HCLN WELCOME

Happy holidays from all of us at HCLN! We hope you are continuing to enjoy our semi-annual newsletters and our new electronic format. We are in the midst of another academic year of robust programming, which has already included events in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and San Francisco. Into 2018, please keep an eye out for events in Wilmington, New York, and Washington, D.C.

In addition, we at HCLN are looking to partner with other alumni affinity groups that have sprouted up in recent years, including the Multicultural Alumni Action Group (MAAG), Fords in Education, and the burgeoning LGBTQIA+ group. Our goal is to work together on educational programs where we spotlight alumni with expertise in various professional areas during these ever-changing times. In the meantime, please remember that the HCLN online community is alive and well, and if you have any questions or updates you’d like to discuss with fellow alumni (whether you are seeking career advice, need a referral attorney, or want to share a recent publication) please feel free to post to our LinkedIn page, which has over 750 Haverford alumni and student members.

Finally, please let us know if you would like to host an event in your area or would like to get more involved with volunteering your time on HCLN projects. Have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year! 🎉

FOR THE RECORD

Interview with Karenina Wolff ’07 — Karenina Wolff, Esq. practices family and immigration law at her community law office in South Philadelphia. A first-generation Mexican immigrant with an eye toward social justice, Karenina is dedicated to elevating the quality of life for all immigrants, particularly Latina women.

Did you always know you wanted to be a lawyer?

I think I knew when I was in high school. I grew up in a really small town in Pennsylvania and I knew that I wanted to help people. At that time I was working with my church and with Sisters of Charity, who I loved, and I thought that if you wanted to help people, you become a nun or a missionary. When I first got to Haverford, I did a small internship with the Center for Autistic Children, and eventually majored in developmental psychology at Bryn Mawr. At that time I wanted to be a teacher for children with developmental disabilities.
Can you describe your journey to the law?

After graduating from Haverford, I worked for Philadelphia Legal Assistance (PLA), a non-profit legal services organization, where I worked with Spanish-speaking domestic violence survivors. It was very intense, both emotionally for PLA’s clients and with regard to experiencing the legal system as a whole. Once I came to understand that the individuals who influence this sprawling system were lawyers, I came to believe that law school would be the best use of my resources. I also wanted to be a mom, and I noticed that it was easier for lawyers to take time off for their children. Similarly, as a professional woman today, I believe it is important to financially support a family. Ultimately, I self-identify as Mexican-American and I saw that the South Philadelphia Mexican immigrant community lacked resources, and serving that community is really what I set my heart out to do when I decided to go to law school.

How did you decide to attend Temple Law?

That was an easy decision. When I left Haverford and moved to Philadelphia, I fell in love with the city. As I got to know lawyers working in the public infrastructure, meaning public defenders and non-profit organizations, I found that a lot of them had gone to Temple.

Temple is an excellent, locally-focused school and a lot of lawyers who graduate from Temple end up working in Philadelphia. Temple also has great moot court and mock trial programs, and I love being in court. Both Temple and Drexel offered me scholarships, but Drexel had not acquired its ABA accreditation.

Did you know, after leaving Philadelphia Legal Assistance, that immigration and family law were the two areas of law that you wanted to focus on?

I knew that I wanted to help people, so in law school I tried to diversify my experiences in order to maximize my chances of getting a job at a non-profit organization serving the community. Because I speak Spanish, someone

UPCOMING EVENT
Wilmington, DE, Luncheon – This annual event, organized by Chuck Durante ’73, will be held on 1/19, time and location TBA

RECENT EVENTS
Pittsburgh, PA, Happy Hour – 11/30 at the Union Standard, hosted by Alexis Leventhal ’07

Philadelphia, PA, Happy Hour – 12/6 at Strangelove’s in Center City, hosted by Harrison Haas ’10 and Gabi Winick ’13

San Francisco, CA, Gathering – 12/12 at Schneider Wallace Cottrell Konecky Wotkyns LLP, hosted by Josh Konecky ’90 (image below)
suggested that I focus on immigration law. While at first I thought I was being stereotyped, eventually I noticed that there were a lot of Mexican immigrants who needed help with immigration law. By networking through the Philadelphia Bar Association after law school, I wound up working part-time for immigration and family lawyers. As a psychology major and the daughter of an immigrant, I think I’m uniquely suited to handling this work and have a deep compassion for the immigrant community. As I became increasingly involved with the Mexican immigrant community, I heard immigration-related horror stories and was asked for help by members of that community. I saw how people were being taken advantage of specifically in immigration law. Also, I enjoyed and had experience with family law, and it served another one of the needs of my clients.

**IMMIGRATION LAW**

The Haverford College Multicultural Alumni Action Group (MAAG) is working with the College to provide support to incoming international students during orientation, Customs Week, and throughout the school year. We have a great need for immigration lawyers who can provide advice and assist international students in the Trump era.

Contact Rahul Munshi ’06 or Jim Pabarue ’72 if you are interested and willing to volunteer your services.

What have been the biggest challenges and rewards in opening your own practice?

The biggest challenge for me is charging clients for my services. I represent Central American moms who clean houses and stop by my office in their cleaning clothes with cash rolled up in their pockets so that their kids can stay in the United States. So there is that emotional challenge. But there are also a lot of rewards, like bringing my dog to my office. I am able to do a lot of personal development work where I coach people on improving their lives and I also get to decide my schedule as well as what kind of cases I take and what sort of work I do, which allows me to focus on serving the population that I want to work with. Ultimately, I get to be the kind of lawyer I want to be.

How did you come to co-found the South Philly Latino Business Community?

I took a leadership course to start a community project. So I went to community leaders and asked what they needed, and they said actually we’ve been trying to start a business association for a long time. As many people know, the Italian Market in South Philly, which has existed for about 100 years, is a mix of indoor stores and outdoor produce stands. Until recently, the two blocks south of the Italian Market were a dead zone. When new Mexican immigrants started moving there, they started to open restaurants, and then other Latino immigrants started opening businesses there. We noticed that the Latino business owners needed to be able to collaborate with the existing Italian Market Association but there was a lot of miscommunication. So we got them together and we created a collaborative relationship with the Italian Market Association as well as with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. My goal is to open an umbrella services organization where we offer after-school programs, as well as social, health, and legal services in one place. There is this organization in North Philadelphia called Congreso de Latinos.
Unidos, which focuses on the Dominican and Puerto Rican communities in that part of the city. I would love to have a similar organization.

**How has attending Haverford has impacted your career?**

When I started law school, my little bubble was shattered. I realized then that Haverford, through organizations like the Center for Peace and Global Citizenship, and the many dialogues that I was engaged in involving race and gender identity on campus, provided me with an awareness and knowledge of a whole range of diverse experiences and identities. And I realize all the time that at Haverford gave me that awareness. Haverford also gave me opportunities to help the world: I received a grant to travel to Bangalore, India to help underprivileged children and was afforded an opportunity to work at the Center for Autism and the Child Study Institute at Bryn Mawr. So I experienced different levels of hardship, and that experience has made me a better lawyer.

**Do you have any advice for a current Haverford student or someone looking to go to law school?**

The best piece of advice I can give you is to make sure that the law is for you. Get an internship, a part-time job, go shadow somebody, do everything you can to make sure that this is actually what you want to do before you make the financial and professional commitment. It was surprising to me when I started law school to realize that probably fifty percent of my classmates had never even been inside a courtroom, and I realized that a lot of them had this idea of what it looks like to be a lawyer, but they didn’t actually know. So all of that is to say, be sure that this is what you want.

**Interviewer: Taylor Cross ’18**

Taylor Cross ’18 is a senior from Simi Valley, California. She is a member of the women’s soccer team and the Pre-Law Society, and is majoring in economics.

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**MOCK TRIAL**

Haverford Mock Trial was founded in 2014 by Jordan McGuffee ’18 and Nick Barile ’18. Its teams compete in the American Mock Trial Association against 650 collegiate teams across the country. The program is led by co-Presidents McGuffee, Barile, and Isabella Canelo-Gordon ’18; Jeff Monhait ’09 serves as head coach.

The Haverford Mock Trial program has had an explosive start to the 2017-2018 competition season. The team kicked off the year by hosting the second annual Black Squirrel Invitational — a tournament hosted at Haverford that draws over 20 teams and 200 students from across the country. After that, Haverford hit the road for two additional tournaments: Rutgers University’s Scarlet Knight Invitational and the University of Pennsylvania’s Quaker Classic.

Haverford’s teams excelled at each tournament. At Rutgers, Charles Walker ’20 earned an Outstanding Witness Award. At UPenn, two of Haverford’s teams were
named Outstanding Trial Teams, placing 2nd and 7th in a field, over 40 teams, and garnering numerous individual awards.

Team 1220, captained by McGuffee, faced teams from the University of Richmond, Washington & Jefferson College, Tufts University, and Pace University. They achieved a 7-1 ballot record, sweeping every team except for Tufts. Team 1219, captained by Barile, posted sweeps against Princeton University, Rutgers University, and the College of William and Mary to finish with a 6-2 ballot record.

Five witnesses and attorneys representing Haverford won awards for their performances at the Quaker Classic Tournament. Barile, McGuffee, and Drew Evans ’19 earned Outstanding Attorney awards. Nicholas Munves ’18 and Chloe Liu BMC ’21 were also recognized as Outstanding Witnesses. Haverford’s competitors took home more individual awards than any other program in the tournament.

The program is excited about the next semester of mock trial and upcoming National Tournament. Its three teams are currently scheduled to compete in Kansas City and Tallahassee Invitations, along with Baltimore and Washington, D.C. regional tournaments.  
If you are interested in attending a tournament or finding out more, email haverfordmocktrial@gmail.com.

Additionally, travel, lodging, and associated competition costs are only partially covered by Students Council. To learn more about providing personal support or firm sponsorship for the team, contact Diane Wilder, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement, dwilder@haverford.edu (610-896-1209).
After 16 years at Potter, William moved on to Fish & Richardson, the oldest and one of the largest patent firms in the country. William opened Fish’s Delaware office in 1999 as its only attorney and one of three employees. In the eighteen years that followed, William expanded the office to employ dozens of attorneys and staff, all of whom were inspired by the example he set. He was a zealous advocate for his clients, yet a courteous and respectful opponent. He was a committed lawyer who believed and taught that family must come first. He was an individual who stepped forward to be accountable when things did not go well, and stood back to ensure others got credit for the many victories in which he played a great part. Integrity, judgment and good humor were his hallmarks. According to his colleagues, he was the personification of all that is best in an American lawyer.

Although his life’s work was as a patent attorney, he was extraordinarily multifaceted. His joy was horticulture, and he was a proud and devoted steward of the Crestfield Farm in New Garden Township on which his children grew up as the fifth generation. He was a lifelong student with interests in many fields—most recently at Mt. Cuba, learning about native wildflowers, shrubs and trees in one of America’s finest wildflower gardens. As a dedicated volunteer, he gave generously of his time and treasure to a variety of organizations ranging from Haverford College, where he served on the Board of Managers, to New Garden Township’s Zoning Hearing Board, which he chaired. William also enjoyed golf, was a curious and adventuresome traveler, and a lover of the arts, history and culture. Above all, William was devoted to his large, extended family. One of his nephews spoke for all when he said, “I don’t even remember Uncle Willie as a man, but as a Giant.”

A visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at Kuzo & Grieco Funeral Home (610-444-4116) at 250 West State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348. A Quaker memorial meeting for worship was held on Friday, October 20, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the London Grove Friends Meeting House at 500 W. Street Rd, Kennett Square, PA 19348.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to London Grove Friends Kindergarten (London Grove Monthly Meeting, 500 West Street Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348). To view William’s online tribute and to share a memory with his family, please visit www.griecocares.com.

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**LAW BLOTTER**

Bruce Andrews ’90, former Deputy Secretary of Commerce, has joined international economic policy advisory firm Rock Creek Global Advisors LLC as a Managing Director in Washington, D.C., where he is now a colleague of Dan Price ’77. Bruce holds a JD from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Charles S. Donovan ’74 is a partner in the Finance and Bankruptcy Practice Group in the San Francisco, CA, office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP. His practice focuses on international and domestic finance, leasing, and related arbitration and litigation, with particular emphasis on transportation matters. Charles has been named the 2018 San Francisco Admiralty and Maritime Law “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers.
Vincent Gonzales ’80 is currently Senior Environmental Counsel at Southern California Gas Company, practicing air quality and climate change law. Vincent formerly worked at O’Melveny & Myers LLP and is a former Senior Attorney at Atlantic Richfield Company. He is a 1987 graduate of University of Southern California School of Law. Vincent will be speaking on a panel at the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Annual Meeting to be held in Washington, D.C., October 15-18, 2017. He has served on the Board of Directors of ACC and recently attended dinner in Los Angeles, CA, with former Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell (images below).

Alexandra Hermann ’09 is in her first year at Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, PA. Alexandra earned her M.Ed. in Elementary Education and Teaching from University of Pennsylvania in 2010 and last worked as a teacher at New Gulph Children’s Center in Villanova.

Alexis Leventhal ’07 has joined Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. in Pittsburgh, PA. She is an associate in the Business Transaction Services Group, where she represents corporate clients in various transactional matters as well as navigating bankruptcy issues. Prior to joining Cohen & Grigsby, Alexis clerked at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania for Judge Carlota M. Böhm and, prior to that, as a law clerk at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida. While clerking in the Middle District of Florida, Alexis also worked as an adjunct professor teaching Bankruptcy Law at Florida A&M University College of Law in Orlando, FL. Alexis graduated from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 2013.

Ken Ludwig ’72, acclaimed playwright, theater director, and author, filmed a short video for Haverford’s Lives That Speak campaign on the essence of Haverford’s most important lessons. In addition to his prolific theater career – which has led to two Olivier Awards, three Tony nominations, and two Tony Awards, among others – Ken is also a graduate of Harvard Law School.

Terry McMahon ’02 recently joined Citigroup as a Senior Vice President and Senior Compliance Officer after spending eight years as a litigator at two New York, NY, law firms. He is a member of Citi’s Compliance Governance and Oversight team, where he focuses on the reporting of compliance risks to Citi’s board of directors and throughout the department. He is

Judd Henry ’96 is Senior Counsel at The Bank of New York Mellon, in New York, NY, and Director of Student Advocacy, Inc., in Elmsford, NY. A 2004 graduate of Cornell Law School, Judd previously worked as an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.
always happy to hear from old friends, visitors to New York, or anyone who wants to learn more about the wonderful world of compliance.

**Rahul Munshi ’06** has been named Partner at Console Mattiacci Law, LLC in Philadelphia, PA. In June, Rahul served as co-counsel **representing former Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Mitch Williams in a breach of contract trial against The MLB Network, Inc.** The trial, which took place in Camden County, NJ, resulted in the jury awarding Mitch Williams over $1.5 million. Also, in September, Rahul presented a seminar (along with **May Mon Post ’95, image below**) in September on advanced issues under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA") Northeast Regional Conference hosted by Drexel, in Philadelphia.

**May Mon Post ’95**, of counsel at Fisher Phillips in Radnor, PA, presented a seminar (along with **Rahul Munshi ’06, image below**) in September on advanced issues under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (“NAPABA”) Northeast Regional Conference at Drexel University, in Philadelphia.

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**Brendan Palfreyman ’05**, Associate at Harris Beach PLLC in Syracuse, NY, penned an article for the New York State Brewers Association on issues to be mindful of before signing a contract with a distributor, entitled **“Distribution Contracts for Breweries in New York.”** Brendan practices trademark and intellectual property law with a focus on the food and beverage industry.

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**Andrew Nellis ’10** appeared, this year, before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, making arguments on behalf of the Bremerton School District in the First Amendment case: **Kennedy v. Bremerton School District.** Nellis graduated from New York University Law School in 2016 and is a legal fellow at Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

**Ron Schouten ’75** is the Director of the Law & Psychiatry Service of the Massachusetts General Hospital and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He has served as a teacher, consultant to organizations, and expert witness in both civil and criminal matters. In April 2017, Oxford University published his new book, **Mental Health Practice and the Law: A Primer.** This is a book for clinicians at every level of training and experience. Ron is also the co-author of **Almost a Psychopath: Do I (or Does Someone I Know) Have a Problem with Manipulation and Lack of Empathy?**
published by Hazelden/Harvard Health Publications in 2012.

**Jon Selkowitz ’05** joined Pine Tree Legal Assistance in Portland, ME, in December 2016, as a Staff Attorney. Pine Tree is a statewide, non-profit organization committed to providing free civil legal assistance to low-income people in Maine. Jon is representing homeowners and consumers in foreclosure, debt collection, and other consumer protection matters. Jon previously served as a law clerk to Hon. Juan R. Sanchez of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and worked for two years as an associate at Ballard Spahr LLP in Philadelphia.

**Matthew Sherman ’17** is in his first year at Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, PA. Matthew previously worked as a public affairs and marketing intern at FS Investments in Philadelphia.

**John Soroko ’73** will be stepping down after 2017 from his post as chairman and CEO of Duane Morris after ten years as the head of the international firm. He will become the firm’s Chairman Emeritus while resuming his full-time law practice and also completing his term as President Judge of Pennsylvania’s Court of Judicial Discipline. During his tenure as chairman, the firm’s revenue grew by 21% and the head count also grew, by about 100, to over 750 lawyers.

**Stephen Spaulding ’05** has re-joined Common Cause as chief of strategy after serving as special counsel to Ann Ravel, who recently left her position as a panel member of the Federal Election Commission (FEC). Steve was recently quoted in a Salon.com article, entitled “Trump’s FEC Pick: Defender of Dark Money.” He was also interviewed by Vice for an article about "What a Real Constitutional Crisis Would Look Like."

**Shanin Specter ’80**, Founding Partner of Kline & Specter in Philadelphia, PA, was quoted in the September 11, 2017 edition of The Legal Intelligencer in connection with his firm’s representation of plaintiffs suing Johnson & Johnson over its pelvic mesh products. Kline & Specter recently obtained a $57.1 million verdict against Johnson & Johnson subsidiary Ethicon after a Philadelphia trial over allegations that its transvaginal mesh product was defective.

**Paul Steinman ’84** is a partner at Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC in the firm’s Pittsburgh, PA, office. A 1987 graduate of Duke University School of Law, Paul litigates commercial disputes and provides counsel to business entities, including Fortune 500 companies.


**David C. Ulich ’81** is a partner at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in Los Angeles, CA, and is the Team Leader of the firm’s Non-Profit Sector Team which was named Non-Profit Sector Law Firm of the Year in California. David was nominated for an Emmy by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences this year for his work on the film "Munich ’72 and Beyond." Along with his co-researcher on the project, Dr.
Steven Ungerleider, David was selected to compete for a News & Documentary Emmy in the category of “Outstanding Research.” The film also won Best Documentary at the Los Angeles International Short Film Festival, making it eligible for the 2018 Academy Awards.

Josh T. Wymard ’89 has joined Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC in the firm’s Pittsburgh, PA, office. Josh joins Eckert Seamans after spending nearly 20 years in-house at Nasdaq, Inc., where he held numerous positions, including, most recently, principal associate general counsel. Josh earned his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1992 and his L.L.M. from The London School of Economics and Political Science in 1995.

*Would you like to be featured in the blotter? If you have any news or would like to be included in the next edition of the Law Blotter, email Rahul Munshi ’06. Given that we share information with College Communications (for inclusion in the Class Notes section of the alumni magazine), when sharing your news, please specify any preferences you may have regarding circulation.

HOST AN EVENT

Are you, or is your firm, interested in hosting an alumni lawyer networking event for your region? Contact HCLN’s liaison, Liz Campbell (610-896-1189), to express your interest and learn more about what the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations can do to help advertise the event.

ASSIST THE CCPA - FORDS ON FRIDAY

Haverford's diverse and committed alumni community is a cornerstone of the CCPA’s career development and recruiting program. On a daily basis, the CCPA helps students connect with alumni to learn about career paths, gather advice for becoming a successful candidate, and connect with externships, internships, and other job opportunities. Are you interested in helping students through CCPA initiatives by contributing to the Alumni Perspectives Blog Series or participating in a Fords on Friday Alumni Career Chat? Email hc-ccpa@haverford.edu or fill out the blog post submission form.

Don’t forget to check out the Haverford College Lawyers Network (HCLN) webpage.