an assistant professor in 1984 and became a tenured professor in 1991.

Professor Archibald Cox Honored

October 8, 2003

This afternoon, Harvard Law School honored the career of Professor Emeritus Archibald Cox. The ceremony included an unveiling of the law school's new portrait of Cox and speeches by Dean Elena Kagan and Professors Philip Heymann, Clark Byse, Carol Steiker and David Wilkins.

"It gives me great pleasure to have my portrait join the great company that adorn the walls of the Harvard Law School," said Cox. "I like to think that some small part of me will always be here."

Kagan praised Cox's career in teaching and particularly his commitment to public service. "There is no better example for today's students, and for young lawyers everywhere, than the life and work of Archibald Cox," said Kagan.

Best known as the first Watergate special prosecutor, Cox has been on the Harvard Law School faculty since 1945. He also served as United States solicitor general from 1961 to 1965. Cox, a 1937 graduate of the law school, taught courses in torts and in administrative, constitutional, and labor law.

Vorenberg Fellowship Recipients Announced

October 2, 2003

The fellowships are named after former Dean James Vorenberg, a 1951 Harvard Law graduate who was instrumental in shaping the Low Income Protection Plan during his deanship. Vorenberg's law school classmates gave funds to create the fellowship as a memorial to Vorenberg who died in 2000.

"Jim's belief that all Law School graduates should be able to pursue careers in public service, regardless of loan obligations, led him to sponsor the Low Income Protection Plan at Harvard," said Dean Elena Kagan. "It is most appropriate that Jim's classmates and friends have further invigorated this renowned program by creating a fund in his name that supports graduates who participate in LIPP."

Walter, an assistant public defender for Hennepin County in Minneapolis, is grateful for the funds she receives through the Vorenberg fellowship. "I can only say that this fellowship is making my work possible," said Walter. "Harvard Law School promised me that I would not have to worry about finances and paying back my law school education. They were right. They kept their promise."

Leonetti is currently an assistant public defender in the appellate division of the Maryland public defender's office. She is also a member of the American Bar Association's task force on biological evidence. Her commitment to public service was jumpstarted while a student at HLS where she was an active member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau and an editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

Two Vorenberg fellows will be selected each year by the director of the LIPP program. The recipients will receive cash awards based upon their educational debt burden.

Kagan Becomes Dean of Harvard Law School

July 1, 2003

Today Elena Kagan became the 11th dean of Harvard Law School. Appointed in April by Harvard University President Lawrence Summers, Kagan succeeds Robert Clark, who served as dean for 14 years.

In addition to her title of Dean of the Faculty of Law, Kagan also becomes the first Charles Hamilton Houston Professor of Law. A 1921 graduate of Harvard Law School, Houston was a leader of the civil rights movement, who helped train many of the most influential civil rights attorneys of the 20th century.

"Charles Hamilton Houston was one of the Law School's most distinguished graduates, responsible for great advances in social justice and in legal education," said Kagan, who is a 1986 graduate of the Law School. "He was also the teacher of one of my own teachers, Justice Thurgood Marshall. Honoring Dean Houston seems especially appropriate as we approach the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, in which he played such a signal role."

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