New Faculty, Appointments & Promotions

The rise of outstanding scholars at the School of Law further strengthens programs and enhances the school’s outstanding academic reputation.

NEW FACULTY

MICHAEL PAPPAS joins the UM Carey Law faculty from Tulane University Law School, where he was the Forrester Fellow and Instructor in Legal Writing, and an adjunct professor teaching environmental law. His current scholarship explores the balance between governmental responsibilities and private rights in managing natural resources such as energy sources, coastal environments, fresh water environments, fisheries, and food sources. He received his BA and MA in English Literature from Stanford University and his JD, with distinction, from Stanford Law School.

ANDREW BLAIR-STANEK comes to UM Carey Law from the Washington, D.C., office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP, where he focused his practice on corporate and international tax matters for U.S. and foreign multinationals. He received his JD from Yale Law School and his AB, summa cum laude, in mathematics from Princeton University. While in law school, Blair-Stanek was a member of THE YALE LAW JOURNAL, and clerked for the Honorable Paul V. Niemeyer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Prior to law school, he was a software design engineer for an international software company. He is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia as well as before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Fifth Circuits and the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

PROFESSOR MICHELLE HARNER has been appointed to serve as Associate Dean for Academic Programs for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic years. Also serving as Co-Director of the Business Law Program, Harner’s 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.

Her most recent publications appear or are forthcoming in the VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW, NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW, FORDHAM LAW REVIEW (reprinted in Corporate Practice Commentator), ARIZONA LAW REVIEW, MARYLAND LAW REVIEW, SETON HALL LAW REVIEW, and SEATTLE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW. Several courts have cited her scholarship, including the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the First, Third, and Ninth Circuits and the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada.

Harners current is serving as the Reporter to the American Bankruptcy Institute’s Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11. In addition, in March 2009 and April 2012, she received research grants from the American Bankruptcy Institute Endowment Fund to study the role of creditors’ committees in Chapter 11 business bankruptcies and potential reforms to Chapter 11, respectively.

Harners previously 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 in 1996, she served as law clerk to Judge William T. Bodoh of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Harner attended the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University, where she served as Executive Editor of the OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL and also was a member of the Order of the Coif. She earned her undergraduate degree at Boston College, and she is admitted to practice law in Illinois and Ohio.

Harners is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Law Institute, American Bankruptcy Institute, the American Bar Association, and the International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals.
FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Promoted to Law School Professor, Kathleen Hoke Dachille ’92 also serves as Director of the Network for Public Health Law, Eastern Region and the Center for Tobacco Regulation at the School of Law. She teaches the Public Health Law Clinic, through which she engages law students in the work of the Network and the Center. She joined the faculty in 2002 after serving for eight years with the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland. During her tenure as an Assistant Attorney General, Dachille served in the Civil Litigation Division and the Opinions and Advice Division. As a Special Assistant Attorney General, Dachille worked on a variety of public health initiatives, including an evaluation of the proposed conversion of CareFirst BlueCross/BlueShield, with focus on whether the non-profit health insurer was fulfilling its public obligations.

Promoted to Associate Professor of Law, Leslie Meltzer Henry’s scholarly interests include constitutional theory and interpretation, health policy and social justice, bioethics, reproductive justice, and research ethics. She is also an associate faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics. Prior to joining the law school faculty, Henry completed a post-doctoral fellowship in bioethics and health policy at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Georgetown Law Center; clerked for the Honorable Judith Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; was a fellow in the National Institutes of Health’s Office of Human Subjects Research; and was founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics. She has served as a bioethics consultant to the Department of Defense, and is an Associate of CETMONS: Consortium for Emerging Technologies, Military Operations, and National Security.

Promoted to Associate Professor of Law, Amanda Pustilnik is currently conducting research on mind models in criminal law, evidentiary issues presented by neuroscientific work on memory, and the role of pain in different legal domains. Prior to joining the faculty, she was a Climenko fellow and lecturer on law at Harvard Law School, and practiced litigation with Covington & Burling and with Sullivan & Cromwell, where she focused on white collar criminal matters. She also clerked for the Hon. Jose A. Cabranes on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She has been a visiting scholar at the University of Cambridge, Emmanuel College, in the History and Philosophy of Science department. Pustilnik has also worked at McKinsey & Company as a management consultant and is a member of the board of directors of the John Harvard Scholarships.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Connie Beals ’02 has been named the Assistant Dean of Admissions, after serving as Executive Director of Admissions since 2005. In her expanded role she oversees all functions of the Office of Admissions and partners with deans and directors to set strategic goals that have resulted in increased School standing nationally.

After graduating from UM Carey Law with a Certification in Health Law, Beals spent two years as the Deputy Director of the Center for Dispute Resolution at the University of Maryland (C-DRUM). Combining her interest in medicine and law and previous experience as a Health Advocacy Specialist in the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, she helped to organize and administer a collaborative Medical Malpractice Roundtable. Prior to law school, Beals worked extensively in clinical medicine, primarily diagnostic imaging, as a clinician, manager, and liaison. She has served on the LSAC Misconduct and Irregularities Subcommittee and is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association.

Trishana Bowden rejoined UM Carey Law in November 2011 as Associate Dean for Development and Alumni Relations. With more than 20 years of experience in the advancement field, including her previous service as Director of Development here at the law school, Bowden brings a tremendous wealth of knowledge and institutional history to her new role at UM Carey Law. During her earlier tenure, she was deeply involved in successfully securing major gifts for the capital campaign that resulted in the law school’s impressive facility. For Trishana Bowden’s full bio, please see page 41.