

UNH Law Alumni Newsletter – Fall/Winter 2017

IP Expert Megan Carpenter Named Dean of UNH Law

Megan Carpenter, a nationally-known intellectual property expert, was named Dean of UNH Law, assuming leadership of the school effective July 1, 2017. Carpenter arrived at UNH Law from Texas A&M University School of Law, where she was the founder and co-director of the Center for Law and Intellectual Property. Carpenter, a celebrated IP scholar with a focus in entrepreneurship and the arts, was selected as dean after an extensive national search.



Marilyn Mahoney JD '80 awarded Bruce Friedman Pro Bono Award

Congratulations to Marilyn Mahoney JD '80 on being awarded the 6th Annual Bruce Friedman Pro Bono Award at a ceremony held Oct. 24 as part of UNH Law's annual Bruce E. Friedman Pro Bono & Community Service Week. The award honors the accomplishments of a UNH School of Law graduate and New Hampshire Bar Association member who exemplifies the commitment to public service of Bruce Friedman, the late founder of the civil practice clinic at UNH School of Law, by providing exemplary pro bono service to indigent clients in the state.



Results That Matter: Nearly 92 Percent of 2016 Grads Land Jobs in 10 Months.

Of UNH Law's 2016 JD graduates, 91.8 percent secured jobs by the ABA's deadline of March 15, 2017, which is 10 months after graduation. Additionally, 89.1 percent of UNH Law JD grads secured jobs requiring either bar passage or a JD degree. By contrast, 78.6 percent of JD graduates nationally secured these jobs. Excluding law-school-funded jobs, UNH Law ranked second among all 14 New England law schools, behind only Harvard. Including jobs funded by law schools, UNH Law was fourth in total graduates employed, behind Harvard, Yale, and Boston College. Nationally, of the 24 schools ranked by *US News & World Report* between No. 80 and 100, UNH Law ranked No. 1 in graduates employed in jobs requiring bar passage.

Four Score: First-Time Bar Takers Experience Tremendous Success in Four Key Jurisdictions.

UNH Law graduates taking the bar for the first time in summer 2017 experienced tremendous success in four key jurisdictions. Of UNH Law graduates who took the bar for the first time in New Hampshire in summer 2017, 94.1 percent passed (for calendar year 2017, the first-time pass rate was 91.7 percent). In Massachusetts, 100 percent of UNH Law graduates who took the bar for the first time in summer 2017 passed, and UNH Law's first-time taker pass rate for the July 2017 Massachusetts bar exam was higher than the first-time taker pass rate at all law schools in Massachusetts except for Harvard Law School, which also had 100 percent passage. Additionally, 100 percent of UNH Law graduates who took the bar for the first time in summer 2017 passed in both New York and California.

Erica B.E. Rogers JD '16 honored as an inaugural recipient of INTA Tomorrow's Leaders Award

Erica B.E. Rogers JD '16 was selected as one of two inaugural recipients of the Tomorrow's Leaders Award from the International Trademark Association. INTA announced the creation of the award earlier this year to encourage young trademark lawyers to participate in and contribute to the Association. The award recognizes "outstanding performances by two young professionals with less than five years of experience who have demonstrated early leadership qualities," according to INTA. Rogers, an intellectual property attorney at Ward and Smith, was presented with the award by INTA CEO Etienne Sanz de Acedo, along with fellow honoree Ana Leticia Allevato of DiBlasi, Parente & Asociados in Brazil. Both recipients will have the opportunity to serve on an INTA committee and received complimentary admittance to this year's Leadership Meeting and the 2018 Annual Meeting in Seattle. Each will also be assigned an INTA mentor. For a full interview with Rogers, click [here](#).



Attention Class of 1978: Celebrate Your 40th Reunion With Us Next Spring

We will be hosting a special 40th reunion celebration for the class of 1978 on campus during our commencement weekend next spring, May 18 and 19. You won't want to miss it – be on the lookout for more details coming in an email very soon.

Welcome Tour For Dean Carpenter Underway With Three Successful Alumni Events

Thank you to all of our alumni who have helped welcome Megan Carpenter as Dean at special events in Concord, Washington, D.C., and Boston this fall. We partnered with Bernstein Shur to host the first event in our Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property on Sept. 28. The Washington, D.C. event (during the AIPLA conference) was hosted by Arent Fox on Oct. 19, and our Boston reception was hosted by Lando & Anastasi on Nov. 6. Thank you to everyone who turned out, and a special thanks to our host firms.



Save The Date: All-Class Reunion Coming October 2018

We will be hosting an all-class reunion for all alumni of UNH Law and Franklin Pierce as part of Homecoming during the weekend of October 12-14, 2018. Be on the lookout for more details as they are finalized and look forward to reconnecting with classmates and colleagues.

UNH Law community mourns the passing of Stephen Baker JD '14

The entire UNH Law community mourns the passing of Stephen Baker JD '14, who died in a tragic hiking accident in Utah on Sept. 3. The 38-year-old Baker lived in New Hampshire with his wife, Patricia, and two young sons, Caiden and Rowan. Faculty and staff recalled Baker as thoughtful, caring, genuine, and compassionate. He was a graduate of UNH Law's Daniel Webster Scholar Honors program, and owner of Baker Law Office, PLLC, in Pembroke. Baker was particularly dedicated to helping those in need, especially the elderly – he worked with New Hampshire Legal Assistance and others on a report that played a role in criminalizing certain aspects of financial exploitation of the elderly.

3L Kaira Wells Participates in Panel Discussion at 2017 Black New England Conference

Third-year UNH Law student Kaira Wells was selected as a participant in a panel discussion with professors and professionals at the 2017 Black New England Conference: The Science and Engineering of Race, Living Through the Archives, held at UNH on Oct. 20 and 21. Wells participated in a panel discussion entitled "Afrofuturism: The Way Forward," which explored "the ways present day Black students and professionals in the sciences are innovating their fields while continuing to navigate and confront legacies of racial determinism."



2L Jacob Beeman promoted to Captain in US Air Force in ceremony at UNH Law

UNH Law hosted a ceremony Oct. 27 in which 2L Jacob Beeman was promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain in the U.S. Air Force, with several members of the UNH Law community playing roles in the ceremony. UNH Law professor John Garvey administered the oath, while two of Beeman's classmates pinned his shoulder boards, and George Romania JD '19 performed the National Anthem. The ceremony was held in the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property atrium.



Michael McCann Partners with Ed O'Bannon on Book to be Released in February 2018

Michael McCann, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Sports and Entertainment Law Institute, and former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon partnered on a book telling the story of O'Bannon's life in basketball and his historic court case against the NCAA. The book, "Court Justice: The Inside Story of My Battle Against the NCAA and A Life of Basketball," is set to be published Feb. 6, 2018. In addition, McCann, who is also Sports Illustrated's legal analyst, is the Editor and an author of multiple chapters in the forthcoming "The Oxford Handbook of American Sports Law," to be published Dec. 28.



We want to hear from you! Keep us updated on your life beyond UNH Law

Our alumni are a huge part of the UNH Law family, and we'd like nothing more than to be able to share your stories and accomplishments with fellow classmates and other graduates. If you have personal or professional updates to share, send it to us at alumni@law.unh.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.