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It’s a great time to be part of Regent University School of Law. Even as the legal profession faces unprecedented economic challenges, our community continues to thrive.

From the Virginia Governor’s mansion to our latest employment statistics, we’re very proud of our alumni success. Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell ’89 is just one example of one of our very own currently serving others with both excellence and integrity. 85.7% of Regent’s first-time takers (and 80% of all Regent takers) passed the February Virginia Bar exam, a pass rate 19% above the state-wide average and just behind the #1 school. And on the employment front, our alumni fared well even amidst massive downsizing in the legal industry, with the 9 month placement rate down only two percent from 90% to 88% for the class of ’09.

As a result of our Center for Advocacy’s thorough skills training, our students continue to win big in national tournaments, bringing home championships along with best brief and oralist awards. Our faculty has done an amazing job extending our global reach and impact through national media placements, a Fulbright award, and other recognitions, not to mention an impressive catalogue of recent scholarship.

Programmatically, we now have international programs in Israel, South Korea, England, France, China, and Spain. We’re also prayerfully pursuing a Center for Global Justice – stay tuned!

Yet even more important than awards, numbers, and international expansion is the fact that you, our alumni, thrive more than ever in living out the law as a Christian calling. As you’ll read in the following pages, for many alumni and current students this means fighting for global justice and putting an end to human trafficking and similar abuses. Others are advocating in more traditional settings, in public and private practice at home and abroad, giving a voice to the voiceless and serving God as they serve others through the law.

I want you to know that we’re proud of you, and we’re praying for you. We’d love to hear from you. Please share in our joy as you read about all that the Lord has done and will continue to do at and through Regent Law.

Dean Jeffrey Brauch

We’re excited to introduce you to the “Brief Remark,” our new law school-wide publication. We are encouraged by all that God has done at the law school over the last year, and we think you’ll be as well.

For alumni readers familiar with the “Regent Remark,” you’ll enjoy the “Brief Remark’s” continued robust coverage of the lives of the Regent Law Alumni community. From up close and personal glimpses into the work and achievements of your classmates to updates on current placement and bar passage statistics, you’ll be amazed at what Regent Law alumni are doing around the world. You will also get a glimpse into how current students and faculty are still carrying out the Regent tradition of legal excellence.

For our other readers who have enjoyed the Dean’s “In Brief” biannual newsletter, you will continue to enjoy stories and updates on Regent Law’s faculty, students, and programs; but now you will benefit from alumni news and event coverage.

Once again, we hope you will enjoy the “Brief Remark.”
ALUMNUS STRATEGICALLY TACKLING
ISSUES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Regent alumnus **KYLE WESTAWAY** ('07) is a self-proclaimed “southern boy” from Knoxville, Tennessee. However, from his office in Manhattan, he’s carving out a global impact larger than he ever could have expected.

Westaway is a sole practitioner primarily representing artists, entrepreneurs, and activists. In the last year and a half, however, Westaway has connected with a non-profit that is changing culture in a way that he can contribute to — through both his legal expertise and his personal passion.

When he’s not managing his practice, Westaway serves as Director of Business Development for The Blind Project (TBP), a non-profit seeking to leverage art and fashion to empower women vulnerable to, and rescued from, the sex trade. He’s been reaching out to potential partners, creating a strategic business plan, and working towards gaining 501(c)(3) IRS status.

His personal passion makes this less of a legal project and more of a ministry.

“Basically, for me, it’s clear that God has a special interest in the poor and oppressed, and we in a rich western nation have the resources to do something about it,” said Westaway.

While still a student at Regent, Westaway co-founded the campus chapter of International Justice Mission, a national agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation, and other forms of violent oppression.

Crediting the influence of Regent Law Professor Thomas Folsom, Westaway says he’s achieved a place in his professional path that he never expected. And it’s from that place, in his office in Manhattan, that he is able to make ripple effects around the globe.

REGENT LAW GRADUATE RECOGNIZED BY ALMA MATER
LETOURNEAU AS YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Regent University School of Law alumnus **STEPHEN CASEY**’s ('07) work and accomplishments have prompted his undergraduate alma mater, LeTourneau University, to recently name him Young Alumnus of the Year.

LeTourneau highlighted Casey’s calling and passion for the law in a special “Where Are They Now?” section of its quarterly alumni publication, NOW.

After competing with graduates from nine other law schools in Texas as well as a cohort of Ivy League grads, Casey won a coveted judicial clerkship with Texas Supreme Court Justice Scott A. Brister.

He currently is in private practice in Round Rock, TX.
How did Regent prepare you for the practice of law and for politics?

Well, I was fortunate to be in the joint degree program with law and public policy. Policy really allowed me to learn the principles, do internships, write a thesis and all that kind of training; and then the law school gave me the very practical skills that were necessary to engage in the practice of law.

I thought it was a great joint program and I thought it was helpful in understanding the history of our nation, where our principles came from, the fact that so many people of faith had written the foundational documents of our nation, and the link between the laws of England – which was the common law and founded on so many Biblical principles. There was so much academic rigor and many chances to discuss and debate. It really helped me to be prepared for the marketplace of ideas where you’ve got to be able to know what you believe in and to be able to defend it vigorously. It was a good four years.

Tell me a little about your classroom experience, lectures, professors, or anything in particular that really stood out about Regent.

We had kind of a pioneering group because I was in the first law school class that started in ’86. I remember the Constitutional Law classes primarily because that was one of my favorite subjects, looking at the foundations of the Virginia and the United States Constitutions, and looking at how subsequent courts had interpreted the Constitution and whether or not it made sense in light of the founders’ intent. Those classes were particularly interesting and helpful to me in forming a basis for how we were to look at the law, and how courts should look at the law. That helped me a lot I think, as a practitioner, particularly in my early days of private practice.

Dean Dunn of Regent’s Robertson School of Government has said that many of your qualities will enable you to reach across the ideological divide in America and forge successful solutions to intractable problems. The President has even asked for an end to partisanship and for our political leaders to now lead during these difficult times. How can young Christian lawyers and young Christian leaders achieve that goal?

I think the President is right and it’s something we tried to do with the tone and style of the campaign. I’m a conservative republican, an economic and social conservative, but I’m also practical in realizing that if you want to be effective, you’ve got to get things done. You can give great speeches and articulate great principles that we believe in, but you must be able to find ways to bring people together and get results. I’ve branded our message as “result-oriented conservatism”: stick to your principles, but find solutions.

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The government is too big, it’s too inefficient, and it doesn’t always reflect the limited government values that our founders put in place. We may not protect the Constitutional liberties of life, liberty, and property as much as we should. Once you’re done articulating the principles, then you’ve got to find ways to get results. In many legislatures, like the one I’m finding myself in, when I’ve got a Democratic Senate and Republican House, I’ve got to find the common ground with the people. Without capitulating on your principles, you’ve got to find ways to get through the partisan divides to get things done. I think some of it can be accomplished just by the tone and adopting an attitude of collaboration and of civility. I think the President’s absolutely right. Particularly at the federal level, there’s too much partisanship, there’s too much bickering, there’s too much worry about who’s going to get credit, about who’s right, as opposed to building on those principles – what actually works for America.

That’s the way that I’ve decided to govern and so far we’ve had a lot of success. There are a number of areas where there’s immense common ground given where we are in this economy and so I made job creation and economic development a top priority of the campaign, and a top priority so far as governor. There aren’t Republican or Democratic jobs, you either have jobs or you don’t. We either lose them to North Carolina or China or we don’t, and so I think the message of finding ways to improve our process to attract jobs is very practical and transcends politics. I think it’s been effective in helping me win big in Virginia. I think people that campaign as conservatives but focus on solving problems that deal with the quality of life issues in Virginia people care about are going to win.

As Director of Career and Alumni Services I’ve been in contact with recent Regent Law grads across the country who have been having difficulty finding placement in legal and non-legal jobs. What words of encouragement would you have for them?

In the hard system of democratic capitalism there are always peaks and valleys when it comes to revenues and jobs. Unfortunately, we’re in one of the most precipitous declines in modern American history; a perfect storm in the last couple of years of any number of things coming together to create the bottom falling out of the economy and the job market. The good news is there are signs that the global economic crisis is beginning to abate and I would say to folks, first of all, don’t ever give up. Sometimes it’s that first job that’s the toughest. Once you get the job and you prove your mettle and you prove your worth people recognize your talent and move you up. I would say don’t be too proud to start right at the bottom in a job. I really do believe that we still have a meritocracy in America. People really do hire, promote and advance people on their merit and once they get in a position they can achieve new things by their performance. It’s better to have a position than absolutely the desired position. And the other thing I would say is that patience is one of those great virtues that we’re called to have. I’ve never had a sustained period without employment, I had about three or four months out of law school myself before I started working and it’s agonizing to go through that, particularly if you’re having to support a family. This downturn of the economy shall pass. Things will pick back up and we’ll return even stronger as a country because we’ve shed some of the inefficiencies in our system of capitalism, and that will make us stronger.

ACLJ Law Students Assist in Unanimous U.S. Supreme Court Win

In a unanimous 2009 decision, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a landmark First Amendment ruling clearing the way for governments to accept permanent monuments of their choosing in public parks.

Regent Law students interning with the American Center for Law and Justice played an integral role in the critical First Amendment case of Pleasant Grove City v Summum.

The ACLJ represented the Utah city in a challenge to a display of the Ten Commandments in a city park.

According to the ACLJ, this student-supported Supreme Court win represents a resounding victory for government speech, clearing the way for the government to express its views and its history through the selection of monuments - including religious monuments and displays. This decision also puts a bookend on the litigation surrounding the display of the Ten Commandments that has been enacted across the country for years.
In early 2009, Regent Law alumna Colleen Holmes (’99) was appointed Executive Director of Eagle Forum. Ever since she encountered conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly’s writings as a student at Wellesley College, Holmes has considered Schlafly a personal hero and Schlafly’s Eagle Forum to be her dream employer.

“[Schlafly] helped me put into perspective much of the feminist literature I was exposed to as an undergraduate,” Holmes said. “I sought out her writings to provide a conservative counterpoint to my assigned reading, and I came to regard her as an excellent role model – as a woman who was too busy being effective at what she did, being a wife, a mother and an activist, to complain about being a woman.” For Holmes, working with Eagle Forum was always a personal goal, but after a career of non policy-oriented jobs she more or less gave up on the idea. “I would have been happy to lick stamps at Eagle Forum, but it seemed God’s timing was perfect, and here I am,” she said.

Eagle Forum is a conservative grassroots organization founded by Schlafly in 1972. “We have as our mission,” said Holmes, “that America will continue to be a land of individual liberty, respect for life, public and private virtue, and private enterprise.”

For nearly 10 years, Valerie Payne (’09) has been passionate about the issue of human trafficking. As a student at Regent, she invested much time in researching and writing about the issue, as well as informing others about the impact of modern day slavery.


Payne’s diligence and outstanding professional efforts were recognized by the First Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Trafficking at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she presented her research in fall 2009. Payne’s research was presented alongside contributors from ICF International, Free the Slaves, the National Institute of Justice, and several universities and law schools.
LAW PROFESSOR AND STUDENTS PETITION THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

Students in Prof. Bruce Cameron’s classes have the opportunity to contribute to litigation changing the face of employment and labor law.

As part of Regent’s National Right to Work Practicum, students Amber Morris (3L), Ernie Walton (2L), and Chuck Slemp (3L) recently researched and wrote a petition for certiorari filed with the United States Supreme Court.

The case in question, Reed v. United Auto Workers, involves a worker in a unionized auto plant who has sincere religious objections to joining or financially supporting a labor union. Because of his religious beliefs, Reed is being charged more in compulsory union fees than any other employee, including those whose objections to supporting the union are secular.

The case presents the issue of what a religious objector must prove in a religious accommodation case and also offers an opportunity to put objections requiring religious accommodation on the same footing as secular objections to funding union political activities. Professor Cameron believes that no employee should have to choose between his job and obedience to God.

NATIONAL BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION TEAM WINS INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

Third year law students Efrem Craig and Tiffany Verdell advanced past teams from Boston University and the University of Virginia to win the 2010 National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) International Negotiation Competition.

“It was a wonderful experience and an honor to be competing at the national level,” Verdell said. “When our school’s name was called as the winners I felt an overwhelming sense of joy and thankfulness to God and all the people that helped get us here.”

With a championship in 2008, Regent’s BLSA team is now two-for-two in the International Negotiation Competition.

TRIAL ADVOCACY BOARD TAKES HOME 1ST PLACE FROM NATIONAL PRETRIAL COMPETITION

Regent Law’s Trial Advocacy Board is busy making a name for itself. After being awarded “Best Brief” last year at the invitation-only National Pretrial Competition hosted by Stetson University, this year’s team of Lu Aloupas (3L), Jerry Harris (3L), Kate Hart (2L), and David Johnson (3L) was named Overall 1st Place Team and National Pretrial Champions. The competition was held in Gulfport, Florida.

In addition to this achievement, the team was also recognized for Overall Best Brief. Teammate Hart was given Best Oral Advocate in the Semi-Final Round, and teammate Harris was given Best Oral Advocate in the Final Round.

The team won every round during the competition, even when slated against Chicago-Kent, a traditional top-ten Trial Advocacy powerhouse.
Regent University School of Law students, faculty, and alumni joined forces to serve Hampton Roads through community service projects at six different sites: Union Mission, Habitat for Humanity (Norfolk and Virginia Beach), the Norfolk Law Library, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia.

Volunteers at the various locations were able to distribute and sort through more than 4000 lbs. of donated food, re-structure book shelves at the library, conduct grounds maintenance and work on light construction projects at Union Mission, help boost the Chesapeake Bay’s oyster population through packaging oyster shells, and clean and organize Habitat for Humanity’s stores in Virginia Beach and Norfolk. The law students and faculty completed approximately 550 hours of community service in just one day.

In addition to the outstanding Community Service Day contributions, this year Regent Law students further underscored their commitment to community service by completing more pledges than any of the other six participating Virginia law schools in the Virginia Bar Association-sponsored “Making the Commitment” Program.

**PRELAW MAGAZINE SPOTLIGHTS REGENT LAW**

A recent “Back to School” issue of PreLaw Magazine, a quarterly publication of National Jurist, highlights Regent Law in an anchor story, “Fostering Faith.” REGENT LAW DEAN JEFFREY BRAUCH was interviewed for the story and enjoys a prominent feature, along with a handful of Deans from other leading religiously-affiliated law schools. The story draws out the positive effect religious commitments have on law school life and academics.
The Office of Law Career & Alumni Services has many resources available to help you - our alumni - find jobs and network with the Regent Community. Take advantage of Pathfinder, our online job bank and web-based recruiting system, today!

**CONDUCT JOB SEARCHES.** Our office maintains a job search database where job postings from across the United States and abroad are posted by our staff, alumni, firms, and other outside organizations. We currently have over 700 jobs listed on Pathfinder! These jobs vary from traditional legal positions to alternative careers for lawyers.

**ACCESS OUR DOCUMENT LIBRARY.** With over 40 articles on how to conduct a job search, how to write a resume, and how to interview for a job, the document library is your link to accessing resources to help you find and get a job. You can also access our Career Planning Guides and the Nuts and Bolts Guide through the Document Library.

**NETWORK.** Just because you have graduated, does not mean that you have to leave the Regent community behind. Through the Professional Networking Module you can mentor current students or be mentored by fellow alums.

**ACCESS VAULT.** We are now offering you access through Pathfinder to Vault. Vault is hailed by Fortune as “The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search.” Job seekers have discovered that Vault is the most comprehensive resource for career management and job search information, including insider intelligence on salaries, hiring practices, and company cultures. On Vault you will find Employer Profiles and Rankings, Industry Blogs, Job Boards, Education Information, and more!

**Ready to start?** To access Pathfinder, go to www.regent.edu/pathfinder. Be sure to fill in your profile. If you have any questions, email us at lawcareerservices@regent.edu.
A n informant phoned Suresh Pawar, a human rights activist with the Freedom Firm in Maharashtra, India, with a tip that goons from the red light district were intending to form a mob against him. They planned to beat him up hoping that then the local police raids would stop. Further information revealed a plot to collect money from brothel keepers to have Suresh killed.

The threats surfaced after Suresh and his team filed three human trafficking cases, rescued ten girls, and apprehended eight accused earlier that month.

This type of opposition doesn’t just come from the brothel keepers and criminals; Freedom Firm must also negotiate shady police practices. After the intervention team’s second raid, for example, Suresh walked back into the brothel to counter police extortion. Since the raids started, criminal entrepreneurs, some of them police, have begun using Suresh’s name to blackmail brothelkeepers with threats of a police raid. So Suresh reentered the brothel to tell the brothel keepers not to give money when his name was used in the threat.

Suresh completed the raid with the help of the police, and then went back into the brothel to stop the police. Relationships with the police in Maharashtra are razor thin and complicated.

After the mob threats were investigated, local police hauled two goons into the station to question them about the murder-for-hire scheme. On the way, they cooked up a story. They wanted to file a complaint for extortion – against Suresh!

Since 2007, Freedom Firm has conducted forty human trafficking raids in Maharashtra with fifty-two people arrested for their crimes. Approximately sixty victimes, all young girls, have been taken off the market. Of three cases completed in this time frame, two were convictions. In the next case in line, the accused escaped from the court – she was going to be convicted.

Trafficking cases present a very different proposition today than they did three years ago. No longer is the hassle of attending court when the accused would ultimately be acquitted 2-3 years later simply a cost of doing business. Now, it matters. An advocate told me that he had seen maybe one girl testify in a PITA (Prevention of Immoral Trafficking) case, and that he had never seen a conviction. Now that must be an exaggeration, but the point is clear. Prosecuting human trafficking in Maharashtra used to be a game and everyone from the police to the superintendent of the aftercare homes got rich. But since there have been two convictions, the tone in the courts is changing. Enforcement is happening and it’s not a game anymore.

So it’s not surprising that Evil is pushing back with equal force. It wants the raids to stop. It wants power, it wants money, and it wants the girl. The opposition confirms that Freedom Firm’s work is having an effect. And so the raids must continue.
For over a decade, Regent Law’s Civil Litigation Clinic has demonstrated care for the poor and compassion for the powerless in providing free family, domestic, and juvenile legal services to the disenfranchised in Hampton Roads and beyond. The Clinic serves low-income clients and handles landlord/tenant, consumer, selected domestic relations, and other complex administrative issues. Many of the Clinic’s clients are indigent and facing domestic abuse, eviction, and other stark realities. Under the immediate supervision of Professor Kathleen McKee, students have direct responsibility for handling cases from initial telephone interviews to the representation of clients.

Melissa Hudgins (3L) recently worked on behalf of a single mother of three to receive relief after her food stamp and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits had been wrongly terminated. Similarly, Ben Willis (‘09) aided a client facing difficulties in procuring food stamp benefits due to an unfair classification by the Department of Human Services. While not “disabled,” Willis proved the client was nonetheless not “able-bodied” and thus entitled to food stamp benefits.

Most recently, the Clinic is helping the dislodged residents of the Chesapeake Trailer Park in their efforts to be fairly compensated from their mandatory loss of residence under a government taking initiative. The students in the clinic are working with each family to ensure there is a roof over their heads during this time of uncertainty.

Working with a client who is unable to read, navigating complex court procedures, and taking the time to get to really know and care for a needy client are not topics covered by legal textbooks. By propagating an ethic of hands-on legal service, the Clinic not only provides valuable community services to Hampton Roads now, but also ensures that the lawyers it trains will do so in the future.
ROUGHLY 3 IN 10 AMERICANS SAY THEY OR SOMEONE THEY KNOW HAS LOST A JOB OVER THE PAST YEAR. Our current national unemployment rate hovers close to 10%. Some economists estimate that 3.6 million jobs have been lost across the country since the beginning of the recession. Unfortunately, the world of legal placement has not been immune from the ills suffered by the larger economic picture.

The American Bar Association has reported that practice areas like real estate, structured finance, mergers and acquisitions, transactional law, and construction law have been devastated. Many say that the way that legal business has been conducted has been fundamentally and permanently changed. Firms have begun to defer or even rescind previously extended offers to new associates. Summer associate programs have been drastically reduced in size or suspended. Starting salaries have been frozen or will be cut and most state governments have instituted hiring freezes. In addition to the layoffs from 2009, firms are predicting a 10% reduction in staff for the coming year. The above factors have affected members of the Regent Law Alumni Community and have also created a market where seasoned attorneys are now competing with recent graduates for entry level and temporary legal work. So far this year, at least one law school has preliminarily reported its at graduation placement rates for the Class of 2009 in the 30% range. Despite the grim reports, our faith has allowed us not to lose hope.

Due to the lack of full-time legal employment, a few major firms in southeastern Virginia are advising the unemployed to look to alternative careers to gain valuable business and marketing skills that they can one day bring back to a law firm once the job market recovers.

Above all else, I encourage those seeking employment to remember that we serve a God who owns every job and career in the market; and His word instructs us to ask and it will be given, seek and you will find, knock and it will be open to you. So actively seek God’s direction and guidance as you plot your next move in the hunt for a job.

The legal profession was built on a model of one generation of attorneys passing on legal skills and wisdom to the next generation of attorneys. Unfortunately, due to the current state of the economy, many of those opportunities currently are not available. Therefore, as a part of our efforts I would like to ask for your help. If you or your organization can provide a placement opportunity to a current student, recent graduate, or seasoned member of our alumni community please let me know. One measure of the true strength of any institution is its alumni’s commitment to supporting each other. Let us write a history in which Regent Law School is known not only for legal excellence, but for its commitment to this ideal.
Professor Thomas C. Folsom received the 2010 Regent University Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship. His article, “Space Pirates, Hitchhikers, Guides, and the Public Interest: Transformational Trademark Law in Cyberspace,” was selected as the winner of the 2009 Ladas Memorial Award for writing excellence on the subject of trademarks and related matters.

Professor C. Scott Pryor was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the National Law University in Jodhpur, India in the spring of 2009. Pryor taught courses in Comparative Law and International Business Transactions as well as researched selected topics of Indian law for comparison to U.S. law.

Professor Ben Madison, 2009 recipient of Regent University’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship, will publish “Civil Procedure: A Book for All States” with Carolina Academic Press in the summer of 2010. The textbook is part of Carolina Academic Press’s Context and Practice Casebook Series, which helps professors to implement context-based instruction and help students improve their self-directed learning skills.
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professor james duane’s video lecture “Don’t Talk to the Police!” was quickly recognized by Google as a top-ten most watched video. Duane gives viewers startling reasons why they should always exercise their 5th Amendment rights when questioned by government officials. YouTube currently reports that the two-part video has been viewed over 700,000 times since it was posted.

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THE LAW ALUMNI BOARD ENJOYED A RECEPTION IN FALL 2009.

TOP: Neshondria Johnson (’07), Cassandra McLauchlin (’07), Darius Davenport, Bruce Page (’02), Valerie Johnson (3L)

RIGHT: Dean Brauch, Mark Welton (’93), David Klarich (’90), Cheryl O’Donnell

REGENT LAW ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERED AT THE WINSTON SALEM, NC RECEPTION IN JANUARY 2010.

ABOVE LEFT: Holly Roberson (’99), William Parker (’97)  ABOVE RIGHT: Amber Huston, Kevin Huston (’05)
ALUMNI PHOTOS

REGENT LAW PROVIDED LUNCH FOR LAW STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR EXAM IN JULY 2009.

ABOVE LEFT: Tiffany Barrans (’09), Emily Leviner (’09)  ABOVE RIGHT: Erin DeBoer (’09), Stephen DeBoer (’09)  LEFT: Jeannette Dodson-O’Connell (’09), Elizabeth Fields (’09), Mykell Messman (’09), Melanie Steele (’09)

REGENT LAW ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERED AT THE WASHINGTON, DC RECEPTION IN JANUARY 2010.

ABOVE: Kristen Kleinberg Burns (’06), Jeremy Kehr (’05), Robert Burns (’05), Spiros Ballas (’07)  RIGHT: Matthew Sittner (’06), Matthew Stroia (’06)
1980s

ROBERT F. “BOB” MCDONNELL (’89) has been elected the 71st Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the first alumnus of Regent University elected to a state’s highest office.

1990s

KATHRYN BYLER (’98) has been nominated for a seat on the Virginia Beach General District Court’s bench.

MARK GOINS (’96) has been named Tennessee’s elections coordinator.

KELLY HOLLOWELL (’99) was recently elected a shareholder at Williams Mullen in Virginia Beach, VA.

JOSEPH MIGLIOZZI (’94) was recently selected as the newest judge at the Norfolk General District Court.

CHRISTOPHER ZALESKI (’99) was recently nominated for a judgeship with the Virginia Beach General District Court.

2000s

ANDREW BAUGHER (’07) has joined Lenhart Obenshain in Harrisonburg, VA.

CAESAR D. BRAZZA (’04) is currently working at Brady, Brady & Reilly, LLC, a Personal Injury and Criminal Defense firm.

GEORGE BRUCH (’09) has joined the Southampton Commonwealth Attorney’s Office.

TANYA BULLOCK (’00) was nominated for a judicial position on Virginia Beach’s Circuit Court and for a vacancy in the city’s General District Court.

MELISSA INMAN BUTLER (’08) recently opened her own practice in Union County, SC.

ELIZABETH SNEAD COMBS (’00) serves as the Chief Magistrate for the 28th Judicial District of Virginia, which includes the City of Bristol, Washington and Smyth Counties.

HEATHER L. CONDER (’03) is currently an associate with Neal and Uhl P.L.L.C in Boise, ID.

MORGAN A. COX (’03) and SHANTELL S. NASHTA (’03) were both recognized as Virginia Rising Stars in the 2009 edition of Virginia Super Lawyers.

DEREK DEBROSSE (’08) has opened his own law practice in Columbus, Ohio and also serves as a volunteer with Ohioans for Concealed Carry, a not for profit 2nd Amendment Advocacy group.

MATT HARDEN (’02) and wife, Megan have launched a new children’s clothing line, TommyWants, which features Softshell Polos and D-ring belts.

KELBY KERSHNER (’08) is serving as an Assistant Judge Advocate in Ramstein AB, Germany. He is a 1st LT in the U.S. Air Force.

BOBBY MADDOX (’01) was selected as a Texas Rising Star for 2009.

JASON P. PRICE (’02) is currently serving as a judge for the Whitley County Courthouse in Williamsburg, KY.

MEGAN RHODEBECK (’08) is currently clerking with the Honorable Tommy Bryan of the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.

ANDY RICHMOND (’07) is presently an associate with Huff, Poole and Mahoney.

SANDRA L. SAMPSON (’01) was recently elected as Director of the Virginia Beach Bar Association.

NATHANIEL A. SCAGGS (’08) has opened a solo practice in Chesterfield, VA.

DAVID SKARCA (’08) has joined the Weld County District Attorney’s Office in Greeley, CO.

JAMIE SMITH (’09) recently appeared on Fox news to weigh in on the attempted bombing of Northwest Flight 245.

BRETT THOMPSON (’01) has been named to Inside Business’ “Top 40 Under 40.” Thompson was recognized for his strong leadership and professional growth as an attorney and business owner.

DAVID L. WIEDERSTEIN (’07) was recently elected as the new City Attorney of Atlantic, Iowa. He was formerly employed with the Otto Lorenze Law Firm.

JASON WORKMASTER (’00) was recently promoted to partner at McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP. McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP (MLA) is an international law firm with 475 attorneys and public policy advisors.

FAMILY ADDITIONS

DAVID WIEDERSTEIN (’07) and his wife Andrea welcomed their son, Dane Benjamin, on June 15, 2009.

TIM CHEVALIER (’06) celebrated the birth of his son, Westin Louis, in November 2008.

KEVIN HUSTON (’05) and his wife Amber celebrated the birth of their son, Eli, in August 2009.

CHERISH NJEWEL (’08) and her husband, Jay are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Mylah Lorraine, born January 8, 2010.

BEN DUPRÉ (’01) and his wife Jerusha were blessed with their third child and first son, Adam Benjamin, on September 29, 2009.

MATT CLARK (’08) and his wife Megan welcomed a baby boy, Harrison Robert, on March 28, 2009.

BRUCE PAGE (’02) and his wife Laura welcomed Bruce Dean “Trip” Page III on May 12, 2009.

DANIELE PETKOVICZ (’08) and her husband celebrated the birth of her daughter, Sara, on May 23, 2009.

CHARLIE MISSEJER (’08) and Tamra Missejer are happy to announce the birth of their sixth child, Desmond Rulof. Desmond arrived January 12, 2010, and weighed in at 8 lbs. 15 oz.