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FEBRUARY 21**PROFESSOR KATHERINE PEARSON AND SEVERAL ALUMNI TO SERVE ON PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT ELDER LAW TASK FORCE****February 21, 2013**

Professor Katherine Pearson has been named to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Elder Law Task Force, which will convene for the first time in April. The task force will address concerns about guardianship, elder abuse and neglect, and access to justice. Professor Pearson is the only professor of law on the 36-member task force.

"The court is bringing together experts in law, banking, estate planning, social work, and court administration. This should be a fascinating opportunity for interdisciplinary problem-solving," she said.

A nationally recognized expert on elder law and a Fulbright grant recipient, Professor Pearson's most recent scholarship focuses on interdisciplinary and comparative approaches to elder care. In addition to her Law School teaching role, she is also an affiliated faculty member of the University's [John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence](#).

She will serve on the task force in the company of several Law School alumni including Karen Byrnes-Noon '85, Schuylkill County District Attorney, Neil E. Hendershot '76, Serratelli, Schifman & Brown, P.C., Louise A. Rynd '82, General Counsel, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, and Catharine Thurston '03, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

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