



GEORGETOWN LAW

Fall/Winter 2007

ANNE CASSIDY
Editor

ANN W. PARKS
Staff Writer

ELISA ANDERSON
Art Director

KATHLEEN KNOWLES
MEGAN MCCARTHY
Designers

ELISSA FREE
Executive Director of Communications

KARA TERSHEL
Associate Director, Communications
(Media Relations)

SARA DANIEL
Associate Director, Communications
(Publications)

ANNE FEROLA, MIDGE GARDNER, MARGARET
GARIGAN, KIM KETTIG, GREG LANGLOIS
Contributors

MARY MATHERON
Executive Director of Development

KEVIN T. CONRY (L'86)
Vice President for Strategic Development
and External Affairs

T. ALEXANDER ALEINIKOFF
Dean of the Law Center
Executive Vice President, Law Center Affairs

We welcome your responses to this
publication. Write to:
Editor, *Georgetown Law*
Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
editor@law.georgetown.edu

Address changes/additions/deletions: 202-687-
1994 or e-mail addup@georgetown.edu

Georgetown Law magazine may be found on
the Law Center's Web site at
www.law.georgetown.edu
Copyright © 2007, Georgetown University
Law Center
All rights reserved

Transcription:
Mary Ann DeRosa

Printing:
GraphTec, Annapolis Junction, Md.

On the cover: Georgetown University President
John J. DeGioia, left, and Larry Gostin, the newly
named Linda and Timothy O'Neill Professor of
Global Health Law, at the inauguration of the
O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health
Law in April. Cover photo by Bill Petros.



Letter from the Dean

In his "Song to Woody," Bob Dylan says of the world that it "seems sick an' it's hungry, it's tired an' it's torn." I suppose today he might add that it's also overheating. Lawyers, particularly those educated at Georgetown Law, have an important role to play in healing the world, and this issue of our magazine highlights some of the many efforts of our faculty, students and graduates.

Last spring, we inaugurated the Linda and Timothy O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. Tim is a 1977 graduate of the Law Center; Linda is a 1977 graduate of the

School of Nursing & Health Studies. Their gift to the Law Center and NHS will help establish four centers at the Institute — on global health; health care financing; health regulation and governance; and disease prevention and health outcomes. The mission of the Institute is bold: "to find innovative solutions for the most pressing health concerns facing the nation and the world through research, scholarship and reflective engagement with partners in the public and private sectors."

In keeping with Georgetown University's mission of social justice, programs at the Institute will seek "to reduce health disparities and improve health in the United States and globally," in the words of Professor Larry Gostin, recently installed as the O'Neill Professor of Global Health Law and the Institute's faculty director. Just coming on board as executive director is John Monahan (C'83, L'87), who previously served as director of intergovernmental affairs and deputy assistant secretary at Health and Human Services. This fall the Institute will be initiating projects on global health law, food safety regulations, and health care spending and American values.

In this issue we also tell the stories of three refugees who were recently granted asylum in the United States — a woman from El Salvador and a couple from Nepal — and who were represented by students at our Center for Applied Legal Studies. CALS celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, under the stewardship of Professors Philip Schrag and David Koplow. The students — Frances Chang (L'07), Raad Missmar (L'07), Asa Priyaka (L'08) and Jenny Yoo (L'06) — worked hundreds of hours on the cases: interviewing clients and witnesses, examining legal issues, and researching conditions in the countries of origin.

Georgetown Law is also making a difference in the lives of African women. Our International Women's Human Rights clinic helped local lawyers persuade Uganda's Constitutional Court to invalidate provisions of the adultery law that discriminated on the basis of gender; the Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa program is a 14-month program at the Law Center in which fellows earn an LL.M. degree. We cover this in another story.

These three kinds of efforts operate at different levels of engagement — the global, the individual and the national. At every level, our students, faculty and alumni are helping improve the conditions under which inhabitants of our planet live.

Sincerely,

T. Alexander Aleinikoff
Dean of the Law Center
Executive Vice President, Law Center Affairs