

LAW SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

1982

STEPHEN GOLDNER of West Bloomfield, MI, has received a patent from the U.S. Patent and Trade Office for his proprietary process to freeze dry cannabis. His startup, Pure Green, was awarded the first marijuana processing license in Michigan in 2018. The company employs 65 people.

1983

KATHRYN SENIE of Redding, CT, has spent the last year as the chief of staff at Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts. She practiced zoning and municipal law for 10 years before pivoting to higher education.

1984

JANET (KIPPHUT) AINSWORTH, '74, JD '84, of Guilford, CT, works as a staff attorney in the Connecticut state agency that oversees the Connecticut State Police. She hopes to wind up a nearly 30-year career in state service in 2021 to explore nonprofit opportunities in conservation advocacy.

JILL (BRAUNSTEIN) KREMER of Merrick, NY, is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch's Merrick office on Long Island. She was named to the 2019 Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" and "Top Women Wealth Advisors" lists.

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LINDA (FUNKE) JOHNSON of Fuquay-Varina, NC, is practicing law in North Carolina. She received her estate planning and probate specialist designation in 2007. In 2018, she was elected a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. She recently was nominated as a member of the Board of Governors, North Carolina Bar Association.

1989

TRACEY (GOODSPEED) ZINCK '86, JD '89, of Saco, ME, is serving a one-year term as president of the International Claim Association. The ICA is the world's largest organization of professionals in the life and health insurance industry. She is an assistant vice president of claims at Disability-RMS.

1991

ANDREW ROTH of Bellmore, NY, has been named a Super Lawyer in the business litigation area for the seventh consecutive year. He practices commercial, business, title and municipal litigation for Sahn Ward Coschignano.

DAVID SULLIVAN of New Fairfield, CT, announced his candidacy for the 5th Congressional District seat in Connecticut. Sullivan, a Republican and former federal prosecutor, teaches in the criminal justice program at Western Connecticut State University.

1994

DAVID HOLLANDER of New York, NY, received the 2019 NYU Distinguished Teaching Award. Only six full-time professors among 6,000 faculty members are chosen. Hollander is the NYU School of Professional Studies assistant dean/Real World program, and a clinical associate professor of sports management at the Preston Robert Tisch Institute for Global Sport.

1995

JILL BACKER of Massapequa, NY, recently published the article, "Law School Employment Data Reporting: Are We Losing the Forest for the Trees." The article appeared in the New York Law Journal. Backer is the assistant dean for career and professional development at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University.

1996

ERIC MOONEY of Harbeson, DE, was named one of the best attorneys in Delaware by his peers. He works at the law offices of Mooney & Andrew. He was listed among the state's top criminal defense lawyers.

2000

AMY CILLIE of Cheshire, CT, has joined Alderman & Alderman of Hartford and New York. She specializes in commercial and complex litigation. Cillie previously worked as an associate at Byrne & Storm in Hartford.

MICHAEL MCPHERSON of Old Lyme, CT, recently joined the Connecticut law firm, Halloran Sage. He practices appellate law, health care law and insurance defense.

2005

LISA NELSON of San Diego, CA, has joined the Leavitt Group as vice president of compliance and regulatory affairs & HIPAA privacy officer. Her practice areas are ERISA, HIPAA and employee benefits.

LEIGHANNE SCOTT of Falls Church, VA, has joined Caplin & Drysdale as a member to head and grow its new SALT (state and local tax) practice.

2006

KEITH ANTHONY of Guilford, CT, is a partner at Halloran Sage in the firm's litigation and dispute resolution, insurance, family law and military defense practice groups. He also serves in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as a major and judge advocate.

MARIA EBERLE of New York, NY, recently earned a spot as one of five tax law practitioners under age 40 selected as a "Rising Star" by Law360. Eberle is a partner at Baker McKenzie in New York City.

2007

JILL RUANE of Trumbull, CT, a juvenile defense attorney, recently released her first Alexa skill, "Family Conversations." Alexa skills are applications designed to be used with Amazon's voice control devices. The Family Conversations app promotes discussions ranging from simple to complex among parents and children.

2011

GRACIELLE CABUNGAL of Bayonne, New Jersey, has been named the data privacy officer at Digital Remedy. She has experience practicing in a variety of areas, including corporate law, intellectual property, domestic relations, immigration and breach of contract litigation.

2012

STEVEN KOS of West Seneca, NY, has joined Magavern Magavern Grimm LLP as an associate attorney. He works with the firm's health law and civil litigation groups.

2013

CHRISTOPHER CLARK of Hamden has joined Goldberg Segalla as an associate with the firm's general liability team

in Hartford. He previously worked with Howd & Ludorf LLC in Hartford.

2016

MARY-CAITLIN HARDING, '13, JD '16, of Brookfield, CT, has joined the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice as a deputy assistant state's attorney. She is one of four new prosecutors at state Superior Court in Danbury.

LINDSAY RINEHART of Danbury, CT, has served as the acting program chair of the Westport-Weston Chapter of the Connecticut Bar Association since July 2018. She practices labor and employment law as an associate attorney with Brody and Associates.

2017

MICAH VITALE, '14, JD '17, of Wolcott, CT, has joined the law firm of Carlton Fields in Hartford. She is an associate in the firm's labor and employment practice.

2018

JONATHAN AUBIN of New Haven recently joined Waller Smith & Palmer. At Quinnipiac, where he graduated magna cum laude, he served as publication editor of the Quinnipiac Law Review.

IN MEMORIAM

2017

Albert Dattilo '55
Daniel Ehrbar '76
Howard Geller '74
Joseph Healy '49
Nancy Heg '51
Austin Kent '49

2018

Lynette (Donahue) Clinton '66
Nancy Coleman '90
Erwin Cutler '57
Barbara (Reed) Douglas '43
Harold Kent '41
Christian Kohler '66
Charles Lewis '58
Deborah Lindstrom, JD '81
Louis Matson '48
Esmonde Phelan '60
Grace Schaefer, MHS '83
Florence (Inslar) Stolper '39

2019

Marilyn Allesandrine '04
Shirley (Young) Avedon '48
Mark Belinkie '95
Samuel Boyarsky '48
Eleanor (Webster) Bradley '41
Michael Brissette '92
Michael Carnevale '72
Sharon Cotter, MSN '04
Genard Dolan '79
Thomas Geirin '57
David Giacondino '67
Jamie Lynne (Beckman) Gorton, MS '14
Robert Harris, MAT '97
Dorothy (Mulligan) Holleran '40
Hugo Hollinger, JD '86
Christopher Kinsey '74
Carl Koch '88
Brian Korn, MHS '99
Kaitlyn Lovett '12, MAT '13
Janet Magill '91
George Meehan '61
Matthew Mierzwinski '05
Warren Newberry '70
Juris Patrylak '86
Barbara (Fisher) Pedersen '56
Charles Ratner '52
Kenneth Reilly '64
Frank Rossetti '57
Joseph Raymond Roy Jr. '67
Molly Ryan '12
Edward Sexton '52
Charles Sweet '55
Laura Tynan '95
Joan (Burkle) Walsh '56
Barbara Wolfe '49



Quinnipiac professors emeritae Mary Ferrari, left, and Toni Robinson, center, at the Celebration of the Tax Law program with Sara Spodick, JD '03, director of the Tax Clinic at the School of Law. Both professors were honored for their remarkable contributions to the program.

THE LAW AT WORK

Advising employers gives alumna chance to shape workplace culture

BY OLIVIA ABEL
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TANYA BOVÉE, JD '01, hadn't planned to be a lawyer. "It just wasn't on my radar," she says. As an undergraduate, she studied criminal justice and fire science with the goal of becoming an arson investigator. When a friend took the LSAT, she took it, too.

Taking the test turned out to be a good move. Today, Bovée is the office managing principal at the Hartford office of Jackson Lewis P.C. With more than 950 attorneys nationwide, it is one of the country's largest and preeminent labor and employment law firms. In her role, she manages and mentors many lawyers throughout the firm, as well as law students, and she also maintains a busy practice with clients from coast to coast.

"Basically, I advise employers on what the law is and how to comply with it," she says. "I help them navigate complex issues that crop up in the workplace."

There are a lot of complex—and high-profile—workplace issues these days. The #MeToo movement, medical marijuana, and Connecticut's new paid FMLA law—all have impacted Bovée's practice. "There are always new laws coming down, which is what makes employment law so fascinating and challenging."

Bovée is also passionate about diversity—it's an issue close to her heart. She came to Connecticut from South Korea when she was just 4 months old. "Growing up in the '70s and '80s in Connecticut, I saw very few Asians around me," she says. That's one of the reasons she is proud to be part of a firm that truly values diversity and inclusion.

She pays it forward in a bigger way. She is a current board member and past president of the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association. In 2009 the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association recognized her efforts by naming her one of its "Best Lawyers under 40." And in 2016, the Women in the Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association presented her with the Ladder Award for leaving the "ladder down" for other women. She is also a current board member of the Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity.

Bovée had considered a career in tax law, mostly thanks to an inspiring Quinnipiac University law professor. "Tax with Mary Ferrari was my favorite class," she says, noting that QU also gave her the opportunity to have "amazing" practical experiences, including a judicial and a corporate externship. She observed excellent litigators in action from the perspective of the bench, and also learned what it's like to work in an in-house legal department.



Tanya Bovée, JD '01, outside the Hartford office of Jackson Lewis P.C., where she is the managing principal.

Shortly after graduating, Bovée landed a job advising on international law at accounting giant Arthur Andersen. When the firm closed, Bovée changed direction and took a job representing employees in employment litigation. Tax and employment law seemed similar to her, as both rely on interpretations of the law. She describes employment law as "captivating because every issue is different."

While Bovée found the plaintiff side interesting, one thought kept running through her head: "I'd really like to be on the other side, to represent employers, where I'd be able to effectuate some change." She eventually networked her way to a job as an associate at Jackson Lewis in 2004; she made partner in 2010 and started managing the Hartford office in 2016.

"Working with clients is just a phenomenal experience. You get the opportunity to shape culture and really help," she says. "I think sometimes people think of companies as big, faceless corporations, but in reality, corporations are made up of people trying to make the best decisions they can."

Jackson Lewis clients come from numerous fields including life sciences, health care, higher education, insurance, retail, and government contractors and range from companies with instant brand name recognition to small mom and pop operations.

Bovée helps companies try to avoid litigation, but she realizes not all litigation is avoidable. These days, she says approximately 50 percent of her job involves advising and training employers; 30 percent is dedicated to affirmative action; and the remainder is spent litigating—most often discrimination, retaliation or whistleblower claims.

And then there is her other job: mother of two boys ages 6 and 3. Commuting to Hartford each day from Guilford leaves her little down time. Family is her priority on the weekends. She and her husband also care for her mother and grandmother, who both live independently nearby. "My grandmother is 97. She's sharp as a tack; she's my hero," Bovée says.