

# class notes

## ALUMNI NEWSMAKERS

### 1970s

**Justin P. Klein, JD '72**, is the new director of The University of Delaware's Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance.

**Martin H. Malin, JD '76**, was nominated by President Biden to serve as chair of the Federal Labor Relations Authority's Federal Service Impasses Panel.

**Thomas Means, JD '78**, authored a recently published book titled "Copper Canyon." The book is available through Amazon.

### 1980s

**Andru Volinsky, JD '80**, was named Franklin Pierce University's first civic scholar-in-residence.

**Lisa Gurwitch, JD '82**, who has served as president and chief executive officer of Delivering Good since January 2015, is stepping down to join the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee as chief advancement officer.

**Barry Boss, JD '85**, the co-chair of Cozen O'Connor's white collar defense and investigations group and co-chair of the firm's commercial litigation department, has been named a 2021 South Trailblazer by *The American Lawyer*.

**Scott Levin, JD '87**, is the new chief legal officer of Atlas Power Group LLC. He previously served as FTD Companies Inc.'s chief administrative officer and general counsel.

**Caroline D. Pham, JD '87**, was sworn in as a commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on April 14 after being nominated by President Biden and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

**Pamela R. Schwartz, JD '87**, was appointed by President Biden to serve on the Federal Labor Relations Authority's Federal Service Impasses Panel.

**Steven Weber, JD '87**, joined Peckar & Abramson PC as a partner.

**John M. White, JD '87**, has joined Harness IP as a patent attorney. White has taught more than 70% of active patent attorneys in the U.S., working as chairman, author, and editor of the Practising Law Institute.

**Ambassador Catherine Russell, JD '88**, was appointed executive director of UNICEF by President Biden. She previously served as assistant to the President and director of the White House Office of Presidential Personnel.

**Steven J. Forbes, JD '89**, recently joined Freeman Mathis as a partner in the firm's Cleveland office.

### 1990s

**Ronald A. Krasnow, JD '90**, was appointed general counsel of T-knife Therapeutics Inc., a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to developing novel therapeutics to fight cancer.

**John Lewis, Jr., JD '90**, is now leading Shook, Hardy &

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# Amplifying Voices

AS VICE PRESIDENT AND COUNSEL OF GLOBAL GOVERNMENT Affairs at the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC), **NICK GIORDANO, JD '87**, takes the lead on policy issues that impact the organization's members. The trade association represents the United States' 60,000 pork producers, who range from large stakeholders such as Smithfield Foods to independent family farmers. Comprising 42 affiliated state associations, NPPC is the global voice for the U.S. pork industry.

In his role, Giordano works with constituents to address a diverse range of issues, including labor, agriculture, the environment, immigration, and trade. "The primary goal is to serve as advocates, ensuring producers' voices are heard by legislators at the local, state, and national levels, and around the world," he says.

Giordano came to the District to pursue a career in international affairs. While working toward an MA at American University, he also worked full-time at a law firm, doing research and analysis, which led him to GW Law's JD program. As he continued his career, focusing on international trade, he landed at NPPC. "My position with NPPC, for years, was all based on trade. I was in the middle of most trade deals the United States negotiated, and the United States is the largest pork exporter in the world," Giordano says.

When he decided to transition away from trade, he found exciting opportunities to take on new challenges within the organization, and grow and learn new skills. "I had to learn to rely on others. It was a challenge; it was humbling," he says.

Currently, NPPC is tackling pressing issues that include keeping African swine flu out of the U.S. through collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, and the Biden administration. "[African swine flu] is the number one issue on the minds of our stakeholders," he says.

In March, the U.S. Supreme Court granted a writ of certiorari petition submitted by NPPC and the American Farm Bureau

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Bacon's Houston office. He joined Shook as a business litigation partner in 2019.

**Robert Baron, JD '92**, a partner at Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, has been shortlisted for Managing IP's 2022 Litigator of the Year award for Pennsylvania.

**Craig Seebald, JD '92**, a partner at Vinson & Elkins LLP,

was appointed co-head of the firm's litigation department.

**Paul S. Weidlich, JD '92**, has joined Miller & Martin as a member of the firm's intellectual property practice group.

**Julie Rottenberg, JD '93**, was named Visa's executive vice president and general counsel. She oversees the company's global legal and



Federation in a legal battle regarding California's Proposition 12, which could potentially have a dramatic impact on the pork industry. Curbing rising food prices and access to labor are also both important issues for pork producers, Giordano says.

GW Law prepared him to make strategic choices in his career. After graduation, he worked at two top firms in D.C. "I flourished at these law firms, and I left because I wanted to leave. This is no knock on law firms, but it was the best decision I ever made," says Giordano.

"When I went to the Pork Producers Council, I thought I was going for three or four years. Here I am 27 years later, and I'm in the same place, and that's because I absolutely love it," he continues. "I feel like a part of my success is not just because I understand how politics work; not just because I get the policy, but the law has been very important. GW Law has served me well in my career."

– Willona Sloan

compliance functions from the San Francisco office.

**Laura Morton, JD '94**, has joined Perkins Coie as a partner in the firm's environment, energy, and resources practice.

**Rubin M. Sinins, JD '94**, has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the

premier legal associations in North America.

**Katayun Jaffari, JD '95**, chair of Cozen O'Connor's corporate governance and securities group, was invited to join the advisory board of Drexel's Governance Center. She was also selected to receive the Business Law Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award.

**Randi Kochman, JD '95**, was recently promoted to co-shareholder at Cole Schotz PC.

**Janet E. Lord, JD '95**, has co-authored the book "Untapped Power: Leveraging Diversity and Inclusion for Conflict and Development." She is a senior research fellow at the Harvard Law School Project on Disability and served as legal counsel during the drafting of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**Kirk Ogrosky, JD '95**, a former U.S. Department of Justice deputy chief, has joined Goodwin Procter LLP as a partner.

**Jason Roberts, JD '95**, has joined Fisher Phillips as of-counsel in the firm's Philadelphia office.

**Christina Sarchio, JD '95**, has been named one of the 2022 LawDragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America. A former prosecutor, she is a partner at Dechert LLP and also serves as the Hispanic National Bar Association's vice president for external affairs.

**Aruna Chandra, JD '96**, has been appointed executive vice president and general counsel at FlexGen Power Systems Inc.

**Tracy Rezvani, JD '96**, has been named administrator of the Howard County Office of Consumer Protection in Maryland.

**M. Chris Fabricant, JD '97**, is the director of strategic litigation and Joseph Flom Special Counsel for the Innocence Project.

**Travis Wells, JD '97**, was named protection officer of North America by The Global Organic Textile Standard.

**Brooke Poole Clark, JD '98**, was appointed the new secretary to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Cheolkyu Hwang, LLM '98**, has been appointed to the International Association of Prosecutors.

**Monica E. Monroe, JD '98**, has been named Harvard Law School's new assistant dean for community engagement, equity, and belonging.

**Frank J. Vitolo, JD '98**, was elected to partnership at Sills Cummis & Gross.

**Carol Williams, JD '98**, founder of Williams Immigration, was named treasurer of the Broward County Women Lawyers Association for the 2021-2022 term.

**Darse Crandall, LLM '99**, was appointed Judge Advocate General of the Navy in August 2021.

**Natasha Luddington, JD '99**, was named chief legal officer and corporate secretary of Fulton Financial Corp.

## 2000s

**Joshua M. Auxier, JD '00**, a partner at FLB Law, has been named to the 2021 Connecticut Super Lawyers for Professional Liability.

**Adam L. Braverman, JD '00**, joined Morrison & Foerster as a partner in the firm's investigations and white collar defense group.

**Carlos W. Ellerbe, JD '00**, was elected to partnership at Wilson Sonsini in San Francisco.

**Zachary A. Cunha, JD '01**, was recently approved by the Senate to serve as the U.S. Attorney for Rhode Island.

**Alice M. Shanahan, JD '01**, was elected to partnership at Duanne Morris.

**Joseph Helmsen, JD '02**, joined DLA Piper as a

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## A Seat at the Table

FOR **STANNIS SMITH, JD '14**, BECOMING A PRESIDENTIAL management fellow was an exciting opportunity that he almost passed up. During the hectic final weeks of law school, Smith received a call inviting him to interview for the highly selective, two-year fellowship. Despite having endured the arduous process of being selected as a fellow, he wrote the voicemail from the "White House" off as just another spam call.

"I got a second call, and it was really the White House," Smith says. After interviewing with staff from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), he received an offer to become a fellow in August 2014. Even then, he wasn't quite sure this was the right path for his new legal career. He sought the counsel of Renee Y. DeVigne, associate dean for academic development and online education.

"She said, 'You're taking this job,'" recalls Smith. "This is an amazing opportunity, and you're taking this job."

He accepted the offer, launching his career in an unexpected direction. "I'm seeing the inner workings of the government at a level that most people don't get to see, and being able to have a seat at the table contributing to really important policy decisions is amazing."

As a presidential management fellow, he served as a co-policy analyst on the federal government's real property portfolio. He also performed a detail in the General Counsel's office, where he served as co-lead on the implementation of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act, designed to provide greater transparency regarding federal expenditures.

Currently, in OMB's Office of Federal Financial Management, Smith serves as a senior policy analyst, where he focuses on policies that include the government charge card program, government debt collection, travel and conference, as well as co-leading the resolution of Anti-deficiency Act violations.

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— *Stannis Smith*



"I enjoy that we get to see our policy work go into effect rather quickly," says Smith. "You have a sense of, I worked on that, I had a significant impact on fixing that thing or contributing to implementing the President's management agenda during his term—because that's what we are there to do."

In 2016, Smith, who is also a licensed realtor, founded the law firm SmithAdams Law Group, where his practice focuses on the areas of employment, entertainment, and real estate law.

Originally from Albany, Ga., Smith is also a proud graduate of Morehouse College. Prior to attending law school, he enjoyed a 14-year career as a higher education professional. In fact, he served as the director of financial aid at GW's School of Medicine while attending law school part-time, at night.

"The GW Law program was rigorous. It's not easy and it's going to challenge you. It's going to test you, and it's going to push you. I appreciate the high level of expectations in the program," Smith says. "I left GW feeling equipped and ready."

— *Willona Sloan*

partner in the firm's intellectual property and technology practice.

**Matthias Kamber, JD '02**, is now a partner with Paul Hastings in the firm's intellectual property department. He has tried more than a dozen patent, trade secret, and copyright cases across the country and has worked with major technology clients from Netflix to Google and Comcast.

**Caroline D. Bar, JD '03**, has joined Post & Schell as a principal in the firm's professional liability department and medical malpractice defense practice group in Philadelphia.

**Sunni Dawn LeBeouf, JD '03**, a former New Orleans city attorney, has joined Ochsner Health as public affairs assistant vice president.

**Adrien Pickard, JD '03**, has joined Shapiro Lifschitz &

Schram, counseling clients involved in complex commercial disputes before state and federal courts and on appeal across the country.

**Jon Zucker, JD '03**, was appointed president of CASPR Group, an environmental health technology company.

**Monise Alexis Brown, JD '04**, was appointed to the Charles County Circuit Court of Maryland.

**Joshua T. Guyan, JD '04**, has joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP as a partner.

**Elizabeth L. Young, JD '04**, was appointed assistant chief immigration judge at the U.S. Department of Justice in August 2021.

**Jennifer Freely, JD '05**, has joined Jackson Walker as a partner. A former federal prosecutor, she is

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## A Long, Distinguished Career of Service

**RUTH C. BURG, JD '50**, HAS A LIST of accolades deserving of a pioneer in the legal profession. She went where few women had been as an attorney in the 1950s and 1960s, and it resulted in a remarkable career of public service and achievement.

Burg's career at GW was a model in any era. She served as editor of the *Law Review*, received the John Bell Larner Award, was elected to the Order of the Coif, and graduated from GW Law cum laude and first in her class.

Quickly realizing her talents, her law professors recommended her for annual scholarships in her second and third years. Today, her impact is reflected in the Ruth Burg Government Procurement Law Scholarship Fund, which honors her career, mentorship of young lawyers, and exemplary leadership in the field.

Even Burg's sterling law school career couldn't reverse the weight of the sexism she faced. "The dean called me into his office and told me normally a clerkship or a good associate position would go to the school's No. 1 graduate, but he said I had to realize in my situation that was not possible. In retrospect, I don't know what was more shocking, him admitting it or me accepting it."

Early in her career, she specialized in federal tax law, serving as a clerk to Judge Stephen E. Rice of the Tax Court of the United States. She was the first woman to serve in a Tax Court clerkship. After leaving the Tax Court, Burg practiced tax law in the District of Columbia and Maryland.

"The only people who needed tax advice were builders," remembers Burg. "I'd sit down in a room with a group of men, and I was often confused for a secretary. I could always sense the point in the meeting when they stopped thinking of me as a little girl. I became somebody who was giving them good tax advice."

In 1965, after the death of her first husband, and with two young children, she became a part-time legal assistant to the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission Board of Contract Appeals and continued in that capacity until her appointment as an Administrative Judge to the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals in 1972. She was the first woman to serve in those roles.

For 22 years, she served as an Administrative Judge, providing thoughtful, unbiased, and knowledgeable service. In retirement, Burg worked as a mediator, neutral advisor, and arbitrator in public contract matters. Her George Washington University awards include the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award and the GW Law Alumni Association Fulbright Award for public service. In 2021, she was recognized as one of GW's Monumental Alumni as part of the university's bicentennial celebrations.

"I was helped by many women and men throughout my career," says Burg. "I found fulfillment in my work with the Board of Contract Appeals even though I would find myself as the only woman in the courtroom many times. Over the course of my career, I feel like we've made progress, but there is more to do."

— Sarah Kellogg



a member of the firm's white collar defense and government enforcement team in Austin.

**Vincent Shier, JD '05**, was elected to partnership at Haynes & Boone LLP.

**Alexander Orlando Canizares JD '06**, has joined Perkins Coie as a partner in the firm's commercial litigation practice.

**Jason Roberts, JD '06**, has joined Fisher Philips as an employment attorney in Philadelphia.

**Graham Steele, JD '06**, was appointed by President Biden to serve as the assistant secretary for financial institutions at the Department of the Treasury.

**Tamiko N.W. Watkins, LLM '06**, was appointed by President Biden to serve on the Federal Labor Relations Authority's Federal Service Impasses Panel.

**Mike Andrews, LLM '07**, has joined McGuireWoods Consulting's federal public affairs team as a senior vice president. He also serves as a partner at McGuireWoods LLP.

**Jordi de Llano, JD '07**, has joined Troutman Pepper as a partner in the firm's white collar unit. Before joining the firm, de Llano served for a decade in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts.

**Joshua Zimmerman, JD '07**, has joined MacQueen & Gottlieb as an associate.

**Jiang Bian, LLM '08, JD '11**, has joined Connect Biopharma Holdings Limited as general counsel and chief compliance officer.

**Christopher D. Carlson, JD '08**, recently joined the Securities and Exchange Commission as a senior counsel in the Division of Investment Management's Chief Counsel's Office.

**Katherine Halliday, JD '08**, has been appointed special counsel at Cooley LLP.

**Craig Schuenemann, JD '08**, was sworn in as the 22nd judge to serve Colorado's Saguache County since the county was formed in 1866.

**Joshua Kotin, JD '09**, is now a partner at Cooley LLP.

**Brianna Silverstein, JD '09**, was promoted to counsel at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

**Andrew R. Turnbull, JD '09**, was elected to partnership at Morrison & Foerster.

## 2010s

**Philipp W. Havenstein, JD '10**, was recently appointed operations counsel on U.S. SEC Chair Gary Gensler's executive staff.

**Alan Heymann, JD '10**, is the author of "Don't Just Have the Soup: 52 Analogies for Leadership, Coaching, and Life," a collection of analogies from his executive coaching practice.

**Derrick Lam, JD '10**, a shareholder at Littler, has been named co-chair of the firm's Career Advocacy Program (CAP).

**Lindsey E. Martínez, JD '10**, was appointed by California Gov. Gavin Newsom to serve as a judge in the Orange County Superior Court.

**Douglas D. Noreen, JD '10**, was named managing partner of Howard, Stallings, From, Atkins, Angell, & Davis in Raleigh, N.C.

**Trevor R. Salter, JD '10**, was promoted to partner at Morrison & Foerster.

**Julie Verratti, JD '10**, was appointed associate

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## An Unlikely Path

**LARA WORM, JD '07**, BEGAN HER JOURNEY TO THE LAW earlier than most. In elementary school, she wrote in her journal that she wanted to be a “criminal prosecutor” when she grew up, and for the next 20 years she didn’t let much get in her way.

Worm started visualizing her dream, and she found her way there swiftly. After graduating from GW Law in 2007, she clerked for a judge in D.C. Superior Court, and then secured that dream job as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

As a federal prosecutor in the Washington, D.C., office, attorneys work on both federal and local crimes. “When you enter the office, you’re given a choice of the career path you want to pursue, and I always knew I wanted to go to the homicide section,” says Worm. She quickly moved through the office from misdemeanors to violent crimes and earned a coveted spot in the Homicide Trial Section, where she investigated and tried D.C.’s most violent offenders.

After six years in the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Worm was lured by her family and southern California’s warm weather to return to her hometown of San Diego. She joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of California and transitioned to wiretap and major narcotics investigations. A few years into her four-year stint in that office, a friend approached her about helping with a startup craft cider brewery, a thriving industry in San Diego.

After some initial hesitation, Worm agreed to a part-time role. Bivouac Ciderworks opened in San Diego in 2018 with cider production, a taproom, and full restaurant. A year later, Worm made the difficult decision to leave the federal government and focus on the cider business full-time. “In my mind, I’m an attorney,” says Worm. “It’s all I ever wanted to be. My entire identity was tied up with being a lawyer.” But Worm says that

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— Lara Worm



in her current role, she calls upon her legal training and experience almost daily.

Four years and a global pandemic later, Worm has taken over as CEO of Bivouac, expanded distribution into four territories in two states, and is working on the company’s next phase of expansion. Does she still use her GW Law degree? “As an entrepreneur and business owner you have to know everything about everything, or be ready to figure it out,” says Worm. “Being a lawyer gives you a solid foundation and the tools you need to analyze risk and exercise good business judgment in the myriad issues you face every day.”

— Sarah Kellogg

administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Office of Field Operations.

**Heather Benton, JD '11**, was recently appointed to the State Bar of California Oversight Committee for Lawyers Assistance Program.

**Benjamin Gray, JD '11**, was appointed global general counsel at Paxos Trust Co., the first cryptocurrency

company to receive a New York banking license.

**Dara Lindenbaum, JD '11**, was nominated by President Biden to serve on the Federal Election Commission.

**Dominick P. DiSabatino, JD '12**, has joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner.

**Matthew Engler, JD '12**, was recently named a partner at Berman, Sobin, & Gross LLP.

**Alexander R. Green, JD '12**, has joined McGlinchey Stafford’s financial services litigation group as of counsel in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office.

**Callyson Grove, JD '12**, was elected to partnership at Wilson Elser.

**Thomas Kinney, JD '12**, was elected to partnership at the national litigation firm Troutman Pepper.

**Alex Kwan-Ho Chung, JD '12**, joined Perkins Coie in February as a partner in the firm’s intellectual property practice.

**Ross McAloon, JD '12**, was elected to partnership at Latham & Watkins.

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## Bringing it Home

A GW LAW DEGREE TAKES PEOPLE DOWN MANY PATHS.

For **JOEL FRYDMAN, JD '79**, the path took him back home to Dayton, Ohio, and not to the law, but to his family's industrial scrap metal business, the Midwest Iron & Metal Co.

Frydman had planned a life in the law as he graduated. He and his wife, fellow classmate Angela Fasano, left school with the intention of taking the bar and then finding dual legal careers. Looking back now, Frydman says, "Of all the things I was able to accomplish in law school, meeting my soulmate was No. 1."

While his wife found a successful career as a Montgomery County, Ohio assistant county prosecutor, Frydman secured work at a 150-year-old Dayton, Ohio law firm. Within a year or two, he realized things had to change. Too many of his cases ended up settling on the courthouse steps, trampling his litigator's spirit to do battle in the courtroom.

**“MY LEGAL BACKGROUND AND MY TRAINING AT THE LAW FIRM GAVE ME AN EDGE, AND IT REINFORCED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRITY IN CREATING A STRONG AND RESPECTED BUSINESS.”**

—Joel Frydman

"I did a wide variety of corporate and defense insurance work at the firm. I loved the people in the firm. However, as time went on, I felt it wasn't what I wanted to do for the next 30 to 40 years of my life," says Frydman. "I realized if I didn't love working there, I wasn't going to love working in a law firm anywhere."

Once he decided to leave, he never looked back. His brother had joined the family business, and Frydman followed a year later. The brothers took on different responsibilities inside the company, joining his maternal grandfather, Bert Appel, and father, Charles Frydman, in the business.

"My primary strength, and that has remained until this day, is marketing and sales," says Frydman, who was an undergraduate economics major. "Because of my legal background, I naturally



took over all our contractual work and anything to do with HR. I also took on supervision of much of the administrative side of the business."

There was a virtue in being a part of the family enterprise. Formed in the mid-1950s by immigrant Appel and Holocaust-survivor Charles Frydman, Midwest Iron & Metal Company (now MW Metals Group) focused on recycling industrial scrap in the Midwest. It later leveraged its skills and became a strategic partner with large manufacturing companies both domestically and internationally, managing the recycling and selling of their industrial scrap units.

In 2017, Frydman and his brother sold a majority share in the business to a private equity firm. Today, he serves as a consultant while his brother remains involved in the company's day-to-day activities. When not consulting, he is writing two books, including one that looks at business in the trenches.

"We're not the biggest company in the world, but we do have a great reputation," says Frydman. "My legal background and my training at the law firm gave me an edge, and it reinforced the importance of integrity in creating a strong and respected business."

—Sarah Kellogg

**Lindsay M. Paulin, JD '12**, was elected to partnership at Gibson Dunn.

**Ann E. Querns, JD '12**, was elected to partnership at Blank & Rome.

**Jonathan Ripa, JD '12**, is now a partner at Stinson LLP focusing on business litigation.

**Kiri Lee Sharon, JD '12**, was elected to partnership at Foley & Lardner LLP.

**Aaron Bowling, JD '13**, has joined Arnold & Porter's Chicago office as counsel in the firm's intellectual property practice.

**Jessica Bayles, JD '13**, was elected to partnership at Stoel Rives. She is an energy

regulatory attorney based in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.

**Blake Dietrich, JD '13**, was elected to partnership at Jackson Walker LLP.

**Camden Navarro Massingill, JD '13**, was named a shareholder of Wyche, P.A.

**Brittany M. Pemberton, JD '13**, was elected to partnership at Bracewell LLP.

**Daniel Saavedra, JD '14**, has joined the U.S. Attorneys' Office for the Eastern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Financial Litigation Unit.

**Kristen Hazlet, JD '16**, has joined Goldberg Segalla as an associate in the firm's workers' compensation group in Syracuse.

**Jonathan McCracken, JD '16**, was appointed by President Biden to serve as the U.S. Department of Agriculture State Director of Rural Development in Ohio. He previously served as a senior advisor to U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH).

**Nicole Y. Drew, LLM '17**, has joined Trister, Ross, Schadler & Gold PLLC as an associate.

**Heather Smith-Carra, JD '17**, was elected a shareholder at Banner Witcoff.

**Kyle Zhu, JD '17**, received the Cornerstone Award from the Lawyers Alliance for New York. The award is given to business and transactional lawyers who have provided superior pro bono legal services to nonprofits improving the quality of life for low-income New Yorkers.

**Salma A. Attia, JD '18**, has joined Capehart Scatchard as an associate.

**Devron Brown, JD '18**, has been named senior director for global policy at Circle, a payment services company that operates stablecoin USDC, subsidiary crypto exchange Poloniex, and equity crowdfunding platform SeedInvest.

**Omid Rahnama, JD '18**, an associate in the restructuring practice of Paul Weiss in New York, has received the 20/20 Partners Rising Young Leader Award from the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section.

**Nicolas Sabet, JD '18**, has joined Cooley LLP as an associate in the firm's business department.

**Frank Xu, JD '18**, has joined Sanford Heisler Sharp as an associate.

**Eric Cheng, JD '19**, has joined Fenwick as an associate specializing in corporate law.

**Sean Coffin, JD '19**, has joined PwC as an associate in the firm's M & A tax practice based in Los Angeles.

**Antonio Dinizo, JD '19**, has joined Paul Weiss, where he is expanding his finance practice.

**Bradley Edgington, JD '19**, has joined Fox Rothschild LLP in Pittsburgh as an associate in the firm's intellectual property department.

**James Hannaway, JD '19**, has joined Sanford Heisler Sharp as an associate.

**Christine Kirchner, JD '19**, has joined the Law Office of Samuel C. Moore PLLC in Alexandria, Va., as an associate attorney in the civil litigation and business representation practice groups.

**Kate Mayer, JD '19**, has joined Merchant & Gould PC as an associate. She is an IP attorney specializing in Section 337 litigation.

**Millicent Usoro, JD '19**, joined the Los Angeles office of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore in May 2021.

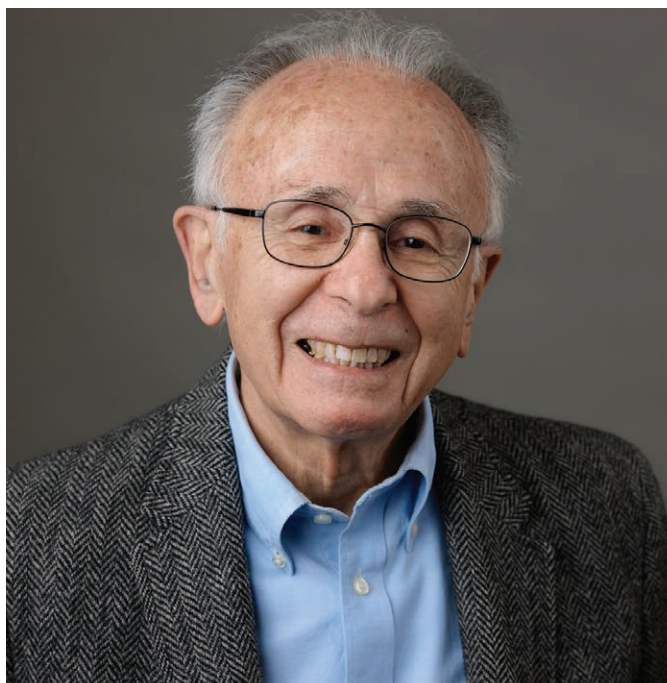
## 2020s

**Will Adams, JD '20**, has joined the structured transactions group at Morgan Lewis in Washington, D.C.

**S. Christopher Cundra IV, JD '20**, has joined Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP as an associate in the firm's bankruptcy and restructuring group.

**Tara Hosseini, JD '20**, has joined Fox Rothschild LLP in Washington, D.C., as an associate in the firm's construction department.

**Jackson Mann, JD '20**, has joined Skadden in New York



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## Sailing Through Life

THERE HAVE BEEN TWO CONSTANTS IN **JAMES NATHANSON'S** remarkable professional life – sharing the fundamentals of sailing and dispensing the lessons of the law.

Nathanson, JD '59, began sailing as a child and bought a fifteen-and-a-half-foot sloop by the time he was 12. A native of Quincy, Mass., he was drawn to sailing, and he was good at it. During the three years he sailed on and was captain of Harvard University's sailing team, the team won the North American Collegiate Championship twice and came in second the third year.

Teaching young people how to sail has been so fundamental for Nathanson that he has gone back every summer to New England for more than 60 years to direct and instruct sailing programs for Massachusetts youth. He still does it today at 89, though as a volunteer now and not a paid instructor.

His passion for the lessons of the law has been equally enduring, if a bit less athletic. After his U.S. Army service during the Korean War, he landed a job as an office boy and clerk at a K Street law firm while he attended GW Law, with the help of the G.I. Bill.

A chance encounter with the renowned Cardozo High School

City as an associate specializing in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and financial institutions.

**Robert X. Moorman, JD '20**, is an associate attorney at Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor.

**Aaron Parnas, JD '20**, has joined Bell Rosquete Reyes Esteban PLLC as an associate.

**Delia Borbone, JD '21**, accepted a position in the general counsel's office of Roper Technologies, a Fortune 500 company in Sarasota, Fla.