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Staff changes

▶ New faces and titles



Casey T. Delaney returned to OU Law as executive director of development and alumni affairs. In this role, she serves as the senior fundraiser for the College of Law and meets with alumni to maintain and increase their affinity with OU Law.



Lizanne Carlson began as the associate director of admissions in July. She previously practiced law in Columbus, Mississippi. In her new position, she will inform prospective and incoming students on OU Law programs and counsel them on the law school admissions process.



Rhonda Baldwin-Brown started in October as career development coordinator. She has worked at OU for almost 21 years in several departments. Prior to coming to OU Law, she worked at the Price College of Business for the MBA Programs.

▶ OILS celebrates Fall International Law Week



Third-year student Brooke Hamilton, president of OILS, welcomes members to the start of Fall International Law Week.

On September 12, the Oklahoma International Law Society hosted a luncheon for its members to kick off Fall International Law Week. The luncheon focused on a panel discussion regarding international law and affairs internship opportunities, and provided advice for students on how to apply for internships in this sector. Panelists were Professor Evelyn Aswad, and second-year law students Janny Gandhi, Mackenzie Coplen, Abby Meadors Henderson and Kellie Reidlinger, who discussed their internships in a law firm in Dubai, a nonprofit organization, the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Senate.

OILS also sponsors the International Student Mentorship Program, which selects OU Law students to serve as mentors for current international exchange students at OU Law. At the luncheon, the international exchange students from Austria, China, Germany, Australia and Pakistan met their OU Law mentors.

▶ OILS hosts international law scholar



Georgetown University scholar Anthony Clark Arend speaks on "The Future of the International Legal System" on September 30.

Georgetown University Professor Anthony Clark Arend spoke on international law issues during two separate presentations at OU Law September 30. During his morning session, his topic was "Human Dignity and Terrorism." He spoke on "The Future of the International Legal System" in the afternoon.

Professor Evelyn Aswad and the Oklahoma International Law Society hosted Arend and coordinated the events. He is a professor and senior associate dean for graduate and faculty affairs in the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and also serves as the director of the Master of Science in Foreign Service Program. Arend's teaching and research interests are in the areas of international law, national security law, human rights and terrorism.

▶ **State Department official visits OU Law**

Robert Harris, director of the Legal Office for East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the U.S. State Department spoke at noon September 16 to more than 100 students and faculty on international law aspects of the ongoing dispute about the South China Sea. In another presentation that morning, Harris spoke about issues involving China and human rights.

"Understanding the human rights and rule of law landscape in foreign countries is becoming essential in an interconnected world, particularly when lawyers are increasingly being asked by U.S. businesses about how to engage in foreign markets effectively and in a manner that respects human rights," said Professor Evelyn Aswad, who hosted the visit, along with the Oklahoma International Law Society.



Between his presentations, Robert Harris met with Professor Aswad and OILS members in the Sneed Lounge, where he spoke informally to students about career options.

▶ **Crowe & Dunlevy names Minority Scholars**

Second-year students Matthew Bjork and Tiffany Guillot were named OU Law Minority Scholars and received \$10,000 scholarship commitments from Crowe & Dunlevy. Each will receive \$2,000 per semester, an amount that may be renewed in each of the remaining years of law school, based on satisfactory progress and performance.



OU Law Minority Scholars Tiffany Guillot and Matthew Bjork (center) are flanked by members of the Crowe & Dunlevy Diversity Committee. Attorneys are (left to right) Jimmy K. Goodman, committee co-chair; Christopher M. Staine ('10); Timila S. Rother ('90), firm president and CEO; Anthony Hendricks; William H. Hoch, committee co-chair; and André B. Caldwell ('08).

▶ **NALSA celebrates Indigenous Peoples' Day**



The Apache Club from the Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma, was featured in the Indigenous Peoples' Day ceremony hosted by the Native American Law Student Association October 10. NALSA and Professor Lindsay Robertson hosted a lunch and learn program prior to the ceremony and reception.

► Orientation Week welcomes students

August 15 – 19





▶ Board of Visitors 1L Mentoring Reception

First-year students met their BOV mentors at a reception in the Boren Atrium September 26.



▶ Admission Fall 2016 Open House

Prospective students visit OU Law November 1 for the Fall Open House.



► Calvert Competition draws 42 competitors



Calvert Competition finalists seated in front of the judging panel are Ryan Hunnicutt, Loreli Wright, Hanna Roberts and Jenny Puckett. Final round judges pictured are Assistant Dean Scott Palk ('92), Dean Joe Harroz, Judge David Lewis ('83), Justice Noma Gurich ('78), OU Law Jurist in Residence Wayne Alley, Judge David Russell ('65), Professor Rick Tepker, Deputy Solicitor General Mithun Mansinghani and Judge Stephen Friot ('72).

Second- and third-year students competed in multiple rounds of the 2016 Calvert Moot Court Competition, which culminated on October 28 with 2Ls Jenny Puckett and Hanna Roberts taking first place. Third-year students Loreli Wright and Ryan Hunnicutt were named runners-up and 2L Connor Bourland was selected as best individual speaker.

The annual competition is sponsored by the OU Law Board of Advocates and the Floyd and Irma Calvert Fund for Law

and Liberty. Competitors research a case currently before the Supreme Court and present oral arguments before tournament judges. This year's case (*Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Pauley*) concerns a church-operated school denied a recycled rubber playground surface from a state nonprofit program. The question is whether the exclusion of churches from an otherwise neutral and secular aid program violates the Free Exercise and Equal Protection Clauses when the state has no valid Establishment Clause concern.

► 2016 Kuntz Award goes to Devon Energy co-founder



Larry Nichols receives the Eugene Kuntz from Dean Joe Harroz.



Pictured after the award presentation are Karen Kuntz Maloy, Larry Nichols, Travis Maloy and R. Clark Musser ('70).

Larry Nichols, co-founder and chairman emeritus of Devon Energy Corporation, was presented the 2016 Eugene Kuntz Award at the annual Eugene Kuntz Conference on Natural Resources Law and Policy November 4. The award recognized Nichols' many contributions to the energy industry and to oil and gas law in particular.

"We are thrilled to honor Larry Nichols with this year's Kuntz Award," said Dean Joe Harroz. "His contributions to the energy industry and the state of Oklahoma are unmatched and his impressive work in the legal field sets him apart as truly deserving of an honor worthy of the great Eugene Kuntz."

The award is named for former OU Law dean and renowned oil and gas professor, Eugene Kuntz and is awarded annually at the Kuntz Conference, the largest conference focusing on oil and gas law in the nation. The conference is hosted by OU Law and the Oklahoma Bar Association Energy and Natural Resources Law Section.

Nichols co-founded Devon Energy Corporation in 1971, served as its president from 1976 to 2003 and as its chief executive officer from 1980 to 2010. He also served on Devon's board of directors from 1971 to 2016 and as executive chairman of the board from 2000 to 2016.

A lawyer by training, Nichols served as law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justice Tom Clark of the United States Supreme Court. He also served as special assistant to Assistant Attorney General William H. Rehnquist. He earned his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his juris doctorate from the University of Michigan.

► **California justice delivers 2016 Henry Lecture**



Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuellar, of the California Supreme Court, spoke about how our country adapts our legal scheme when confronted with change.

California Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuellar spoke on the changes of the legal scheme in the United States at the 2016 Henry Lecture Series November 21. Cuellar has served on the California Supreme Court since January 2015 and was previously a full-time member of the Stanford University faculty.

Cuellar’s presentation, “Adaptation Nation: Three Pivotal Transitions in American Law and Society Since 1890,” focused on the changes and adaptations of the United States’ legal scheme as new circumstances arise.

The Henry Lecture Series is an annual event initiated in 2000 to inspire and educate future generations of scholars, lawyers and public servants. Five attorneys in the Henry family graduated from the OU College of Law. Robert Henry ('77), president of Oklahoma City University, represented the family at the event.

► **Top NATO lawyer speaks with students**

The Oklahoma International Law Society and Professor Evelyn Aswad hosted the top lawyer at NATO, Steven Hill, at the OU College of Law November 16. During a talk attended by over a hundred students, he discussed challenging international legal issues involving how NATO addresses cyber challenges, the fight against ISIS and operations in Libya. Following his talk, students met informally with him in the Sneed Lounge for a reception in his honor.

“We have been delighted to host a series of high level speakers on cutting-edge international law issues this semester,” remarked Aswad. “We are particularly grateful for Mr. Hill coming to OU Law and sharing his insights on key NATO issues with our students.”



Professor Evelyn Aswad introduces Steven Hill.