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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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DICKINSON LAW CELEBRATES THE CLASS OF 2023



On May 12, Penn State Dickinson Law held commencement exercises in Dickinson College's Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium. Penn State Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. Justin Schwartz delivered opening remarks, and Dean Danielle M. Conway welcomed 2023 commencement speaker Lieutenant General Christopher F. Burne '83, United States Air Force (retired), who served as the 17th Judge Advocate General of the Air Force. The day's ceremony recognized 75 J.D. candidates and five LL.M. candidates. LL.M. graduate Tayyab Tahir and J.D. graduate Heather Townsend offered remarks during the commencement ceremony. The class of 2023 is the 144th class to graduate from the Law School. Over the course of the Law School's long and distinguished history, more than 15,000 students have received degrees. [Learn more](#)

PROFESSOR MOGILL TO RETIRE FROM PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW



Professor Michael Mogill is retiring from Penn State Dickinson Law at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 academic year. He joined the Law School in 1989, and according to Emeritus Dean Gary Gildin, Professor Mogill has had lunch with every 1L that has entered Dickinson Law. "The success that we've had at this law school rests squarely on your shoulders," said Dean Danielle M. Conway in her remarks to Professor Mogill at a retirement celebration held earlier this spring with Dickinson Law faculty, staff, and students. Professor Mogill shared a few words (and a few dad jokes!) as well as his hopes for Dickinson Law faculty, staff, and students. "I hope that you never stop working to make the world a better place." Congratulations, Professor Mogill – you will be missed! [Read more](#)

LAW SCHOOL HOSTS RECEPTION AT PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA



Dickinson Law held a reception during the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) in Philadelphia on May 3. Over 50 alumni, PBA members and staff attended the event, during which Dean Danielle M. Conway shared a law school update and congratulated alumnus Michael McDonald '79, who became PBA president at the Annual Meeting. McDonald offered remarks about his fondness for the Law School and his faith in its future success. Also in attendance were past PBA presidents Forest Myers '73 and Anne John '83! [See photos](#)

HON. JULIA K. MUNLEY '92 NOMINATED TO FEDERAL BENCH



President Joe Biden has nominated Hon. Julia K. Munley '92 to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In June 2016, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf nominated Judge Munley to a vacancy on the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County. She was unanimously confirmed by the full Pennsylvania Senate. In November 2017, Judge Munley was elected to a ten-year term. She previously worked as a trial attorney and partner at Munley Law in Scranton, Pennsylvania. After graduating from law school, Munley served as a law clerk to Hon. Stephen J. McEwen of the Pennsylvania Superior Court from 1992-1993. [Read more](#)

PROFESSOR PEARSON CO-AUTHORS ARTICLE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LAWYER



Professor Katherine Pearson and colleagues on Pennsylvania's Elder Justice Consortium highlight the work of PA's judiciary and law schools who provide programmatic support for older Pennsylvanians in a feature article appearing in the current issue of *The Pennsylvania Lawyer*. Professor Pearson is the Arthur L. and Sandra S. Piccone Faculty Scholar at Penn State Dickinson Law. Her academic focus in research and writing has been on laws and policies connected to aging. May is National Elder Law Month. [Learn more](#)

SAVE THE DATE – ALUMNI EVENTS & 2ND ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY



Alumni are invited to return to Carlisle September 29-30, 2023, for a series of events on and around campus. The Law School's Annual Donor Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, September 29 at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA. The dinner celebrates annual donors and members of the Law School's lifetime giving society, The John Reed Society. On Saturday, September 30, the Office of Career Services will present its second annual Professional Development Day. The Office of Development & Alumni Affairs will host a picnic on the College Street Lawn for alumni and friends, as well as a cocktail reception for reunion classes prior to independent, offsite class dinners. [More details will be shared in the weeks ahead!](#) [Upcoming events](#)



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