MARYLAND STUDENT WINS NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ESSAY CONTEST

Sarah Brull is presented award by Dr. Gerson Smoger, Chair, Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest.

Maryland law student Sarah Brull (Class of 2005) has been named the winner of the 2004 Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest. Sarah’s prize for winning this prestigious national competition was a check for $5,000, which was presented to her in Boston on July 4 at the annual Convention of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. The topic of the 2004 contest was “If a Tree Is Felled in the Forest, Who Would Make a Sound? Legally Protecting the American Wilderness from Anti-Environmental Government Policies.” Sarah’s essay, “Versatile by Nature: Exploring the Law of the American Wilderness,” examines legal strategies for preventing changes in presidential administrations from undermining conservation of public wilderness areas in the United States. Sarah’s essay will be published in the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law.

Professor Robert Percival, director of Maryland’s Environmental Law Program, served as Sarah’s faculty advisor for her essay. In 2003, Maryland law student Lonnie Kishiyama (Class of 2004) was the runner-up in the Roscoe Hogan Contest.
Clinic Report: Try Not to Breathe – or Swim, Fish, or Drink

by Rena Steinzor

At the rate the Maryland Department of the Environment is going, it will not complete crucial water quality standards that were due in 1979 until 2056. Meanwhile, the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area will not achieve attainment with national Clean Air Act standards for ozone by 2005, and will fall even further behind when new, more stringent requirements go into effect. Studies show that the country’s most common herbicide, atrazine, causes endocrine disruption in reptiles and amphibians at relatively low doses, potentially affecting several endangered species in the Chesapeake Bay. Statewide advisories for methyl mercury, pesticides, and PCBs warn people to limit or avoid consumption of such popular fish as large and small mouth bass, striped bass, blue gill, blue crabs, yellow perch, and catfish. And the sad thing is that, as states go, Maryland is widely perceived as progressive on environmental issues.

As several generations of Environmental Clinic students have learned, the gap between need and response regarding all these pressing problems is large, and growing rapidly, to the point that Maryland is failing to make progress and even backsliding in preserving the Bay and improving air quality. One major source of the performance gap is a severely debilitated state agency. Since 2000, the Department’s budget has been cut by approximately 30%, and former secretaries from both parties acknowledge that it started out with severe funding challenges even before the state began running record deficits. These scarce resources mean inadequate inspections, weak enforcement, and virtually non-existent public education on better environmental practices.

Decisions at the national level have only compounded the state’s struggle to move forward with drastically reduced resources. Congress has defeated efforts to require auto manufacturers to improve the fuel efficiency of cars and sport utility vehicles. The Environmental Protection Agency let grandfathered power plants in the mid-west off the hook when they modify their outmoded plants, allowing these “old dirty” to operate indefinitely without additional pollution controls. EPA also ducked its responsibility to regulate facilities using mercury cells to manufacture chlorine. One such plant, in New Martinsville, West Virginia, loses tons of mercury annually, depositing these “fugitive emissions” throughout the Potomac watershed. And EPA recently gave atrazine another interim registration without considering its potential effects at low doses on wildlife; the Agency has also pared down the process for consulting with the Fish and Wildlife Service experts before such decisions are made.

Clinic students tour clinic projects with Ed Merrifield, the Potomac Riverkeeper and Professor Rena Steinzor, Director of University of Maryland’s Environmental Law Clinic.

On behalf of its clients, this year’s Environmental Clinic is trying to do something about not one, nor even two, of these problems, but all of them, placing us at the forefront of Maryland most intractable debates over who – the public or the manufacturer – should bear the burden of protecting the environment. On behalf of Senator Brian Frosh, a team of second and third-year students will prepare a report analyzing why Maryland has fallen short of meeting its ozone attainment deadline, and what the state must do to get back on track. Modeled on the Clinic’s highly successful 2002 report entitled Keeping Pace: Maryland’s Worst Environmental Problems and What We Can Do to Solve Them, the report will analyze publicly available data, interview key stakeholders, and explore national proposals to improve the performance of the contributors to ozone, from power plants to SUVs.

The Clinic is also co-counsel with Aaron Colangelo, senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council, in a lawsuit challenging EPA’s decisions regarding atrazine and endangered species not just in the Bay region, but throughout the Midwest and the South. We represent Ed Merrifield, the Potomac Riverkeeper, in an ongoing effort to quicken the pace and effectiveness of the Maryland program to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads. In the face of EPA’s failure to regulate the chlor-alkali plant in West Virginia effectively, we will assist the Riverkeeper in doing a public education campaign designed to pressure the manufacturer to reduce its emissions voluntarily.

Down to a lean and, to outsiders, mean contingent of ten student attorneys, demand for the Clinic’s assistance has never been higher nor its work more important. Hopefully, by virtue of hard and creative work and sheer commitment to these representations, we can help improve environmental conditions that are becoming more and more disturbing.
Maryland's 2004 Ward, Kershaw Environmental Symposium Focuses on "Clean Science" in Regulation

by Joanna B. Goger*

Professor David Wirth of Boston College Law School, and Jennifer Sass of NRDC, speak with Alden Meyer of The Union of Concerned Scientists.

On April 16, 2004, the University of Maryland School of Law and the Center for Progressive Regulation co-hosted the 2004 Ward, Kershaw Environmental Law Symposium. The topic of this year's symposium — Clean Science in Regulation — was chosen because of growing concerns about the manipulation and misuse of science in the regulatory arena, particularly with respect to decisions affecting public health and the environment where scientific uncertainty has increasingly been used to rollback essential protections. The conference highlighted these abuses and provided an opportunity for collaboration on potential solutions. The Environmental Law Program hosts the conference annually through an endowment provided by the Baltimore law firm of Ward, Kershaw, P.A.

This year’s conference harnessed the expertise of several leading environmental law scholars, each of whom is a member scholar of the Center for Progressive Regulation (CPR), a non-profit research and educational organization of 35 university-affiliated academics with expertise in the legal, economic, and scientific issues related to health, safety, and the environment. CPR launched its Clean Science in Regulation initiative last summer with the development of a set of Clean Science Principles designed as an affirmative response to the current politicization of science in regulation. The principles highlight the concepts of scientific freedom and independence, honesty, and transparency, and attempt to codify good practice norms for science in regulation.

Rena Steinzor, Professor of Law and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic, and a founder of CPR, brought the group to Maryland for this year's symposium to further the group’s Clean Science in Regulation project. In addition to assembling these CPR scholars, the conference also featured several prominent scientists from local institutions with expertise on the role of science in regulation. These included Dr. Katherine Squibb, a professor and toxicologist at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Dr. Lynn Goldman, a professor and epidemiologist with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The conference panelists are collaborating on a book that will expose serious problems in the way science is produced and used in regulatory programs to protect public health and the environment. The Principles of Clean Science will serve as the organizational framework for the book, which is scheduled for publication in early 2005. The conference provided an opportunity for these scholars to develop and to refine these principles and to share ideas for the book's contents. Professor Steinzor will serve as an editor and chapter author.

Several conference presentations highlighted some of the current tools used to manipulate and slow the process of developing and applying credible science in the regulatory context. Presenters explored ways that credible science is manipulated and attacked by industry, including examples from the tobacco industry. Two case studies highlighted some of these problems in practice. Dr. Jennifer Sass, a senior scientist at the
Natural Resources Defense Council, discussed attempts by the Department of Defense and perchlorate manufacturers to discredit the science showing the serious public health effects associated with perchlorate. Perchlorate, which is a fuel used in munitions and rockets, has been detected in the groundwater at Aberdeen Proving Ground and other areas around the country and is known to inhibit the production of thyroid hormones necessary for normal fetal growth and development. Professor Rena Steinzor highlighted similar attempts by industry to discredit the science regarding the dangerous effects of mercury exposure on pregnant women and fetuses.

Several conference presenters also discussed the use of the Data Quality Act to bring challenges to scientific information disseminated by federal agencies. The speakers discussed how this statute and others are currently being used to curtail the dissemination of information relevant to the protection of the environment and public health. The rider has also been used by the Office of Management and Budget as the basis for proposed peer review guidance that would require federal agencies to conduct peer review of influential scientific information they disseminate. The problems with applying such a process — usually reserved for the review of science submitted to journals and grant proposals — to science used in regulation, was a topic of interest to many panelists.

Panelist Professor John Applegate, Indiana University School of Law.

The morning panels also explored the issue of scientific independence. Dr. Katherine Squibb outlined several practices that jeopardize scientific independence including the placement of restrictions on the dissemination of research results. Squibb emphasized that a loss of scientific independence can facilitate manipulation of regulatory decisions and can cause scientific uncertainty to become a target of controversy rather than a basis for better science. Many scientists that deal with regulatory issues have been targets of such restrictions in recent years.

To highlight some of the mistaken conceptions of science in the tort context, Carl Cranor, Professor of Philosophy at the University of California Riverside explored how the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals and some of the case law applying Daubert have perpetuated the inaccurate application of good scientific principles by categorically excluding scientific evidence developed from use of such techniques as animal studies and human case studies.

To learn more about the Center for Progressive Regulation and its Clean Science project, visit CPR’s website at www.progressiveregulation.org.

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Law School Hosts ABA Conference on Ocean Law and Policy

by Katie Wainwright*

explained the remarkable consensus the commission was able to achieve from a diverse group of members including academics, scientists, bankers and oil company executives. The Commission found that despite some progress, ocean and coastal resources are still in trouble because the existing management regime is outdated and ill-suited for controlling the kind of effects humans have on marine ecosystems. The Commission recommended an ecosystem-based management approach for marine resources that would transcend artificial jurisdictional boundaries.

The opening panel discussion focused on coastal marine pollution and human health. The speakers provided an overview of the various sources of pollution of the marine environment, regulatory and enforcement tools to combat marine pollution, and the effects of mercury and other pollutants on marine ecosystems and human health. Ellen Athas, the director of the Clean Oceans Program at the Ocean Conservancy, detailed the serious risks posed for human health by emissions of dioxins and mercury from paper mills and coal burning power plants. Ms. Athas argued that the solution to these problems is simply to reduce harmful emissions. Craig Vogt, Deputy Director of the Oceans and Coastal Protection Division of the EPA spoke about EPA programs designed to protect against threats to the health of coastal and marine resources. Jon Waldron, a partner at Blank Rome LLP, discussed legal and policy responses to these problems, including international treaties and domestic law, both civil and criminal.

A panel on sustainable fisheries explored the need for reform in fisheries management policies, including the use of marine protected areas, ecosystem management approaches, and improvements in fisheries management councils. Dr. Andrew Rosenberg repeated his call for ecosystem-based

Gerald Winegrad, American Bird Conservancy, with Will Baker, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Paul Hagen, Beveridge & Diamond.

On June 11, 2004, the University of Maryland’s Environmental Law Program hosted the 32nd National Spring Conference on the Environment of the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Environmental Law. This year’s conference topic was “Protecting Our Oceans: Legal and Policy Responses to Declining Marine Ecosystems.” The conference was particularly timely in light of the findings of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Oceans Commission. These commissions documented the urgent need for fundamental changes in our approach to protecting oceans, which cover 70 percent of the world’s surface and which contain more than 90 percent of the planet’s living biomass. Panels of distinguished speakers addressed what needs to be done in a broad range of areas to halt the decline of marine ecosystems.

Nearly 100 lawyers, scientists, government officials and scholars from all over the country participated in the conference. After a video greeting from Dean Rothenberg, the Conference kicked off with Dr. Andrew Rosenberg’s keynote address.

Dr. Andrew Rosenberg, Dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture of the University of New Hampshire, presented an opening keynote address that outlined the factors contributing to the decline of marine resources. A member of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Dr. Rosenberg

Professor Percival with David Sandalow, former Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment and Science.

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Nearly 100 people attended the conference.

management to remedy the decline in New England groundfish. Marine ecologist Dr. Elliot Norse, President of the Marine Conservation Biology Institute, focused on three themes (1) the performance of U.S. fisheries is far below what Americans find acceptable in other economic areas; (2) the reasons are fundamental rather than situational; and (3) there is a growing chorus of knowledgeable people saying that we need a new system. Eldon Greenberg, an attorney with Garvey Schubert and Barer, brought a different perspective to the table, noting the plethora of diagnoses and prescriptions for our oceans and emphasizing the success of the North Pacific fisheries in Alaska. Mr. Greenberg suggested that the best solution lies in improving the existing regional management by those closest to the system. Eric Bilsky, a senior attorney at Oceana, called for fundamental reform in fisheries management, taking control out of the hands of industry and implementing a default system of no fishing.

William Baker, President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, gave a rousing luncheon keynote address. He emphasized that although the Chesapeake is terribly out of balance due to pollution, loss of habitat, and overfishing, science has told us what is wrong and how to fix it. The only problem is what Baker calls "the politics of postponement." In response to the lack of political will, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has developed a litigation plan, and Baker warns that this will be "no more Mr. Nice Guy." Baker closed by applauding Maryland's newly-adopted "flush tax," a $2.50 per month surcharge for every residence in Maryland designated to upgrade sewage technology. He noted that when the bill was enacted, it marked the first time Maryland's General Assembly gave a standing ovation for the passage of a bill proposed by Republican Governor Robert Ehrlich.

The afternoon panel discussions focused on protecting living marine resources and the future of oceans governance. Litigation challenging the U.S. military's use of active sonar systems was a focus of sharp debate by the panel on living marine resources.

Joel Reynolds, the director of the Marine Mammal Protection Project of the Natural Resources Defense Council, discussed a series of lawsuits brought by NRDC against the U.S. Navy. Reynolds noted that in NRDC v. Evans, a court prevented the Navy from launching a long-range submarine detection system that could have affected every marine mammal on the planet without an environmental impact statement or a permit. He emphasized that by applying environmental laws to the military, we can have both national security and a healthy environment. Benedict Cohen, assistant general counsel for environment and installations at the U.S. Department of Defense, gave a vigorous response defending the Navy and emphasizing the paramount importance of protecting national security. Noting that the Navy actually is the largest source of oceans research, Cohen denounced the absence of any wartime exemption in the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Gerald Winegrad, Vice President for Policy for American Bird Conservancy, discussed efforts to reduce seabird by-catch caused by long-line fishing operations. Deborah Sivas, Director of the Earthjustice Environmental Law Clinic at Stanford Law School, discussed efforts to protect sea turtles, which she described as the "canary in the coalmine" for the oceans. Jean Williams, chief of the Wildlife and Marine Resources Section in the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice concluded the panel's discussion by calling for clearer direction from Congress in the environmental laws.

The final panel directed the conference to look to the future of ocean governance. Dr. Rick Spinrad, assistant administration of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, emphasized the important of ecosystem-based management. Dr. Jeremy Firestone, assistant professor of marine studies at the University of Delaware, compared the oceans to the old west of the 1870's and called for enhanced literacy. Margaret Spring, Democratic Counsel for the Oceans and Fisheries Senate Subcommittee, noted that legislative change often takes considerable time, but was optimistic about the future prospects for legislation to protect coastal and marine resources. Christophe Tulou, President of the Center for SeaChange, argued that we already have too much law and that the real need is to use what we have effectively to develop a comprehensive oceans policy.

Following the success of this conference, the law school has agreed to host the ABA's 33rd National Spring Conference on the Environment on June 10, 2005. The topic of this conference will be "Fundamental Reform of U.S. Environmental Laws: Financial Institutions, Corporate Stewardship and Sustainable Development as Drivers for Change."

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION: A DELEGATE’S PERSPECTIVE

by Jon Cardin and Amanda Baldwin* 

Jon Cardin is a Member of the Maryland House of Delegates, (D), and a ’00 alumnus of the University of Maryland School of Law’s Environmental Program.

Every State politician knew the fiscal problems that faced the 2004 General Assembly before we set foot in Annapolis. We knew that the challenge to present a balanced budget by the end of session, while facing funding shortages and a massive deficit, was going to take creative thinking, compromise and a realistic look at how Maryland’s money was being spent.

As a member of the House of Delegates’ Ways and Means Committee, I have the opportunity to hear testimony on bills concerning gaming, taxes, children and youth, education and election reform. It came as no surprise to the committee that we would be faced with many issues that would be controversial, problematic, and not easily solved within the 2004 three-month session. This is a challenge that is presented to each committee at every session. Nevertheless, these challenges also afford a unique opportunity to be progressive and productive in Maryland policy. While debates over tax increases and slots dominated the public’s attention, many policies improving the lives of Marylanders passed virtually unnoticed.

It is important to understand that temporary and one-time transfers made in the State’s budget may provide temporary relief, however, they may also have dangerous long-term repercussions. These transfers are “quick fixes”, and we will find ourselves facing the same uncertain fiscal situations in the succeeding years. The only way to curb this pattern is by charging ourselves to become responsible to our community with systematic and comprehensive changes. One way to ensure this is by focusing our efforts on the preservation of a healthy environment. To that end, I view pro-environmental policy as a way to improve the quality of life, increase productivity, grow responsible land and sea business opportunities, and make Maryland more attractive to everyone. As I see it, this legislative opportunity is an investment for Maryland.

Creating environmental legislation is difficult because it is often viewed as high maintenance and costly. Policies affect the interests of a wide variety of businesses and agencies throughout the state and often require infrastructure change. In fact, I had no idea how many businesses have a stake in small environmental policy changes. However, it is the initial “high-dollar” price tag that is the most difficult opposition to overcome in committee. The upfront costs that these bills showcase are miscalculated because the amount of savings generated over time are not represented in the same manner. Furthermore, it is the legislators with senescent thinking who see the immediate price tag and overlook the long-term positive consequences. These start up costs are minimal when compared to the costs of repairs done by the damage, and some irreparable damage, that we have incurred by taking our environment for granted. Furthermore, energy efficiency affects more than capital; it is a non-point source of savings. If there was any way to account for every penny that was saved by environmentally sound policies and to have those figures published alongside the upfront costs, there would be no hesitation on whether or not those bills should be passed.

In my committee and in co-sponsoring my colleagues’ bills, I strongly support practical and progressive environmental legislation. While I must focus on those issues that I face in the Ways and Means committee, I also concentrate on creating policies that will improve the quality of life for my constituents of Baltimore County and Marylanders. Among other bills that I submitted during this past session, House Bills 804, 811 and 821 focused singularly on environmental policy.
With the help of Brian Perlberg, a '97 alumnus of the University of Maryland Environmental Law Program, I introduced House Bills 804 and 811, both modeled after Howard County ordinances. For full versions of these bills access http://mlis.state.md.us/2004r/sponsors/cardin.htm. The former enables local jurisdictions to provide a property tax credit for “high performance buildings” and the latter creates a 5% price preference for “environmentally preferable products.”

House Bill 804 was designed in such a way that it authorizes, but does not mandate, local jurisdictions to provide a credit against the property tax, not the building expenses. This way, the State will not suffer from unseemly expenditures, but both business owners and the State will benefit from the development of each high performance building. “High performance buildings” can reduce energy use by 50% or more; will reduce maintenance and capital costs by cutting the dependence on lighting fixtures resulting in a lower dependence upon air conditioning; and will reduce the environmental impact by using systems that will recycle wastewater to actually be reused in the building’s cooling system and outside irrigation. House Bill 804 has more than energy conservation benefits. Recent studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy have shown that employee productivity and business profitability are linked. Numbers showed an increase in employee productivity when buildings are designed and constructed efficiently—natural light, comfortable temperature, and a quiet work environment being the most important issues. Furthermore, a well-designed workplace can increase employee productivity by twenty percent. Therefore, this bill is not only sound environmental policy; it is practical for good business. With these policies in place, the bill passed into law with solid support from the House, Senate and the Governor.

On the other hand, even though House Bill 811 garnered support in both the House and Senate, the Governor vetoed the policy behind “Environmentally Preferable Products.” EPPs are those products that are recognized as being energy efficient or environmentally friendly. A list would be generated by the cooperation of several state agencies and would then be provided as the reference of acceptable EPPs to compare against the lowest bid to replace comparable products for various state departments. The state agency would then be allowed a five percent price bid increase to spend on the listed EPPs. Once again, the initial costs to state agencies during certain transitions and purchasing of EPPs would be quickly offset by the savings afforded by the use of conserved energy and resources. Products like Energy Star-compliant computers could amount to $1.3 million in annual savings. Nevertheless, the rationale behind the veto was the cost to Maryland, which Legislative Services quotes at $45,000 per year.

In House Bill 821, I intended to extend the tax credit against the purchase of a hybrid or electric vehicles. During my campaign for the House of Delegates, I made one promise: to reduce my dependence on foreign oil and purchase a hybrid car. Although consumers are becoming more aware of the benefits that these cars have to offer (I have saved over $4,000 in gas over the last eighteen months), the production and sales rates are still not at ideal levels. In order to promote sales, the State had offered a tax credit until July of 2004. HB 821 would have pushed the sunset date until 2009; thereby, giving consumers more incentive to purchase a hybrid and save, while protecting the environment. The Taxes and Revenues subcommittee of Ways and Means did not recommend this bill because of the $7 million price tag. If you run the figures, you will find that not only does the improvement to the quality of life become priceless, but the cash savings surpasses $7 million, and you will then understand my frustration. As I have been asked to serve on the Taxes and Revenues Subcommittee in 2005, I hope to readdress this issue in the future.

While I hope to remain one of the many champions of the Environment, I constantly remind myself that I have to earn respect and maintain partnerships with others in the State House. To that end, I must learn to
compromise in order to remain as effective as possible and foster relationships with those who do not have the environment as their top priority. It is an interesting balance and challenge to keep.

Endurance challenges. These events give me the opportunity to experience a new environment and to gain fresh perspectives on political and social issues.

My environmental agenda is more than planting trees and opposing litter. It is creating sound policy that will secure the well being of our Bay, our air, and our lives for generations to come; it is being aware of the world that surrounds us.

*Amanda Baldwin is Legislative Director to Delegate Jon Cardin.

Finally, there are other aspects of our lives that indirectly relate to the well being of the environment. As part of the healthy lifestyle, I try to model behavior to my colleagues as the corollary to my pro-environmental disposition. For example, I assist Professor Kathy Daschille, the Managing Director, Center for Tobacco Regulation at the University of Maryland School of Law, with tobacco control legislation, and I have dedicated part of my life to public interest law. Participating in events that promote a healthy awareness of our surroundings and ourselves can develop those working relationships that will engage and stabilize business and economy practices. Furthermore, by supporting higher education we can reinforce the idea that every individual has something significant to contribute to community diversity. It was with this idea in mind that I established the MAC Challenge.

My annual fundraising for The Michael Aaron Cardin Philanthropic Fund is used to sponsor a Maryland Public Interest Law Project fellow. In order to benefit the Foundation, I enter into triathlons that incorporate mental and physical preparedness. Most recently, I traveled to Asheville, North Carolina for the 12 Hour Adventure Race, trekked though Costa Rica, and additionally participated in the Columbia Triathlon. My involvement in these events is more than competing in

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Maryland Environmental Law Society Raises Funds to Retire SO2 Allowances

MELS members Megan Moeller and Mike McCarthy display t-shirts sold for fundraising projects.

Through its successful fundraising efforts the Maryland Environmental Law Society (MELS) was able to submit a winning bid to retire 5 tons of SO2 emission allowances at the EPA auction held in March 2004. Since 1993, MELS has purchased and retired 75 tons of SO2 and has been instrumental in encouraging other law schools to participate.

A special thanks to BAR/BRI for donating a free bar review course, which was auctioned off to raise funds for the SO2 project.
MARYLAND WINS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

As students in Maryland’s Environmental Law Program know, there is more to law school than classes and exams. Among the many extracurricular activities they enjoy is the law school softball team coached by Professor Bob Percival, Director of Maryland’s Environmental Law Program. Several environmental law students have played key roles on the Maryland team. Last fall the team began its best year ever by winning the Washington D.C. Area Law School Softball Tournament which was held at Catholic University’s athletic complex. Maryland won six consecutive games in the tournament against law schools from the Washington D.C. area, including a decisive 18-0 victory over a team from Georgetown University Law Center in the championship game.

Maryland Team with Washington Area Law School Championship Trophy.

In April, Maryland came within an eyelash of dethroning the host team at the University of Virginia’s national Law School Tournament. Maryland’s two coed teams finished second and seventh, the best combined showing of any school in the field of 95 teams from 48 law schools. Maryland’s Red Team beat teams from Hofstra, Vermont, William & Mary, the University of Chicago, Appalachian, and two Georgetown teams before losing in extra innings in the championship game to perennial champion UVA Gold by a score of 30-29. Maryland’s Black Team, coached by environmental law student Jon Dowling, defeated teams from New England, William & Mary, Detroit Mercy, and the University of Virginia, before losing to a team from Appalachian.

During summer 2004, Maryland’s combined student/alumni team won its first Baltimore summer lawyer’s league (Intra-Professional Athletic Conference) championship. Maryland defeated teams from Miles & Stockbridge, Semmes, Bowen & Semmes, St. Paul Travelers, Whitney Bogris, Piper Rudnick, Saul Ewing, and the county State’s

Maryland Team with Second-Place Trophy at the University of Virginia Tournament.

Attorneys and finished the regular season with a league-best 7-2 record. Maryland then won playoff games against St. Paul/Travelers by a score of 25-10 and Venable LLP by a score of 24-14. In the championship game Maryland defeated the County State’s Attorneys by a score of 8-7 when environmental alum Bill Piermaattee scored on a single by Pat Ostronic with two outs in the bottom of the ninth.

Maryland’s 2004 Baltimore Lawyer’s League (IPAC) Championship Team.

Among the students in the Environmental Law Program who have played key roles on the softball team, are starting pitcher Ray Schlee (Class of 2004), former Maryland college star Cortney Madea (Class of 2005), Jon Dowling (Class of 2004), Sriman Gopal (Class of 2006), and Anne Merwin (Class of 2006).

This fall the team will sponsor an Alumni All-Star Tournament where Maryland alums will play against the current members of the student team.
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Lauren Axley – legal extern for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Annapolis, MD.

Sarah Brull – legal extern at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Baltimore, MD.

Michael Clisham – summer associate at Eaton Peabody in Bangor, Maine.


Ami Grace – summer associate at Beveridge & Diamond in Washington, DC.

Levi Guter – legal extern at the Maryland Department of the Environment in Baltimore, MD.

Cortney Madea – summer associate at Gollatz Griffin & Ewing in Philadelphia, PA.

Jessica Meeder – law clerk at the Prince George’s County Office of Law in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Jonathan Nwagbaraocha – legal extern at the State Attorney General’s Office in the Department of Natural Resources in Annapolis, MD.

Ulka Patel – legal extern with the U.S. EPA in Washington, DC.

Sandra Young – spent the summer abroad in Europe taking international law courses.

Jennifer Svara – legal extern with the Fund for Animals in Washington, DC.

Class of 2006

Andrea Curatola – legal extern with the U.S. EPA in Washington, DC.

Karlene Fischer – spent half the summer as a legal extern with the Maryland Department of Environment in Baltimore and the other half as a law clerk to Chief Judge Stephen McNamee with the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

Mindy Goldstein – studied abroad taking classes in Public International Law and International Human Rights at the University of Notre Dame, London Program.

Sriram Gopal – research assistant for Professor Rena Steinzor, Director, Environmental Law Clinic, University of Maryland School of Law, and legal intern at the Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts.

Natalie Havlina – research assistant for Professor Rena Steinzor, Director, Environmental Law Clinic, University of Maryland School of Law.

Min Kho – law clerk with Baltimore City Public Defender’s Office.

Michael McCarthy – legal extern with Maryland Energy Administration in Annapolis, MD.

Anne Merwin – legal extern with the Potomac Conservancy in Silver Spring, MD.

Megan Moeller – law clerk for Terry Harris, President, Cleanup Coalition in Baltimore, MD.

Meg Nichols – law clerk for Judge Clayton Greene on the Court of Appeals in Annapolis, MD.

Matt Shudtz – research assistant for Professor Rena Steinzor, Director, Environmental Law Clinic, University of Maryland School of Law.

Briena Strippoli – legal extern at the U.S. EPA in Washington, DC.

Ali Tysor – spent summer abroad in India studying Environmental Law.

Katherine Wainwright – research assistant for Professor Robert Percival, Director, Environmental Law Program.

Erica Zilioli – legal extern at the U.S. EPA in Washington, DC.

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“Que Tan Seguro Es Seguro? (How Safe Is “Safe”?),” Centro de Derecho Ambiental, University of Chile School of Law, Santiago, Chile, Nov. 7, 2002.

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PROFESSOR RENA STEINZOR

PUBLICATIONS
Steinzer, "A Perfect Storm: Mercury and the Bush Administration, Part II," 34 ENVTL. L. REP. 10485 (June, 2004), with Lisa Heinzerling

Steinzer, "A Perfect Storm: Mercury and the Bush Administration, Part I," 34 ENVTL. L. REP. 10297 (April, 2004), with Lisa Heinzerling


PRESENTATIONS

"Interdisciplinary Education in Environmental Law,” University of Maryland School of Public Policy, College Park, College Park, MD, April 23, 2004

“Clean Science in Regulation,” The 2004 Ward, Kershaw/Center for Progressive Regulation Environmental Law Symposium, Friday, April 16, 2004, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD.

“A Perfect Storm: Mercury and the Bush Administration,” Faculty Workshop with Professor Lisa Heinzerling, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, DC (February 26, 2004)

“Undue Industry Influence?,” ABA Environment and Natural Resources Section, Panel on Science at EPA, Washington, DC (October 9, 2003)


“Environmental Issues inside-the-Beltway after September 11, 2001,” Chesapeake Bay Environmental Enforcement Coalition, Quarterly Meeting, Annapolis, Maryland (January 20, 2002)
PROFESSOR MIRANDA SCHREURS

PUBLICATIONS


ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION

Hidefumi Imura and Miranda A. Schreurs, eds. Environmental Policy in Japan (Edward Elgar, forthcoming).

AWARDS


CONFERENCES

Miranda Schreurs attended a conference in Hong Kong during July on Non-Traditional Security in East Asia, contributing a paper on “Environmental Security in East Asia”. This is part of a project sponsored by the Ford Foundation and led by Professors In-tack Hyun and Sung Han Kim of Korea University.

She organized another conference together with Henrik Selin (Boston University) and Stacy VandeVeer (University of New Hampshire) on Trans-Atlantic Environmental Relations. The conference was held at M.I.T. during mid-July and will lead to the publication of an edited volume.

SABBATICAL

Miranda Schreurs will be on sabbatical for the 2004-2005 academic year. She will be spending her time in various places, including Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo during September and the Free University of Berlin during October-December. She anticipates being in Asia during much of the spring 2005 semester.

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Erin Fitzsimmons joins Waterkeeper Alliance

Erin Fitzsimmons (class of 1991) has recently accepted the position of Chesapeake Regional Coordinator with the Waterkeeper Alliance. The Waterkeeper Alliance is the international umbrella organization for 121 waterkeepers worldwide. There are 11 Riverkeepers in the Chesapeake Bay region; 7 in Maryland, 2 in Virginia, 1 in the District of Columbia and 1 in Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining the Waterkeeper Alliance, Erin was a full-time professor at Salisbury University in the Political Science Department teaching environmental law and policy courses. She will continue at Salisbury University as an adjunct professor teaching Environmental Conflict Resolution. In addition, Erin teaches Environmental Law and Policy in the Environmental Certificate Program at Johns Hopkins University and the National Council of State Garden Clubs Environmental Studies School. She also has served for 4 years on the City Council in Ocean City, Maryland.

David Fischer joins American Bird Conservancy

David Fischer (class of 1991) joined the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) in May of this year as its Director of Government Relations. He will be focusing his efforts on mitigating seabird bycatch from longline fisheries, as well as legislative issues affecting bird conservation. Prior to his move to ABC, David was an environmental lawyer with the American Chemistry Council. Since 2000, David has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Maryland School of Law and was the Charles R. Taylor, Jr. Faculty Fellow in environmental law for the 2000-2001 academic year.
ALUMNI UPDATE

The Environmental Law Program has been remarkably successful in preparing students for careers in environmental law. In just the last five years, 120 students have graduated from Maryland with a certificate of concentration in environmental law. Today the Environmental Law Program is in regular contact with hundreds of our alumni. Most currently specialize in environmental law in their work for public interest groups, government agencies, law firms, corporations, and consulting firms. While other alums have pursued non-environmental specialties, we are proud of all of them. We are delighted to report below on the current activities of more than 200 of the graduates of our program and some alums prominent in the environmental field who graduated before our program was established in 1987.

1969

Gerald Winegrad is Vice President for Policy, American Bird Conservancy in Washington, DC.

1974

S. Jacob Scherr is Director, International Program, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in Washington, DC.

1976

Jane Barrett is a partner with Blank Rome LLP in the Washington, DC office and is co-chair of its white-collar, internal and government investigations practice group. Her practice emphasizes the defense of environmental crimes and complex fraud cases throughout the United States. Ms. Barrett is a member of the American Bar Association’s Task Force on Gatekeeper Regulation and the Profession.

1978

Jonathan Libber is an attorney with the U.S. EPA, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance in Washington, DC. Jonathan is responsible for issues related to the recapture of economic benefit from violators and violator claims of inability to afford compliance, clean-up and civil penalties.

1982

Scott Burns is Director of the Marine Conservation Program at World Wildlife Fund in Washington, DC. He works on international fisheries conservation issues, including work with the private sector and a major initiative to create new discipline for fisheries subsidies in the World Trade Organization. Scott also serves as one of the United States’ Commissioners to an international fisheries management body – the InterAmerican Tropical Tuna Commission.

1985

Sean Coleman is an Assistant Attorney General with the Office of the Attorney General and principal counsel to Maryland Environmental Services in Millersville, MD.

David Roth is a partner with Schenck, Price, Smith & King’s Environmental Practice Group and Business Organizations Department in Morristown, NJ.

1987

Vanessa Hall Lemmie is a Senior Attorney with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

Antoinette Sebastian is with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Viability in Washington, DC.

1989

Eric Easton is an associate professor of law and co-director of the Legal Skills Program at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Scott Garrison is an attorney with the U.S. EPA, Office of General Counsel, Pesticides and Toxic Substances Law Office in Washington, DC.

Julie Smith is Executive Director, Development and Environmental Services, with the town of Flower Mound, TX. Her department includes planning services, building inspections, environmental health services/code enforcement, economic development, and environmental resources. Julie also is an adjunct professor teaching graduate-level environmental law and policy classes in the Department of Geography at the University of North Texas.

Pamela Wexler is an associate with The Cadmus Group, Inc., an energy and environmental consulting firm in Rosslyn, VA.

Kerry C. Williams is a partner at Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin in Houston, Texas. Kerry’s practice is primarily in international oil and gas construction law. He is also a faculty member at Texas A&M, teaching construction law in the Department of Architecture.
Margaret (Maggie) Carson is Chief, Administrative Services, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. Margaret is very active in the areas of environmentally preferable procurement and energy management.

Elizabeth Donley is a Grants and Contract Attorney for the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program in Florida. Liz also works part-time as a kayak guide in southwest Florida.

Joe Esposito is a partner with the law firm of Brown, Goldstein & Levy in Baltimore, MD.

Steven Rollin teaches the honors and advance placement courses at a private high school is St. Paul, MN. He is married and has two sons.

Marina Lolley Sabeti is a partner with Venable LLP in Baltimore.

Stephanie P. Brown is Branch Chief, U.S. EPA, Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement in Washington, DC.

Lou D’Angelo is a financial planner and lives in Wexford, PA. Lou recently had his first book published. The book outlines the lives of two brothers who were soldiers in the Civil War. All proceeds from the book benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the American Cancer Society. For more information on the book, visit the website: www.buybooksontheweb.com.

David Fischer is the Director of Government Relations for the American Bird Conservancy (see article on page 15).

Erin Fitzsimmons is the Chesapeake Region Coordinator for the Waterkeeper Alliance (see article on page 15).

Lisa Gladden is a Member of the Maryland State Senate (D), 41st District.

Cynthia Golomb is a sole practitioner in Columbia, MD.

Ann Hobbs is of counsel with Venable LLP in Washington, DC.

John Hopkins is with the corporate legal department of Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc., in Cambridge, MA. CDM is a global consulting, engineering, construction and operations firm.

Safia Mohammadally Kadir is an attorney with Heise Jorgensen & Stefanelli in Gaithersburg, MD.

John Kalas is Vice President at JP Morgan Chase in New York. John is married to Peggy Rodgers Kalas, ’91.

Peggy Rodgers Kalas received her L.L.M. in international environmental law at New York University and works as a consultant on international environmental law issues in New York.

Kyriakos Marudas is Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Baltimore.

Linda Bailey is Executive Director of the North American Quiltline Consortium at the American Legacy Foundation in Phoenix, AZ.

Margaret Curtin Begley is Senior Counsel with Pioneer Group, Inc., in Boston, MA.

Christopher Hamaty is Director of Intellectual Property for McAfee, Inc. in Plano, TX.

Carol Iancu is an Assistant Attorney General at the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, Environmental Protection Division, handling mostly environmental enforcement cases and some defense cases.

Thomas Lavelle is an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton. He is Senior NEPA Advisor for the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Team. Current clients include EPA, FAA, U.S. Postal Service, and the Department of Homeland Security. Tom lives on Kent Island with his wife and their two children (see picture).

Kenda Layne is a criminal enforcement attorney at the U.S. EPA, Office of Criminal Enforcement Forensics and Training, handling primarily hazardous waste enforcement issues, but also electronic reporting and recordkeeping policy development.
Frank Levi is an environmental attorney with the U.S. Army focusing on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). He is the Deputy Chief Counsel for the Army’s Installation Management Agency in Crystal City, Virginia. Frank handles all aspects of environmental law arising out of the operation of Army installations as well as other legal issues facing the Army. He continues his affiliation with the Air Force Reserves, serving as a reserve judge advocate at Andrews Air Force Base. Frank and his family recently moved to Annapolis, MD.

Emily Vaias, '92, daughter, Kayden Belle, age 1.

Emily Vaias is a partner at Linowes & Blocher, LLP. Emily and her partner Debbie Austin are proud to announce the arrival and one year celebration of their daughter Kayden Belle (see picture).

1993

Ali Alavi is Vice President-General Counsel & Secretary of Horsehead Corp. in Monaca, PA. In addition to serving as the company’s chief legal officer, Ali also has responsibility for government and public affairs. Horsehead Corp. is one of the largest domestic producers of zinc metal, zinc oxide, and other value-added zinc products. It recycles over 400,000 tons of zinc-bearing material that otherwise would be placed in landfills.

Wib Chesser is a partner at Arent Fox in Washington, DC. Wib is married and has one son (see picture).

Lisa Satterfield Daly is Assistant Legislative Counsel to the United States House of Representatives. Lisa assists Congress by drafting legislation related to American Indians, territories, natural resources, and agriculture and by analyzing policy related to such legislation.

Wib Chesser, '93, with son Leith Si-Wen born on April 28, 2004.

Catherine Faint is a trademark attorney for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, DC.

Lorraine Ebert Fraser is an Administrative Law Judge for the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings located in Hunt Valley, MD. Lorraine lives with her husband Keith in Annapolis, MD.

Glenn Isaac is a Fair Practices/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer with Bowie State University.

Pamela Metz Kasemeyer is a partner with Schwartz & Metz, P.A., in Baltimore, MD. The firm represents multiple interests before the Maryland General Assembly and State regulatory agencies.

Karin Krchnak is the Director of The Access Initiative (TAI) and the Partnership for Principle 10 Project (PP10) with the World Resources Institute in Washington, DC.

Melissa Moonan is a junior partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in Washington, D.C. where she focuses on FDA law.

Maureen O’Doherty is a sole practitioner in Torrington, Connecticut.

Colleen Ottoson is an attorney with P.A.T.H. (Program for Appropriate Technology in Health), negotiating and drafting agreements for a project that is developing a low-cost meningitis vaccine for use in Africa. She lives in France with her husband and daughter (see picture).

Mary Raivel is an attorney on the environmental litigation team at the Navy Office of General Counsel in Washington, DC. In July Mary married Rich Moore.

James Smiley is an attorney with the Law Offices of Joseph M. Jagielski in Baltimore, MD. James and his wife Nancy have two sons and another baby due in October.
Colleen Ottoson’s, ’93, daughter, Madeleine, age 10 months.

Ruth Waxter, formerly an associate with Ruble & Weaver, P.A., now works part-time as a settlement attorney for Maximum Title, Inc. The rest of the time Ruth enjoys staying home with her three boys, Grant, age 7, Quinn, age 5, and Bryce, age 2. Ruth is married to Scott Waxter (’93).

Scott Waxter formerly an associate with Weinberg & Miller, opened his own law practice located in Frederick, MD. Scott enjoys helping out and/or coaching his sons in t-ball, baseball, soccer, basketball, and most recently football.

1994

Lori Bruun is an Administrative Appeals Officer, INS, Citizenship and Immigration Services in Washington, DC. Lori is married and has a daughter (see picture).

Lori Bruun, ’94, with husband Stephen, and daughter Emily, age 5 1/2.

Jeanne Grasso is partner with Blank Rome LLP in Washington, DC, specializing in maritime and environmental law, including white collar defense, internal investigations, and compliance audits.

Steven Groseclose is Senior Corporate Counsel for Advanced Micro Devices in Austin, TX, where he addresses environmental, health and safety issues worldwide. He is married to Jael Polnac, ’94, and they have two sons.

John Knight is a partner at Richards, Layton & Finger in Wilmington, Delaware. He and his wife Dee have two children (see picture).

John Knight, ’94, with his wife, Dee and their two children, Johnny, age 5 and Caroline, age 2.

Jennifer Miller Masuret is a stay-at-home mom with two children and resides in Cambridge, MA.

Dave McRae is an associate with Griffin, Farmer & Murphy, LLP, in Washington, DC. Dave and his wife Sharon have twin daughters and one son.

Shannon Miller is a sole practitioner, practicing mostly probate and guardianships, and some criminal defense and adoptions. She lives in Florida with her husband and two children.

Douglas Moorhead is assistant regional counsel with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in Meadville, PA. Douglas and his wife reside in Blackash, PA, and have two children.

K.C. Murphy is a part-time attorney for DeLeonardo & Associates in Reisterstown, MD, with a concentration on criminal defense cases. KC and her husband have two children (see picture).

Carol Rowan is Supervisory Economist with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Carol is married and has a son, Zachary, born in January 2003.

Amy Santin is a second year medical student at the University of North Carolina. She lives in Chapel Hill, NC with her husband and two sons, Henry and Braxton, and 15 year old stepson.

Lauren Calia is Assistant Attorney General for the Consumer Protection Division, State of Maryland.

Carrie Capuco has her own consulting firm, providing program management and communications services in three major areas – government, non-profit, and private sector clients. Her office is in Annapolis, MD.

Kathryn Delahanty teaches full-time at Towson University in the College of Business and Economics.

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KC Murphy, '94, with her husband Jim, and their children, Emma, age 3, and Kevin, age 17 months.

Kim Strasser teaches legal research part-time at the University of Maryland University College. Kim is married and has two children.

Rob Wing is an attorney with the U.S. EPA, Pesticides and Toxic Substances Law, Office of the General Counsel in Washington, DC.

1995

Dolly Alevizatos is an intellectual property associate for Torys in New York City. Dolly recently purchased an old house in the country built in 1760. After working three years in Portland, Oregon, she is glad to be back on the east coast, closer to family and friends.

Steven Anderson is Director of Research Services at Gordon Feinblatt Rothman Hoffberger & Hollander LLC in Baltimore, MD.

Theresa Bouthcyard is a sole practitioner in Harford County, MD, practicing mostly estate work.

Lauren Buehler is part-time associate with Fognani Guibord & Homsy in Denver, CO, and full-time mom to a very active two-year old (see picture).

Lauren Buehler's, '95, son Owen, age 2.

Stephen Dolan is an attorney with Norton Rose in Brussels, Belgium.

Catherine Giovannani is an associate at Steptoe & Johnson, LLP. Catherine represents Southern California Edison Company in its efforts to get the federal government to ensure just and reasonable rates for electricity in the West.

John Kang is corporate counsel with World-Premier Investments in Santa Ana, California. John is married and has two children.

John Kelly is a senior associate practicing commercial real estate for the law firm of Wilcox & Savage in Norfolk, Virginia.

Michael Levy is an associate with Kenyon & Kenyon in New York. Michael and his wife, Daniela, have two children.

David Lutz is self-employed with a practice in criminal, personal injury and immigration law.

Fred Schoenbrodt is an attorney with the firm of Dillon, Bitar & Luther in Morristown, New Jersey, where he focuses his practice on tax law, business law, trusts and estates, and fiduciary litigation. Fred and his wife, Nicole, have two sons.

Linda Jenner Shevlin resides in Pennsylvania with her husband and three children.

Jean-Cyril Walker is an associate with Keller & Heckman, LLP practicing environmental law representing industry and associations at the federal and state level.

John Woolums is Director of Governmental Relations, Maryland Association of Boards of Education.

1996

Jocelyn Adkins is an attorney with the U.S. EPA, Office of General Counsel, International Environmental Law Office.

Jennifer Bragg is an attorney with King and Spalding in Washington, DC. Jen is a member of the food and drug group and does litigation and regulatory work, mostly for pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Michael Carlson is a senior associate with Anderson, Coe and King in Baltimore, MD. Mike is married and has 2 children.
Fei Fei Chao is of counsel with Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti in Washington, DC, practicing patent law. Fei Fei represents clients from Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Canada and the U.S. on Intellectual Property related matters.

Richard J. Facciolo is an associate with Richards, Layton & Finger in Wilmington, DE.

Robert Hogan is an Enforcement Attorney in the NOAA, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation. His responsibility includes enforcement of our nation’s natural resources laws in the marine environment.

Elizabeth Gaudio Milito is an attorney with the National Federation of Independent Business in Washington, DC. Beth and her husband live in Alexandria, VA.

Chris Van de Verg is General Counsel for Core Communications, Inc., in Annapolis, MD.

Susan Winchurch is of counsel with the firm Tenenbaum & Saas P.C., in Bethesda, MD, practicing in the area of commercial real estate, with a concentration on leasing and development work.

Robin Schoeps Lewis is working part-time for Pesticide Action Network – UK, on international pesticide law and policy in London.

Jane O’Leary is Assistant Director, Social Concerns, Catholic Charities.

Brian Perlberg is Director of Government Affairs and Business Relations for Design-Build Institute of America in Washington, D.C. Brian also volunteers as a pro bono attorney for the Community Law Center. He successfully represented a Community Association before an administrative board in Baltimore City. Brian and his wife Rebecca Hirshorn, ’98, recently bought a new house in Howard County (see picture).


Mark Petrauskas is an assistant attorney with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Mark’s primary role involves advising the Maryland Historical Trust, the Department’s Single Family Lending Program and the Smart/Building Codes Program.

Howard Stevens is a partner with the Baltimore law firm of Wright, Constable & Skeen, LLP, where he is one of three partners in the firm’s Construction Law Group. Steve’s primary practice area is construction litigation, representing a wide range of construction participants including contractors and design professionals.

Eric Veit is a litigation associate with Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver in Baltimore, MD.

Cheryle Wilson is a Land Use Attorney for Bechtel Corporation’s Telecommunications and Industrial Global Business Unit in Frederick, MD.

1997

Carrie Bland is an Assistant State’s Attorney for Baltimore City’s State’s Attorney Office in the Felony Narcotics Division.

Pat Deem is an attorney for the Federal Aviation Administration in their Airports and Environmental Law Division in Oregon. Pat and her husband recently purchased a home in Portland, Oregon and they are expecting their second child in October.

John Favazza is Legislative Counsel to Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates.

Mike Gieryc is an environmental attorney with the U.S. Army’s Office of the Staff Judge Advocate in Fort Richardson, Alaska. Mike spent time in Alaska as a child and was happy to have the opportunity to move back with his wife and three children.

Rachel Schowalter Jean-Baptiste is Associate Editor/Staff Attorney with the Environmental Law Institute. She and her husband, Carl ’97, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Colette Anabelle, age 4 months.

Jennifer Lundgren Lewis is in-house Counsel at Spectera, Inc., a national health care company headquartered in Baltimore, MD.

1998

Todd Hooker is an associate at Lowenstein Sandler in Roseland, New Jersey. Todd works on a broad range of matters, including those involving the intersection between Superfund and toxic tort liability. Todd is an adjunct Professor at Rutgers University School of Law where he teaches a seminar on Toxic Torts.
Loan Phan Nguyen is an attorney with the U.S. EPA in Washington, DC.

Joseph Pelletier is a trial attorney with Fair Housing Enforcement Division, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, DC.

Jerroid Poslusny, Jr. is junior member with Cozen O'Connor in Cherry Hill, NJ. Jerry and his wife have a daughter, Sophie Marie, age 2.

David Thomas is an associate with Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds, LLP in Washington, DC. David lobbies for and advises clients on a range of federal legislative and regulatory matters before Congress and various agencies. David is married and has a two year old daughter, Grace.

Mary Ledwell Weidenbach is an associate with Riener & Braunstein in Boston, MA.

1999

Stuart Barr is an attorney with Lerch Early & Brewer in Bethesda, MD. Stuart focuses on a wide range of land use, planning, and zoning matters primarily in Montgomery County, Maryland. Stuart and his wife Tracy Spriggs Barr, '00, have a daughter, Cora Alane (see picture).

Stu Barr, '99, and Tracy Spriggs Barr's '00, daughter, Cora Alane, age one.

Kimberle Dodd is an associate with Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Washington, DC, practicing in the environmental, civil litigation and government contracts areas (see picture).

Kimberle Dodd, '99, visits Egypt with her friend, Robert Vilchez.

Chuck Dodge is an associate with Hudson Cook, LLP in Linthicum, MD. Chuck is married to Hollie Paine Dodge, '99, and they have a daughter (see picture).

Chuck Dodge, '99, and Hollie Paine Dodge's, '99, daughter, Kelly, age one.

Michael Forlini is an attorney with Miles & Stockbridge in Baltimore, MD.

Tom Fort is an assistant counsel at Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River working to buy the office of the President a new helicopter.

Peter Johnson is an Assistant Federal Public Defender with the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland in Greenbelt, MD.

Nicole Lacoste is an associate with Tydings & Rosenberg LLP in Baltimore, MD, focusing on land use law. Nicole is Treasurer/Secretary of the Planning and Law Division of the National American Planning Association.

Mila Leonard Neubert is an associate with Cook Schuhmann & Grosenbode. She is married and lives in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Yvette Pena is Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT).
Bill Piermattei is an associate with Dehay & Elliston LLP in Baltimore, MD.

Teju Rau is a sole practitioner in Annapolis, MD. She focuses on adoptions, guardianships, labor and employment law, estates and trusts, and family law. She lives in Ellicott City, MD with her husband, son, and dog.

Alison Rosso is Legislative Director with Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) in Washington, DC.

Lori Schectel is a Regulatory Specialist with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Daniel Schreier is Director of Special Education in the Chicopee Public Schools in Springfield, MA. Dan and his wife have twin girls, Molly and Emma.

Yosefi Seltzer is Assistant Attorney General in the Maryland Attorney General's Criminal Investigations Division in Baltimore. He is responsible for investigating and prosecuting white collar crime throughout the state. Yosefi recently received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army following more than four years on active duty. In addition, he received his second Army Commendation Medal upon his completion of a tour of duty with the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency located in Ballston, Virginia, providing environmental compliance advice Army-wide and was the editor of the Army’s Environmental Bulletin.

John Shoaff is an attorney with the U.S. EPA, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances advising on standards and trade issues.

Jennifer Brune Spear gas is Associate General Counsel with Legg Mason in their Regulatory Affairs Department. Jennifer and her husband, Paul, recently celebrated their third anniversary.

Paul Versace is a Staff Attorney with U.S. EPA, Finance and Operations Law Office in Washington, DC.

Charlie Wagner is an attorney with Blank Rome LLP in Washington, DC, practicing environmental and hazardous transportation law.

Michael Woodruff is an associate with Drinker Biddle & Shanley LLP, practicing commercial real estate, including conveyancing, leasing, financing, and land use. He and his wife Georgia live in Branchburg, NJ.

2000

Brian Anderson is an associate with Axley Brynelson, LLP in Madison, Wisconsin.

Tracy Spriggs Barr is on extended maternity leave from the law firm of Campbell, Miller and Zimmerman. Tracy is married to Stu Barr, '99, and they have a one year old daughter, Cora Alane.

Jennifer Marie Bushman is a law clerk for the Honorable W. Newton Jackson, III, in Wicomico County, Maryland.

John Cannan is an associate with The Law Offices of John C. Murphy in Baltimore, working on historic preservation, condemnation, land use and community rights cases. This fall he will begin work toward a MLS at the University of Maryland with the goal of finding ways to deliver legal information to low income and middle income individuals so that they may better defend their interest. John, his wife Christina, and son, Justin, spent May in the English Midlands (see picture).


Valerie Csizmadia is an attorney with the Delaware Department of Justice who represents the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control.

Paul DeSantis has his own appellate law practice in Bel Air, MD, handling both state and federal appeals from all over Maryland and also general litigation.

Kevin Flynn is an associate with Van Ness Feldman in Washington, DC. His firm specializes in energy, environmental and natural resource law.

Joanna Goger is a member of the adjunct faculty at the University of Maryland School of Law, where she will teach a seminar in Biodiversity Law in Spring, '05. She also will be assisting the environmental law program with other special projects in spring, '05. Joanna and her husband Jason live in Severna Park, MD, and are expecting a baby this fall.
Melissa Hearne is an associate in the Governmental Affairs practice group of Piper Rudnick, LLP. Her practice covers regulatory counseling, litigation and transactions, including representing clients on Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, RCRA and UST issues.

Lee Ann Lezzer is an attorney-advisor on lead-based paint work for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of General Counsel, in Washington, DC.

Jennifer Marshall is a contract attorney with the Department of Justice in Washington, DC., making decisions on its internal civil rights/EEO claims of discrimination. Jennifer is married and has 2 children (see picture).

Quang Nguyen is the Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), within the Department of Homeland Security in Arlington, VA.

Claudia Rozenberg is an attorney for the Center for Strategic Research, AFL-CIO.

Kerstin Schuster is a budget analyst with the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, MD.

Melanie Shepherdson is a Staff Attorney with Natural Resources Defense Council's Water and Coastal Program in Washington, DC. Melanie focuses on Clean Water Act litigation and policy (see picture).

Lisa Shipley lives in California and works in broadcasting for Direct TV.

Melanie Shepherdson, '00, hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Mark Matulef is Vice Chair of the Maryland State Bar Association Environmental Law Section. Over the past three years, he has coordinated opportunities for Maryland attorneys to publish environmental law articles in MSBA publications. He published an article on lead poisoning and workers' compensation in the University of Baltimore Journal of Environmental Law. Currently, he is a mortgage attorney with the U.S. HUD and chairs the City of Hyattsville’s Citizen Volunteer Planning Committee. Mark and his wife Delores recently became parents of triplets born on August 10.

Marvin Muller III has a solo immigration practice in Silver Spring, MD. He represents foreigners from all over the world, especially Central and South America. In October of 2001, he married Jen Schwartzzott ('01) in KeyWest, Florda (see picture).

Cynthia Tippett is Coordinator of the Health Care Program at the University of Maryland School of Law. Cindy is married and has a son (see picture).

Evan Wolff is an attorney with Mitre Corporation working with the Department of Homeland Security on infrastructure protection issues. Evan is engaged and will be married in October. Brian Anderson, '00, and his daughter, will both play the violin at the wedding ceremony.

James Benjamin, Jr., is Assistant City Solicitor with the City Solicitor's Office in Baltimore City in the Environmental and Land Use Division.

In October 2001, Marvin Muller, '01, married Jen Schwartzzott, '01, in Key West, FL.

2001
Emily A. Berger is an associate with the Intellectual Property law firm of Lowrie, Lando & Anastasi in Cambridge, MA.

Jon Cardin is a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, (D), District 11, Baltimore County. John devoted much of the last legislative session to environmental bills. In addition, Jon placed in the top 15% competing in the Columbia Triathlon. (see article on page 7).

John Celeste is an associate with Miles and Stockbridge in Baltimore, MD.

Sara Ruth Cohen is a policy analyst with the Department of Legislative Services in Annapolis, MD.

Jonathan Cusson is an associate with Anderson, Coe & King, LLP, in Baltimore, MD.

Michele Dunlop is an associate with Arnold & Porter in Washington, DC.

Terry Harris has a general and environmental practice in Baltimore. Terry is President of the Cleanup Coalition, a small Baltimore-based non-profit, working with communities on issues involving brownfield redevelopment, emergency response, and air, waste and water permitting.

Jeffrey Herrema is an attorney at the U.S. EPA, Office of General Counsel in Washington, DC.

Leslie Hill is a patent litigation associate with Arnold & Porter LLP in Washington, DC. For summer vacation, Leslie watched the first 7 stages of the Tour de France and rode the Tour course everyday (see picture).

Leslie Hill, '01, at the finish line for the second stage of the Tour de France in Namur, Belgium.

Eric Letvin is Department Head, Natural Hazards Engineering, Greenhorne & O’Mara, Inc. in Greenbelt, MD.

Chad Littleton is an attorney-advisor with the Policy Evaluation and Coordination Branch, Office of Site Remediation and Enforcement, U.S. EPA, in Washington, DC.

Gail Orendorff is an attorney with the Federal Aviation Administration in their Airports and Environmental Law Division. Gail will be getting married in the fall.

Michael Strande is managing attorney with the Center for Tobacco Regulation at the University of Maryland School of Law.

Michelle Vanyo is an associate with Wharton, Levin, Ehrmantraut, Klein, Nash in Annapolis, MD.

Wade Wilson is an associate in the litigation section of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Washington, DC.

2002

Andrew Brought is an environmental associate with Baker Botts in Houston, TX.

Rob Cage is an Economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, DC.

Margaret Clune is currently completing her Masters in Community Planning (M.C.P.) from the University of Maryland at College Park, which she began as part of UMD’s joint J.D./M.C.P. program. She also works as a policy analyst for the Center for Progressive Regulation.

Chris Corzine is a family advocate attorney with the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning in Baltimore, MD. In July of this year, Chris married Kate Christensen.

Quentin Kent is working for the Department of Homeland Security as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer in the U.S. Coast Guard’s Office of Legislation. He is married and has four children.

Jeanny Kim is a Special Assistant City Solicitor with the Baltimore City Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Lead Paint Enforcement).

Greg Schaner is an attorney-advisor with the U.S. EPA, Office of Water in Washington, DC. Greg and his wife Sharon have a son, Gabriel, age 9 months.

Daniel Smith is an attorney with the Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division in Washington, DC.

Shawn Steel is an attorney-advisor with the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Administrative Judges in Baltimore, MD.

Jessica Stuart is legal counsel for the Chlorine Chemistry Council, a business council of the American Chemistry Council in Arlington, VA. In August this year, Jessica married Matt Steinhilber ’03, and they live in Columbia, MD.

Mark Sullivan is an associate in the Intellectual Property-Patent Law section at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Washington, DC.

2003

Karyn Bergmann is an attorney with the Law Office of Peter Angelos in Baltimore.

Andi Thomas Bernat is an attorney with the Physician’s Committee for Responsible Medicine working on agriculture policy issues.

Andrew Bokan is an attorney with the law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. in Fort Myers, Florida.

Amy Garvin is an associate with Maslan Brown & Associates LLP in Darien, Ct., specializing in real estate, land use and development, in Fairfield County.

Christopher Godzor is a staff attorney with Maryland’s Office of the Attorney General, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Ted Hilke is an associate with Graham, Curtin & Sheridan in Morristown, NJ.

Shana Jones is a law clerk for the Honorable Robert Doumar of the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Virginia. Shana and her husband recently bought a house in Norfolk, VA.

Jon Kallen is an environmental consultant with DPRA, Inc., in Rosslyn, VA, focusing on legal/policy analysis, rulemaking, and administrative law work. Clients include EPA, DOD, and private industry. He was recently elected to the Board of the Fredericksburg-Stafford County Park Authority. Jon and his wife reside in Fredericksburg, VA, and are expecting a baby boy in the fall.

Kristen Klick is an associate with Arnold and Porter in Washington, DC.

Tracy Kulikowski is a stay-at-home mom to her son born in February. Tracy, her husband and son reside in Redding, Connecticut (see picture).

Tracy Kulikowski, ’03, with her son, Mason, age 7 months, on a trip to Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

Jomar Maldonado is an attorney with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation. He works on environmental impact statement issues involving Mexican motor carriers operating within the U.S. Jomar’s work involves the Clean Air Act, NAFTA, NEPA, and transboundary issues. He is married, lives in College Park, and has a nine-month old son (see picture).

Jomar Maldonado, ’03, with son, Gabriel Alejandro, age 11 months.

Christina McGarvey is an associate with Vinson & Elkins LLP in Washington, DC.

Roy Potter is a primary patent examiner at the United States Patent Office.

Alan Sachs is an environmental associate with Beveridge & Diamond in Washington, DC.

Matthew Steinhilber is an associate with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll in Baltimore, MD.

Gemma Vestal is Legal Officer/Scientist with the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.
Katherine Baer's, '04, daughter. Harper, age 5 months.

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Katherine Baer is a policy analyst with the Center for Progressive Regulation (CPR) in Washington, DC, working on a variety of environmental and public health issues including law and science. Katherine recently had a baby girl (see picture).

Ryane Bellarin is a policy analyst with the Department of Legislative Services in Annapolis, MD. Ryane will be married in October of this year.

Christie Biggs is assistant state attorney with the Pinellas County State Attorney’s Office in Clearwater, Florida.

Jonathan Dowling has accepted a commission with the U.S. Navy JAG Corps.

Jaclyn Ford spent the summer as an adjunct professor with the University of Santa Barbara’s study-abroad program in New Zealand teaching field work in conservation and water resources. Jaclyn is now an attorney with the Department of Interior, Fish, Wildlife, and Botany Group, working primarily on Endangered Species Act issues.

Dan Fruchter has been accepted in the Honors Law Graduate Program of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC.

Mary Kelley is a law clerk for the Honorable Nancy Davis-Loomis at the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court.

Lonnie Kishiyma is a JAG Officer with the U.S. Coast Guard at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, DC.

Mala Malhotra is a Presidential Management Intern with the Department of Transportation, Office of International Aviation.

Richard Mattick is an environmental scientist with the U.S. EPA, Office of Underground Storage Tanks in Washington, DC.

Brian Pinkham is in the Masters Program in International Commercial Arbitration Law at Stockholm University.

Stephen Pyle is an associate with Dyer & Associates in McAllen, Texas.

Ray Schlee is a civilian attorney with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Greg Schwab is a law clerk for Magistrate Judge Susan Gauvey at the Federal District Court of Maryland.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDENTS TO HAVE ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Third year law student Ami Grace will have her article, "The 2005 Severe Ozone Nonattainment Deadline: A Prime Opportunity to Realize the Goals of the Clean Air Act," published in the December issue of the Environmental Law Reporter (ELR).

Third year law student Michael Clisham will have his article, "Preemption, Commercial Speech, and Tobacco Signage: Obstacles to Eliminating Tobacco Advertising," published in the Winter 2005 edition of The Urban Lawyer.
TWENTY-TWO STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONCENTRATION

Middle row: Dan Fruchter, Mary Kelley, Ryane Bellarin, Clinic Director Rena Steinzor, Kelly Pfeifer.
Not shown: Christie Biggs, Jonathan Dowling, Becky Lukaesko, Mala Malhotra, Richard Mattick, Claire McCown, and Greg Schwab.

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