

UNH Law Alumni Newsletter – Winter/Spring 2018

*Dean's Welcome*

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**THERE'S PLENTY TO CELEBRATE AT UNH LAW THIS SPRING**



*Dean Carpenter with UNH Law grads from Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper and Scinto at the New York Intellectual Property Association's Annual Dinner in Honor of the Federal Judiciary.*

Dean Megan Carpenter reflects on her first seven months at UNH Law and the many significant accomplishments by faculty, students, and alumni during that time, including a No. 85 ranking in the US News and World Report law school rankings — representing a 15-position climb, the largest among Top 100 law schools — and our incredible employment outcome and bar passage rates. To read the full introduction, click [here](#).



**UNH LAW SUCCESS AND IP EXPERTISE EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION**



UNH Law made a significant climb up the list of Top 100 law schools in the rankings released last month *by U.S. News & World Report*, rising 15 positions to reach No. 85. The school also was again ranked at No. 6 for the study of intellectual property law, an area of legal specialty that the school has been pioneering since its founding roughly four decades ago. UNH Law has been ranked in the top 10 for intellectual property (IP) nationwide every year since *U.S. News & World Report* began ranking IP programs 27 years ago. To read a complete story, click [here](#).



## UNH LAW PARTNERS WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS TO LAUNCH NEW COURSE ON BIO-INNOVATION AND THE LAW



*Dean Kamen speaks at our kickoff event.*

UNH Law launched an exciting new initiative with a kickoff celebration Thursday, Jan. 18, introducing “bioInnovation Research Collaboration and the Law,” an innovative course highlighting the intersection of health, intellectual property, and business law. The course is a collaboration between UNH Law and industry partners, as the school teamed up with BioFabUSA and the Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute (ARMI) to create a curriculum that addresses legal and regulatory issues in a rapidly-growing field. To read more, click [here](#).



## STUDENTS REACH NATIONAL FINALS OF NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION



*Allie Pash and Kolbie McCabe celebrate their success.*

The team of UNH Law students Allie Pash and Kolbie McCabe advanced to the national finals of the National Trial Competition, to be held in Austin, Texas in April, after defeating Maine in the regional final of the competition during the weekend of Feb. 10. The UNH Law team of Kelly Karnan and Addison Spriggs also took part in the competition, earning a victory in one of three preliminary rounds and losing two others on very close ballots. The National Trial Competition is the largest mootcourt or trial competition for law schools in the country, with more than 200 schools participating. The Boston region included teams from Harvard, Yale, UConn, BU, BC, Northeastern, Maine, Vermont, Suffolk, and others. For more on the UNH Law victory, click [here](#).



**UNH LAW PROVIDES BOOST TO WORK FORCE, IMPROVES ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**



UNH Law is making a positive impact on the state's economy in two significant respects – by attracting and retaining young professionals who establish careers and raise families in the state, and by improving access to justice through its substantial volunteer legal work for citizens, state agencies, non-profits, and the courts. The school continues to attract and retain young professionals who establish careers in New Hampshire – in the last three years, UNH Law has taken in 29 percent of its student body from New Hampshire, while roughly 46 percent of all graduates have secured post-graduate employment in the state. In 2016, that number was 57 percent. To read more, click [here](#).



## STUDENTS WIN BEST ORAL ARGUMENT AT SAUL LEFKOWITZ MOOT COURT COMPETITION



*Meredith Farrell, Scott Amankwatia, and Amanda Abelmann at the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition.*

UNH Law students Meredith Farrell and Scott Amankwatia won best oral argument in their competition at the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition for Trademarks and Unfair Competition on Feb. 10. Farrell and Amankwatia argued at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn, NY for both the appellant and appellee. Their prompt consisted of complex trademark issues including acquiescence, acquired distinctiveness, and likelihood of confusion. Both students received overwhelmingly positive feedback for both of their arguments, which were in front of top trademark attorneys. The oral argument portion of the competition came after Farrell and Amankwatia spent much of their fall semester and the entirety of their winter break writing a 30-plus page brief. UNH Law professors Alexandra Roberts and Ryan Vacca were instrumental in preparing Farrell and Amankwatia for the competition, as was Moot Court Coordinator Deb Paige.



## UNH LAW INTRODUCES FACULTY VIRTUAL LECTURE SERIES

We are proud to announce the creation of a Faculty Virtual Lecture Series, which provides an opportunity for prospective students, JD candidates, alumni, and legal professionals to engage in timely discussions about current topics and legal issues. Each 20-minute live lecture is followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer period.



## WARREN B. RUDMAN CENTER HONORS JOHN DICKERSON WITH BRODER AWARD



*John Dickerson receives the Broder Award from Dan Balz.*

UNH Law and the Warren B. Rudman Center honored John Dickerson, host of *Face the Nation* on CBS News, with the David Broder Award at a ceremony held Dec. 5. Dan Balz, Chief Correspondent at the *Washington Post* — and the inaugural recipient of the David Broder Award in 2015 — presented the award and joined Dickerson and former New Hampshire Attorney General Tom Rath for a panel discussion following Dickerson's remarks. The David Broder Award is presented biennially by the University of New Hampshire's Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership, and Public Service to a journalist whose career exemplifies the work of David Broder and reflects Senator Rudman's lifelong commitment to public service, democracy, and dialogue.

## Alumni Events

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### SAVE THE DATE UPDATE: ALL-CLASS REUNION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2018



*Former Dean Robert Viles with graduates at the annual alumni cocktail gathering.*

UNH Law is excited to announce the return to annual fall reunions, beginning with an all-class reunion to be held September 14-15, 2018. We would love to see all of our grads. On Sept.14we'll have a Dean's cocktail party. On Saturday we will be giving tours, and have some law related programs, and at night we'll host an informal child-friendly dinner at the school. We'll designate dining spaces throughout the building(s) for the reunion classes. Since it has been a while since we have had organized reunions we hope that all will come, and we are looking for volunteers to help encourage their classmates to attend. We are especially looking for grads from the traditional celebration years: 1984 (35 years); 1988 (30 years); 1993 (25 years); 1998 (20 Years); 2003 (15 years); 2008 (10 years); 2013 (5 years). If you would like to help, please contact Casey LaPlante at [casey.laplante@unh.edu](mailto:casey.laplante@unh.edu).



### **ATTENTION CLASS OF 1978: CELEBRATE YOUR 40TH REUNION WITH US THIS SPRING**

Our special 40th reunion celebration for the class of 1978 is fast approaching! The reunion will take place on campus during our commencement weekend this spring, May 18 and 19. You won't want to miss it – be on the lookout for more details as they are finalized.



**WASHINGTON D.C. ALUMNI RECEPTION TO FEATURE US CONGRESSMAN TIM RYAN (JD '00)**

We will be hosting an alumni reception in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at W Hotel, with featured speaker United States Congressman Tim Ryan (JD '00.) Our Dean, Megan Carpenter, will also be on hand, as will UNH President Mark Huddleston. For more information, or to RSVP, click [here](#).



**ALUMNI RECEPTION UPCOMING IN MAY AT INTA'S 2018 ANNUAL MEETING IN SEATTLE**

Save the date and join UNH Law for an Alumni Reception during INTA's 2018 Annual Meeting in Seattle on Monday, May 21, 2018, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. More details to follow. To learn more, click [here](#).



**SAVE THE DATE: UNH/FPLC LAW ALUMNI EVENT IN TOKYO SEPTEMBER 6 & 7**

Please save the date for the FPLC Asian Reunion and Seminar in Tokyo, September 6 & 7, 2018. Dean Carpenter and Professor Ann Bartow of UNH Law will be in attendance. The program Seminar is jointly sponsored by UNH Law and the Japan Patent Attorneys Association. More details to come.



**HERSTOFF EARNS VICTORY IN THE SUPREME COURT**



*Jonathan Herstoff*

Jonathan Herstoff (JD/LLM '10) of Haug Partners earned a victory after arguing his first case before the U.S. Supreme Court in October 2017. The court unanimously agreed with Herstoff's position in *Hamer v. Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago et al.* "It was extremely exciting for me and my family. It was humbling to get a decision like that, and a unanimous one, in my favor," Herstoff said. Read the complete story [here](#).

**ALUMNI PARTICIPATION HIGHLIGHTS ANNUAL MOCK INTERVIEW ROUND ROBIN EVENT**



UNH Law held its annual Mock Interview Round Robin on Feb. 6, hosting 33 alumni among 48 practitioners who coached law students through interview skills in a speed-networking format. The event was coordinated by the UNH Law Career Services team. The event provides students an outstanding opportunity to network with future colleagues and polish their interview skills, and the results are apparent – one of our 1L’s landed a summer internship at the New Hampshire Attorney General’s office as a result of the event. Alumni who participated include Cooley Arroyo, Jared Bedrick, Heather Burns, Matthew Burrows, Tenley Callaghan, Rebecca Christon, Richard Fradette, Frank Fredericks, Chase Hagaman, Meaghan Jepsen, Paul Kroon, Ross Krutzinger, Gordon Landrigan, Adrian LaRochelle, Janelle Laylagian, Caroline Leonard, Aaron Mitchell, Christopher Paul, Bob Puckhaber, Joe Rheame, Kirk Simoneau, Casey Stanton, Michael Strauss, Jennifer Uhouse, Christina Wilson, Ronna Wise, Zachary Wolf, Catherine Yao, Jane Young, Joe Young, Laurie Young, Abby Zeller, and James Ziegra.



**UNH LAW GRADUATES GENE QUINN, MATTHEW HINTZ, AND PROFESSOR ALEXANDRA ROBERTS  
NAMED AMONG TOP IP PROFESSIONALS TO FOLLOW ON TWITTER**



*Matthew Hintz*

UNH Law graduates Gene Quinn (JD '95/LLM '98) and Matthew Hintz (JD '07), and Associate Professor of Law Alexandra Roberts, were all highlighted in a feature by Alt Legal that selected “18 IP Professionals to Follow in 2018” on Twitter. Quinn came in at No. 7 on the list, while Hintz secured the No. 12 and Roberts came in at No. 13. For the complete list, click [here](#).

## CELEBRATING NEWS OF ALUMNI PROMOTIONS AND ADVANCEMENTS

Michael Parsons (JD '08) has been promoted to partner at Haynes and Boone, LLP. Parsons is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the Richardson, Texas, and Palo Alto, California, offices at Haynes and Boone. Leslie Leonard (JD '06) was promoted to partner at Cooper, Cargill Chant at the end of January. She began at the firm in 2010 and has focused her practice in the areas of family law, estate planning, employment law, personal injury and social security disability. Charles S. Rauch (JD '09) was promoted to partner at Hodgson Russ LLP, where he has been since 2010. According to the Hodgson Russ website, his practice "covers all aspects of patent, trademark, and design law, with a particular focus on U.S. and international patent prosecution and enforcement, transactional intellectual property diligence and licensing, patent validity and infringement opinions, and competitive analysis." A.J. Bahou (JD/LLM '03) teamed up with fellow Nashville attorney Sam Miller to launch Bahou Miller PLLC, a boutique intellectual property and litigation law firm in Nashville, in December 2017. Dr. Ping Wang, (JD '99) has joined Morris Manning and Martin LLP as a Partner in the Washington D.C. office. Her practice focuses on all aspects of intellectual property, including patent prosecution, inter partes review, post grant review, interference practice, counseling and opinions regarding patentability, patent invalidity, freedom-to-operate, infringement, design around and diligence work in connection with mergers and acquisitions in the biotechnology industry.



## SCOTT MURRAY CONFIRMED AS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

UNH Law alum and Merrimack County Attorney Scott Murray [was confirmed](#) as the next U.S. Attorney for New Hampshire by the U.S. Senate in February. He had been nominated by President Donald Trump in November. Murray was serving his fourth term as Merrimack County's head attorney, according to an [NHPR story](#), and was previously Concord's top prosecutor for almost 20 years. The same NHPR story notes that Murray "was recommended for the U.S. Attorney job by Governor Chris Sununu, who praised the announcement."



***We Want to Hear From You***

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## 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](mailto:alumni@law.unh.edu). We look forward to hearing from you.