Now that fall is upon us, I find that I reflect upon my experiences with on-campus interviewing (or OCI in law school parlance). Little did I know seven years ago of the many twists and turns that my career would take, as I sat in hotel rooms throughout Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor, trying to decipher whether in my career I would be best suited for litigation or for transactional or bankruptcy law. After two years of corporate litigation, I determined that the answer was none of the above and started anew in television.

I share this story because during that transition—and ever since—the HCLN alumni group has served as an excellent support system for me as well as for countless other attorneys trying to navigate their careers, either within or outside the constraints of traditional legal practice. While people’s professional pathways might not always be clear at first glance, you will find many alumni who have tread your path and can help unclutter the terrain.

With that in mind, this issue spotlights Tamara Rice Lave ’90: lawyer, public defender, Ph.D., law school professor (and Haverford’s first female all-American in track as well as cross-country). All of these aspects make up Tamara’s career and, while in retrospect her path might appear linear, readers will learn that in fact it evolved into the distinguished position she now holds at the University of Miami Law School. My hope is that you might gain—or can share—insights about your own career path, either through this newsletter or by connecting directly with alumni at events throughout the country.

We look forward to another series of great gatherings during this academic calendar, the first of which takes place in New York on October 14 featuring Robert Linn ’70. We then return to Boston, on December 2, to feature Haverford lawyers on the bench. Phil Brown ’83 and Kurt James ’82 will host this event. Other cities that will once again host HCLN events include Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Do take advantage of these unique opportunities to reengage with the College, receive career advice, or support your fellow Haverford colleagues. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

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Tamara Rice Lave loves her job. She is an associate professor at the University of Miami Law School, where she has been since 2010. In the back of her mind, she knew she always wanted to be a professor, but she took some time to decide what exactly she wanted to teach. After graduating from Haverford, she attended Stanford Law School, where she earned her J.D. in 1995. She then joined the public defender’s office in San Diego, where she spent ten years, leaving in 2005 to earn her Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, as a graduate student fellow at the Kadish Center for Morality, Law, and Public Affairs. Tamara’s dissertation is entitled "Constructing and Controlling the Sexually Violent Predator: An American Obsession."

After receiving her Ph.D. in 2009, Tamara became a lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. She was also a visiting professor at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain, before taking her current position in Miami. She draws upon her ten years in the public defender’s office in her classroom and feels that her experience practicing law has made her a unique and effective professor.

Did you always know that you wanted to be a lawyer?

No. I did not have any lawyers in my family and did not think seriously about becoming a lawyer when I was growing up. I was a philosophy major at Haverford. In deciding what career I wanted to pursue, I spoke with my father about how I could make a difference. I decided to go to law school because I felt it was the best way to fuse together philosophy and my desire to make a tangible difference in the world.

While in law school, did you have an interest in criminal law and, specifically, in becoming a public defender?

No. I recall wondering to myself how someone could represent people whom he/she knows are guilty. I did human rights work after my first summer of law school and worked at an advocacy organization for battered women during my second summer. I interviewed at the district attorney’s office during law school, and I knew from answering the questions in the interview that it was not in my blood to be a prosecutor and I was better suited to be a public defender. I ultimately decided to become a public defender in part because I felt that I had a lot of privilege in my life and I wanted to help individuals who did not have the same opportunity. Haverford instills such a strong sense of community, and it is in my bones (and the bones of all Haverford students) to care about the big issues that affect the community/society/world as a whole.

Why did you like being a public defender?

As a public defender, I looked for commonality. I wanted to be the kind of person who did not just judge someone. I truly enjoyed helping my clients. We know that there are inherent biases built into our judicial system, and I wanted to fight that. As a prosecutor, you walk into court knowing that you are playing into discrimination and biases. Even if it is not intentional, you are helping to perpetuate those biases. I started out handling misdemeanors, and then I moved on to felonies. I specifically sought out the most
difficult and challenging cases. As a public defender, I fought to constrain the power of the state. I tried to make sure a police officer would not get away with arresting someone because he (or she) looked a certain way. I was able to get past the crime my client was accused of committing and focus instead on defending his rights as guaranteed by the Constitution. I was not a public defender just to bide time until I became a professor. I truly enjoyed what I was doing, was committed to my job, and was proud to say I was a public defender. I never wished that I had worked at a law firm. But because I knew I wanted to be a professor, and because there is a bias against excessive practice in the academy, I decided to leave the public defender’s office after ten years to get my Ph.D. and pursue becoming a professor.

What was the most challenging thing about being a public defender?

I had cases where a police officer would lie on the witness stand, or suddenly “remember” a key point that would turn the case. Prosecutors would deal with these inconsistencies by asking what motive an officer would have to lie, and I could tell that jurors often bought that argument. I would then have to discredit the officer through cross-examination. I also feel that the press and the popular media are pro-prosecution. For example, Law and Order presents prosecutors as doing God’s work and defense attorneys as scumbags. I was often very impressed with jurors. They took their job seriously and understood that they could only find a defendant guilty if they believed that the prosecution had proved beyond a reasonable doubt that he or she had committed the crime in question.

The most difficult thing about being a public defender is representing someone you think is innocent. That is stressful, especially if your client is facing a lot of time in prison. It is also hard to balance the need to represent each client fully, to the best of your ability, against the long-term relationships with people in the court system and the interests of other clients. For example, in California and in the federal system, a defendant is allowed to plead guilty while still formally proclaiming his innocence on the record. It is a way to avoid a harsh sentence, should the client be convicted at trial. If an innocent person pleads guilty in this way, he is perpetuating an unjust system. If I am thinking about the system as a whole, I should never let an innocent person plead guilty. But if I am thinking about that person individually, then maybe pleading guilty is the best thing for him, since he is choosing to do so and it means he will avoid a long prison sentence.

What was your proudest moment as public defender?

I had many, but the one case that really stands out in my mind is the last case I tried, where my client, a man in his sixties, was arrested for molestation of multiple victims and was looking at a life sentence. The prosecutor offered a five-year sentence, and my client rejected the deal and we went to trial. There was a hung jury. The prosecutor then offered credit for time served. Because my client insisted that he was innocent and the deal would have meant lifetime registration as a sex offender, he rejected it even though he was still facing life in prison. We went to trial again and that time he was acquitted. I believe that my client was innocent, and I am proud that I was able to help him.
What classes do you teach and how do you feel that practicing law first has enhanced your work as a professor?

I teach criminal law, criminal procedure, advanced criminal procedure, and evidence. I believe that my years of practice give me increased credibility in the classroom. I am able to bring interesting, real-life examples of the legal issues we discuss, which makes class more interesting. I try to ensure that when students leave my class they are prepared to do work in criminal law.

What are the topics that most interest you in criminal law?

I wrote my dissertation on sexually violent predator (SVP) laws, which allow the state to commit someone indefinitely to a locked mental institution (a.k.a. prison) if it can prove that the person has a diagnosed mental disorder that causes him to be dangerous such that he proves to be at risk of committing a new sexually violent offense. I think that most of the current policy aimed at controlling sex offenders is both unjust and irrational. Most people don’t know that sex offenders have a low recidivism rate, and that like other offenders, they age out of being dangerous. Popular policies like SVP laws, Megan’s Law, and residency restrictions are punitive in nature and do more harm than good. We could do a better job of protecting men, women, and children by spending our money in other ways such as by hiring more police officers, offering free and safe childcare and afterschool recreational activities, and providing sex offenders with cognitive behavioral therapy and other support so that they can safely reenter society.

What is your favorite legal movie?

I highly recommend Murder on a Sunday Morning. I show it to my students.

What advice would you give current Haverford students or alumni who are considering going to law school?

Right now many students are unsure if they want to go to law school given the retraction in the legal market. Even though there are fewer jobs than there used to be, law is still a worthwhile field—especially criminal law. Haverford students who are trying to figure out how to make a difference in the world would be wise to consider a career in the law. It offers a lot of opportunity, both at home and abroad. Law is extremely exciting, challenging, and rewarding. I am happy to speak with anyone who may have any questions.

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Upcoming Events
Alumni Panel: Haverfordians in Policy and Human Services
Saturday, October 25 at 2:45 p.m.
Sharpless Hall

Support fellow HCLN members taking part in a unique conversation with four alumni who have translated Haverford values and their commitment to public service into high-level leadership roles.

Appearing are:
• Samantha Phillips Beers ’84, director of the Office of Enforcement, Compliance, and Environmental Justice, for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mid-Atlantic Region
• John C. Sassaman ’87, chief counsel and staff director, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics

This is part of a weekend-long series of events at the College that will bring together alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends. Other highlights include remarks from President Daniel H. Weiss on the kickoff of Haverford’s comprehensive campaign, previews of facility renovations to key buildings on Founders Green, and other alumni panels focusing on Fords in the fields of business and medicine.

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Melissa Allen ’86 is a solo practitioner specializing in “clients pursuing a dream”: small business, creative, and entertainment. Melissa’s practice is based in Nashville and Chicago.

Zachary Arbitman ’09, an associate at Fox Rothschild LLP in Blue Bell, PA was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Rising Star” in the general litigation practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine. Zac is a 2012 graduate of The George Washington University Law School.


David Block ’13 is in his second year at University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Jennifer C. Boal ’85 has become chief magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Jennifer will serve a term of three years and has been a magistrate judge in the district since 2010.

Ben Buchwalter ’08 has begun a clerkship at the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada. Ben is a 2014 graduate of University of California–Hastings College of the Law, where he was the editor-in-chief of the Hastings Law Journal.

Mark S. Chehi ’78, a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Wilmington, was named a 2014 Delaware “Super Lawyer” in the mergers and acquisitions practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine.
Christin M. Choi ’03, an associate at Fisher & Phillips LLP in Radnor, PA was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Rising Star” in the employment and labor practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine. Christin is a 2006 graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Gianpaolo Ciocco ’13 is a member of the 2017 graduating class of New York University School of Law.

Susan M. Coletti ’01, a principal in the Fish & Richardson PC Delaware office, was named a 2014 Delaware “Rising Star” in the intellectual property litigation practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine. Susan is a 2005 summa cum laude graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Caitlin G. Coslett ’05, an associate at Berger and Montague PC in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Rising Star” in the antitrust litigation practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine. Caitlin is a 2009 cum laude graduate of New York University School of Law.

John I. Eagles ’08 graduated from Columbia University School of Law in 2013. He is presently a legal fellow at the International Paralympic Committee.

Vernon L. Francis ’81, a partner at Dechert LLP in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the employment and labor practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine.

Mark Geragos ’79 was featured in several news outlets in connection with his representation of musician Chris Brown, who recently rejected a plea deal in his Washington, DC assault case, and with his representation of comedian Adam Carolla. Mr. Carolla’s podcast “The Adam Carolla Show” holds the Guinness World Records title of most-downloaded podcast of all time, and Mark recently led Mr. Carolla’s defense in a civil jury trial in Los Angeles. Mr. Carolla has been accused by his former partners of allegedly breaching the partnership agreement.

Peter Goldberger ’71 was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the appellate practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine. (Peter’s wife, Anna M. Durbin, was also named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the criminal defense practice area.) Peter, who runs his criminal appeals practice from Ardmore, was featured in an August 10 article on philly.com entitled “Judge Vacates Conviction, Life Term in Fatal 1989 Fire,” about a man Peter has represented for 14 years, who has served 24 years of a life sentence for allegedly setting a fire in 1989 that killed his daughter. The Pennsylvania federal judge vacated the conviction and life sentence because forensic experts have largely discredited the forensic science on which the jury relied in 1990.

David F. Hamilton ’79, a circuit court judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, was a member of the three-judge panel that unanimously struck down Indiana’s and Wisconsin’s state laws banning same-sex marriage, in an opinion issued September 4, 2014.

Joseph H. Harris ’04 is a founding partner of White Harris PLLC in Manhattan. New York SmartCEO selected the firm as the winner of the Law Firm of the Year award and as a finalist for the Law Firm Service Area award. Joseph was also selected as a finalist for the Attorney of the Year award.
Kenneth Hicks ’70 is an attorney with Weisman, Celler, Spett & Modlin, PC in New York City. Recently he and his wife (Anne Rothman-Hicks, BMC ’71) published a novel, *Mind Me, Milady*, through Barbarian Books that was a finalist for the 2014 Eric Hoffer Award for Excellence in Independent Publishing. Ken and Anne also published a novel called *Kate and the Kid* through Wings ePress and an adventure book for middle readers called *Things Are Not What They Seem*, through MuseItUp Publishing.

Thomas O. Hiscott ’92, a partner at Heckscher, Teillon, Terrill & Sager PC in West Conshohocken, PA was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the estate planning and probate practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

Brya Keilson ’99 has been elevated to member of Gellert Scali Busenkell & Brown LLC. Brya works out the firm’s Philadelphia and Wilmington offices and focuses her practice on all aspects of bankruptcy work, as well as the purchase and sale of assets and state court litigation.

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Ray Kresge ’81, a partner at Cozen O’Connor PC in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the employment and labor law practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

David L. Kwass ’87, a partner at Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett and Bendesky, PC in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the personal injury products: plaintiff practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

Katherine Landy ’00 is counsel at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. A 2006 graduate of New York University School of Law, Katherine previously worked as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York City.

Edward I. Leeds ’80, counsel at Ballard Spahr LLP in Philadelphia, was quoted in a September 5 article by *Law 360* on the recent Seventh Circuit decision striking same-sex marriage bans in Wisconsin and Indiana. For more on this case, see *David F. Hamilton ’79*.

Raymond H. Lemisch ’79, a partner at Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP in Philadelphia and Wilmington, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the bankruptcy: business practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

Bruce G. Leto ’83, a partner at Stradley Ronon Stevens and Young LLP in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the securities and corporate finance practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

Murray S. Levin ’64, a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the personal injury products: defense practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

Ned Macey ’02, an attorney at Nacht, Roumel, Salvatore, Blanchard and Walker PC in Ann Arbor, MI practices primarily in the areas of employment and civil rights.
William J. Marsden, Jr. ’78, founder and former managing principal in the Delaware office of Fish & Richardson PC, was named a 2014 Delaware “Super Lawyer” in the intellectual property litigation practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

Joel Michel ’12 is in his second-year at Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Leah A. Min ’05 is a U.S. Immigration and consular processing attorney at Carpo Law in Manila, Philippines.

Rahul Munshi ’06, an associate at Console Law Offices LLC in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 “Rising Star” in the employment litigation: plaintiff practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. Rahul is a 2009 graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Oleg V. Nudelman ’05, an associate at Archer & Greiner PC in Philadelphia, represents his firm in a lawsuit against a Pennsylvania-based company over alleged unpaid legal fees, as *The Legal Intelligencer* reported on August 26. Oleg is a 2009 summa cum laude graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law.

HCLN is considering organizing a symposium to be held at the College in spring 2015. Please take a few moments to complete a brief online survey to help us gauge your interest in attending.

James A. A. Pabarue, Jr. ’72, a co-founder of Christie, Pabarue and Young, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the employment and labor law practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

Brendan M. Palfreyman ’05, an associate at Harris Beach PLLC in Syracuse, NY was quoted in several news articles in connection with trademark issues surrounding local breweries. Brendan is a 2010 magna cum laude graduate of Brooklyn Law School.

William R. Pierznik ’95 is senior vice president and general counsel of Jive Software, where he oversees legal affairs for a publicly traded and rapidly growing technology company. Bill is a 1999 graduate of UCLA School of Law.

May Mon Post ’95 was a panelist at “Gender Discrimination in the Workplace” on June 4, hosted by the Labor and Employment Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association. May Mon is an associate with Deasey, Mahoney and Valentini Ltd in Philadelphia.

Jonathan Quinn ’81, a partner at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP in Chicago, was profiled in the September issue of *Chicago Lawyer*.

Alan M. Sandsals ’76, founder of Sandsals & Associates PC in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the employee benefits practice area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.
Craig A. Schwartz ’04 has joined Baker Botts LLP as an associate in the firm’s Washington, DC office. Craig was previously an associate with Pepper Hamilton LLP and is a 2011 cum laude graduate of Northwestern University School of Law. Craig’s practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and appeals, government contracts, corporate internal investigations, and white-collar criminal defense.

Justin M. Scott ’04 has joined Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart PC as an associate in the firm’s San Francisco office. Justin is a 2007 honors graduate of Emory University School of Law. He has been named a Georgia “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers Magazine for 2011–2014.

Craig Shagin ’77 is the founder of The Shagin Law Group LLC in Harrisburg, PA. The firm originally focused on business and project finance and quickly developed a comprehensive immigration practice that represents employers seeking to hire foreign workers, individuals seeking to enter the United States, and individuals seeking asylum. Craig has worked as an attorney with the Democratic Party and was formerly chief counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

John Soroko ’73, chairman and CEO of Duane Morris LLP, was featured in Law 360 in connection with the firm being named a Pennsylvania and New Jersey Powerhouse firm. John was also named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the business litigation practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine.

Steve Spaulding ’05, policy counsel at Common Cause in Washington, DC, was quoted in an August 22 article in Politico entitled “How Going Nuclear Unclogged the Senate.”


Robert A. Swift ’68, a partner at Kohn, Swift and Graf PC in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the class action/mass torts practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine.

Arn H. Tellem ’76 was mentioned in Bill Simmons’s May 22 article for grantland.com in connection with his representation of the Philadelphia 76ers’ 2014 first-round draft pick Joel Embiid.
Amelia D. Winchester ’03, an associate at Thompson and Knight LLP in San Francisco, has been named a 2014 Rising Star by Northern California Super Lawyers. Amelia is a 2008 graduate of University of California, Davis Law School and focuses her practice on employment litigation and class actions.

Karenina M. Wolff ’07 was named Philadelphia VIP’s volunteer of the month for July. Karenina is a 2013 graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law and is an associate at Corpuz & Archambeault. While working as a legal services paralegal, Karenina began volunteering with VIP in 2008 as an interpreter to ease the language barrier between VIP volunteers and clients. After passing the bar, she took on her first pro bono case with VIP as a volunteer attorney. She has donated approximately 50 pro bono hours to VIP clients as both an interpreter and volunteer attorney.

Marc J. Zucker ’81, a partner at Weir and Partners LLP in Philadelphia, was named a 2014 Pennsylvania “Super Lawyer” in the business litigation practice area by Super Lawyers Magazine.

** If you have any news or would like to be included in the next edition of the Law Blotter, please email Rahul at munshi@consolelaw.com. **

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- University of Chicago
- Chicago-Kent College of Law
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- Cornell University
- Drexel University
- Fordham University
- Georgetown
- George Washington University
- Hofstra Law
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- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- New York University
- Northeastern University
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- University of Pennsylvania
- Rutgers University
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