

UNH Law Alumni Newsletter – Summer 2018

WELCOME FROM ELLEN MUSINSKY, Alumni Liaison

OUR COMMUNITY IS STRONG BECAUSE OF ENGAGED ALUMNI LIKE YOU



Ellen Musinsky

Greetings alums! I've had the pleasure of teaching and working with many of you, and look forward to getting to know others. Many of you are now friends and keeping in touch has brought a lot of happiness to my life. While I "retired" as a Professor some years back, I continue to work with the law school, primarily with Professor Courtney Brooks in our residency program. Through that work, social media and my good fortune of having many of you as friends and colleagues, I've heard some frustration about the school's connections with our alums. Dean Carpenter is committed to reenergizing our alumni community, and she has asked me to help – and I have agreed. I have assumed the position of "alumni liaison." It's a new name for a new position, through which I hope to help reengage with our wonderful alumni community. [Read the complete welcome.](#)

UNH LAW RANKS NO. 5 IN THE U.S. FOR JOBS ON THE OPEN MARKET



UNH Law ranked No. 1 among the 14 law schools in New England for employment on the open market (excluding law-school-funded jobs) - and No. 5 in the entire United States - with 95 percent of the 2017 JD class employed within 10 months of graduation, the ABA's deadline for reporting. UNH Law was also No. 2 in New England in graduates employed in bar-passage-required jobs at 85.2 percent, while 91.8 percent obtained jobs that required either bar passage or a law degree. None of UNH Law's positions were funded by the law school. [Read the complete story.](#)



New podcast series featuring faculty launched, available on iTunes and Google Play

We are excited to announce the launch of a new UNH Law Podcast, featuring our professors engaged in timely conversations on hot-button legal topics. The debut episode featured Professor Buzz Scherr speaking about the recent Supreme Court decision in *Masterpiece Cakeshop vs. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*. Other episodes include Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Michael McCann on NFL player Colin Kaepernick's collusion case, Associate Dean for Administration Leah Plunkett on children's rights in the American justice system, and Professor Behzad Mirhashem on *Carpenter vs. United States*. Subscribe on iTunes or Google Play to get future episodes, and [find all existing episodes here.](#)



ABOVE THE LAW RANKS UNH LAW NO. 48 AMONG ALL U.S. LAW SCHOOLS

Above The Law released its annual Top 50 Law School rankings this spring, and UNH Law was ranked No. 48. According to Above The Law, "These are the only rankings to incorporate the latest ABA employment data concerning the class of 2017. The premise underlying our approach to ranking schools remains the same: Given the steep cost of law school and the harsh realities of the legal job market, potential students should prioritize their future employment prospects over all other factors in deciding whether and where to attend law school. The relative quality of schools is a function of how they deliver on the promise of gainful legal employment." [Read the full list.](#)



UNH LAW CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2018, SCHOOL'S HISTORY AT 43RD COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



The JD class of 2018 gathers before graduation.

The University of New Hampshire School of Law celebrated its 43rd commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 19, 2018, awarding more than 75 juris doctor and graduate degrees. The ceremony also featured the awarding of an honorary degree to retired New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Stewart Dalianis - the first woman to serve as New Hampshire's chief justice, and to sit on the state's highest court - and a celebration of the school's class of 1978, as well as a keynote address from Tim Ryan '00 JD, a rising star in the Democratic party and United States congressman in Ohio. [Read more here.](#)



UNH LAW RANKS NO. 15 IN THE U.S. FOR FIRST-TIME BAR PASSAGE RATE



The first-time bar passage rate for UNH Law in 2017 was 93.3 percent - the 15th highest rate in the country, according to [nationwide bar exam results](#) released in March by the ABA. UNH Law was third best among all New England law schools in that category, following Yale and Harvard. [Read more.](#)



Sports and Entertainment Law Society hosts panel discussion on NFL National Anthem kneeling controversy

On April 19, UNH Law's Sports and Entertainment Law Society hosted a panel discussion on the social and legal implications of NFL player kneeling for the National Anthem. The panel included former NFL players Judge Dwayne D. Woodruff, Don Davis, and Zoltan Mesko, and also featured Rick Gagliuso, Sally Gaglini, and Mary Anne Marsh. The discussion was led by Michael McCann, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Director of the Sports and Entertainment Law Institute. You can [watch the full panel discussion here.](#)



PRELAW MAGAZINE RANKS UNH LAW NO. 3 FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING

In its Spring 2018 issue, preLaw Magazine ranked UNH Law No. 3 in the country for practical training, doling out a grade of A+. Last year, UNH Law received an A- and appeared on the magazine's practical training honor roll. Among the reasons cited for the climb this year was a continued increase in clinical offerings, which went from 106 in 2016 to 182 last year. [Click here for the full rankings.](#)



WARREN B. RUDMAN CENTER AWARDS 18 SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS



2017 Rudman Summer Fellowship recipient Katherine Muzzy speaks at a reception honoring the fellows.

The Warren B. Rudman Center awarded 18 summer fellowships to students who will be working this summer for government agencies or organizations that perform public interest legal work, providing \$4,000 stipends to each. Students will be working in four states, including Alaska. [See a complete list of Rudman Summer Fellows in the accordion dropdown on this page.](#)

Alumni Events

A NOTE FROM CHUCK TEMPLE: REGISTER NOW FOR THE ALL-CLASS REUNION COMING IN SEPTEMBER



Reconnect with old friends and classmates at the all-class reunion this September

As you begin to embark on your summer adventures, I'd like to encourage you to start thinking about a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and classmates this fall, when UNH Law hosts an all-class reunion during the weekend of Sept. 14-16. Come back to campus and enjoy a full schedule of engaging events, beginning with a welcoming cocktail reception on Friday night hosted by Dean Megan Carpenter, and featuring an all-class gala BBQ dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. We can all recall the sense of community and family that makes UNH Law - and made Franklin Pierce - such a unique and transformative place. Don't miss out on the opportunity to share those memories again with former classmates, colleagues, and friends - or to make some new ones. We hope you will visit, for a day or for the entire weekend. See you there!

- Chuck Temple

For a full schedule of events, or to register, visit www.unhconnect.unh.edu/unhlawreunion2018.



UNH/FPLC LAW ALUMNI EVENT IN TOKYO FAST APPROACHING, SET FOR SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

UNH Law Dean Megan Carpenter and Professor Ann Bartow will be in Tokyo on September 6 and 7 as part of the UNH Law Asian Reunion and Joint Seminar with Japan Patent Attorneys Association. The UNH Law (Franklin Pierce Law Center) Asian Reunion will take place Thursday, September 6 at the Tokai University Club, and the UNH Law-JPAA Joint Seminar will be Friday, September 7. For questions regarding the event, or if you would like to participate, please contact Akihiro Sako at UNHLaw2018Reunion-Tokyo@mylaw.co.jp.

Alumni News

TRIO OF ALUMS CONTINUE TO OPEN DOORS FOR UNH LAW STUDENTS AT DUANE MORRIS



*Sam Apicelli, Christiane Campbell, and Jarrad Gunther
in the Philadelphia office of Duane Morris (photo
courtesy of Brittany Platt/Duane Morris)*

It's been almost 20 years since Sam Apicelli convinced the executive committee at Duane Morris in Philadelphia to establish a relationship with Franklin Pierce/UNH Law, and the partnership has produced two additional partners in the Philadelphia office – Christiane Campbell and Jarrad Gunther – and continues to pay dividends for all parties. [Read the complete story.](#)



CLASS OF 1978 REFLECTS ON EARLY DAYS AT FRANKLIN PIERCE IN VIDEO PROJECT



Members of the class of 1978 gather before marching at the commencement ceremony in May.

The Franklin Pierce Law Center class of 1978 celebrated its 40th reunion during commencement weekend last month with a handful of events that included the unveiling of a video project directed and compiled by AJ Kierstead of UNH Law. To see the video, [click here](#).



PROMOTING AN IP POWERHOUSE: LAW-SCHOOL FRIENDS AND BUSINESS PARTNERS GIVE BACK TO UNH LAW



*Matt Saunders '92, '05 JD, meets with associates
Becky Lessard and Seth Walters in their Amesbury
offices.*

After they earned degrees at UNH Law (then known as Franklin Pierce Law Center), Aaron Silverstein '04 JD, MIP and Matt Saunders '92, '05 JD, opened a small law practice on Massachusetts' North Shore. Now, business is thriving, and the partners recently made a gift to UNH Law - the Saunders and Silverstein Scholarship provides support for students studying trademark and copyright law. [Read the story here.](#)



EMAN PAHLAVANI'S HUNGRY RAISES \$1.5 MILLION TO CONNECT CHEFS WITH OFFICES IN NEED OF CATERING

Eman Pahlavani JD '12 is the founder and COO of HUNGRY, an online marketplace connecting independent chefs with offices in need of catering services. The company has found a way to stand out in the market by focusing on three key factors: variety of offerings, reliable delivery, and cost of feeding large groups. [Read more about the work HUNGRY is doing.](#)



CELEBRATING NEWS OF ALUMNI PROMOTIONS AND ADVANCEMENTS

Beth A. Deragon JD '05 [joined Pastori Krans](#), a Concord-based law firm focusing on employment law, family law, and civil litigation, as counsel this spring. Tommy Kim JD '09 was named Senior Corporate Counsel (Technology & Governance) at Coupang in April. A.J. Bahou JD '03 [joined Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP](#) as a partner in June. Jared Olson [joined Eschweiler & Potashnik, LLC](#) as a partner.

We Want to Hear From You

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 in an upcoming newsletter. If you have personal or professional updates to share, send them to us at alumni@law.unh.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.