HCLN WELCOME

On-Campus Interviewing (OCI). This program, known to many law students and practicing lawyers, often greatly influences the early stages of a lawyer’s career. Law students, clad in freshly dry-cleaned suits and white collared shirts, desperately try to impress established attorneys as they vie for a call-back interview. The end-goal is the elusive summer associate position. Suffice it to say, this program can induce more than a modicum of stress.

Attempting to distinguish myself from my 550 classmates became quite difficult as often little can be gleaned from why one preferred Torts over Civil Procedure. What differentiates my OCI experience from the others in my class, though, involves a quite fortuitous encounter.

During a call-back interview at one well-respected law firm, my first interview left me feeling that I made an unremarkable impression. As I entered the office of my second interviewer, however, I could not help but notice how excited he looked to see me.

At that point I noticed a Haverford College coffee mug on his desk, followed by pictures on the wall of the noted Professor Emeritus Roger Lane and legendary track-coach Tom Donnelly. Not surprisingly, the interview with this alumnus went extremely well as we quickly moved beyond trite law school questions and into discussions ranging from my Haverford baseball team’s spring trip to communist Cuba to the eccentricities of a shared professor. The bond of Haverford College that we had and continue to have is profound. As a result of that bond I am pleased to say that I am currently an associate at Connolly, Bove, Lodge & Hutz and have the opportunity to work under my interviewer, Chuck Durante ’73, every day.

The reason my classmate Rahul Munshi ’06 and I decided to create this organization is to tap into that special connection that Haverford alumni share. We wanted to give back to the college that has been so helpful to us and create an organized network for Haverford College lawyers. The goal is to create a forum that would allow people to shape and have their careers shaped by other alumni.

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In order to accomplish this plan, the Haverford College Lawyers Network (HCLN) has three goals: (1) to conduct regional events throughout the country; (2) to establish a lawyer-friendly directory; and (3) to produce a quarterly newsletter that not only highlights the comings and goings of Haverford College lawyers, but also helps tell their stories in a way that might guide others.

This fledgling organization has already had a successful inaugural event in Philadelphia in October 2010, attended by 50 alumni and current students and graciously hosted by John Soroko ’73 at Duane Morris LLP. In addition, Wilmington, Delaware played host to an alumni lunch with a talk by Haverford Political Science professor Barak Mendelsohn on January 6, 2011 for local alumni attorneys and their children. HCLN is also in the midst of planning regional events in New York City on March 31st and Washington, D.C. on May 5th.

Rahul, I, and countless others have benefitted tremendously from Haverford. Many Haverfordians, including ourselves, have obtained professional positions and mentorships from the College’s close alumni base. HCLN’s purpose is simply to take an impressive list of lawyers and make it come alive. We hope this forum provides people with similar opportunities to reacquaint with classmates, send referrals, or help young alumni or students in need of guidance. While this objective might be ambitious, we are comforted by a story that after our first event, one attendee found out about an alumnus interviewing for a particular job. The attendee placed a call on the other’s behalf, and that alumnus ultimately received the position. We hope to tell more stories like this in the future.
FOR THE RECORD

PETER GOLDBERGER, CLASS OF 1971: ADVOCATE, ACTIVIST & SCHOLAR

The secret to Peter Goldberger’s success is simple: He knows the law better than his opponents. In 35+ years in practice, Peter has briefed and/or argued 250 federal criminal appeals, has been named a criminal defense SuperLawyer by Philadelphia Magazine every year since 2004, has been listed in Best Lawyers in America almost as long, and has received national acclaim for his expertise in deconstructing complex regulations, including the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Internal Revenue Code.

Peter maintains a small office in Ardmore, less than one mile from Haverford’s campus, with his wife, a fellow lawyer and friend of the college, and an associate attorney. In a workplace adorned by mountains of paper and a stunning Andy Warhol original of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, Peter works tirelessly on post-conviction and sentencing appeals, a niche field that captures Peter’s proclivity towards direct legal services, academic litigation, and progressive social change.

Few attorneys can pinpoint exactly when they decided to pursue a career in the law. Peter can identify these defining moments with ease. He matriculated at Haverford in the fall of 1967, when the Vietnam War was escalating. As a sophomore, piqued by his anti-war convictions, and researching a piece for the Bryn Mawr – Haverford College News (predecessor to the Bi-Co Newspaper), Peter enrolled in a draft counselor training course offered on campus by a traveling “field worker” for a national peace organization.

The purpose of this program was to train individuals who could then help objectors to the war avoid the draft by lawful means. Peter embraced this role of activist and advocate. In fact, it was during his days helping people who received draft notices when Peter realized that he had a knack for interpreting complicated laws.

“I was good at learning rules and regulations and how to use them for the benefit of people whose liberties were being taken away. I fought for people’s liberties by using the government’s own rules against them,” Peter explains. Today, as a preeminent criminal defense attorney, Peter reflects, “I make a living doing what I learned in that course. Along with the reasoning skills I developed in Paul Desjardins’ course on Plato and [Aryeh] Kosman’s Aristotle class, of course.”

His major was philosophy. In another career-defining experience, Peter embarked on a unique semester “abroad” during his junior year at Haverford. In the fall of 1969, Peter, along with eight students from Haverford, Bryn Mawr, and Swarthmore, moved into a house in Germantown, Philadelphia, a low-income urban area only five miles away from campus but quite unlike the Main Line. For several months, Peter lived and worked in the community, helping empower local tenants and assisting them in disputes with landlords. Not even a law school student yet, Peter showed his aptitude for grasping the legal system and serving people in need. As Peter notes, “My Haverford experiences are directly tied to becoming the person who I am both in terms of social movements and public interest and in terms of skill set.”

Building on his proven ability to advocate and educate, Peter pursued his law degree at Yale. In law school, Peter participated in a federal prison clinical, which helped him develop the strategy that he still abides by today – knowing the other side’s rules better than they do and using those rules to protect or advance people’s freedom. As a prodigious litigator, Peter penned an influential law review article on the federal parole system and even successfully represented a federal inmate before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals – all while still in law school.

After a federal judicial clerkship with then-District Judge Edward R. Becker of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and a two-year stint as a federal public defender in New Haven, Peter sought to switch gears and enter academia. Peter achieved national recognition for his scholarly work on Fourth Amendment jurisprudence and ran clinical programs for several years at Villanova Law School and Whittier College Law School before re-entering criminal practice. Connecting with Philadelphia defense attorneys he met shortly after graduating from Yale, Peter was able to build his criminal appeals practice, which is now national in scope, solely on his quality work product and reputation as a top mind in the field.
On October 30, 1990, Peter reached the pinnacle of the legal profession—arguing before the United States Supreme Court. Peter describes Gozlon-Peretz v. United States as an “obscure case of statutory interpretation” that had the dubious honor of being heard immediately after a stirring oral argument featuring then-Solicitor General Kenneth Starr and Harvard Professor Laurence Tribe, both giants in the Supreme Court litigation world. “Even the Supreme Court Justices didn’t seem interested in my case,” Peter chuckled. Nevertheless, Peter’s experience before the highest court puts him in the same exclusive club as the likes of Anthony Amsterdam ’57, Richard M. Cooper ’64, Ronald Eisenberg ’78, and Jeffrey Lamken ’86 of Haverford alums who have appeared before the illustrious nine.

Peter’s triumphs stem from his facility in being cerebral, yet accessible; analytical, yet persuasive; and conceptual, yet practical. His combination of scholarly dedication and activist force is exemplified by his court-appointed work over the course of ten years which led to the first DNA evidence exoneration from Pennsylvania’s death row in 2003. Peter has since revisited Haverford with his former client, holding panel discussions on their shared experiences with the criminal appeals process in death penalty cases. He has also returned to campus several times since 1990 as an adjunct professor, teaching a course on social philosophy and policy entitled Law & Morality.

Over the last twenty years, Peter has done probably the best thing for Haverford alums possible—he hires them. At least one dozen former Haverford students have worked for Peter in Ardmore for a year or two after graduating as a paralegal and office manager. Even with this support, Peter’s practice (which consists of ten to twenty percent pro bono representation, along with appellate representation of such clients as former Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent Fumo, former RiteAid general counsel Franklin Brown, and movie actor Wesley Snipes) requires him to work a rigorous and grueling schedule. When asked if he was available to talk one weekend, Peter’s only response was: “What is this concept ‘weekend’ to which you refer?” A renowned attorney and workhorse for those individuals often living in the shadows, Peter is an inspiration to Haverford attorneys who hope to effectuate legal and social change.

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**LAW BLOTTER**

Richard Bazelon, Class of 1965, a Shareholder of Bazelon Less & Feldman, received a $5 million jury verdict for his clients, law professors David Rudovsky of UPenn and Leonard Sosnov of Widener, in a case against West Publishing.

Jessica Bluebond-Langner, Class of 2003, recently completed a federal judicial clerkship with Judge Legrome D. Davis of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and is now an Associate with the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago where she specializes in litigation.

Amy Taylor Brooks, Class of 1992, an Associate at Wisler Pearlstine in Pennsylvania, was inducted into Haverford College’s Thomas Glasser Hall of Achievement for her three-sport prowess in volleyball, basketball and lacrosse during her collegiate days.

Chuck Durante, Class of 1973, a Partner at Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz in Wilmington, Delaware, was named in November 2010 as one of the Top Lawyers by Delaware Today in Trusts and Estates. See http://www.delawaretoday.com/Delaware-Today/November-2010/Legal-Ease/index.php?cparticle=5&siarticle=4

Morissa Falk, Class of 2003, recently became an Associate at Chaffin Luhana, a Plaintiff’s Law Firm based in New York, where she will be handling mass tort, securities, and whistleblower cases. Morissa will also be marrying Michael Freedman, Class of 2003, this winter in New York.

Robert Harris, Class of 1978, recently returned to private practice following five years as general counsel to hedge fund administrator OpHedge Investment Services. Rob has joined Connecticut business boutique Levett Rockwood, where, in addition to commercial litigation and work as outside general counsel, his practice, in true Haverford fashion, includes service as an arbitrator and mediator. Rob is a recipient of “The Honorable Robert C. Zampano Award for Excellence in Mediation,” named after a Connecticut federal judge renowned for his dispute resolution skills. He advises that he welcomes arbitrator and mediator engagements in Connecticut, Westchester and NYC.
J.J. Jacobs, Class of 2005, received an L.L.M. in International Law and Justice from Fordham University School of Law, graduating with honors, and is currently practicing with the law firm of Abrams, Gorelick, Friedman & Jacobson in NYC.

Ashby Jones, Class of 1992, is the editor-in-chief of The Wall Street Journal Law Blog, which received accolades by the ABA Law Journal’s 4th Annual Blawg 100 as one of the top places on the web to collect legal news.

Lindsay Maleson, Class of 1999, became a Partner at Nixon Peabody LLP in Long Island, where she specializes in Health Services of the Regulatory and Real Estate Department.

Jerry Miraglia, Class of 1981, became a Partner in the Business Law Group of Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP in Wilmington, Delaware, where he specializes in mergers and acquisitions.

Rahul Munshi, Class of 2006, recently completed a federal judicial clerkship with Judge Joel H. Slomsky of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is currently an Associate at Console Law Offices in Philadelphia, representing plaintiffs in employment discrimination and civil rights actions.

Tom Quinn, Class of 2006, a second-year law student at Stanford University Law School, has accepted a Summer Associate position with the law firm of Paul Weiss Rifkin & Garrison in New York.

Daniel Render, Class of 2006, a second-year law student at the University of Chicago Law School, has accepted a Summer Associate position with the law firm of Sidley Austin in Chicago.

Jonathan Selkowitz, Class of 2005, a third-year law student at Temple University Beasley School of Law, has accepted a federal judicial clerkship beginning in September 2011 with Judge Juan Sanchez of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Jon also recently became engaged with long-time girlfriend and Haverford College field-hockey mainstay Rachel Gormley, Class of 2005, who is in the midst of her medical residency at the University of Pennsylvania in Dermatology.

Stephen Spaulding, Class of 2005, recently completed his fellowship at Common Cause where he worked on matters pertaining to campaign finance and election law. He is now an Associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Goodwin Procter where he specializes in litigation.

Shanin Specter, Class of 1981, head of Kline & Specter in Philadelphia, recently secured a $27.6 million verdict for his client arising from the negligence of a medical device manufacturer and a public relations company.

Marc Zucker, Class of 1981, a partner at Weir & Partners, was recently elected to a three-year term on the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Board of Governors, commencing in January 2011.

If you would like to share your news with HCLN, please email Rahul at Munshi@consolelaw.com.

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Interested in getting more involved with Haverford? You can find events in your area, search for other alumni (by legal industries: ‘LA’ in “Industry”) or make a gift to the Annual Fund on the online alumni community fords.haverford.edu.

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