



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN:

Lawyers are leaders.

OUR STUDENTS AND GRADUATES CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH THEIR LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND BUSINESS.

Throughout this issue, you will find examples of students, faculty, and alumni doing more than merely being leaders, but *leading the way* in many areas of the law. For instance:

- Erin Miller '13 *convinced* Congress that her 95-year-old grandmother and other members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots—or WASPs, as they were known during World War II—should have the right to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Professor Michael Pinard and his students in the Reentry Clinic helped persuade public officials to *advance* new laws that make it easier for people who were arrested for non-violent crimes to shield that information. Absent shielding, these records are often barriers to community reengagement.
- Meg Utterback '91 was immersed in Chinese culture and law during the mid-1980s while she was a graduate student there. Today, by *taking risks*, she's the only foreign-born female partner on the executive committee of a Chinese law firm, which is the sixth-largest firm in the world.
- Professor Maureen Sweeney, Michelle Mendez '08, and the students in Sweeney's Immigration Clinic *influenced* case law trends that now make domestic violence an acceptable basis for granting asylum to their clients, women and children fleeing their homes in Central America.

As members of the legal community, we have a responsibility to help our young lawyers become leaders, whether through teaching or working with recent graduates in a firm, corporation, government agency, or nonprofit organization.

It is our job to give them the tools they need to be successful lawyers: a solid understanding of legal theory, sharp analytic skills, and plenty of practical experience.

We must also help them discover the particular vision they feel compelled to translate *into action*—for it is that vision, drive, and sense of purpose that will empower and distinguish them as leaders.

To develop leaders, students at Maryland Carey Law have the chance to study in a city where they can learn firsthand how law affects personal and institutional change—in education, health care, housing and policing, to name just a few areas.

Leadership is never easy. Maryland Carey Law remains committed to continuing its long legacy of producing great lawyers and great leaders. With your help, we are confident we will succeed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald B. Tobin".

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