Trial and the Art of Sailing: A Guidebook for New (and Not So New) Attorneys to Navigate Trial Advocacy, and Life.

Michael D. Schwartz, JD ’93

Accomplished trial lawyer Michael Schwartz, founding partner of The Michael Schwartz Firm, has released a book on trial advocacy titled Trial and the Art of Sailing: A Guidebook for New (Not So New) Attorneys to Navigate Trial Advocacy, and Life. This informative and entertaining guidebook helps attorneys navigate trial work step by step, from the first client meeting to verdict. The book zigzags back and forth along the waters of actual trial work and life, offering blunt advice, mistakes lived and learned, anecdotes, war stories, strategy, and good, old fashioned commonsense.

How To Succeed In College and Beyond: A Truly Practical Guide

Jennifer Barbour Butler, JD ’98

This roadmap to student success in higher education goes beyond academic achievement to also explore the enriching experiences and personal growth opportunities that college provides. How to Succeed In College and Beyond is designed as a guidebook that equips students with transformational advice on how to make the most of their college years, from embracing diversity and wisdom to fostering courage and convictions. The author is an accomplished lawyer and educator.

To A High Court: Five Bold Law Students Challenge Corporate Greed and Change the Law

Neil Thomas Proto, JD ’72

They called themselves SCRAP—Students Challenging Regulatory Agency Procedures. For eight months in 1971 and 1972, the five GW Law students in SCRAP battled the federal government, powerful law firms, the nation’s railroads, and environmental organizations as they challenged corporate greed and the government’s failure to force compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Author Neil Thomas Proto, then SCRAP’s chair, details the students’ decision to sue the United States in a case that ended up before the U.S. Supreme Court. To a High Court tracks the students’ fight, mere blocks from anti-war demonstrations and a White House in upheaval, while asking the question: Did these irreverent students have standing to sue? Neil is also the author of a biography of A. Bartlett Giamatti and a book about Hawaii’s sovereignty.

Fire On the Levee: The Murder of Henry Glover and the Search for Justice after Hurricane Katrina

Jared Fishman, JD ’04

The file on Jared Fishman’s desk contained two items: a magazine story about a mysterious death following Hurricane Katrina and an autopsy report for Henry Glover, last seen—seriously wounded—in a car with a police officer. Mr. Glover’s body was later discovered in a burned-out car.

Fire on the Levee follows the trail of the young prosecutor, working on civil rights cases for the Department of Justice, as he tries to discover what had happened to Mr. Glover. The case led to reforms in the New Orleans Police Department and turned a light on race, policing, and justice. GW Professorial Lecturer in Law Fishman is the founder and executive director of Justice Innovation Lab, an organization that designs data-informed and community-rooted solutions for a more equitable, effective, and fair justice system.

The Kneeling Man: My Father’s Life as a Black Spy Who Witnessed the Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

Leta McCollough Seletzky, JD ’02

In the famous photograph of Martin Luther King, Jr. lying mortally wounded on the balcony of Lorraine Motel, all but one of the men who witnessed the shooting are pointing in the direction of the sniper. The lone outlier kneels at the civil rights leader’s side, trying to staunch the blood from the wound. It turned out that the kneeling man, the author’s father, was an undercover Memphis police officer who had been secretly reporting on King’s actions. In this deeply personal book, Leta McCollough Seletzky seeks to discover what shaped the complex life of a Black spy.
WELCOME BACK!

Hundreds of alumni from across the country returned to GW Law to reconnect with their alma mater at a gala Dean’s Dinner in October and a festive, events-filled Reunion Weekend in June.

Dean’s Dinner with special guest GW President Ellen M. Granberg (pictured in top right photos).

GW Law Reunion Weekend