

LAW SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

1976

LYNDA BATTER MUNRO, a retired Connecticut Superior Court judge, was presented with the 2019 Ladder Award by the Connecticut Bar Association in March. The award honors a Connecticut female attorney who has "left the ladder down" for women to follow in her footsteps, mentoring and supporting more junior lawyers in their own journeys.

1988

CHRISTINE GARRITY of Del Ray Beach, FL, stepped down as general counsel to the PGA of America after 25 years of service to assume a consulting role with the association.

1990

EDWARD SOKOLNICKI, '78, JD '90, of Ansonia, CT, is a global service operational director and retired attorney. He is recovering from rotator cuff surgery and preparing for the Tour du Mount Blanc 2019 (France, Italy and Switzerland).

1995

KAJA-ANNE JEZYCKI of Queen Creek, AZ, is the general counsel and corporate secretary for Keap, formerly known as Infusionsoft. She manages all legal, corporate governance and compliance matters for the company and is responsible for driving the strategy process.

1996

JAMES HENRY of Elgin, IL, was promoted to director of human resources for an integrated behavioral health campus, including a 178-bed inpatient hospital, outpatient clinic, therapeutic day school, partial hospitalization program and outpatient program.

1999

REBECCA IANNANTUONI of Bethany, CT, received a 2019 Coleman Award in recognition of her pro bono work in the community. She is a counsel in the New Haven office of Day Pitney. Her pro bono work includes volunteering as legal supervisor for the Palliative Care Medical Legal Partnership in New Haven and serving as the conservator and guardian for several individuals with mental health issues.

KRISTIE KUHL of Fairfield, CT, was promoted to managing partner at Finn Partners. She oversees the New York and Chicago health groups and the U.S. pharma team.

2001

JOHN BURKE of Annandale, NJ, was appointed a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court in June 2017 by former Gov. Chris Christie. He was assigned to the Family Division, Burlington Vicinage, in Mount Holly.

JASON WELCH was appointed chief legal counsel for the Connecticut Senate Republican Caucus in February. He has been an associate at Beazley Insurance Co., a Lloyd's of London syndicate based in Farmington, CT. He lives in Bristol, CT, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their seven children.

2002

EUGENIA FRENZEL of Milford, CT, was promoted to director of pricing and practice management economics at Perkins Coue, a 1,000-plus attorney international law firm.

2003

LUCIO DELUCA of North Haven, CT, is director of information systems for the Connecticut Judicial Branch. Before that, he served the judiciary as deputy director of judge support services.

2004

RYAN POE-GAVLINSKI of Waunakee, WI, is clinical director for the VOCA Restraining Order Clinic at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

2005

ANDREW STONE of Valdosta, GA, opened Stone Law Office in Valdosta in 2018. He focuses on general practice law. His wife, **AMANDA STONE, MHS '06**, a physician assistant, opened Lake Park Family Care Clinic in 2018 in Lake Park, GA. The couple lives in Valdosta.

BRYAN D. ZERHUSEN of Cheshire, CT, has joined Cantor Colburn in Hartford as chair of its life sciences practice group. Previously, he was co-chair of the life sciences practice group at Locke Lord.

2006

TAMARAH EVANKO married Brian Gay on May 12, 2018, in

Tolland, CT. The couple lives in Vernon, CT.

JAMES PARKER of Hamden is a vice president and trust officer at Essex Savings Bank. Before this position, he was a senior fiduciary advisory specialist with a large national bank.

2010

JOE REYNOLDS of Spring City, PA, is an assistant vice president in the National Environmental and Construction Professional Liability Practice at RT Specialty/New Day. He is responsible for securing environmental and construction-related professional liability coverage forms for companies representing the architectural, engineering and real estate marketplace.

KRISTEN L. STUMPO '07, JD '10, is an associate at Goldberg Segalla in Hartford where she is part of the workers' compensation practice group. She previously worked for Solimene & Secondo in Meriden, CT. She focuses on defending employers, insurance companies and self-insured clients in workers' compensation litigation.

2012

BRIAN VINCENT ALTIERI married Jessica Avilia Pace on Aug. 18, 2018, in Hartford. Brian is an attorney with Balzano and Tropiano in New Haven. The couple lives in Milford, CT.

MATTHEW CIARLEGIO of New Haven is an associate at Murtha Cullina in the firm's litigation department. He is based in the New Haven office and focuses on commercial and business litigation matters.

MICHAEL MILLER of Cheshire, CT, recently accepted a role as partner at Wiggin and Dana as an environmental lawyer in the firm's New Haven office.

BRITTANY (BUSSOLA) PAZ

of Orange, CT, has joined the Shelton office of Ruane Attorneys. Before joining Ruane, she was an associate at Pattis & Smith and also had a solo practice focused on criminal defense and appeals.

2013

KYLE ZRENDIA of Old Lyme, CT, has joined Suisman Shapiro in New London, CT, as

an associate on the firm's civil litigation team in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice.

2014

GENNA GOLDNER of New Haven has joined Stanley Black and Decker as its global privacy manager. She works with business stakeholders globally to drive privacy and protection compliance.

2015

TRAVIS NUNZIATO of Ogdensburg, NJ, is an associate at Laddey Clark & Ryan in the firm's personal injury practice group. He focuses on car accidents, products and premises liability claims.

2016

ALYSON BISCEGLIA of Lincoln, NE, is an associate at Ballew Hazen focusing in the areas of family law, corporate and business law, and estate planning. Prior to this, she practiced corporate law and estate planning in Connecticut and then Omaha.

KATE CLARK of Stuart, FL, is an associate at Joshua Deckard, a criminal defense and personal injury firm in Stuart. Prior to joining this firm, she was an associate at a boutique civil litigation law firm in Stuart.

MELANIE WHEELER of Barrington, IL, joined Derivative Path, a capital markets FinTech company, as general counsel and chief compliance officer. Previously, she worked for 11 years in various legal and compliance roles at AIG Global Capital Markets.

2018

MARK J. PENNEY of Canton, CT, was appointed human resources director for the city of Bristol, CT, in February.

IN MEMORIAM

2017

John Ambrulevich '59
Thomas Callahan '14
Michael Hackett '77
Timothy Lonergan '93

2018

Priscilla (Noble) Addoms '39
Fenner Burlingame '72
Dibirma (Pallenberg)
Burnham '48
Mary (Scalzi) Connaughton '42
Mary (Malone) D'Amato '78

Ernest DeMonico '64
Cynthia Dennis '75
Nicholas DiMassa '48
Michael Ellesio '65
George Gamble '65
Elizabeth (Zulkowski)
Graham '43
Thomas Gray '70
Gian Guardo '91
Thomas Hanson, MS '12
Todney Harris, MAT '98
Craig Henrici, JD '81
Eeltje Hubregtse, MHS '82
Cheryl Hyder '81
Philip Kearney '98
Margaret Kelley '48
Matthew Lane, JD '09
Janet (Andersen) Larsen '71
L. Sherry (Kravet) Lettick '65
Edward Levine '58
Peter Lis '71
Carmen Liuzza, JD '95
Irene Maculaitis '42
Eugene Mahoney '76
Kristi Melloni '91
Martha (Morgensen) Milano '86
Marylynn Miller '78
Robert Mortimer '59
Harold O'Connor '64
Daiga Osis, JD '80
Thomas Pasquale '50
John Paugas '64
William Powanda Jr. '68
Vincent Prato '51
Jean Quandt '43
Vera (Hanning) Roberts '40
Richard Sadler '62
Walter Selens '56
Frank Serva '73
Louis Sidera, JD '03
Jean Slocum (Quinnipiac trustee)
Susan Spellacy '84
Michael Strouch, JD '95
Richard Terbrusch, JD '04
Henry Tercyak '85
Alfred Tosetti '59
Stephen Tranzillo '66
Muriel (Gardner) White '37
Maureen (Norris) Wilkas, JD '85
Richard Ziemba '78

2019

Angelo Agos '57
Carl Carlson '74
Richard Carusone '58
Sally Ciarlo '78
John Cribbins '77
Meghan Crilly '06
Robert DeNardis, MPS '90
Roger Friend '60
Paul Howarth '91
Raymond Johnson '72
Jeffrey Leloia '06
George Meehan '61
Marianne (Draugelis) Miller '68
Salvatore Oliano '57
Barbara Jane (Fisher)
Pedersen '56
Richard Reilly '58
James Richardson '54
Eric Stabell, MS '11
Joseph Sullivan '85

TAX ROLES

Baker McKenzie partners recalled as ‘standouts’ by professors

BY ADAM DURSO
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Lindsay LaCava, JD '05, left, and Maria Eberle, JD '06, are partners at Baker McKenzie in New York City.

Like many successful lawyers before them, the career path traveled by Lindsay LaCava, JD '05, and Maria Eberle, JD '06, was strewn with long nights, billable hours and professional contacts. Of course, being partner at the New York City office of Baker McKenzie, one of the world's most prominent global law firms, has been worth it for these two tax specialists.

LaCava's and Eberle's clients include a who's who of Fortune 500 companies operating in almost every business sector. On any given day, they provide advice on state and local tax obligations, assist clients with mergers and acquisitions, and guide them through tax audits and litigation, going to court if needed.

"When you make partner, you are constantly thinking in terms of strategy, business development and managing your client relationships," Eberle said.

Baker McKenzie sits 19 stories above Fifth Avenue in bustling Midtown Manhattan, a few blocks from Grand Central Station. The floor-to-ceiling windows in its many conference rooms look out on St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center and other historic landmarks. It's a much different view

from their early days as associates—and one they imagined as law students. "We can definitely look around us each day and say, 'Wow, we did it,'" LaCava said.

The duo has come to view their partnership and friendship as indispensable to their success, despite the fact that they never met in law school. The School of Law's tax concentration gave LaCava, an undergraduate accounting major, the chance to combine her precision with numbers and ability to navigate complex rule sets. Eberle said she always enjoyed advocacy and was a fan of TV legal dramas. She had visions of herself as a criminal prosecutor or appellate advocate and at Quinnipiac, she excelled in tax moot court competitions.

Tax law professors emeritae Toni Robinson and Mary Ferrari, whom LaCava and Eberle both consider mentors, recalled them as outstanding tax students who were standouts among their peers.

"We've followed the professional progress of these two women from Big Four accounting to BigLaw, and their great success has been no surprise to us," Ferrari said. The seeds of that partnership were planted in 2006, when Ferrari and Robinson put Eberle in touch with LaCava, who had graduated the previous year and had been working at the accounting firm Deloitte.

"They told me I should talk to Lindsay, and she put my resume on the desk of my future boss," Eberle said. "The rest is history."

Shortly afterward, LaCava left Deloitte for New Haven-based Wiggin and Dana, but their friendship blossomed while they were enrolled in New York University's LLM program. They would finally get their chance to work together a few years later as partners at the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery in New York City. They joined Baker McKenzie together in 2015.

While they agree great things are happening for women in law, LaCava's and Eberle's rise in what remains a male-dominated profession has been challenging. Both have experienced gender bias at various points in their careers. Both are married with two young children each, and they work hard to strike a balance between their career responsibilities and family lives.

"We've been successful as women in large part because of our partnership and friendship," LaCava said. "As a team, we each know that the other will always be there to help."

Outside the office, LaCava and Eberle are active in the New York State Bar Association and in influencing changes in state tax laws. They speak at several state tax conferences each year and have published more articles than either of them can remember, including various articles for Tax Notes and Bloomberg BNA as well as a comprehensive treatise on New York tax law for Thomas Reuters' Checkpoint Catalyst.

LaCava, of Wilton, CT, was named a "Rising Star" in tax law in 2015 by Law360 and has been selected by Super Lawyers as a New York-Metro "Rising Star" for tax each year since 2013. She serves as the secretary/treasurer for the tax section of the Connecticut Bar Association. Eberle, of New York City, has taught state and local tax law as an adjunct professor—most recently at Quinnipiac School of Law. It's a role she'd like to continue. Both have been named in International Tax Review's Women in Tax Leaders Guide.

"We know that we can make the biggest possible impact by being the best in our practice at what we do," Eberle said. "We want this to be the place the next generation of state and local tax attorneys looks to and says, 'That's it—that's my end goal.'"