HCLN WELCOME

Happy New Year! I, like many of you, have made the resolution to lose weight, exercise more, and be nicer to myself. While my personal ambitions for 2015 might be mundane (and repetitive), the HCLN is taking its new year’s resolution a little more seriously - we are trying to expand programming for our alumni group. In addition to maintaining our regular newsletters, regional events, and directory, our broader goal is to bring together as many Haverfordians as possible who have Esq., J.D., L.L.B., and L.L.M. behind their names.

Therefore, I am pleased to announce that the HCLN will host its first-ever symposium, on Saturday, April 11 at Haverford. We look forward to seeing many of you come back to the College in the spring to interact and learn from one another in what we hope will be a terrific and meaningful event for every participant. Details are forthcoming.

This issue of the newsletter once again highlights many of our influential alumni in various areas. These stories reflect how in recent months Haverford has had an impact on fields ranging from government to politics to finance to sports.

This edition’s spotlight looks at one of our rising legal stars: Jeffrey Monhait ’09. The Wilmington, Delaware native went from starring for the tennis team to starting in the courtroom, for Cozen O’Connor PC and the Philadelphia D.A.’s office. A great friend and volunteer of the HCLN, Jeffrey demonstrates that one can have great deal of influence while maintaining integrity and kindness. (Apparently his warm-hearted, animal-loving veterinarian sister Laurie Monhait ’06 impacted him more than we all realized.)

Thank you again for all of your continued participation. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April symposium!

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Jeff Monhait ’09

by Sarah Andrade Galetta ’12

Jeff, an associate at Cozen O’Connor PC in Philadelphia, is presently on secondment to the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office. A summer associate with Cozen in 2011, he joined the firm’s commercial litigation group in 2012. While at Harvard Law School, where he graduated cum laude, he served as an executive editor of the Journal of Sports & Entertainment Law, interned with the Washington Nationals, and worked for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. His law review article on Major League Baseball salary arbitration for the Journal of Sports & Entertainment Law was later cited by the New York Daily News. This year he is coaching Haverford’s Inaugural Mock Trial Team on campus.

Can you tell me about the Cozen program that has allowed you to work at the Philadelphia D.A.’s Office?

Cozen has an amazing program with the D.A., whereby a Cozen associate spends a year on secondment to the D.A.’s office. I started there in November, along with most of the office’s new Assistant District Attorneys (A.D.A.). The D.A.’s office treats me just like any new A.D.A., and I view myself as an A.D.A. It’s an unbelievable opportunity.

What are you doing for the D.A.’s office?

I’m doing the work of a first-year trial A.D.A.—handling cases in Municipal Court (MC). The city is divided into a number of geographical zones, and I was assigned to the Northeast. So far, I’ve had the chance to handle trials and preliminary hearings. On trial days, two or three A.D.A.s handle a list of approximately 30 cases.

When a trial proceeds, we have the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, through testimony and other evidence. The jurisdiction of the MC courtroom is such that these trials are nearly all misdemeanors, such as DUIs, simple assaults, drug possession cases, or retail thefts.

On preliminary hearing days, the A.D.A.s in the room typically divvy up the 40–50 cases on the list. These cases tend to include felonies and more serious offenses, for example, charges of aggravated assault, burglary, robbery, and drug distribution. The function of a preliminary hearing (prelim) is to determine whether there’s sufficient evidence for a trial. At this stage, the Commonwealth bears the burden of establishing a prima facie case—that it’s more likely than not that the defendant committed the crime(s) charged—through testimony and other evidence. However, these hearings are somewhat less formal. For example, the court permits some forms of hearsay at the prelim level that would be inadmissible at trial. Also, the defense generally does not present evidence at the prelim, choosing instead to reserve its strategy for trial.

Have you made any mistakes in court?

Yes—every day, often of the bone-headed variety (or so it seems to me). One key is not to repeat mistakes. The second key is to ask questions of and listen to everyone in the office. It’s a phenomenal team atmosphere—people help each other and are happy to answer questions and discuss cases. I feel enormously lucky to be working in that kind of environment.
How does the type of work that you do at the D.A.’s office differ from the work you did at a large firm?

As a young associate at a firm, you tend to handle smaller pieces of cases. As an A.D.A., the entire file is your responsibility, though the universe for a given case is generally much smaller. The work itself is very different. At Cozen, I spent much of my time conducting legal research and drafting many different types of documents, including motions, briefs, memos, and articles. I had a handful of court appearances mixed in. More recently, I worked on internal investigations, which I also enjoyed. Those often involve substantial document review. It’s interesting to take a deep dive into factual issues, try to figure out the story underlying a client’s concern or potential problem, and help that client to navigate through the pertinent legal terrain. I particularly enjoyed the fact that this work tended to be more interactive.

As an A.D.A., I spend a much greater portion of my day away from my desk and in court. The experience is amazing. I get to conduct trials, examine witnesses, and engage in oral arguments nearly every day. I love trying cases, and it has been amazing getting to know, and work with, the city’s incredible police force.

One of your articles was even mentioned by the New York Daily News, yes?

That was fun. I have no idea how that author found my article on MLB salary arbitration. I wrote it during my 3L year and revised it during my first year of practice, but I completed the bulk of the research and drafting during law school.

How did you get involved with the Haverford Inaugural Mock Trial Team?

I heard about it from a couple of different sources, including Rahul Munshi ’06 and Lilly Lavner ’07, the director of student activities and leadership. I was excited to coach. I had been looking for a way to get back to being involved with Haverford, because I missed it. It’s a truly special place. Thus far, coaching has been a great experience. The students are engaged, diligent, and great to work with.

How was the team formed?

Nick Barile ’18 and Jordan McGuffee ’18 spearheaded the effort. They worked with the College to set up the team, and they went out and recruited students. I try to be helpful however I can, for example by participating in attorney tryouts, discussing legal theories and issues at practices, and reviewing drafts of opening and closing statements. But this is definitely a student-driven group, and they are doing a great job of running with it.

How have you found time to continue writing scholarly articles while working?

I wrote some of the sports pieces on my own, because that has always been an area of interest for me. When I was in law school, I often dreamed of working in sports, especially baseball. That goal spurred me to write a couple of short pieces. I also co-authored articles with other Cozen attorneys. These pieces tended to analyze a recent court decision or legal issue of importance to a practice area.

Are there any upcoming competitions?

Yes. The team is in a regional competition here in Philadelphia during the first weekend in February. The competition
takes place in the Criminal Justice Center in Philadelphia, which also houses the MCs. I am excited about that fact.

**How have the practices been going so far?**

It’s a lot of fun. The students are fantastic. Their diligence about the competition is impressive. They’re excited by the challenges the voluminous case materials present and the strategic decisions that they must make. It is also the group’s (and my) first college mock trial competition. The student team is admirably building things from the ground up.

**What advice do you have for Haverford alumni looking to pursue a law career?**

There are two facets. First, meeting people is important—not in terms of making connections and networking; that’s artificial. There is so much to be gained in terms of overall happiness in life just from meeting and interacting with people. If you go to law school, focus on the people with whom you are training—odds are that they have great ideas and cool interests. You never know what type of friendships might develop if you take the time to hang out, grab a beer, or just ask people about their interests. Conversation may well open unexpected doors, and I don’t think you can go wrong by asking questions.

Second, whatever work you end up doing—do it well. If you get an assignment, or a job, that is not your favorite thing in the world, keep your focus on doing that assignment, and that job, to the best of your ability. That will keep doors open. You may well reach your original end-goal in terms of employment, or you might find yourself happy doing something that you had not previously considered.

**Sarah Andrade Galetta ’12** is in her third year at Temple Law School. Upon graduation, she will join Richards Layton & Finger in Wilmington as an associate.

**LAW BLOTTER**

**Winter 2015**

**Bruce Andrews ’90** was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Bruce was previously chief of staff at the Department of Commerce and general counsel for the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee.

**David L. Axelrod ’99** is now regional trial counsel at the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission. David is a graduate of Harvard Law School and is a former Assistant U.S. Attorney. Before joining the SEC, David was in the news for successfully prosecuting a Philadelphia loan broker found guilty of committing a $26 million fraud against nearly 2,000 real estate entrepreneurs.

**Jon Berke ’07**, a 2014 graduate of Columbia University School of Law, passed the New York Bar Exam and is currently working at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York City.

**Amy Taylor Brooks ’92**, partner at Wisler Pearlstine LLP in Blue Bell, Pa., presented a seminar entitled “Ethical Issues for Attorneys in the IEP Meeting Process” at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 2014 Exceptional Children Conference, the premier education
event for child attorneys, school district attorneys, hearing officers, and advocates in the region. Amy is member of the Board of Managers, the Corporation at Haverford, and an inductee into the Thomas Glasser ’82 Athletic Hall Achievement.

Philip Brown ’83, director at Rackemann Sawyer & Brewster, co-hosted the HCLN–Boston event on December 2, along with Kurt A. James ’82, a director at the same firm. Phil has also recently been named the 5th chair of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) in Massachusetts. Prior to his PERAC appointment, Phil was deeply involved in the Massachusetts governmental pension process, having chaired the special commission on group classification.

Charlie Carluccio ’11, a 2014 graduate of University of Miami School of Law, passed the New York and New Jersey Bar Exams.

Kelly A. Carroll ’00 is an associate at Hooper, Lundy & Bookman PC in Washington, D.C., where she focuses on representing clients in the health care and life sciences industries in a wide range of regulatory, transactional, and litigation matters, including reimbursement, HIPAA, health information technology, regulatory compliance, and long term care issues. Prior to joining this firm, Kelly was an associate at Proskauer Rose LLP in Washington, D.C.

Nick Chanock ’05, a baseball agent with Wasserman Media Group in Los Angeles, represented Giancarlo Stanton of the Miami Marlins on his record-breaking $325m, 13-year deal with the team. A graduate of Loyola School of Law in Los Angeles, Nick works closely with Arn Tellem ’76, Vice Chairman of Wasserman Media Group.

Chuck Durante ’73, partner at Connolly Gallagher LLP in Wilmington, Del., again spearheaded the annual HCLN–Delaware event, this year held on January 15, featuring Associate Professor Craig Borowiak of Haverford’s political science department. The event took place at the Superior Court thanks to Judge Andrea Roconelli P’18.

Stephen Eisdorfer ’71 was mentioned in the Philadelphia Inquirer in connection with his representation of a South Jersey property management company. Stephen is a partner at Hill Wallack LLP in Princeton, where he is a member of the land use solutions, environmental issues, and redevelopment practice groups.

Mark Geragos ’79, founder of Geragos & Geragos PC in Los Angeles, was featured in the news in connection with his representation of a former employee of Zillow, Inc., who alleged she was the victim of pervasive sexual harassment and lewd conduct from male supervisors and was ultimately fired for opposing their advances. Mark’s law firm has also recently filed two other lawsuits against Zillow: a class action suit alleging state and federal labor law violations and a whistleblower retaliation action.

Evan M. Goldman ’98 is founder and principal of Striped Shirt Consulting LLC in Lutherville, Md. Evan also remains a partner at Goldman & Goldman PA.

Harrison R. Haas ’10 is in his first year at University of Pennsylvania Law School.
Amanda Hsiao ’95 has joined Pathway Law LLC in Belmont, Mass., as an associate. Amanda is a 1999 graduate of University of Cincinnati College of Law, and she received a master’s in English Language and Literature/Letters in 2004 from The Ohio State University.

Kurt A. James ’82, director at Rackemann Sawyer & Brewster, co-hosted the HCLN-Boston event on December 2, 2014, along with Philip Brown ’83, also a director at the firm. The event featured four alumni judges: Jennifer C. Boal ’85, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts; Robert B. Foster ’79, Massachusetts Land Court; H. Philip Howorth ’54, New Hampshire District Court (ret.); and Kermit V. Lipez ’63, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Bob Linn ’70, director of labor relations in the de Blasio administration in New York City, was featured in the Daily News in connection with a recent speech at New York Law School. Bob was the keynote speaker at the 2014 HCLN–New York City event in October 2014.

Juliana R. Morgan-Trostle ’12 is in her first year at NYU Law School. Juliana was previously a Fulbright Scholar in Argentina as part of the Seminar on Sexual and Reproductive Rights at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba and the Center for the Study of State and Society (CEDES) in Buenos Aires. Before departing for Argentina, Juliana worked as a paralegal in the Family Law Unit at Philadelphia Legal Assistance (PLA).

Rahul Munshi ’06, attorney at Console Law Offices LLC in Philadelphia, submitted a blog for Haverford’s Fords on Friday series for the Center for Career and Professional Advising (CCPA).

Brendan Palfreyman ’05, attorney at Harris Beach PLLC in Syracuse, N.Y., was featured on an episode of Beer Sessions Radio, where he spoke about trademark issues surrounding craft beer breweries.

Vanessa E. Pena ’09, a 2014 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law, recently joined Schwartz Simon Edelstein & Celso LLP in the firm’s education department.

Alfredo R. Perez ’77, Partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Houston, has been representing the Financial Guaranty Insurance Co. in connection with the Detroit bankruptcy proceedings. Alfredo is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and is past chair of the bankruptcy section of the Houston Bar Association.

Tony Petitti ’83, has been named Chief Operating Officer of Major League Baseball by incoming Commissioner Rob Manfred.

Don H. Liu ’83 P’17 was featured in a lengthy profile in the 2014 Super Lawyers Business Edition. Don is the general counsel and secretary of Xerox Corporation.
(who previously held the position of chief operating officer before being elected to become Commissioner). Tony was formerly the CEO and President of MLB Network.

Howard Prosnitz ’73 practices complex securities litigation law at his own firm in Chicago. Howard’s practice focuses on class actions, structured finance, and Ponzi schemes. He recently published a legal thriller, *The Ponzi Scheme*, about a Chicago lawyer who’s been fired from Big Law and becomes swept up in a hunt for international financial criminals.

Natalie Richman ’09 is in her final year at American University Washington College of Law.

Gary Restaino ’90, chief counsel of the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Arizona, was the 2012 recipient of the Arizona Foundation for Justice Award. A 1996 graduate of University of Virginia Law School, Gary began his career in 1997 as a legal aid attorney at Community Legal Services in Phoenix.

Mark Sadoff ’82 has founded MJS Legal in Paris, where he assists companies in their international operations, from contract review to M & A and the creation of value in an IP portfolio. Mark was previously general counsel for Saint-Gobain Building Distribution.

John Sassaman ’87 has joined Boeing as the director of ethics and business conduct for government operations. John joined Boeing in November 2014 after serving on Capitol Hill for over 13 years. Most recently, John was the chief counsel and staff director for the U.S. Senate’s Select Committee on Ethics.

Andrew Schulman ’82, who had been a partner at Getman, Schulthess & Steere PA in Manchester since 2000, was nominated to the New Hampshire Superior Court bench by Gov. Maggie Hassan and confirmed by the Executive Council. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Andrew began his legal career in 1985 as a Manchester staff attorney for the N.H. Public Defender’s Office. After a brief stint at Hill & Barlow in Boston, he served as a staff attorney and homicide/major crimes attorney in Manchester and Nashua in the public defender’s office until 1997. Andrew taught at Franklin Pierce Law Center (now University of New Hampshire School of Law) from 1997 to 2000 and served on the New Hampshire Executive Branch Ethics Committee. (Hat tip to Silas Little ’68).

Shanin Specter ’80, co-founder of Kline & Specter PC in Philadelphia, was part of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf’s transition steering committee.

Kenneth D. Sugarman ’72 has maintained a solo civil practice in the heart of New York City for almost forty years. He currently specializes in commercial litigation and collection.

Bob Swift ’68, partner and director at Kohn Swift & Graf PC in Philadelphia, came

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back to campus on November 18 to talk about the landmark human rights class action litigation he brought against the Marcos family of the Philippines. **Ashley Tyson ’10** is in her first year at Howard University School of Law.

**Simon Vickery ’11** is in his first year at University of Colorado–Boulder School of Law. Prior to law school, Simon worked as a paralegal at the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office.

**Brent Wible ’98** is the assistant chief, fraud section of the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division in Washington, D.C. A 2003 graduate of Yale Law School, Brent was formerly an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Deputy Chief of Appeals in the Southern District of New York. In 2005, he clerked for the Hon. Sonia Sotomayor on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**Dalit Yarden-Krug ’87** is a partner at Preston Stutman & Partners PC in New York City, a firm that focuses on matrimonial and family law. Dalit is a graduate of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.

**Joseph P. Younger ’98** has joined Thompson & Knight LLP as counsel in the government/regulatory practice group of the firm’s Austin, Tex., office. Joseph was previously a lawyer and legal division director at the Texas Public Utility Commission, where he focused on electricity-related regulatory matters, power market, and electric project development issues. Joseph received his Ph.D. and M.A. in history from Princeton University in 2011 and 2007, respectively. He earned a J.D., with highest honors, from Columbia University School of Law in 2001.

**Save the Date**

**HCLN Symposium**

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

An afternoon of panels, discussions, and socializing with the extensive Haverford College Lawyers Network.
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