Throughout this past year, the Haverford College Lawyers Network transformed from an idea into a reality. With the generosity of countless alumni, be it financially or with their time, this organization created multiple forums with which to interact with other likeminded alumni. Specifically, the past year witnessed the establishment of four regional events (Philadelphia; Wilmington; New York City; and Washington D.C.), two newsletters, and a LinkedIn group, which can be accessed as a sub-group of Haverford College Worldwide Alumni on www.linkedin.com. Moving forward, our goal is to capitalize on the enthusiasm of our alumni and expand our reach into new cities, create a legal database for our alumni, and have other events tailored to telling the story of successful Haverford lawyers.

The inaugural issue of the HCLN Newsletter highlighted the story of a traditional lawyer, Peter Goldberger '73, who reached the pinnacle of the profession by arguing before the United States Supreme Court. In contrast, this issue’s profile of Ashby Jones '92 of The Wall Street Journal emphasizes the inspiring story of an alumnus who used his law degree in a nontraditional way in order to climb to the top of the law blogosphere. We are looking forward to spotlighting more dynamic, interesting Haverford alums in future editions of the HCLN Newsletter.

We thank you again for your continued interest in our organization. It has been a pleasure to meet so many alumni who make a profound imprint in the legal and non-legal world and we have no doubt this will continue into the future. With that said there are a few people that we want to acknowledge for their specific help in enhancing this organization in the last year: Doug Stuart, Deb Streecker, Ann Figueredo '84, Donna Mancini, Jennifer Barr, Amy Feifer, Sandra Johnson, John Soroko '73, Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto '74, Chuck Durante '73, Shanin Specter '80, Sam Mason '75, Ron Shapiro '64, Susan Taing '02, Rich Cooper '64, Jon Fetterolf '93, Tom Roberts '93, Jennifer Wicht '92, Peter Goldberger '71, Ashby Jones '92, Jeff Lichtstein '08, Rachel Moston '04, Toni Amato '99, Ben Shechtman '08, Jon Selkowitz '05, and Bruce Segal '83.

FOR THE RECORD

ASHBY JONES ’92:
TAKING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED
By Jeffrey Lichtstein ’08

In his 1992 Haverford College Commencement address, The New York Times Op-Ed columnist Thomas Friedman challenged graduating students to not be afraid to start at the bottom and work their way up. Ashby Jones, 1992 Haverford graduate and Lead Writer of The Wall Street Journal Law Blog, is currently at the top of the legal writing world, but only after meandering his way through a unique legal career path which featured several forks in the road. A non-traditionalist in a conventional profession, Ashby has forged a livelihood by eschewing the partner-track and working to become an important voice on legal news and affairs.

Ashby, an English major, garnered a passion for writing while attending Haverford. Upon matriculating, Ashby did not intend to focus on English courses. However, he soon fell in love with the creative challenges and subtle satisfaction of mastering the English language. As a co-editor of the literary magazine, then called Musomania, Ashby gained intellectual confidence and developed a strong desire to use written words to express his thoughts and opinions. Beyond the classroom and library, he was also a mainstay on Haverford’s baseball team, which in his senior year set the (then) Haverford College Baseball record for wins in a season.

After graduating, Ashby attended University of Michigan Law School. He viewed law school as an extension of a Haverford education, allowing for the study of “big ideas” revolving around justice and equality. Out of law school, Ashby clerked for Judge J. Edward Lumbard, senior judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He then went to work for Perkins Coie in Seattle, where he practiced for two years in litigation.
It did not take long for Ashby to realize that the position, while challenging and interesting in many ways, was not providing him enough opportunities to take creative liberties in his writing. Drafting memos for the firm’s partners, while intellectually engaging, did not satisfy Ashby’s desire to be writing on a daily basis and for a wider audience.

Ashby eventually left Perkins Coie, taking a significant pay cut to work for a small legal newspaper in Seattle. In 2005, Ashby moved to The Wall Street Journal to assist in beginning the newspaper’s online law blog. Ashby became enamored with the writing opportunities that the blogging world had to offer, and, finally, he was able to combine his English degree from Haverford and his Michigan law degree and dedicate himself to the art of writing.

Ashby’s current occupation, unorthodox in the legal world, enables him to practice in a field about which he is passionate – journalism – while still embodying many of the qualities of a “Haverford Lawyer.” Just as a Haverford education stresses global perspectives, Ashby believes there is something larger to the world of law than merely litigation practice at Big Law. Ashby utilizes the ideals of the Honor Code, a cornerstone of his Haverford education, to contribute to the legal world in an honest and successful manner, all while remaining incredibly modest.

Although many lawyers are, by nature, risk-adverse, Ashby represents a different breed of barrister. He was willing to opt for the road less traveled to strive for maximum personal satisfaction, with the goal of positively influencing the public’s understanding of major legal topics. Following Thomas Friedman’s advice, Ashby fearlessly worked his way up to becoming one of the most prominent legal bloggers in the nation. In many ways, Ashby’s career path epitomizes much of what being a Haverford Lawyer is all about: following true passions and taking what was learned in the classroom and applying it outside the box in a new and unique fashion.

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**Richard G. Andrews ’77** has been nominated by President Barack Obama to fill a vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. The nomination, which requires Senate confirmation, will first be sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee for its approval and then to the Senate for a vote. Richard has served as state prosecutor in the Delaware Department of Justice since 2007, after twenty-three years as an assistant U.S. Attorney.

**Adam Bernstein ’04** recently joined the litigation department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City after completing a clerkship with Justice Barry T. Albin of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

**Valerie Borek ’02** recently joined Kepner, Kepner & Corba in Berwick, Pennsylvania.

**John Bramlette ’00** is the Founder and Director of Bramlette Consulting LLC in Washington D.C., which offers educational consulting for high school students looking for guidance and streamlining in the college process. He has also been a leader at Headfirst, a provider of youth camps in the D.C. area, and SportsChallenge Leadership Academy.

**Nick Chanock ’05** graduated from Loyola Law School (Los Angeles) in May and will continue in his role as Sports Agent in the baseball department of Wasserman Media Group.

**Jamie Conrad ’80** has a solo practice in Washington, D.C. (Conrad Law & Policy Counsel) where he does regulatory and legislative work in the areas of environment, health and safety and homeland security. He is the Vice Chair of the ABA Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice. Jamie wishes to pass along the following message: “Jeffrey Lamken ’86 worked as a paralegal for me when I was a lowly associate at Cleary Gottleib. He was trying to decide if he should go to law school or cooking school. Looks like he made the right choice.”

**Kenneth Edgar ’69**, who retired from Simpson Thacher in 2006, is living in Connecticut and has revived his interest in the guitar. His band, The...
Shameless Impersonators, consists of several Haverford College grads and can be seen at HC reunion years ending in 9 or 4. Ken’s son, Chris Edgar ’98, a Stanford Law School graduate and former associate at Sullivan & Cromwell, also plays in the band. Chris is now a writer and life coach. His website is www.purposepowercoaching.com.

Claire Eshenour ’07, a 2010 graduate of Syracuse Law School, has joined Arnold & Porter as a litigation associate in the New York office.

Matt Hansen ’89 is Chief Legal Counsel for The Family Office Co., an investment firm located in Bahrain.

Joseph Harris ’04 has opened The Law Office of Joseph H. Harris, PLLC where he focuses on New York Employment and Business Law.

Lucy Hirsch ’03 has recently begun a clerkship with Judge Gale Rasin of the Baltimore City Circuit Court.

Alysa (Zeltzer) Hutnik ’98 became a Partner at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP in Washington D.C., where she specializes in advertising, privacy, and data security law. She also co-chaired the ABA’s Consumer Protection Conference in February 2011, and is nationally ranked by Chambers as a top data security lawyer.

Andrew Katz ’07, a second-year law student at Temple University Beasley School of Law, will intern this summer at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Newark, New Jersey.

Daniel Kent ’11, an active member of Haverford College’s Pre-Law Society, will join the Internet Education Foundation in Washington, D.C. as a Google Policy Fellow.

Jeffrey Lamken ’86, a founding partner of MoloLamken, has argued over 20 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and recently filed an amicus brief in support of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in the potentially landmark case of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes, et al., currently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jeffrey Lichtstein ’08, a second-year law student at Cardozo Law School in NYC, is working at the New York State Attorney General’s Office – Criminal Prosecution Bureau this summer.

Joseph McCool ’01 and Rahul Munshi ’06 participated in the Careers in Law Panel at Bryn Mawr College for Bi-Co students interested in pursuing a career in the law.

Matt Mullarkey ’05 graduated from Pepperdine University Law School in 2010. He is currently working for the attorney-general of Rwanda in Kigali for a year-long consultancy and is drafting and negotiating government contracts, privatization deals, and public-private partnerships.


Brendan Palfreyman ’05, a 2010 graduate of Brooklyn Law School, is currently clerking for Judge Joan Azrack, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of NY. Brendan’s article entitled Lessons from the British and American Approaches to Compelled Decryption was published by the Brooklyn Law Review in 2010.

Jeffrey B. Pine ’76, following two terms as the Attorney General of Rhode Island from 1993-1999, opened the law firm of Jeffrey B. Pine, Esq. PC in Providence. The firm handles a variety of cases in the areas of criminal defense, white collar crime, business litigation, civil litigation, government investigations, serious personal injury cases, real estate and family law.

Aaron Rabinowitz ’03 graduated from Harvard Law School in May and will be accepting a position as an Associate at Ober Kaler in Baltimore, where he will be focusing on health policy and transactional law.

Jonathan Reichman ’77, a partner in the New York office of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, recently edited a journal piece entitled Right of Publicity, which was published by Getting the Deal Through.
Owen Rescher ’02 joined Landau Gottfried & Berger LLP in San Francisco. The firm was founded by Rodger Landau ’85.

Gordon B. Schatz ’74, a partner at Reed Smith LLP, is working in Beijing, focusing on health care and life science law in China.

Meredith Schultz ’03 recently joined Boies Schiller & Flexner in the firm’s Ft. Lauderdale office as an Associate. Meredith joined Boies Schiller after completing a clerkship with Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks of the U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Southern Dist. of Florida in 2010.

Robert G. Schwartz ’71, co-founder of the Philadelphia-based Juvenile Law Center, was featured in an article for the Temple Review. Bob is a 1975 graduate of Temple Law School. Bob also received an Honorary Degree at Haverford's May 15, 2011 Commencement.

Justin Scott ’04 is an employment lawyer in the Atlanta office of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart.

Lila Shapiro Cyr ’95, a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP, was named one of 2010’s Leading Women by The Daily Record (Baltimore), honoring her professional accomplishments as well as her social commitment to the Baltimore community. Lila’s current practice includes real estate acquisition, development, leasing and financing, with a particular focus on urban mixed-use developments and shopping centers. She also does a great deal of affordable housing work, representing municipal housing authorities and developers nationwide in their affordable housing redevelopment efforts.

Ron Shapiro ’64, a sports agent, civic leader, and author, was a guest speaker at the Muskegon (Michigan) Museum of Art as part of the “We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball” exhibit. Ron discussed developments in civil rights and African-American participation in baseball. The Muskegon Chronicle recently did an article on Ron.

John Stuart ’68 is in his twenty-second year as the state public defender in Minnesota.

Susan Taing ’02, an associate at Allen & Overy in New York City, co-hosted the HCLN inaugural NYC event in March 2011.

Adriane Theis ’06, a 2009 graduate of University of Michigan Law School, is currently clerking for Judge Noel Anketell Kramer, Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and will join Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. after her clerkship.

Rick Vernon ’65 is an employment and labor attorney who founded the Employment & Labor practice group at Lerch, Early & Brewer, a 50-lawyer full service firm located in Bethesda, Maryland. Rick was recently named a “Go-To Attorney for Business” by SmartCEO magazine in its Legal Elite poll. Rick recently also was featured on Executive Leadership Radio, discussing his firm, his practice and how he became an attorney. He also appeared on Montgomery County’s award-winning local access cable television program “Law School for the Public.”

Mark Werner ’75, currently the United States General Counsel of Glaxo Smith Kline, wrote a book entitled Army Fatigues: Joining Israel’s Army of International Volunteers, Devora Publishing, about his experiences as a longstanding volunteer in the Israeli Defense Force for the Sar-el program. This was in addition to editing his father’s memoirs as a Jewish partisan and resistance fighter during the Holocaust in Fighting Back.

Peter Wilhelm ’99, an associate at White & Case in the firm’s Commercial Litigation practice group, was the recipient of a White & Case Pro Bono Award in 2010.

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