

Dear *Law Review* Alumni,

I hope your spring is off to a wonderful start. It is with great pleasure that I write to you again with exciting news and updates from the *Law Review*. As discussed in my summer letter, one of our most important goals this year has been to connect more with our alumni community to share the successes of the *Law Review* and to bring your experiences and expertise to our current members. Although my tenure as Editor-in-Chief has come to an end, I think we have accomplished that goal, and I am confident that the next Editorial Board will continue building on the progress we have made.



So, here is what we have done this year:

Fall Alumni Reception Was a Great Success

We were thrilled to be joined by many of you at our Alumni Reception in September. It was a great opportunity to meet alumni, share in our common *Law Review* experiences, and learn about the paths your careers have taken since your years at GW Law. We were honored to have Bobby Burchfield, Justin Wilcox, Kayleigh Scalzo, and Robert Brandon participate in a panel discussing their work and the impact the *Law Review* had on their successful career trajectories. We look forward to similar opportunities to hear more from our alumni in the future!

The *Law Review* Hosted Its Annual Fall Symposium

The *Law Review* partnered with Dean Blake Morant of GW Law, and Professors Larry DiMatteo of the University of Florida Levin College of Law and Martin Hogg of the University of Edinburgh to produce a unique Symposium, *Divergence and Reform in the Common Law of Contracts*, which examined the comparative nature of contract law. We were honored to welcome the Rt. Hon. Lord Patrick Hodge, Justice on the U.K. Supreme Court, as keynote speaker, as well as scholars from around the world. The dynamic conversations brought vivacity to the often overlooked area of contract law, and we are excited to share the memorialization of this discourse in Volume 85, Issue 6 of the *Law Review*, scheduled for publication in November 2017.

***On the Docket* Featured Exciting Speakers**

Through our ever-growing Supreme Court commentary platform, *On the Docket*, we continue to produce regular case previews of the current Supreme Court Term and scholarly analyses of recently decided cases. Professor Derek Muller, Pepperdine University School of Law Professor, named *On the Docket* one of the most interesting online journals of 2016. He also named the *Law Review*'s Twitter account a must-follow Twitter account. Professor Muller's well-followed blog frequently comments on *Law Review*'s online platforms and has contributed to *On the Docket*.

To facilitate discussion on the issues before the Court within the GW Law community, in the Fall we had the privilege to host a conversation between former Solicitor General of the United States Paul Clement and Dean Alan Morrison of GW Law. Mr. Clement discussed the key facts and issues in the consolidated gerrymandering cases before the Court this Term: *Bethune-Hill v. Virginia State Board of Elections* and *McCrory v. Harris*. You can find a full description of this exciting conversation on our website.

Law Review Selected Its 2017 Fall Symposium

Next year's annual Symposium, *The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society: 50 Years Later*, will be a 50th anniversary of President Johnson's 1967 Commission Report "The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society." The original report was designed to address the pressing issues of crime and the criminal justice system at the time. The Commission came together to produce a detailed survey and analysis, as well as 200 recommendations for reform. Fifty years later, our country has not yet seen another Commission or Report, yet we continue to confront many of the same issues. This Symposium, co-hosted with Dean Roger Fairfax of GW Law, will bring together leading scholars and policymakers from around the country to discuss the current state of the American criminal justice system and where we can go next. Stay tuned for [more information about the event!](#)

Former Solicitor General of the United States Greg Garre Hosts Intimate Roundtable

Last month we had the exciting opportunity to share lunch with Greg Garre, former Solicitor General of the United States, GW Law alum, and former Editor-in-Chief of the *Law Review*. With a small group of *Law Review* student staff, he spoke about his time as Solicitor General, his path leading to that prestigious position, his work now doing private appellate work at Latham & Watkins, and his own tenure at GW. It was a special chance to engage with an incredibly accomplished member of our alumni community and compare our respective law school experiences. We look forward to similar opportunities with other alumni!

Impressive Student Scholarship

Our *Law Review* students have written impressive scholarship that we are proud to feature in Volume 85. Between traditional notes, student pieces in *Arguendo*, and administrative law essays in the *Annual Review of Administrative Law*, we are publishing 19 student pieces throughout the course of this Volume. Their pieces cover a broad range of unique, contemporary, and inventive topics.

- Emily Hoyle, *A Pool of Candidates Who Refuse to Swim*
- Nick Griepsma, *Concealed Carry Through Common Use*
- Frank Chang, *You Do Not Have Because You Do Not Ask and Should the Courts Issue a Stay or Injunction in Administrative Law Cases?*
- Kristen Jacobsen, *Game of Phones, Data Isn't Coming*
- Chuck Cohen, *Losing Your Children*
- Bryant Lee, *The Unconscionability of TBI in College Football*
- Spencer McCandless, *Stingray Confidential*
- Carla Graff, *The Religious Right to Therapeutic Abortions*
- T.C. Gallagher, *The Virtual Bathroom Stall: Solving the Headache of Geo-Based Anonymous Message Applications on University Campuses*
- Catherine Akenhead, *Breaking Up the Money Monopoly: How States Can Protect Consumers from Prison Profiteers*
- Melika Hadziomerovic, *An Arbitral Solution: A Private Law Alternative to Bankruptcy for Puerto Rico, Territories, and Sovereign Nations*
- Hillary Webb, *People Don't Forget: The Necessity of Implementing a U.S. "Right to be Forgotten"*
- Dan Fiedler, *Standing Underwater*
- Daniel Brookins, *Confusion in the Circuit Courts*
- Karmina Caragan, *Arbitrary and Capricious Cost (Non)-Consideration after Michigan v. EPA*

Beyond their work on the *Law Review*, our members have excelled throughout their law school endeavors, gaining great recognition within the community at-large:

- Danielle Vogel was a finalist in the K.K. Luthra Moot Court Competition in India.
- Patrick Lynch and Dave Richards were finalists in the Spanogle International Arbitration Competition, and will represent GW Law at the competition in Austria later this semester.
- Daria Kasperak and Carla Graff were the finalists and winning team of the Judge Grenadier International Moot Court Competition, and represented GW at the 2017 Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.
- Elizabeth Upton and Michelle Ramus won the 2017 Van Vleck Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. They argued the final round before The Hon. William J. Kayatta, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; The Hon. Raymond M. Kethledge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and The Hon. Kathleen M. O'Malley, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- Amy Pearlman and Catherine Akenhead were semi-finalists at the Evan Constitutional Moot Court Competition at the University of Wisconsin School of Law. Catherine won best oral advocate, and Amy won third-best oral advocate.
- Emma Frank and Sam Cockriel were finalists in the 2017 Rothwell Intellectual Property Law Moot Court Competition. Sam also won best overall competitor and best oral advocate.

Many of our current *Law Review* members have obtained prestigious Federal Clerkships:

- Amy Pearlman, outgoing Editor-in-Chief, will be clerking for The Hon. Roger Titus on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in 2017.
- Jarret Erickson, Articles Editor, will be clerking for The Hon. Sandra Ikuta on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2017.
- Kristen Jacobson, Managing Editor, will be clerking for The Hon. Marcia Crone on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas in 2017.
- Zachary Tyree, Managing Editor, will be clerking for The Hon. Joan Larsen on the Michigan Supreme Court in 2017, and then The Hon. Jeffery Sutton on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 2018.
- Frank Chang, Associate, will be clerking for The Hon. Floyd on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in 2017, and The Hon. Elrod on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 2018.
- Catherine Akenhead, Senior Notes Editor, will be clerking for The Hon. Travis McDonough on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee in 2017.
- Carla Graff, Senior Projects Editor, will be clerking for The Hon. Anne Thompson on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey in 2017.
- Danielle Vogel, Notes Editor, will be clerking for The Hon. Messitte on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in 2017.
- Nick Griepsma, Notes Editor, will be clerking for The Hon. Leslie H. Southwick on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 2017.
- Katelin Shugart-Schmidt, incoming Editor-in-Chief, will be clerking for The Hon. Carlos Lucero on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in 2018.

And finally, without further ado, we are thrilled to introduce you to the new Volume 86 Editorial Board. We are confident that this board will continue the tradition of excellence the *Law Review* has pursued over the past 85 years, and look forward to the accomplishments that will come.

- Editor-in-Chief, Katelin Shugart-Schmidt
- Senior Managing Editor, Rich Rothman
- Senior Executive Editor, Morgan Kelley
- Senior Articles Editor, Taylor Glogiewicz
- Senior Projects Editor, Jill Greenfield
- Senior Notes Editor, Catherine Akenhead
- Senior Production Editor, AJ Bolan
- Senior Online Editor, Kathryn Penry

To continue to stay up-to-date with the current activities of the *Law Review*, please follow us on Twitter @GWLawReview, on Facebook, and at our [website](#). We also welcome you to join the *Law Review*'s alumni group on LinkedIn

Sincerely,

Amy Pearlman
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