

# In the Loop

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## Latest Trends in Information Convergence Topic of IP & IT Centers Program Nov. 9

The John Marshall Law School Centers for Information Technology and Privacy Law and Intellectual Property Law are co-hosting the program "Information Convergence: At the Boundaries of Access" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, in Room 1200.

This program is one of the special events marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Marshall's Center for Information Technology and Privacy Law.

New methods of creation, protection, commodification and distribution are raising a host of issues as they outpace the traditional ways we share information and intellectual property. Four panels of experts will examine convergence at the boundaries of creative and innovative property; information analysis and security technology; information and technology; and beyond the traditional boundaries.

Guest presenters are Professor Emeritus Sheldon Halpern of Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University; Professor Hugh Hansen of Fordham University School of Law; Roberta Kwall, Raymond P. Niro Professor of Intellectual Property Law at DePaul University College of Law; Professor Christine Farley of American University Washington College of Law.

Professor Kenneth Ryan of California State University-Fresno; Alex Tyakoff of Canada's British Columbia Institute of Technology; Maureen Cooney, chief of staff and director of International Privacy Policy with the Privacy Office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and Charisse Castagnoli,

vice president of Business Development at the software company Britestream Networks.

The luncheon speaker will be Keith G. Chval, principal with Protek International, a computer forensics, litigation support and investigations firm and a member of the law firm of Connolly, Ekl & Williams PC.

The afternoon panelists will be Associate Professor Julie Cromer, of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego; Professor John Cross of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville; Professor Michael Madison of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Associate Professor Ann Bartow of the University of South Carolina School of Law; and Dennis Karjala, the Jack E. Brown Professor of Law at Arizona State University College of Law.

Also, Associate Professor Fumi Arewa of Northwestern University School of Law; Professor Peter Yu, Kern Family Chair in Intellectual Property Law and director of the Intellectual Property Law Center at Drake University Law School; and Professor Doris Long of The John Marshall Law School.

Moderators for the program will be John Marshall Professors David Schwartz and Leslie Ann Reis, director of the Center for Information Technology and Privacy Law.

For additional information on this program, contact The John Marshall Department of Event Management at [events@jmls.edu](mailto:events@jmls.edu) or 312.984.1420. CLE credit is available. The fee is \$100, or \$50 for academics and government employees.

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## John Marshall July Bar Passage at 90%

Graduates of The John Marshall Law School had a 90 percent pass rate for the July bar, according to the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar.

The overall pass rate for Illinois test takers was 86 percent.

Of the 251 John Marshall students who sat for the exam, 226 passed.

"This is a result we can all be proud of," said Dean John Corkery "and one that I hope will inspire and encourage everyone at the law school. This exam represents great work by our students.

"It also shows how well our students can do when they compete at a high level. This is not news to me," he added, "but it may come as news to others who may underrate our law school."

The dean gave special recognition to Professor Corinne Morrissey who has responsibility for organizing all Academic Support Services, including bar review programs.

He also thanked the faculty which has worked to emphasize the importance of bar preparation.

A story on the state results from the July 2007 bar is available at [www.jmls.edu/bar.pass.pdf](http://www.jmls.edu/bar.pass.pdf).

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## Veterans Legal Issues Discussed at John Marshall

The John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center (VLSC) is hosting a CLE program on veterans legal issues, including employment and re-employment rights, the United States' and Illinois' veterans benefits, Illinois laws and family law, from noon to 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9, in room 503 at the law

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## John Marshall Trains New Class of Chinese Attorneys



*At their farewell dinner Oct 25, John Marshall Associate Dean for Advanced Studies Kathryn Kennedy (left); Professor David Schwartz (second from left) and Dorothy Li (in front), co-director of the Asian Alliance Program, welcomed (from third from left) Zhen Yingchun, Zhang Li (LL.M. '02) and Zhou Shengsheng (LL.M.'06). After completing an intellectual property program at John Marshall, the 28-member delegation went to Washington to visit the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*



*Members of the fall 2008 class of Chinese attorneys who attended The John Marshall Law School for advanced training in intellectual property law gathered for a farewell dinner. Joining them are (seated, from left) Professor David Schwartz; Adjunct Professor Van Economou; Professor Diane Kaplan; Dorothy Li (standing), co-director of the Asian Alliance Program; Professor Robert Gilbert Johnston; Professor William McGrath, associate director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law at John Marshall; and Adjunct Professor James Muraff.*

## John Marshall Student Appears on Oprah as Career Tips Guest

“Did I see one of our students on Oprah?”

Yes, if you were watching The Oprah Winfrey Show on Tuesday, Oct. 23, you did see third-year student Danielle Niedfeldt as a guest on the Chicago-based talk show. She was identified as a law student at The John Marshall Law School, and she was given a makeover including a new hair style, a designer trench coat, a black dress with matching jacket and shoes.

Niedfeldt said she was on the Oprah website looking for last-minute tickets to the show and addressed a question about future career interviews.

“I thought—I’m going to start interviewing soon. I’m graduating in January. I answered the questions, which weren’t very specific, so I had no idea what it was about. After I provided some of my information, I got a request for a photo,” she said. Niedfeldt was offered a ticket as a target audience member.

When she arrived at Harpo Studios, she was called out from the group and invited to follow an assistant. It was then that she learned she would be getting a makeover. The process started around 9:30 a.m., and she was on the air at 3:30 p.m. for the taping of the show that aired a week later.

“It was really a lot of fun,” said the evening student and single mom. “It was like ‘Pinch me and tell me this is real.’ It was extraordinary for me.”

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## Asian Pacific American Law Student Association Celebrates Novemberfest

The John Marshall Law School Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) is hosting “Novemberfest: Celebrating Asian Americans in the Law” from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9, in the Sargis-Miner Student Lounge.

Guest speaker Assistant United States Attorney Edmond E. Chang will present “Inspiring the Future of Asian American Lawyers.”

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Admission includes fine cuisine from all parts of Asia, including China, Japan, Thailand, India, Korea, Vietnam and Malaysia, a cocktail reception and entry into a raffle drawing.

To reserve a ticket, e-mail Teresa Do at [5do@stu.jmls.edu](mailto:5do@stu.jmls.edu). All APALSA members will receive a complimentary ticket to the event.

## John Marshall Faculty Members Honored by Alumni

Professor Ralph Ruebner, associate dean for Academic Affairs, and Professor Paul Wangerin were honored with the inaugural Alumni Recognition Award at the Fourth Annual John Marshall Law School Student & Alumni Exchange on Oct. 18.

The award was designed to recognize an outstanding full-time staff member, including faculty, staff and administrators, that students from selected classes believe had the greatest impact on their lives. The classes surveyed this year were the class of 1992 and the class of 2000.

Also recognized at the event were Professors Julie Spanbauer, Corinne Morrissey and Joel Cornwell, the next three highest vote getters.



Dean John E. Corkery (center) congratulates Professors Ralph Ruebner (left) and Paul Wangerin (right) on receiving the inaugural Alumni Recognition Award at the Fourth Annual John Marshall Law School Student & Alumni Exchange.

## Faculty Activity and Publications

Professor Karen Halverson Cross

### Activities

She was selected to serve on the Committee on Annual Awards for 2007-2008 of the American Society of International Law.

She discussed "Principles of U.S. Commercial Law" and "The World Trade Organization" at training sessions for employees of the Bank of Beijing organized by the US/Asia Executive Development Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In October, she presented her paper, "Arbitration as a Means of Resolving Sovereign Debt Disputes," at the Dispute Resolution Works in Progress Conference held at Marquette University Law School. An earlier version of the paper was presented in February 2007 at a symposium on Odious Debts organized by the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*. The paper recently has been accepted for publication in the *American Review of International Arbitration*, which is a journal of the Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law at Columbia University.

## Professor Karen Cross to Teach In Portugal as Fulbright Scholar

Professor Karen Halverson Cross of The John Marshall Law School will be teaching at the Catholic University of Portugal through the Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program.

She is developing an intensive curriculum for Contracts and International Business Transactions and Foreign Investment, the two courses she will teach in the LL.M. program in International Trade and Business Law.

"Because the program is structured so that I teach only 36 hours, I think it will be more like teaching a seminar. From what last year's Fulbright grantees told me about the program, I expect to have about 25 students in the class, some from Portugal and the rest from other parts of Europe and Latin America.

"I will need to cover the highlights of what I would normally teach in two semesters of Contracts at John Marshall," she explained. "I am currently in the process of developing my syllabi for the two courses. When I applied for the Fulbright grant, I submitted my existing syllabi for Contracts and International Business Transactions, along with a discussion of how I would adapt the courses for the LL.M. program.

"When my application was accepted, I was instructed to teach these same courses, but with a particular focus on issues that would be of interest to European students," Cross said. "For example, I will adapt the Contracts course to include a discussion of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods."

Although the LL.M. program is taught in English, Cross is hoping her language skills in Portuguese will be strong enough to help her navigate through Lisbon and enjoy one-to-one conversations with the residents.

Cross will be gone for three months. She will leave in late April and will condense her spring 2008 class at John Marshall so as to end at spring break. She expects the timing will still allow her to coach John Marshall's team for the Vis International Commercial Arbitration competition.

This is Cross's second Fulbright appointment. After graduating from Harvard Law School, she was selected a Fulbright Scholar for 1990-91 in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. She studied international law and researched economic reform in Eastern Europe.





### Real Estate Leaders Address Commercial Leases

At The John Marshall Law School 2007 Kratovil Conference on Real Estate Law Oct. 19 a distinguished panel examined the issue "Commercial Lease Transactions: The Lifeblood of the Real Estate Industry." Speakers examined changes in how leases are construed, evaluated, perceived and negotiated by today's landlords, tenants, lenders and their attorneys. Panelists for the Center for Real Estate Law program were (from left) Ronald R. Pollina of Pollina Corporate Real Estate, Inc.; Victoria S. Bergbel, CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.; Janet M. Johnson, Schiff Hardin, LLP; Professor Daniel B. Bogart, Chapman University School of Law; Virginia M. Harding, Gould & Ratner, LLP; David Alan Richards, McCarter & English, LLP; and Professor Celeste M. Hammond, director of the Center for Real Estate Law at John Marshall.



### John Marshall Moot Court Team Takes Third Place Honors

The John Marshall Law School team of Gautham Kaveti (left) and Karl Muth (right) placed third overall in the Midwest Regional rounds of the Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition. The team was coached by Adjunct Professor Tara Taylor Bernstein (J.D. '95). The team advances to the National Finals in Las Vegas November 15 through 18.

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school. The program is presented by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section and Military Affairs Committee.

The program moderator will be VLSC Executive Director Brian Clauss (J.D. '90), an arbitrator, mediator and attorney and ombudsman director of the Illinois Employer Support of Guard and Reserve. Welcome and introductions will be made by Donald A. LoBue, chair of the ISBA General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section and by John Marshall Dean John E. Corkery.

From 12:15 to 1 p.m. Clauss will discuss federal law on activation and return by presenting the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act (USERRA).

From 1 to 1:30 p.m. the topics will be "Illinois Human Rights Act: Rights and Remedies," presented by Judge Abner Mikva, chairman of the Illinois Human Rights Commission; and "Activation and Return – the Illinois Laws and Resources," presented by Margaret Riley, bureau chief of the Illinois Attorney General's Veterans Rights Bureau.

The 1:30 to 2 p.m. segment will feature Ryan Coward (J.D. '07), director of the VLSC, discussing veterans benefits administration and the application and appeal for health and education benefits.

At 2:05 p.m., Ignacio Maramba, of Maramba & Associates, will discuss family law and military member divorces and custody issues.

A final presentation will be made by Brig. Gen. Steven J. Lepper, staff judge advocate for Headquarters Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base.

For more information or to register for the program visit the ISBA website at [www.isba.org/lawed/Veterans11-07.html](http://www.isba.org/lawed/Veterans11-07.html).

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