



### ECHOLS, MARSHA

Professor Echols' paper "Agriculture and Contract Law" was published by the Programme Lascaux (agriculture and food regulation) and the Faculty of Law and Political Science at the University of Nantes, France. The paper is included in the proceedings of the Journées Louis Lorvellec.

Professor Echols was invited to be the reviewer of a Ph.D. dissertation about Intellectual Property and International Trade for a Swiss publisher that is considering whether to publish the research.

Professor Echols had guests in her two classes. Mark Kantor, Co-Chair of the International Dispute Resolution Committee of the DC Bar, spoke to the International Business Transactions class about the importance of understanding the consequences in arbitral proceedings of the contrasting common and civil law views about procedure. The Problems of World Order seminar this semester focuses on Access to Resources (water, minerals, land and knowledge). Irving Williamson, Vice Chairman of the US International Trade Commission, heard the students' conclusions and recommendations about the rights and options under international, regional and national constitutional law available to a hypothetical village facing a potential land and minerals "grab". The students prepared a Memorandum of Law and Power Point presentation on his comments. Victor Mosoti, a World Bank attorney, spoke to the same class about Climate Change and Carbon Credits.

Professor Echols' letter to the Financial Times Editor was published in yesterday's FT. The title was "Farmers and Local Food Production are Key to Food Security". It was paired with the paper's editorial entitled "Farmers Wanted."

### GAVIL, ANDREW

On Dec. 10, 2010, Professor Gavil was a guest lecturer on: "Future Directions in the Global Treatment of Single Firm Conduct: Lessons from the Microsoft Cases?," at the Tilburg Law and Economics Center ("TILEC") at the University of Tilburg, Netherlands.

Professor Gavil spoke at the 4th American Antitrust Institute Conference on The Future of the Private Right of Action. His topic was: Then and Now: Have We Lost Faith in the Antitrust Private Right of Action?, National Press Club, Washington, D.C., Dec. 7, 2010.





### ***GRESHAM-BULLOCK, ALICE***

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Professor Gresham is on Sabbatical in Spring 2011.

### ***KURLAND, ADAM***

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Professor Kurland's article *The Prosecution of Michael Vick: Of Dogfighting, Depravity, Dual Sovereignty and a Clockwork Orange* has been accepted for publication in the Spring 2011 volume of the Marquette Sports Law Review, the oldest law journal devoted exclusively to sports legal issues. He will also deliver a paper at Marquette, which houses a Sports Law Institute, in April 2011.

Professor Kurland is on Sabbatical during Spring 2011. During that time he will make a presentation on public corruption prosecutions in the United States at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia; will argue two criminal cases in the federal courts of appeals--cases in which several students have assisted--and will teach a one week mini-course on federal public corruption at Wake Forest University.



### ***LAWSON, WARNER***

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Professor Lawson is the Principal Investigator, on a grant awarded by the Department of Justice where Delaware State University is the prime recipient and Howard School of Law is the subrecipient. In brief, the project involves assessing judicial approval of the use of new technologies to track evidence through the chain of custody.

### ***MABRY, CYNTHIA***

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Professor Mabry participated in the CLE, The Fostering Connections and Increasing Adoptions Act, Practising Law Institute, Manhattan, New York (December 17, 2010). She also published *A Coloring Book: African Americans Making History* (2010) (written and illustrated by Professor Mabry).



***McDOUGALL, HAROLD***

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On November 3, 2010, Professor McDougall spoke at The Howard Divinity School's Convocation, discussing the significance of the McDonnell Douglas Corp v. Green Supreme Court case for civil rights law.

On November 5, 2010, he spoke at the Institute for Intellectual Property and Social Justice IP Empowerment Summit, discussing the role of social media in community organization for a panel on Social Activism and Legislative Action.

***MEEKINS, TAMAR***

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On October 29, 2010, Professor Meekins served as a moderator for the third panel discussion on "Lawyering" for the 7th Annual Wiley A. Branton Howard Law Journal Symposium.

From November 8-9, 2010, Professor Meekins served as a taskforce member on the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Taskforce on developing the publication: "Constitutional and Legal Requirements for Problem-Solving Courts: Recommended Practices." Over the next year, she will conduct legal and academic research, assist in preparing a summary and report to the national advisory committee and assist in producing the final document for widespread dissemination.

From November 10-13, 2010, Professor Meekins attended the Annual Conference of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in Atlanta, GA. The national conference covered many topics relevant to the provision of both civil and criminal legal services to underserved and underrepresented communities.

On November 24, 2010, Professor Meekins was the keynote speaker for a delegation of Ukrainian lawyers travelling to the United States under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The group traveled to several cities in the U.S. during their three-week study project focusing on prison administration and reform in the United States. Professor Meekins gave them an overview of the American system of federalism, appointment and retention of judges and the criminal justice system.

Professor Meekins is visiting at American University in Spring 2011.



**MOTOLA, ZIYAD**

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Professor Motola participated in Session 475, "Islamic and International Law: Searching for Common Ground," which was convened at Schloss Leopoldskron from Sunday, November 14, to Friday, November 19, 2010. Professor Motola was also awarded a Mellon Foundation Fellowship, which enabled him to attend the session free of charge.

**ROGERS, W. SHERMAN**

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Professor Rogers recently published *The Constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act and State Bans on Same-Sex Marriage: Why They Won't Survive* in 54 *Howard Law Journal* 2010.

A group of lawyers from Houston, Texas recently retained the services of Professor Rogers to write, on very short notice, a Petition for Certiorari to be filed in the United States Supreme Court. The issue which Professor Rogers addressed in the Petition involves the correct interpretation of a portion of the federal judicial code which appears at 28 U.S.C. 1447(c). Professor Rogers filed the Petition in the Supreme Court on November 18, 2010.

The issue raised in the Petition is one that has produced a conflict among the Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal. The specific issue involves the determination of the jurisdictional event that permits re-vesting of jurisdiction in a state court after a federal court has entered a remand order in conjunction with a removal proceeding. Professor Rogers is the counsel of record in the case.





### TASLITZ, ANDREW

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Professor Andrew E. Taslitz has just published *The Slave Power Undead: Criminal Justice Successes and Failures of the Thirteenth Amendment, in THE PROMISES OF LIBERTY: THE HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE OF THE THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT* (Alexander Tsesis, ed., Columbia University Press 2010).

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, Professor Taslitz spoke at the HLJ Branton symposium. His opening talk defined “collateral consequences,” the subject of the symposium, and discussed the moral implications of the concept.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, he presented a paper on media and technology at a roundtable on revising the ABA Standards for the Prosecution Function at American University.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, Professor Taslitz participated as a Council member in the fall meeting of the ABA Criminal Justice Section’s Governing Council.

Professor Andrew E. Taslitz has also just published *Police Are People Too: Cognitive Obstacles to, and Opportunities for, Police Getting the Individualized Suspicion Judgment Right*, 8 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. 7 (2010) (a peer-reviewed publication); *In Praise of the Jury Trial: A Review of Robert P. Burns: The Death of the American Trial*, \_\_ INT’L J. EV. \_\_ (2010) (a peer-reviewed on-line-only journal).

During the month of November 2010, Professor Taslitz also spoke at American University on prosecutor uses and abuses of the media in high-profile trials. He also recently spoke at Harvard University on the political explanation for America’s embrace of mass incarceration.



***KURT L. SCHMOKE***  
***DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL***

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On December 21, 2010, Dean Schmoke, accompanied by Ms. LuEllen Conti, Director of Career Services, attended a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Bank. Also, in attendance was Anne Marie Leroy, General Counsel and Ian Solomon, U.S. Executive Director.

In the spirit of increasing its efficiency and introducing a large diversity of legal cultures and traditions, World Bank's Legal Vice Presidency ("LEGAL") has revised its Recruitment Policy and redefined its Legal Associates Program ("LAP") for use as its main recruitment tool. It has also established a demand-driven Legal Interns Program ("LIP"). Through the Memorandum of Understanding, LEGAL will actively seek and recruit LL.M. students from Howard University School of Law for both programs.

The LAP is a two year program designed to introduce talented young legal professionals from all over the world to the World Bank. Every year, LEGAL recruits a small number (up to 6) of bright and committed young lawyers to participate in this program. After successful completion of the Program, Legal Associates would have met the formal requirements in terms of years of experience to apply to a Counsel position. The LIP is a six to twelve month program designed to offer to successful candidates an opportunity to gain legal experience, improve their skills as well as the experience of working in an international environment. Successful interns will be prepared to apply to the LAP after successful completion of their legal graduate studies.