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Cynthia Baldwin Named Full-Time General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer for Penn State

On January 22nd Penn State's Board of Trustees approved the appointment of former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Cynthia Baldwin to serve as the University's full-time general counsel and chief legal officer. Penn State President Graham Spanier stated, "We are fortunate to have in Cynthia Baldwin someone with such vast legal expertise at the highest level and also a thorough understanding of the University and its needs." She will serve in a transitional role to help establish and organize the office, manage the legal function, and pave the way for a permanent general counsel to be hired following a national search. "Her oversight during this transition will allow us to implement a model for legal services that addresses our anticipated future needs," said Spanier.



Cynthia Baldwin

Ms. Baldwin, currently a partner in the Pittsburgh office of the law firm Duane Morris LLP, is a successful attorney, judge, educator, and community leader. She is a retired justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania where she was the second African American woman to serve, and was elected the first African American female judge of the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas where she served in the civil, family and juvenile divisions for 16 years.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from The Pennsylvania State University. She earned her law degree from Duquesne University and continues a relationship with the institution, serving in both visiting and adjunct professorships, and is a member of the Duquesne University Board of Directors and past president of its Law Alumni Board.

She is extremely involved in her field, community efforts, women's issues and educational efforts around the world. In recognition of her professional and personal accomplishments, Baldwin has received numerous awards and honors from a variety of educational institutions, professional associations, publications and government officials. She is an exemplary role model for women's progress.



Minority Law Day Program at Pittsburgh Public High Schools

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The Minority Bar Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association conducted its annual Minority Law Day Program in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. This year the Minority Law Day was co-sponsored with the Homer S. Brown Law Association and the Allegheny County Bar Association. The purpose of the Minority Law Day was to introduce high school students to the possibility of a career in the legal profession.

The theme of this year's Minority Law Day was "Law & Technology: How Good Choices Today Can Lead to a Better Tomorrow."

Local minority attorneys and judges visited one of several high schools for about an hour to lead the students in a debate about law and technology and the future problems poor choices can create and the part the law plays in technology. In addition, the attorneys had the opportunity to talk about the practice of law and answer any questions that the students had regarding the legal profession and the educational preparation needed to enter into a career of law. Two or three judges or attorneys participated in the program at four Pittsburgh Public High Schools.

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Duquesne's Susan Hascall Teaches Sales and Islamic Law

Assistant Professor Susan Hascall received her J.D. magna cum laude from Washburn University School of Law where she served on the Law Journal and on the Native American Moot Court team. She also holds a masters degree in anthropology from Wichita State University, and received her BA in political science from Texas A&M University. Professor Hascall previously clerked for the Honorable Wade Brorby of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and Chief Judge J. Patrick Brazil of the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Before coming to Duquesne, she practiced in the areas of commercial litigation and appellate procedure in Kansas City. Professor Hascall teaches sales and Islamic law.



Susan C. Hascall

Duquesne's Amelia Joiner Teaches Contracts and Trial Advocacy



Amelia Joiner

Assistant Professor Amelia Michele Joiner graduated from the Duquesne University School of Law cum laude, where she served on Law Review and on the Trial Moot Court Team. Professor Joiner graduated with a B.A. magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to joining the Law School faculty full time, Professor Joiner was an Adjunct Professor in Trial Advocacy. She was a clerk for the Honorable Joy Flowers Conti of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Professor Joiner was a litigation associate with two of the largest firms in the country, Reed Smith LLP, and K&L Gates LLP. Professor Joiner teaches contracts and trial advocacy.

Professional Membership

- Louis L. Manderino Honor Society for Distinguished Achievement in Moot Court Competition
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University of Pittsburgh's Charles Chernor Jalloh Focuses on International Law



Charles Chernor Jalloh

Professor Jalloh of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law focuses on International Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, Public International Law and Criminal Law. He holds Common and Civil Law degrees from McGill University, Canada. He also earned a Master's in International Law, with distinction, at Oxford University, U.K., where he was honored as a Chevening Scholar.

A member of the Ontario Bar since June 2004, he has served as a Legal Counsel in the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section as well as the Trade Law Bureau of the Department of Justice Canada. For three years, he was also the Legal Advisor to the Office of the Principal Defender (OPD) in the Special Court for Sierra Leone – the first such office in an international criminal tribunal. He clerked at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania for Judges Erik Møse and Jai Ram Reddy, assisting on important cases involving genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in Rwanda in 1994.

In 2007, he edited a book that is now a leading reference on the legal texts of the Sierra Leone Tribunal. He has also authored or co-authored various scholarly works published in reputable peer-reviewed journals and books. His current research seeks to expose the growing tension between Africa and the International Criminal Court. The primary thrust is on questions of selectivity and jurisdiction and their impact, if any, on the growth and legitimacy of international criminal law.

Professor Jalloh, who is the founding Editor-in-Chief of the African Journal of Legal Studies, is a member of the American Society of International Law and the Canadian Council on International Law. He has given many radio and TV interviews, and lectured widely at several institutions and conferences in Canada, Netherlands, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sierra Leone and South Africa.



Seth Piyush of Tucker Arensberg Launched Immigration Law Practice

Seth Piyush is a Shareholder in the Tucker Arensberg's Immigration Law Department. Born in New Delhi, India and raised in the United States from the age of three, Mr. Piyush brings a background that includes business immigration, contract/commercial litigation, tax, and business structuring. He applies his diverse experience from working with hospitals, technology companies, law firms and a "Big 5" accounting firm to his clients needs. Mr. Piyush has developed a substantial practice focused on immigration law and has served hundreds of corporate clients with their business immigration needs as well as many individuals with various immigration matters.

Piyush frequently provides consultation to the Pittsburgh media on immigration related issues and also presents to groups in the Asian, European, Indian and Latin Communities in Pittsburgh on immigration matters. In 2005, Piyush was ranked as one of the top 11 immigration attorneys in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Piyush obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a certificate in International Studies and a minor in Economics from Binghamton University, State University of New York, and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he also obtained a certificate in Health Law.

University of Pittsburgh's Lu-in Wang Focuses on Discrimination Law

Professor Wang received the Student Bar Association's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2000 and 2006 and the University of Pittsburgh's Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2001. In 2006, she was elected to membership in the American Law Institute.



Lu-in Wang

Professor Wang previously practiced law with firms in Chicago, Illinois, and Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is a former staff attorney for the Center for Social Gerontology, a national support center on law and aging. She also served as a law clerk for former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Ralph J. Cappy.

Lu-in Wang's scholarship examines ordinary and extraordinary forms of discrimination and the connections between them. Her current project focuses on the relationship between social and economic stereotypes and how the law adopts or contributes to those stereotypes and hence reinforces their connection, as well as how the law might disrupt that connection to more effectively identify and redress discrimination. She also wrote *Discrimination by Default: How Racism Becomes Routine* and *Hate Crimes Law*. Professor Wang has written several major articles which have appeared in journals such as the *Boston University Law Review*, the *Michigan Journal of Race and Law*, the *Ohio State Law Journal*, the *Rutgers Race & the Law Review*, and the *Southern California Law Review*. Professor Wang also speaks to and consults with non-legal audiences and institutions that hope to better understand discrimination in order to reduce it.