

## THE RISE OF OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS at the School of Law further strengthens programs and enhances the school's outstanding academic reputation.

### New Faculty



**Urska Velikonja**, *Assistant Professor of Law*  
JD, *magna cum laude*, and LL.M., Harvard Law School  
LLB, with honors, University of Ljubljana  
School of Law

Urska Velikonja joins the School of Law after clerking for the Honorable Stephen F. Williams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Her current research interests include corporate law and corporate malfeasance. She has authored or co-authored more than a dozen articles about alternative dispute resolution, corporate governance, freedom of expression, and the right to privacy.

After completing her LLB at the University of Ljubljana School of Law in Slovenia, she clerked and practiced at an international firm before coming to the United States to earn her JD. At Harvard, Professor Velikonja served as Senior Editor of the *Harvard Environmental Law Review* and Article Editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology*. In addition, Velikonja was a Teaching Fellow for the Harvard Economics Department and a Post-Graduate Research Fellow at Harvard Law. In 2009, she was selected as one of two O'Connor Fellows at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, where she taught a corporate law seminar.

**Lee Kovarsky**, *Assistant Professor of Law*  
JD, University of Virginia School of Law  
BA, with honors and with distinction, Yale University

Lee Kovarsky joins the School of Law after a three-year appointment as the Acting Assistant Professor of Law at New York University School of Law. His scholarship involves habeas corpus, criminal procedure, civil procedure, criminal law, federal courts and jurisdiction, Supreme Court jurisdiction, intellectual property, telecommunications, and Internet law. Before joining NYU, Professor Kovarsky was a Supreme Court and appellate practitioner in private practice. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Jerry E. Smith on the United

States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was an Articles Editor for the *Virginia Law Review* and a John M. Olin Scholar. He received his undergraduate degree from Yale, earning awards of Academic Distinction in both Political Science and Economics. Professor Kovarsky continues to represent various clients in capital post-conviction proceedings at all levels of the federal and state judicial hierarchy.



### Appointments



**DEBORAH EISENBERG** joins the full-time faculty of the School of Law as an Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM) after serving as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law since 2007. Prior to joining the full-time faculty, Professor Eisenberg was a partner with Baltimore law firm of Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP, litigating complex civil and appellate matters in state and federal courts, with particular emphasis on employment law on behalf of employees, disability law and other

civil rights matters. Professor Eisenberg also worked at the Public Justice Center, serving as Director of the PJC's Appellate Advocacy Clinic and litigating cases on behalf of low-wage workers, individuals with disabilities, tenants, and other underrepresented persons. Professor Eisenberg graduated from Yale Law School in 1994, where she was an editor of the *Yale Law Journal*, an editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, a Supervising Student in the Poverty Clinic, and a Trial Director for the Barristers' Union.

## Promotions



**JANE F. BARRETT '76**, Director of the Environmental Law Clinic, was promoted to Law School Professor. Professor Barrett most recently was in private practice at Blank Rome, LLP in Washington, D.C. While at Blank Rome, and before that while at Dyer Ellis and Joseph, PC, Prof. Barrett chaired the White Collar, Internal and Government Investigations Group. In addition to

litigating complex criminal and civil environmental cases, she also conducted many corporate internal investigations, and advised clients on the implementation of corporate compliance programs and the effective use of audits and federal and state environmental self-disclosure programs. Previously Professor Barrett was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland where she tried numerous criminal cases, including several key environmental criminal cases. She was also Chief, Environmental Litigation and supervised environmental litigation within the District of Maryland and worked with various state and county Environmental Crimes Task Forces within the State. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Professor Barrett was an Attorney General for the State of Maryland for the Hazardous Waste Strike Force/Environmental Crimes Unit and an attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Prof. Barrett is the author of numerous articles in the areas of her expertise and has served in leadership and other positions in professional organizations.

Promoted to Professor and tenured, **PETER DANCHIN** is the Director of the International & Comparative Law Program. Before joining the faculty at UM Carey Law, he was lecturer and director of the human rights program at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. He has served as a foreign law clerk to Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, worked as a foreign associate at the New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, and was as an associate at the Australian law firm of Allens Arthur Robinson.



His areas of interest are international law, human rights law, and comparative constitutionalism. He earned his B.A. and LL.B. with First Class Honors from Melbourne University, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Melbourne University Law Review, and his LL.M. and J.S.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Bretzfelder International Law Fellow.

**DAVID GRAY** was promoted to Associate Professor of Law. His scholarly interests are eclectic, but focus on transitional justice, criminal law, criminal procedure, and constitutional theory. His recent publications have appeared or are forthcoming in the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, the *California Law Review*, the *Alabama Law*



*Review*, the *Washington University Law Review*, the *Stanford Law Review*, *Law & Contemporary Problems*, the *Fordham Law Review*, and in prominent volumes edited by leading scholars. In addition to his own scholarship, Professor Gray works closely with students to develop and publish their work. Professor Gray frequently provides expert commentary for local and national media outlets. Prior to joining the School of Law, Professor Gray practiced law at Williams & Connolly LLP, was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Duke University School of Law, clerked for The Honorable Chester J. Straub, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for The Honorable Charles S. Haight, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.



Promoted to Professor and tenured, **MICHELLE HARNER** is Co-Director of the Business Law Program. She teaches courses in Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights, Business Associations, Corporate Finance, and Governance and Professional Responsibility. Professor Harner is widely published and lectures frequently on various topics involving

financially distressed entities and related legal issues. Her current research interests include shareholder and creditor activism and its impact on corporate value; legislative responses to serial business failures and related implications for discrete industries; and the ethical implications of insolvency for directors, officers and other fiduciaries. Before joining the UM Carey Law faculty in 2009, Professor Harner was in private practice in the business restructuring, insolvency, bankruptcy and related transactional fields, most recently as a partner at the Chicago office of the international law firm Jones Day. Before joining that firm, Professor Harner served as law clerk to Judge William T. Bodoh of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Professor Harner received her JD from the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University, where she served as Executive Editor of the Ohio State Law Journal and was also a member of the Order of the Coif. She earned her B.A. in English and Political Science at Boston College, and is admitted to practice law in Illinois and Ohio. Professor Harner is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the American Bar Association and the International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals.