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## Juan Quevedo

As a teen, he led his family in pursuing citizenship. Now, this student is ready to help others achieve the same dream.





Jeremy Stokes ('15) looks up at loved ones in the audience while standing with his fellow graduates at the Spring Hooding Ceremony.

PHOTO BY PATRICK MORRISON

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## From the Dean

**As** I get ready to finish up as dean and look back over the past seven years, it feels like I just started. The time has flown by. But those seven years have been by far the most fulfilling of my professional life. Despite considerable challenges—budget cuts, a limited job market for graduates, and a national decline in law school applications—it has been a time of considerable progress for UT Law.

The faculty has worked hard to maintain an innovative curriculum that prepares our students to be effective practitioners and leaders after they graduate. Building on our rich history of clinical education, we continue to expand the experiential opportunities available to students. We have also expanded the number of real-world simulation experiences in traditional classroom courses like Transactional Tax Planning, Bankruptcy, and e-Discovery. The curriculum now includes more specialty courses focusing on particular practice areas like health care, energy law, intellectual property, and admiralty. This spring the faculty voted to revise the 1L curriculum to include a new one-credit course in Lawyering and Professionalism, as well as a Transactional Lawyering Lab. We recently established the Institute for Professional Leadership to better train our students to be effective leaders in their firms, organizations, and communities.

Thanks to the hard work of our faculty, staff, and students, our efforts are paying off. The College of Law is now ranked 52nd among all US law schools by U.S. News and 27th among public law schools. Our clinical program is ranked 16th nationally (one spot above Harvard) and 8th among public law schools.

I am pleased with where we are, as I hope you are. And I am very excited about our new dean, Melanie Wilson. Melanie is a perfect fit. She has extensive practice experience in both the civil and criminal arenas. She is a natural teacher who cares deeply about preparing students for practice. Dean Wilson is also an influential scholar



in criminal procedure, having co-authored three books (two with UT Law professor Joe Cook) and published dozens of law review articles. Her energy and enthusiasm are palpable, and she clearly cares deeply—already—about the College of Law. With everyone's support, Dean Wilson will be a great addition to Tennessee. I very much look forward to working with her.

I must admit, though, that I'll miss being dean in many ways (and not so much in other ways). I have truly enjoyed visiting with alumni, getting to know so many of you, and learning so much along the way. We are a far, far better law school because of our connection with all of you, and I was a better dean because of that connection. Thanks for your support, encouragement, and most of all, your friendship. You make UT Law the best law school *anywhere*.

Go Vols!

**DOUG BLAZE, DEAN**

# Omnibus

## Introducing Melanie Wilson, our next dean

**M**et Melanie D. Wilson, the next dean of UT Law. Currently professor of law, associate dean for academic affairs, and director of diversity and inclusion at the University of Kansas School of Law, she will begin her new leadership role at UT July 1.

Wilson has been getting to know members of the UT Law family, so *Tennessee Law* decided to get to know her better. We chatted with the next dean about past, present, and future.

**Q: What drew you to law?**

**WILSON:** I wanted to keep my options open, and I saw law as a field that could open so many doors. With a law degree, you can practice law, you can own or develop a business...Law schools provide good training for a variety of professions, not just the practice of law.

**What strengths do you see in UT Law?**

The college has a good reputation among its peers. The faculty are experienced, they've actually practiced law for a substantial amount of time, they're great teachers, and they bring that to their students...It feels good here. If I'm going to be the college's cheerleader as dean, I need to feel good about it. I feel that here.

**What challenges do you foresee as you begin your service as dean?**

With the decline of state funding, we need to find additional funding and make sure we have more scholarship money available for our students as

tuition continues to increase. Plus, we're still dealing with a decrease in law school applicants nationwide. So we need to ensure we continue to offer a high-quality legal education at an affordable price. Private support can help us keep the quality of our education and students where it should be.

**What do you hope to bring to the college as its new dean?**

Well, first of all, Doug Blaze has done such a fabulous job leading this college, and I want to keep the momentum and energy he created here. I do hope to bring a new perspective to how we work in the law school—ask ourselves why we're doing certain things and if we can do any of them better. I'm the type of person who doesn't see the glass as half full; the glass is three-quarters full. I try to see the best in people and want to bring that kind of positive energy with me. I want us to challenge ourselves to build on what's already here and keep pushing ourselves to improve, find excellence, and move forward as a great law school.

**Most of our readers are alumni.**

**What are you looking forward to as you get to know them?**

Something that struck me very quickly is that there is such a pride in UT Law. It's a community of professionals, and there's a great relationship among alumni and professors. It really is a welcoming place. I can't wait to get out and talk to people about what they're proud of and about their experience at the law school. ♦



## More about Dean Wilson

- Born in Mobile, Alabama; grew up in Pensacola, Florida
- Education: JD, University of Georgia School of Law (magna cum laude, Order of the Coif); BA in journalism with a minor in business, University of Georgia
- Clerked for a federal district court judge
- 13 years of sophisticated law practice in both private and public sectors, including 6 years as an assistant US attorney and 4 years as assistant attorney general for Georgia
- Received the Howard M. and Susan Immel Award for Teaching Excellence at the University of Kansas School of Law and a university-wide award for Outstanding Woman Educator of 2015
- Co-author of three books on criminal procedure

## UT Law rises 20 spots in 2015 US News rankings, now 52nd among all US law schools

The College of Law ranks 52nd among all US law schools and 16th for clinical training in the nation, according to the 2016 U.S. News and World Report grad school rankings.

UT Law rose twenty spots in the overall law school rankings this year and rose eleven spots among all public law schools. The college ranks 27th among all public law schools.

The College of Law's legal clinical program—the longest-running in the nation—rose to 16th among all US law schools, up from 25th last year. UT Law ranks eighth in clinical training among all public US law schools this year, compared to tenth last year.

“The UT College of Law is one of the strongest law schools in the country, and our bold increase in this year's U.S. News

rankings is just another reflection of that strength,” said Dean Doug Blaze. “Just look at the evidence: Our incoming students are talented and promising future attorneys, our graduates are starting their careers successfully in a difficult job market, and our reputation for offering both a sound foundation of legal knowledge and opportunities for practical legal training is on the rise.”

U.S. News compared 198 public and private law schools for this year's rankings. The rankings are based on a variety of factors, including selectivity during admission, career placement, faculty and library resources, and the opinions of faculty, judges, lawyers, and law school recruiters from throughout the United States.

### UT LAW RANKS

52

among all US law schools

16

in clinical training nationwide

## HeinOnline Law Journal Library now available to alumni

The Joel A. Katz Law Library now provides free remote access to HeinOnline's Law Journal Library for all UT Law alumni.

The Law Journal Library hosts more than 2,000 law and law-related periodicals, featuring more than 27 million pages of articles, comments, notes, book reviews, cases, decisions, and legislation. Unlike other databases, the Law Journal Library is comprehensive, beginning with the first issue of a periodical.

While viewing an article in the Law Journal Library, the case citations will be highlighted in blue and will link to the cases in Fastcase. You'll also have the option to look up a case by citation from the Fastcase tab in HeinOnline.

To access the Law Journal Library, visit [law.utk.edu/hein](http://law.utk.edu/hein) and register as an alumnus at the UT Law portal. For more information, contact Sibyl Marshall, head of public services for the college's Law Library, at [sibyl@utk.edu](mailto:sibyl@utk.edu).



## FACULTY FORUM

**DWIGHT AARONS** participated in two panel discussions at the Clarence Brown Theatre, following performances of “Extremities,” part of the Sex Week Red Zone series.

**BRAD AREHEART** serves as chair-elect of the New Law Professors Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), as chair-elect of the Section on Employment Discrimination Law, and on the executive committees of the Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law and the Section on Disability Law. He is quoted in an *ABA Journal* article, “People with Disabilities Want the Internet to Be More Accessible.”

**WENDY BACH** will

present at the AALS Workshop on Shifting Foundations in Family Law. She spoke at the Center on Vulnerability and the Human Condition Conference at Emory Law School and at a conference to appear on a mini-plenary session at the AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, examining the “New Normal” in clinical legal education.

**ROB BLITT'S** op-ed, “Defending Islam from Free Speech,” appeared in *USA Today*. The Jakarta-based Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy will translate his article, “Beyond Ruggie's Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Charting an Embrasive Approach to Corporate Human

Rights Compliance,” into Bahasa for training use. He has been invited to present at the International Conference on Religion and Equality at Bar Ilan University in Israel, at a conference on “Constitutional Migration and Transjudicialism Beyond the North Atlantic” in Germany, and at the Osgoode Forum, “Sex, Drugs & Rock 'n Roll: Subversive Sites in the Law,” in Canada.

**CATHY COCHRAN** participated in a panel discussion about non-scholarship collections in repositories at the William and Mary Law Library.

**KEVIN CONBOY**, visiting professor, wrote “Diagramming Transactions: Some Modest Pro-

posals and a Few Suggested Rules,” which appeared in *Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law*.

**JUDY CORNETT** will give a presentation at the annual meeting of the Southeast Association of Law Schools as part of the panel “The New Civil Procedure: Paradox and Peril.” She and a co-author spoke to the Tennessee Judicial Conference in Nashville about the current state of summary judgment.

**IRIS GOODWIN** completed a one-year term as program chair of the AALS Trusts and Estates Section, developing the program “Legal Reform and Grantors' Jurisdictional Choices: The Implications of

Freedom,” which she moderated. She now serves as chair-elect of the section.

**JOAN HEMINWAY'S** co-authored article, “Representing Entities: The Value of Teaching Students How to Draft Board Resolutions and Other Similar Documentation,” appeared in *Transactions*. She gave a presentation at Vanderbilt Law's annual Law and Business Conference on “Developing Areas of Capital Market and Federal Securities Regulation.” Heminway spoke at the Sixth International Institutional and Technological Environment for Microfinance Conference in

Italy, and will give a presentation at this year's Law and Society Association meeting in Seattle.

**AMY MORRIS HESS** served on a panel for the webinar “Estate Planning: How to Get Going and Why Not to Do It Yourself” and the panel “The Uniform Powers of Appointment Act: Straightforward Default Rules to Fill a Vacuum,” both sponsored by the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law.

**MICHAEL HIGDON'S** article, “Marginalized Fathers and Demonized Mothers: A Feminist Look at the Reproductive Freedom of Unmarried Men,” has been published in the *Alabama Law Review*.

**BECKY JACOBS** will participate in the Study Space VIII Conference in Poland. She participated on the panel “Arbitrating with the State” at the International Arbitration Society's annual conference in Atlanta on the theme of “Enhancing Business Opportunities in Africa: The Role, Reality and Future of Africa-Related Arbitration.” She spoke at the Tennessee Association of Professional Mediators' annual ethics event in Nashville and served on two panels for the Tennessee Valley Mediation Association.

**LUCY JEWEL** presented “Cultural Capital, Status Hierarchies, and Legal Skills Teachers” at the AALS

annual meeting. Her remarks will be published in the *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*. She also moderated a panel on “Tenure, Austerity, and Academic Freedom” and was appointed to the Executive Committee for the Legal Writing and Research Section. She spoke at the Legal Writing Institute's National Moot Court Conference at Marquette Law School and at the Charlotte Law School Legal Writing Institute.

**BRIAN KRUMM'S** co-authored article, “Teaching Transactional Skills Using Real Clients From Clinic to Classroom,” appeared in *Transactions*. His co-authored article, “Registering Trade and Service Marks in

Tennessee: A Brief How-To Guide,” will appear in an upcoming issue of *Transactions*. At the AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference, he and Jiang Dong of Renmin University Law School in China will discuss the business transactions course they jointly taught, in which students from the two law schools negotiated with each other via teleconference.

**DON LEATHERMAN** spoke at the mid-year meeting of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association (ABA) in Houston and at the Practising Law Institute seminar on mergers and acquisitions in Los Angeles.

**BOB LLOYD**, professor emeritus,

has been named chair of the Issues Subcommittee of the Uniform Law Commission's Study Group on Driverless Cars.

**ALEX LONG'S** article, “What is Even More Troubling About the ‘Tortification’ of Employment Discrimination Law,” has been published in *Furthermore*, the *Ohio State Law Journal's* online counterpart. His essay, “Finding New Inspiration in the ADA,” has been published in the *Houston Law Review: Off the Record*, the online companion to the *Houston Law Review*. His earlier article, “Lawyers Intentionally Inflicting Emotional Distress,” was cited by the Louisiana Court of Appeals, and “Stop

Me Before I Vote for This Judge Again: Judicial Conduct Organizations, Judicial Accountability, and the Disciplining of Elected Judges” was cited by the West Virginia Supreme Court.

**KARLA MCKANDERS** was invited to give a presentation at the Gender, Law, and Social Change Conference in Morocco and will give a presentation at the Global Alliance for Justice Education Conference in Turkey. She will speak at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association in Seattle and at the AALS Clinical Conference in California. She has been widely quoted in the media on the subject of immigration reform, including in *The*

*Nation*, *Reuters*, and the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*.

**TOM PLANK'S** article, “Securitization of Aberrant Contract Receivables,” has been published in the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*.

**NATHAN PREUSS'S** article, “What Do We Owe the Pro Se Litigant?,” has been published in the American Association of Law Libraries newsletter, *The Spectrum*.

**JOY RADICE** will present at the AALS Clinical Conference on “Erasing Boundaries Across the Curriculum.” She spoke at the UT Faculty Appreciation Luncheon on incorporating experiential learning techniques into her criminal law course. She represented

the Clinical Legal Education Association at the recent Standards Review Meeting of the ABA. She has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Clinical Legal Education Association.

**GLENN REYNOLDS'S** article, “Don't Fear The Leaker: Thoughts on Bureaucracy and Ethical Whistleblowing,” has been published in the *Journal of Law, Technology & Public Policy*. He spoke at an Institute for Justice gathering on journalism and justice in the twenty-first century and was interviewed on the Fox News show *The Independents* regarding the Ferguson case and how the media handled the issues of law enforce-

ment and racial profiling. Reynolds participated in the preparation of an amicus brief for the Texas Supreme Court addressing the question of when bloggers count as journalists for purposes of freedom of the press.

**DEAN RIVKIN'S** article, “Dispute Resolution In Special Education,” based on a talk he gave at the Ohio State Law School, has been published in the *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution*. His article, “Truancy Lawyering in Status Offense Cases: An Access to Justice Challenge,” co-authored with **BRENDA MCGEE ('84)**, has been published by the Children's Rights Litigation

Committee of the ABA Section of Litigation. He gave a presentation at a luncheon of the AALS Clinical Legal Education Section, and he spoke at the fourth annual UT Watershed Symposium.

**PAULA SCHAEFER'S** *Tennessee Law Review* article, "A Primer on Professionalism for Doctrinal Professors," was noted on the Legal Skills Prof Blog. A related chapter by Schaefer will appear in the book *Building on Best Practices: Transforming Legal Education in a Changing World*. Schaefer spoke on "Tips for Finding the Attorney Professionalism Lessons Hiding in Plain Sight in Every Casebook" at the 2015 Igniting Law Teaching Conference.

**GREG STEIN'S** article, "Will Ticket Scalpers Meet the Same Fate as Spinal Tap Drummers? The Sale and Resale of Concert and Sports Tickets," has been published in the *Pepperdine Law Review*. He will speak on "Harmonizing Chinese Real Estate Law with the Theory of Law and Development" at the annual meeting of the Association for Law, Property, and Society at the University of Georgia School of Law.

**MAURICE STUCKE** spent the spring semester as an academic visitor at Oxford University's Institute of European and Comparative

Law and a fellow at Oxford's Centre for Competition Law and Policy. His article, "In Search of Effective Ethics and Compliance Programs," appeared in the *Journal of Corporation Law*, and his article, "How Competition Agencies Can Use Behavioral Economics," has been published in *The Antitrust Bulletin*. His co-authored op-ed, "Dancing Around Data," appeared in *The Hill*. He spoke at the spring meeting of the ABA Antitrust Section in Washington, DC.

**KRIS TOBIN** serves as chair of the AALS Section on Admiralty and Maritime Law.

**VAL VOJDIK** gave a presentation celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the South African Constitution at a conference held at the University of Stellenbosch in Cape Town. She will contribute a chapter to a book on gender, armed conflict, international criminal justice, and transitional justice, to be published by Intersentia. She will moderate and serve as a discussant on a works-in-progress session at the AALS Clinical Conference.

**PENNY WHITE** spent the first week of the spring semester in residence at Harvard Law School as a member of the faculty for Harvard's Trial Advocacy Workshop. She taught the first

week of the course and participated in demonstrations of the skills the students were learning.

**COLLABORATIONS**

**AARONS, JACOBS,** and **VOJDIK** will participate in a panel discussion on integrating non-clinical law faculty members into clinical and experiential courses at the AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference.

Three professors gave pre-football CLE presentations in the fall. **JEWEL** gave a presentation on "Visual Advocacy through New Technology: Practical Approaches and Ethical Concerns," **BRIANA ROSENBAUM** spoke on "Offensive Strategies for Defeating Class Actions—Case Law Update and Trends," and **AREHEART** gave a presentation on "The State of ADA Litigation Following the 2008 Amendments."

**BACH** and **JEWEL** participated in the ClassCrits conference. Bach presented "The Hyperregulatory and the Submerged State: Exploring Structural Inequalities and Theorizing Rights," and Jewel spoke on "The De-Professionalization of Legal Skills Teaching." Jewel was a member of the conference planning committee and serves as secretary of the ClassCrits steering committee.

**BEN BARTON** and **LONG** are among the "Top Cited Professional Responsibility/Legal Profession Scholars" compiled by the Legal Ethics Forum.

**BLITT** and **VOJDIK** have been awarded an Access to Justice Act grant from the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. The grant supports the development of a new experiential-learning course, Human Rights Practicum: Access to Justice, which will be co-taught by doctrinal and clinical faculty.

**COCHRAN** and **CAROL COLLINS** each wrote a program report for the *Technical Services Law Librarian*. Cochran's report reviewed "The Law and Ethics of Aggregation and Content Distribution" and Collins's report reviewed "Emerging Issues in Copyright: What You Need to Know." Collins and Cochran earned certification by Innovative Interfaces as technical services coordinator and system coordinator, respectively.

**KRUMM** and **RADICE** participated together in a panel at the annual meeting of the AALS on the subject of "Integrating Clinical Pedagogy Across the Curriculum: Making It Work." Krumm was one of the presenters, and Radice was co-chair of the panel. ♦








## UT Law named one of the 'Best Law Schools for Practical Training'

UT Law has been named one of the best law schools nationwide for delivering on its promise to prepare students for the legal profession throughout their time in law school.

The college was one of eighty-six law schools on *The National Jurist's* 2015 "Best Law Schools for Practical Training" list for the number of full-time students participating in experiential offerings, including externships, clinics, and interscholastic skills competitions.

*The National Jurist* calculated the rankings by collecting data from the American Bar Association and from schools themselves. Data pertaining to the percent of full-time students participating in clinics, externships, and stimulation courses, as well as interscholastic skills competitions, such as moot court tournaments, was collected and analyzed. Schools were then ranked by the percentage of students participating in these experiential offerings.

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## LAW 930: e-Discovery Seminar

Paula Schaefer, Associate Professor of Law

Paula Schaefer's e-Discovery course is an introduction to electronic discovery (e-discovery) in civil litigation. Students handle every aspect of e-discovery in a simulated case, including participating in a 26(f) conference, drafting and responding to discovery requests, preparing a privilege log, and conducting a document review using e-discovery software. Students study recent e-discovery cases and other developments in the law. Members of the bench and bar sometimes participate in class discussions. Each student writes a paper and makes a presentation on an emerging problem in e-discovery practice.

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

Students learn how to cooperate with opposing counsel to create and execute an e-discovery plan; draft e-discovery requests and objections that are legally sound and case-appropriate; use document review software to review, search, and analyze a client's electronically stored information (ESI); identify documents that are responsive, non-responsive, and privileged; respond and object to a request for production of documents; and prepare a privilege log.

**E-DISCOVERY SOFTWARE**

For the course, Schaefer uses the Relativity document review software. Relativity is hosted by Iris Data Services, which provides more than \$20,000 worth of software, training, and support to Schaefer's classes. Iris recently opened an office in Nashville.



SCHAEFER PHOTO BY PATRICK KIRBY/SAGE

Recess

**FROSTY THE SNOW-LAWYER**  
A tiny snowman sunbathes on the railing in front of the College of Law following a February snow. The sun was hot that day, but don't worry—we're betting this little guy will be back again someday.

PHOTO BY PATRICK MORRISON





# Deliberation

## Botho: A philosophy for life and law

BY MARIA LUNGU

I like to consider myself a citizen of the world. I am originally from Zambia, but I grew up in Botswana. I went on to study at Aiglon College in Switzerland for a year before moving to West Virginia for my undergraduate studies and finally to UT Law. One of the first things that people usually say to me when I start talking is that they cannot place my accent. After I clear up where I'm from, they usually squint their eyes, raise their eyebrows, and say, "Wait, how did you pick Knoxville and UT for school?"

It's simple. When I came here, it finally felt like home.

When I studied abroad in Switzerland for a year, it was an exciting and fulfilling experience, but I had a very difficult time adjusting to my new life there. As an eighteen-year-old black girl who grew up in Gaborone, Botswana, saying this was a culture shock is an understatement. The thought of uprooting and living in a different country may frighten some people, but this idea has always thrilled me and I was able to gain a sound acceptance and understanding of the different people and my new life there.

Each place where I have lived has taught me so much and has ultimately become a part of me. Having lived in Appalachia, I discovered a new form of diversity that was not restricted to skin color. Appalachian people are considered a separate culture, made up of many unique backgrounds all blended together across the region. Like the Swiss, I pay attention to detail and have an unparalleled respect for time and organization. From my native country Zambia, humility and tolerance. Finally, I am largely influenced by the people of Botswana, since I lived there for eighteen years. They believe in the ethos of "botho," which refers to the idea of "a world for the people." The Batswana use the term "botho" to describe a person who is courteous, disciplined, and realizes his or her full potential both as an individual and as a part of the community to which he or she belongs. In a sense, it is a social contract by which one lives. This exposure to all these cultures will ultimately shape the type of lawyer I hope to be one day. Being an underrepresented minority in most of my communities, I have never lost sight of working hard to prove myself, being receptive to different cultures, and forging a path for those who will come after me.

My interest in working on issues relating to diversity and civil liberties stems primarily from my admiration of one of the greatest lawyers and activists of our time, Nelson Mandela. We all can learn from the legacy of President Mandela: his spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness, his commitment to human rights and freedom, his selflessness, his ability to love and respect others even without reciprocation, and his dedication to bringing about change. My personal conviction is that the Constitution affords certain fundamental protections to this country's citizens. The denial of these basic rights, particularly fair access to justice, not only has detrimental consequences for an individual, but also for society as a whole.



Maria Lungu

**I have never lost sight of working hard to prove myself, being receptive to different cultures, and forging a path for those who will come after me.**

Finally, I can't imagine a better place to study law than UT. I thank UT, because with my experience here I know I have the tools to be successful. I have had an immense amount of support from faculty and friends, which has allowed me to realize my potential and truly understand what it will mean to serve my community. My hope is for us to come together not only embracing shared beliefs and values, but also to acknowledge and celebrate our differences in ways that promote respect and appreciation.

Lungu is a rising 3L student at UT Law.

## Nowhere I'd rather be

BY BRITTANY THOMAS ('12)

When people ask me about my work, I have an elevator speech of sorts. Of course, it changes depending on time pressures and my mood, but one thing is almost always included: how lucky I am to have a job where people are happy to see me, because I am an immigration lawyer.

Through my work, I get to be a part of milestones in people's lives. My clients come to me when they are getting married, getting new jobs, finally eligible to work, and becoming lawful permanent residents or US citizens. That doesn't mean I don't see clients at low points as well, but generally my clients are happy and grateful for the assistance. What more could a young lawyer barely three years out of law school ask for?

My day is never the same. I spend some days in my office filling out forms and meeting with clients. Other days I have telephonic immigration court hearings on the side of the interstate in between meetings with other attorneys explaining the immigration consequences of their legal advice.

My clients are just as varied. I have international business clients who need to have visas for many of their employees to maintain the quality of their business. I have individual clients who are victims of domestic violence and don't have two cents to rub together. I similarly assist many immigrant families in applying for spouses, children, parents, and siblings. No matter what, ultimately my work always involves individuals and helping



Brittany Thomas ('12)

**Their stories are my stories, and my clients appreciate having an attorney who truly cares for their well-being.**

change their lives.

My clients change my life, as well. Their stories are my stories, and my clients appreciate having an attorney who truly cares for their well-being. That passion can be difficult, as I can never guarantee a positive outcome and there are many institutional barriers that could lead to a denial. It is very hard to leave the weight of my work at work, and it can lead to some sleepless nights.

Hiring an attorney gives clients a sense of control against

the bureaucracy, and that can be very overwhelming for me. While other attorneys can appear in front of a judge to resolve issues between themselves and opposing counsel, I have to deal with government agencies that seem to have never-ending call lines and a knack for overlooking and misplacing crucial documents.

The worst part of my job is telling people there is no relief available. For a while, I was able to give hope to immigrants because of the executive actions announced by President Obama, but now a Federal District Court has issued a stay on the executive action for parents of citizens. So I have to tell these immigrants—some who have been in the United States since before I was born—that there is nothing I can do for them right now. That's difficult.

While the job comes with its ups and downs, there is nowhere I would rather be than right where I am: helping people solve their immigration problems.

Thomas has worked at Grant, Konvalinka & Harrison, P.C., in Chattanooga since 2012 as a member of the firm's Immigration Group. She focuses her practice on immigration, including deferred action for DREAMers, family-based immigration petitions, and employment-based petitions. She earned a BA at Pennsylvania State University in 2009 before coming to UT Law, where she was the student director of UT Pro Bono.



For  
**LOVE**  
of the  
**LAW**

BY ROGER HAGY JR. PHOTO BY PATRICK MURPHY-RACEY

## I HAVE FALLEN DEEPLY IN LOVE,

*not with a human being, but with the law. Not with walking the dog or gazing at the stars or watching the sunset, but with seeking equal justice, organizing for civil rights, and advocating for genuine representation of the low-income and undocumented immigrant community.*

That's not some unusual Valentine from the Hallmark down the street. Instead it's a sentiment shared by UT Law student Juan Quevedo in a letter to his wife. The twist is that he hasn't met her just yet.

Quevedo wrote the letter last year to his "future wife," subtitled it, "Will you seek immigrant justice with courage and devotion with me?" Appearing first on an immigration law blog and more recently on Huffington Post, it's a poetic essay about love requiring practice and how, as an attorney, Quevedo plans to practice the law with love—selfless, compassionate consideration for the well-being of immigrants in need of legal representation. He hopes to find a wife who will be his "partner in defense...and advocacy," someone who will seek "immigrant justice with courage and devotion."

It's easy to appreciate Quevedo's compassionate words about justice for immigrant people even more when you talk to him in person, especially knowing his background. Growing up, Quevedo learned what it meant to be an undocumented immigrant in America. Today, he is considered a lawful permanent resident, still on the road to full citizenship. Immigration law hits very close to home for him, so it's easy to see why he's planning a legal career built on compassion and wants his future spouse to share this compassion.

"Love has always been a very big deal in my life," Quevedo says on a

Student Juan Quevedo

February afternoon at UT Law. “My mother taught me that love for anything comes with a great responsibility, which is to help protect it.”

Quevedo was five years old when his family moved from Mexico to Los Angeles in 1991, migrating by foot and by train. A year or two after their arrival, Quevedo’s father was detained by police following a domestic violence incident and was forced to return to Mexico. Quevedo never saw his dad again. “My dad ended up getting into a fatal car accident, so I never really got to know him,” he says. “A single mother who had to raise six children—it was difficult for her. And when you have no immigration status, you can’t work, you can’t apply for public benefits—overall our situation wasn’t ideal.”

When Quevedo and his twin brother, Marco, started high school, the family continued to struggle to make ends meet, and Quevedo’s mother struggled with her memories of domestic abuse. With Quevedo’s encouragement, his mother joined a support group, through which the family learned about the federal Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, which offers protections to undocumented immigrants, especially women, who have faced severe forms of trafficking and violence. Quevedo decided to take a closer look.

“I vividly remember going through, reading the law, which was like a completely new language to me,” he says. “I remember trying to discern what

the elements for the law were and thinking we could qualify for this type of immigration relief.”

Quevedo and his mother met with attorneys, who turned them down again and again. They finally found the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law, which took their case and filed a petition with US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The petition was successful, and USCIS granted work authorization cards for Quevedo, his twin brother, his sister, and his mother.

“My brother and I started working our junior year in high school, which helped out a lot,” he says. “We were able to drive, work, and provide a little bit for our family.”

An appreciation of the law was born.

Meanwhile the boys were determined to graduate, and they made sure they enjoyed high school. In their first year at Palmdale High School, the brothers made the varsity track and cross-country team and immediately excelled, making it to numerous championships. By their sophomore year, they were competing in the National Indoor Track Championships in New York.

Despite their success, the brothers weren’t concerned with an academic future beyond high school. “My brother and I graduated effortlessly. Our GPAs were well above the average,” Quevedo says. “But when we graduated high school, it was kind of like, ‘That’s it,’ and we didn’t think of attending college at all...I sometimes go back and think, ‘Why did I not consider attending college?’”

Quevedo says when he and his brother did make it to college, it was “almost by accident.” A friend invited them to run with the cross-country team at Antelope Valley College on a Saturday morning. “We weren’t that fit, but we were keeping up with the lead pack, and the coach said, ‘Who are these guys? I want them on my team!’” says Quevedo. The coach asked the brothers to join the team, and they agreed. “He said, ‘Well, you have to go to college,’ and we were like, ‘Huh, college...okay, we’ll do it!’”

After two years at community college, the brothers were ready to look at their future. “Many schools wanted to recruit my brother and me, but we decided to focus on our academics and not pursue a running career,” Quevedo says. However, because of his immigration status, Quevedo didn’t qualify for financial aid, including scholarships and loans. He decided to work and continue attending community college, alternating each semester between part-time and full-time enrollment. Two-and-a-half years later, he had saved enough to pay for the remainder of his college education at California State University, Northridge.

That diligence paid off. “I was able to graduate without taking any time off because I had saved enough money to pay for it all,” Quevedo says. Although he didn’t have a major in mind at first, he had been slowly getting more involved in immigrant rights. That interest led him to political science, which then led to an interest in law school.

The expense of law school meant that Quevedo would need financial aid

and federal loans, but he still didn’t qualify. While he and his brother were in college, USCIS granted them U visas, intended for nonimmigrants—like their mother—who are victims of crimes, as well as the victims’ immediate family members. The brothers immediately applied for lawful permanent residency to receive a Green Card, leading to a long, multiyear process. However, by the time Quevedo was ready to apply to law school, he had yet to receive a Green Card. Holding only the U visa, Quevedo remained out of luck when it came to financial assistance.

Ever the optimist, he held out hope. “I decided to apply to law school anyway and hope that I was offered a scholarship or that USCIS would approve my lawful permanent residency application,” he says.

One challenge he faced during his application process: Most law schools typically don’t include the option to enter a U visa number in their applications. Because of Quevedo’s application—not to mention his insistence—several law schools added a U visa option to their applications.

Just a month before receiving admission letters from a variety of law schools, Quevedo received his Green Card, allowing him to apply for loans and opening wide the doors to law school.

Today, Quevedo is about to begin his third year as a UT Law student. Unsurprisingly, he is active in pro bono work.

“Juan is one of those rare individuals who you immediately know will do great things,” says Brad Morgan ’05, the college’s pro bono coordinator.

“It was evident from the beginning that he was interested in how he can use his talents to serve and help others.”

Quevedo works extensively for the college’s Immigration Clinic, where the casework initially led to some déjà vu: “I wouldn’t say I was able to do [the work] with ease, but it wasn’t something foreign to me because I had looked at all these forms when I was coordinating my family’s immigration case.” In addition to his clinical work, Quevedo serves as a Spanish–English translator and interpreter and has done pro bono work with local attorneys interested in immigration rights. He even appeared on the Spanish-language MundoFOX TV network to participate in a debate on immigration reform.

“I try to help as much as I can because I’ve been on the side of the petitioner and I know how difficult it is to seek genuine help,” he says.

“He’s not doing this for his own self-interest,” Morgan says. “Because of his passion, his genuine concern, his knowledge of the law, Juan has literally been able to change the course of people’s lives.”

Looking toward his future as an attorney, Quevedo is applying for post-graduate judicial clerkships. Later, he hopes to join either a law firm or a nonprofit organization. Also ahead is full citizenship in the country he calls home. Soon after he graduates from UT Law, Quevedo will be eligible for naturalization. The same goes for his brother, also working toward a college degree.

“Growing up an immigrant has allowed me to understand that residing in America and being an American citizen is the greatest benefit and privilege that America can offer,” says Quevedo. “Not everyone deserves to be here, but I would argue that America can benefit from a large majority of undocumented people already contributing.”

Quevedo argues regularizing more people’s immigration status offers both economic and societal benefits. “Family unification is actually the cornerstone of American immigration law and policy—yet we remove people who have lived in America most of their lives, have American family members, but lack a way to regularize their status,” he says. “And we have thousands of undocumented young people who study in our schools, play in our neighborhoods, befriend our kids, and pledge allegiance to the American flag. They are American in every single way but one: on paper.”

“Unfortunately they have no path for eventual American citizenship at this time,” he continues. “I hope some type of reform comes sooner rather than later.”

In the meantime, Quevedo plans to hold the law close to his heart and use it to love his fellow man, helping those in need of legal help wherever the need is greatest. There’s a quote by journalist Amy Goodman that he keeps in mind as a reminder of the type of practice he plans to pursue in his law career.

Although originally applied to reporters, it perfectly summarizes Quevedo’s philosophy as a future lawyer:

“Go to where the silence is and say something.” ♦

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JUAN QUEVEDO

UT's new Law Department holds its first classes, with nine students, in an old professional building on Market Street in Knoxville. The first dean (and only instructor) is Thomas J. Freeman, a former Tennessee Supreme Court justice. The department offers a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree, and tuition is \$100 per year.

**September 1890**  
The Law Department finds its first on-campus home in North College on the Hill.

**1891**  
Due to poor health, Freeman resigns before the end of the first academic year. Henry Hulbert Ingersoll, a former judge, succeeds him to become the second dean. Five students become the first UT Law graduates.

**1892**  
The department is relocated to South College.

**1894**  
The Law Department relocates again, this time to Old College (located where Ayres Hall stands today). The high \$100 tuition keeps enrollment low, forcing the department to reduce tuition to \$50 per year.



Old College

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125 YEARS OF TENNESSEE LAW

## PAST

### Step into the

This year, we're celebrating the 125th anniversary of the College of Law and our 50th anniversary in our current home on Cumberland Avenue. Join us as we take a stroll down memory lane.

<p><b>1900</b> UT becomes a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools.</p>	<p><b>1907</b> Maude Riseden Hughett (1909) is the first woman admitted to study law at UT. Upon her graduation, she is the first woman law graduate at UT and in the South.</p>	<p><b>1911</b> The Law Department becomes the College of Law.</p>
<p><b>1927</b> The College of Law relocates to Tennessee Hall.</p>	<p><b>1922</b> The first issue of the <i>Tennessee Law Review</i> is published.</p>	<p><b>1920</b> Part-time instructor Malcolm McDermott is appointed the fourth dean. The college moves back to South College.</p>
<p><b>1931</b> Henry B. Witham, a professor at the college since 1926, becomes the fifth dean.</p>	<p><b>1941</b> The United States enters World War II. Enrollment plummets to nineteen students, but UT Law remains open.</p>	<p><b>1944</b> William H. Wicker, a professor who had served on the UT faculty since 1925, is named the sixth dean.</p>
<p><b>1952</b> Lincoln Anderson Blakeney becomes the College of Law's first black student.</p>	<p><b>April 1950</b> The college moves into its new Cumberland Avenue building.</p>	<p><b>1945</b> World War II ends. Enrollment increases dramatically, to 304 students by 1949.</p>
<p><b>1956</b> RBJ Campbell Jr. becomes the first black student to graduate from the College of Law.</p>	<p><b>1963</b> Harold C. Warner, a former US Army colonel, is named the seventh dean.</p>	<p><b>1971</b> Attorney Kenneth Laws Penegar becomes the eighth dean.</p>
<p><b>1986-1987</b> Professor John A. Sebert Jr. serves as acting dean.</p>	<p><b>1982</b> J. Otis Cochran is the college's first black faculty member. N. Douglas Wells ('80) is the first black administrator.</p>	<p><b>1973</b> Upon graduating, Martha "Marty" Crow Black ('73) joins the faculty. She becomes UT's first tenured woman law professor.</p>
<p><b>1992</b> Marilyn Virginia Yarbrough is named the college's ninth dean. She is the first woman dean of UT Law and the first black woman to serve as dean of a Southern law school.</p>	<p><b>1996</b> The Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law is founded at the college. The center is named for James L. Clayton ('64), founder of Clayton Homes Inc.</p>	<p><b>1997</b> The college's building is renovated to include a new wing for the Law Library and additional classroom space.</p>
<p><b>2015</b> Melanie D. Wilson, associate dean for academic affairs, and director of diversity and inclusion at the University of Kansas School of Law, is named UT Law's thirteenth dean.</p>	<p><b>2014</b> Blaze announces plans to step down as dean to return to full-time teaching and serve as director of the college's new Institute for Professional Leadership.</p>	<p><b>1998</b> Wirtz steps down to return to teaching full-time. Thomas C. Galligan Jr. is named the eleventh dean.</p>
<p><b>2006</b> Galligan resigns to become president of Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire. John L. Sobieski Jr., associate dean for academic affairs, steps in as interim dean during the search for a new dean.</p>	<p><b>2008</b> Doug Blaze—associate dean for academic affairs and former director of clinical programs—is named the College of Law's twelfth dean.</p>	<p><b>The entering class of 1976</b></p>



Tennessee Hall



The College of Law, 1981

**1915**  
Ingersoll dies. Professor Charles Turner, who had served on the faculty since the early days of the law school, is appointed the third dean.

**1972**  
Judith Ittig is UT's first woman law professor.



The entering class of 1976

# Open for Business

ILLUSTRATION BY LEN STUART

The Business Clinic, led by professor Brian Krumm, provides legal services to local businesses and entrepreneurs while allowing students to learn the ins and outs of transactional law. The clinic boasts a fascinating variety of clients, so we decided to imagine what a city block featuring some of these businesses might look like.

**iCare Academic LLC** is a partnership between faculty of UT's colleges of Nursing and Engineering to provide electronic medical records (EMRs) for students to use in simulated educational settings. The clinic created the LLC and drafted beta-testing, employment, consulting, and end-user agreements. Wolters Kluwer acquired iCare (now called DocuCare), for which the clinic helped negotiate and draft the asset purchase agreement to sell the company and later formed a new business entity to pursue future opportunities.

**490 BioTech**, named a Top 10 Innovation in 2013 by *The Scientist Magazine*, is led by UT microbiology scientists. The company develops patent-protected bioluminescent human cell lines genetically programmed to report on biological events that affect their metabolic status, which accelerates the pace of new drug discovery and the testing process while reducing overall costs. The clinic worked with the scientists to establish 490 BioTech as a corporation and drafted material-transfer, licensing, and nondisclosure agreements and a corporate conflict-of-interest policy.

**Seismix LLC** produces ZMIX, a zero-calorie cocktail additive. The Business Clinic is currently helping Seismix trademark ZMIX for a variety of purposes, and for more than a year, they have been using the trademark to sell products in Tennessee and Georgia.

**Nutraceutical Discoveries Inc.** was formed by UT Professor Emeritus of Nutrition Michael Zemel to commercialize his development, Innutria, which, when added to a food or drink, is intended to help the body burn fat more efficiently. The clinic helped the company enter into a venture capital transaction.

**BBB Elastomers LLC** markets Superelastomer technology, a polymer (discovered by UT scientists) that promises to replace conventional rubber with something stronger and greener. The clinic formed the LLC and prepared nondisclosure and material-transfer agreements.

**Solex LLC** is developing a peptide agent and an imaging test to help doctors detect and diagnose amyloidosis, an under-diagnosed disease for which no imaging test is currently available. Amyloidosis can trigger Alzheimer's disease and contribute to heart failure, type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and twenty-three other diseases that can lead to death. The Business Clinic created the LLC and operating agreement for Solex and helped the company, comprised of scientists with the UT Graduate School of Medicine, complete a licensing agreement with the UT Research Foundation (UTRF).

**Floodlight Genomics LLC** was founded by UT entomology professor Kurt Lamour to market an application he developed that increases genetic testing capacity while reducing cost. The clinic formed the LLC, obtained a licensing agreement with UTRF, and drafted a sublicensing agreement.

**Open Door Church** is a small, predominantly African American church that entered into a rental agreement with an option to buy the facility it had been using for the past twelve years. However, upon full payment of the obligations under the lease, the landlord refused to surrender the deed. The clinic first attempted to negotiate with the landlord on the church's behalf, but later filed an action in the Knox County Chancery Court to resolve the issue. The mediation was successful, and the parties have entered into a settlement agreement. The church is now the owner of the property.

**Rentique LLC** is a Knoxville-based mobile boutique business that offers customers a variety of high-quality, trendy clothing through a rental service in which customers wear an item for a fraction of the purchase price at a typical boutique clothing store. The clinic drafted Rentique's articles of organization and an operating agreement and is currently developing a licensing agreement and customer contracts.

**HessJett LLC**, which provides private aviation services within the Southeast, is the first client of UT Law's new Trademark Clinic, affiliated with the Business Clinic and also led by law professor Brian Krumm. The Trademark Clinic is helping Terry Hess, the sole owner of HessJett, obtain trademark registration for his company's name and logo. Ultimately, the trademark application will be evaluated by an attorney with the US Patent and Trademark Office, whose Law School Clinic Certification Pilot Program helped launch the new Trademark Clinic at the College of Law.

NEW POST

# IRREPRESSIBLE CONTRARIAN

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Pioneer blogger, prolific writer, and law professor **Glenn Reynolds** applies his unique perspective to just about everything.

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Glenn Reynolds, the Beauchamp Brogan Distinguished Professor of Law and creator of the popular political blog *Instapundit*, photographed in his office at the College of Law

**G**LENN REYNOLDS IS A BIG THINKER with a big audience, thanks to his highly influential political blog *Instapundit*. His first appearance in the blogosphere occurred in August 2001 when Reynolds, the Beauchamp Brogan Distinguished Professor of Law, was teaching a class on Internet law. As an experiment, he created a personal website and started posting links to stories of the day along with his own personal take on them.

At the time, the concept of blogging was new and uncharted. But *Instapundit* caught on quickly due to Reynolds's witty, conversational style, his ability to summarize stories in plain talk, and his remarkable breadth of insight into a wide variety of topics. "I have a lot of interests," he says. "Scholars are often divided into 'hedgehogs,' who know one big thing, and 'foxes,' who know many things. I'm more of a fox." He credits his writing facility to his undergraduate years at UT. "I really learned to write doing op-eds at *The Daily Beacon*, where my editor was Bill Harwood. I learned the skill of coming out with the topic and the angle." (Harwood has made his mark as the space reporter for CBS News, while Reynolds became an expert on space law, serving as an advisor to the White House and co-authoring many articles on the topic, as well as the book *Outer Space: Problems of Law and Policy*.)

At the foundation of *Instapundit's* appeal is an unpredictable libertarian perspective. "I like to joke that I'd like to live in a world in which happily married gay people have closets full of assault weapons to protect their pot," he says.

Reynolds was surprised at how quickly he gained such a massive online following. Even early on, sites linked on *Instapundit* would experience a traffic spike. The blog's success led to Reynolds penning op-eds for *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*, among other prestigious publications. As *Popular Mechanics'* "resident contrarian," he addresses broad issues of technology and society. He recently used the subject of license plate scanners as an entrée to mosaic theory—which he describes as "the qualitative difference between entities having all our information, which they most certainly do, and having the technical skills to put it all together, give it meaning, and do something with it." In practical terms, mosaic theory says that even if you aren't thinking about Google right now, Google's algorithms are probably thinking about you.



Reynolds

Reynolds brings his distinctive viewpoint to bear in his books, which include *The Appearance of Impropriety: How the Ethics Wars Have Undermined American Government, Business, and Society*, and *An Army of Davids: How Markets and Technology Empower Ordinary People to Beat Big Media, Big Government and Other Goliaths*. Lately he has focused his attention on issues in American

education and the undermining of due process in the judicial system.

In his *Columbia Law Review* article "Ham Sandwich Nation: Due Process When Everything Is a Crime," Reynolds argues that a culture of over-criminalization, easy indictments (the title refers to the aphorism that a good prosecutor can persuade a grand jury to indict a ham sandwich), and plea bargaining means that only a tiny

fraction of cases—perhaps 3 percent—actually go to trial.

"You have all this due process if you go to trial," he says. "But few people ever get to court. Instead, if you are charged with a crime and a prosecutor indicts you, whether you are innocent or not, you face strong pressure to accept a plea bargain. As a practical matter, the only decision that matters in the judicial process is the prosecutor's decision to bring charges."

Reynolds admits it isn't practical to ask grand juries to be stingier in handing down indictments. Rather, he would like to give prosecutors a personal stake by penalizing those whose frivolous indictments create the revolving door of plea bargaining while rewarding those who bring only indictments worth prosecuting.

In his book *The New School: How the Information Age Will Save American Education from Itself*, Reynolds tackles the problems of education in an era of changing systems and technologies. "In our K-12 schools," he says, "traditional models are collapsing. In a century of rapid change, our schools have stayed the same, except by becoming much less rigorous and vastly more expensive. It's as if we were still writing about ships the way we did when the steam engine was being developed."

The most obvious solutions involve embracing new technologies, like the free online lessons provided by the Khan Academy. The peskier conversation, which Reynolds admits he's just opening up, is about replacing the public school system. "My book is more of a conversation starter than a conversation ender, but it starts with entertaining the idea of throwing out old paradigms and starting over."

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GLENN REYNOLDS

Ever the libertarian, Reynolds connects his ideas about higher education to its ever-skyrocketing price tag. "Most of what we hear about of the value of a college degree is crap," he says. "We're spending vastly more, but we are not getting more out, with the students knowing less."

Reynolds believes higher education is in a classic economic bubble, like real estate before 2008, dotcoms before 2001, and even the Dutch tulip mania of the 1630s. Prices inflate beyond reason and then, inevitably, the bubble bursts.

Citing a principle coined by economist Herbert Stein, Reynolds says, "Something that can't go on forever won't. The higher education bubble may have already burst. With the tough economic times, law school applications plummeted." For their undergraduate degrees, today's students are looking for less expensive options, including community colleges, and figuring out ways to avoid the onerous student loans that recent graduates are struggling to pay off in a tepid job market.

In line with the traditional libertarian dislike of bureaucracies, Reynolds sees a major source of escalating costs in the ever-swelling number of administrative positions in colleges and universities. His possible solution: "Along with rewarding schools with great teacher-to-student ratios in its all-important rankings, it might be a good idea for U.S. News & World Report to penalize schools with too many administrators."

In the history books, Reynolds's influence on the public debate will be measured by the enduring legacy of his blog—even if the world doesn't become a libertarian utopia. ♦

# Alumni

## Renaissance woman

She has a bachelor's, two master's, an MBA, a JD—and she crossed the pond to work for Adidas. Meet **Leigh Outten ('13)**, one impressive alumna. **BY LUIS RUUSKA**

**F**or Leigh Outten ('13), it seems that becoming a lawyer was inevitable. After all, it's in her genes.

"I come from a lawyering family. My grandfather was a lawyer in Knoxville, my great-grandfather was a lawyer in Knoxville, and my uncle was a lawyer in Knoxville," says Outten. "When I was young I had the idea to be a lawyer, but then when I was a teenager, I had absolutely no idea."

Outten's aptitude for math and science led her to graduate summa cum laude from UT in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. After working briefly for a unionized factory, she realized the work was not for her and decided to continue her education.

In the following years, Outten graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with two Master of Science degrees—one in nuclear engineering and another in technology and policy. She then went on to earn an MBA from Collège des Ingénieurs, one of France's most selective academic institutions.

"I decided to stay in Europe [after graduation], but then decided I really wanted to go to law school," says Outten. "I said to myself, 'I've had this idea for years, I really want to go to law school, I'm just going to do it.' So I went back to UT."

The transition to law school initially came as a bit of a culture shock for Outten. "In engineering you did your problem sets, you worked hard, and you got the answer. It's not like engineering was easy, but usually you could find the solution and get a good grade," she says. "But in law school, you were graded against everybody else, which was really difficult at first, and [the answers] were not always a 'yes' or a 'no.'"

Despite this, Outten found that working one-on-one with her professors aided in the transition. "At MIT you were working with some of the best professors in their field, but they didn't really have time for you," she says. "But at UT Law it was really nice because you worked with outstanding people and they made time for you. I really appreciated that, getting to know some of the professors, getting to see what they were doing, and having that personal relationship."

After graduating with her JD in 2013, Outten returned to



Leigh Outten ('13)

Europe and worked as a patent agent for a private firm before being hired as an in-house patent counsel with the Adidas Group at their headquarters in Germany.

"The nice thing about the company is it's very international; I really like that. I get to work with the inventors every day, and the inventors are from everywhere, so it's just a nice mix of people," says Outten. "I also work with the innovation team. They really have to always be thinking of the next product, so it's cool to see something that they're talking about for 2020."

Looking toward the future, Outten plans to become a solicitor in England and Wales and has already passed one of the two tests required to practice. However, she says she's happy now and doesn't know whether she will ever go back to a private law firm.

"I like working in-house because I like working on a big team, I like seeing the products, being hands-on, working with the inventors," she says.

Outten says UT Law students should have confidence in their skills and legal training. "You shouldn't be intimidated by the 'big-name' law schools...I think the education you get at UT Law is just as good or better," Outten says. "I think students can do what they want if they go for it." ♦

## CLASS NOTES

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**'60s** **BYRON EISERMAN ('60)**, a senior partner at Friday, Eldredge & Clark, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America*.

**'70s** US Magistrate Judge **B. WAUGH CRIGLER ('73)** celebrated his retirement from the Western District of Virginia.

**JIM SUMMERS ('73)** was selected to the 2014 *Best Lawyers in America* for construction litigation, named a 2014 Mid-South Super Lawyer in construction litigation, and named *Best Lawyers in America's* 2015 Memphis construction-litigation Lawyer of the Year.

**NICHOLAS MANRING ('79)**, a member of the Senior Foreign Service, was appointed diplomat-in-residence at the East-West Center in Honolulu.

**'80s** **GEORGE T. "BUCK" LEWIS ('80)**, a shareholder in Baker Donelson's Memphis office, was named to the UT President's Council.

**M. CLARK SPODEN ('80)**, **JERRY W. TAYLOR ('81)**, and **KENNETH M. BRYANT ('87)** recently joined the Burr & Forman LLP Nashville office.

**DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE ('80)** was recently named director of the Administrative Office of Courts by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

**'90s** **MICHELE JOHNSON ('94)**, executive director of the Tennessee Justice Center, received the TBA's Ashley T. Wiltshire Public Service Attorney of the Year Award.

**TASHA BLAKNEY ('99)**, a member of Eldridge & Blakney, P.C., has been elected president of the Knoxville Bar Association.

**TRAJAN CARNEY ('99)**, **MARGARET LESLIE CURRY ('99)**, and **STEVE ELKINS ('99)** formed the firm of Carney Elkins Curry, PLLC, in Nashville.

**'00s** **TIFFANY DUNN ('00)**, a Nashville music attorney, was

named a partner at Loeb & Loeb.

**ANGELA C. EVANS ('00)** was elected the Sixth District council member of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council. She is the second African American woman to serve on the council and the first African American to represent the Sixth District.

**DAMON GRIFFIN ('01)** was named assistant US Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee.

**ALLISON BUSSELL ('04)** has joined the Klein Law Office, PLLC, in Nashville as a member.

**JEREMY DEESE ('05)** has joined Winstead PC in their Charlotte office as an associate in real estate finance.

**LAURA BAKER ('06)**, of the Law Offices of John Day, P.C., and **MIRANDA CHRISTY ('06)**, of Stites & Harbison, PLLC, received 2015 *Nashville Business Journal* 40 Under 40 Awards.

**AARON PENNINGTON ('06)** was tenured and promoted to associate professor of business law at the Graham School of Business at York College of Pennsylvania.

**DAVID CHAPMAN ('07)** has joined the Knoxville office of Leitner, Williams,

Dooley & Napolitan, PLLC, as a member.

**WHITNEY FRAZIER EARNEST ('08)** recently joined HealthTrust Purchasing Group, an HCA company, as corporate counsel.

**LEAH WALKER MCCLANAHAN ('08)** was named to the *Knoxville News Sentinel's* 40 Under 40.

**'10s** **K. CHRIS COLLINS ('10)** returned to Husch Blackwell's Chattanooga office as a business litigation associate.

**MARI AOYAGI ('11)** has joined Fragonmen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, as an associate with the Japanese Business Group in the firm's New York office.

**MICHAEL CRUM ('14)** has joined Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP as a first-year associate with the Corporate and Securities Practice Group.

**BRIDGET BRODBECK PARKES ('14)** has joined Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP as a first-year associate with the Construction and Procurement Practice Group.

**ANNE TIPPS ('14)** joined the Business Litigation and Torts and Insurance Practice service groups at Stites & Harbison, PLLC.



**ON TOP OF THE WORLD**  
Ten years after earning their JDs, 2004 UT Law grads **JEREMY JONES** (far left), **MILES THOMAS**, and **JOHN IRELAND** traveled to Peru last year and hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.





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Each year, the College of Law remembers our alumni who have passed away. They have all paved the way for today's students.

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## Mother of the *Law Review*

BY LUIS RUUSKA

**M**icki Fox, business manager of the *Tennessee Law Review* and continuing legal education (CLE) coordinator, has been with UT Law for forty-four years and has no plans of stopping any time soon.

Affectionately known as the “mother of the *Law Review*,” Fox began working with the publication in 1971 as a manuscript typist. Within the decade, she was promoted to senior bookkeeper and eventually business manager. A little over a decade ago, Fox took on an additional role at the college, becoming the CLE coordinator.

**Q: What are some of your proudest moments working with the *Law Review*?**

**FOX:** I’ve liked the reaction to the good work that these kids do. Just today we got another e-mail from an author who worked with us on our last issue saying how professional we were compared with other journals they’d worked with. These kids do really good work, they work hard, and everybody works together as team. Nobody gets competitive or stressed. I consider this my second home and I keep in touch with the kids, I go to their weddings...it’s been so much fun.

**You also work as the CLE coordinator. What has that been like?**

I love it. It’s just a lot of fun. The subjects are so interesting and we have great speakers here. The attorneys are required to get the CLE hours, so we want to give them hours that are really beneficial and we try to keep the price low (which they also appreciate). Other organizations charge \$375 and up for their CLE programs, which doesn’t include transportation and lodging. The only time we’ve charged that is for three foreign CLE cruises and one land trip in Ireland. I loved that trip because I love travel. The Baltic cruise was just fabulous, too. We went to Estonia, Finland, Sweden, St. Petersburg, and a port in Germany. I never thought in my wildest dreams thought I’d get to go to St. Petersburg, Russia, so that was a great thing for me. I loved that.

**How do you like to spend your free time?**

Travel is the thing I love to do most, but I’m also big into



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needlepoint, and I’m president of my church. I guess that’s it: travel, needlepoint, church, and my family. I’m very close to my family; we do great, fun things together.

**Where do you see yourself ten years from now?**

Right here. I plan to be right here doing CLE programs and having a new crowd of students every year on *Law Review*. My job is different every day; you can’t get bored. I wonder if I’ll get up to fifty years working here. That would be something, wouldn’t it?

I love this job. The law school has allowed me to grow and progress and gives me major new challenges every few years. I like juggling hats. ♦

**We’re just getting started!**

We’ll feature part two of our Q&A with Micki Fox in the online-only summer issue of *Tennessee Law*. Make sure you’re on our e-mail list by updating your alumni information at [volsconnect.com](http://volsconnect.com). You can also e-mail us at [law@utk.edu](mailto:law@utk.edu).



## Thanks, Dean Blaze.

Forget the handshake. Miriam Johnson (right) embraces Dean Doug Blaze as she crosses the stage during the Spring Hooding Ceremony, Blaze’s last ceremony as dean. Fittingly, the Class of 2015 recommended that Blaze deliver the keynote address.



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