

award recognizes a young lawyer with significant personal and professional achievements as well as community and public service contributions.

Yvette Joy Liebesman (C'86) has accepted a tenure-track position at St. Louis University School of Law. She teaches property and intellectual property.

Justin Trakimas (LL.M.) has joined Blank Rome as an associate in the firm's Philadelphia office.

2007



Jeffrey D. Batt was admitted to the New York bar. He is an associate at Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, focusing his practice in insurance coverage litigation.



Jan Singelmann has been appointed to the diversity committee of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He is an associate in the Oklahoma City

office of Crowe & Dunlevy.

2008

John Anderson (LL.M.) has joined the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight as an associate.

Susannah Foster has won a Burton Award for Legal Achievement, which honors effective legal writing. She was selected for her paper "When Clarity Means Ambiguity: An Examination of Statutory Interpretation at the Environmental Protection Agency."

Daniel L. Meehan III (LL.M.) has joined the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight as an associate.



Andrew J. Sakalarios (LL.M.) has joined Jones Walker as an associate in the tax, trusts and estates practice

group. He practices in the firm's New Orleans office.

UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL FUND



Dear Graduates,

This issue of Georgetown Law Magazine highlights the Law Center's international prominence. Having been an adjunct professor at the Law Center for a number of years, I have seen an increasing number of international students in my class. These students, many of whom are pursuing their LL.M. degrees, are a constant reminder to me of the wealth of culture and tradition — and the

expansive world view — that the Law Center represents.

This world view has been visible at Georgetown Law for some time, but never more so than now, with the Center for Transnational Legal Studies opening this fall in London. This unique educational establishment showcases Georgetown's strong presence in international and transnational law and its proactive commitment to educate the global lawyer of the future. (See page 26 for more on CTLS.)

As the practice of law becomes increasingly more international in scope, the need for globally focused legal training becomes clearer. As an international law practitioner, I am excited to see the Law Center embrace the concept of global legal education. The Center for Transnational Legal Studies is the next step in the internationalization of law, and Georgetown Law is at the forefront of this movement.

The continued success of Georgetown Law's program is due in part to the generosity of our alumni in giving back to the Law Center. This year, for example, the Law Annual Fund surpassed our \$2.4 million goal. As you'll see, the Law Firm Challenge alone raised close to \$1 million, with six firms achieving 100-percent participation. We are grateful to all of you who made the Law Annual Fund a success and who continue to serve your alma mater as donors, volunteers and ambassadors.

I hope to see many of you at this year's upcoming Law Center reunion. (This year, I will be attending as a spouse, since it's my wife's 25th reunion.) Reunions are a great way to reconnect, not only to former classmates but also to the Law Center, and a terrific way to get a firsthand view of the exciting developments and accomplishments of Georgetown Law. It is also helpful to our individual career development to see how the law is being taught and learned these days.

Sincerely,

John Vasily, L'82
National Chair,
Georgetown Law Annual Fund