

# Board of Visitors

## A message from the BOV Chair:



Joanne E. Pollak '76,  
*Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel, and  
Chief of Staff, Johns  
Hopkins Medicine, and  
Board of Visitors Chair*

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As we reflect on recent events here in Baltimore, we realize now more than ever that the work we do outside our walls is just as important as the work we do inside our walls. As the new chair of the Board of Visitors, I am proud of Maryland Carey Law’s commitment to our community, providing over 100,000 hours of free legal services every year to citizens who most need legal assistance. But it is not enough. As lawyers, we have the responsibility to help address, head-on, the issues that confront our city. We live and work here, and the Board of Visitors has made it a priority to focus its efforts on broadening the role the law school plays in helping bring about change and prosperity for Baltimore.

As we think about our obligation to transform anger and hurt into compassion and positive action, we need your help. As alumni, friends, and volunteers, we can make a difference. The law school looks to us to provide the necessary resources of time and financial support to expand our reach into the communities we serve. More clinical programs with a wider range of services to assist the underserved; additional courses devoted to helping the next generation of lawyer-leaders understand current issues, causes, implications, and possible solutions; and additional community outreach to fully embrace the needs of the community. And the law school hopes to achieve all of that this year.

We are broadening our reach in the community with the confidence that knowledge is power. In addition to our JD program, various other programs, including the LLM, the Master of Science in Law, and the MLAW undergraduate programs, are educating lawyers, physicians, scientists, government officials, international leaders, and others who will be the visionaries of the future. When we examine the intersection of law and society, we expand knowledge and interest in the law and its importance in our lives.

Your support will create impact—for our students and our city. The law school’s funding priorities this year revolve around educating future leaders inside our walls as they embrace communities outside our walls in a neighborhood, a city, a state, a nation. If you are interested in becoming more involved as a volunteer or a donor, we want to hear from you. Please call or email the alumni relations team at 410-706-2070 or [alumni@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:alumni@law.umaryland.edu).

Together we can make a difference. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Joanne E. Pollak '76  
Chair, Board of Visitors

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## New BOV Officers:

- Chair: **Joanne E. Pollak '76**, senior vice president, general counsel, and chief of staff, Johns Hopkins Medicine
- Vice Chair: **Robert J. Kim '83**, principal, McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan, Kim, Greenan & Lynch, P.A., Greenbelt and Annapolis, Md.
- Secretary: **Dean Pappas '83**, vice president, government relations, federal legislative and regulatory affairs, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co.

## New BOV Members:

- **Paul S. Caiola '95**, partner, Gallagher Evelius & Jones LLP, Baltimore, Md.
- **The Hon. Howard Chasanow '61** (Ret.), Maryland Court of Appeals
- **The Hon. Karen C. Friedman '97**, associate judge, Baltimore City Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit
- **Yitai Hu '94**, partner, Alston & Bird LLP, Silicon Valley
- **Kimberly Ross '93**, chief of staff/chief counsel, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio).

## We also thank these departing BOV members for their service:

- **Christine A. Edwards '83**, partner, Winston & Strawn, Chicago, and immediate past chair of the Board of Visitors. She served 20 years on the Board, endowed the current Christine A. Edwards Scholarship beginning in 1999, and also served on the University-wide search committee to select Dean Donald Tobin
- **Joseph G. Finnerty III '87**, partner, DLA Piper LLP, New York, a major philanthropic supporter of the law school who hosted numerous events for alumni and prospective students at his firm
- **Thomas Lewis '76**, of counsel, Gallagher, Evelius & Jones LLP, Baltimore, and former chair of the BOV Planning Committee, tasked with examining the most pressing issues facing the law school
- The late **Joel D. Fedder '58**, of counsel to Fedder and Garten, Baltimore, who, with his wife, Ellen, created an endowment to support the work of students in the Environmental Law Program.

# Alumni Board

## New Alumni Board Officers:

- President: **Jonathan M. Kucskar '08**, senior advisor, Maryland Public Service Commission
- President-elect: **The Hon. Steven V. Adler '07**, administrative law judge, Office of Administrative Hearings
- Immediate Past President: **Kathryn "Kate" Christensen Mills '02**, principal, Monument Policy Group

## New Alumni Board Members:

- Capt. **Douglas J. Baralo '08**, commander and accreditation manager, Planning and Research Division, Maryland State Police
- **Prabir Chakrabarty '94**, general counsel, Mariner Finance, LLC
- **Ryan R. Dietrich '04**, staff attorney, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- **Talley H. Kovacs '09**, senior associate, Pessin Katz Law, P.A.
- **David J. McManus Jr. '83**, founding partner, Baxter, Baker, Sidle, Conn & Jones, P.A.
- **Marguerite E. H. Morrison '81**, investment management counsel, Axiom
- **Amy L. Petkovsek '06**, director of advocacy for training and pro bono, Maryland Legal Aid

## We also thank these departing Alumni Board members for their service:

- **James R. Benjamin Jr. '01**, member, Pessin Katz Law, P.A.
- **The Hon. Karen C. Friedman '97**, associate judge, Baltimore City Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit
- **James "Trey" R. Hart III '09**, vice president, private equity, The Northern Trust Co.
- **Yitai Hu '94**, partner, Alston & Bird LLP
- **Rachel M. Kamins '92**, principal, Offit Kurman
- **Sebastian E. Kurian '08**, corporate counsel, Amazon.com
- **Brett D. Rogers '02**, head of legal and chief compliance officer, Brown Advisory
- **Reena K. Shah '07**, director, Human Rights Project, Maryland Legal Aid