Juan Quevedo

As a teen, he led his family in pursuing citizenship. Now, this student is ready to help others achieve the same dream.
Jeremy Stokes (’15) looks up at loved ones in the audience while standing with his fellow graduates at the Spring Hooding Ceremony. PHOTO BY PATRICK MORRISON

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From the Dean

As I get ready to finish up as dean and look back over the past seven years, it feels like I just started. The time has flown by. But those seven years have been by far the most fulfilling of my professional life. Despite considerable challenges—budget cuts, a limited job market for graduates, and a national decline in law school applications—it has been a time of considerable progress for UT Law.

The faculty has worked hard to maintain an innovative curriculum that prepares our students to be effective practitioners and leaders after they graduate. Building on our rich history of clinical experiences, we continue to expand the experiential opportunities available to students. We have also expanded the number of real-world simulation experiences in traditional classroom courses like Transactional Tax Planning, Bankruptcy, and e-Discovery. The curriculum now includes more specialty courses focusing on particular practice areas like health care, energy, law, intellectual property, and admiralty. This spring the faculty voted to revise the 1L curriculum to include a new one-credit course in Lawyering and Professionalism, as well as a Transactional Lawyering Lab. We recently established the Institute for Professional Leadership to better train our students to be effective leaders in their firms, organizations, and communities.

Thanks to the hard work of our faculty, staff, and students, our efforts are paying off. The College of Law is now ranked 22nd among all U.S. law schools by U.S. News and 27th among public law schools by U.S. News and 27th among public law schools. Our clinical program is ranked 16th nationally (one spot above Harvard) and 8th among public law schools. I am pleased with where we are, as I hope you are. And I am very excited about our new dean, Melanie Wilson. Melanie is a perfect fit. She has extensive practice experience in both the civil and criminal arenas. She is a natural teacher who cares deeply about preparing students for practice. Dean Wilson is also a influential scholar in criminal procedure, having co-authored three books (two with UT Law professor Joe Cook) and published dozens of law review articles. Her energy and enthusiasm are palpable, and she clearly cares deeply—already—about the College of Law.

With everyone’s support, Dean Wilson will be a great addition to Tennessee. I very much look forward to working with her.

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Go Vols!

DOUG BLAZE, DEAN

Meeting Melanie Wilson, our next dean

Meet Melanie D. Wilson, the next dean of UT Law. Currently professor of law, associate dean for academic affairs, and director of diversity and inclusion at the University of Kansas School of Law, she will begin her new leadership role at UT July 1.

Wilson has been getting to know members of the UT Law family, so Tennessee Law decided to get to know her better. We chatted with the next dean about past, present, and future.

Q: What drew you to law?

WILSON: I wanted to keep my options open, and I saw law as a field that could open so many doors. With a law degree, you can practice law, you can own or develop a business... Law schools provide good training for a variety of professions, not just the practice of law.

What strengths do you see in UT Law?

The college has a good reputation among its peers. The faculty are experienced, they’ve actually practiced law for a substantial amount of time, they’re great teachers, and they bring that to their students... It feels good here. If I’m going to be the college’s cheerleader as dean, I need to feel good about it. I feel that here.

What challenges do you foresee as you begin your service as dean?

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More about Dean Wilson

• Born in Mobile, Alabama; grew up in Pensacola, Florida
• Education: JD, University of Georgia School of Law (magna cum laude, Order of the Coif); BA in journalism with a minor in business, University of Georgia
• Clerked for a federal district court judge
• 15 years of sophisticated practice in both private and public sectors, including 6 years as an assistant US attorney and 4 years as assistant attorney general for Georgia
• Received the Howard M. and Susan Immel Award for Teaching Excellence at the University of Kansas School of Law and a university-wide Outstanding Woman Educator of 2015
• Co-author of three books on criminal procedure

OmniBUs
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“The College of Law is one of the strongest law schools in the country, and our bold increase in this year’s U.S. News rankings is just another reflection of that strength,” said Dean Doug Blaze. “Just look at the evidence: Our incoming students are talented and promising future attorneys, our graduates are starting successful law careers, our students are doing well in clinical training among all public US law schools this year, compared to tenth last year.”

Omnibus

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HeinOnline Law Journal Library now available to acquire

The Joel A. Katz Law Library now provides free remote access to HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library for all UT Law students.

The Law Journal Library hosts more than 2,000 law and law-related periodicals, featuring more than 27 million pages of articles, comments, notes, reviews, cases, decisions, and legislation. Unlike other databases, the Law Journal Library is comprehensive, beginning with the first issue of a periodical.

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For more information, contact Sibyl Marshall, head of public services for the college’s Law Library, at sibyl@utk.edu.
Omnibus

Committee of the AALS Section on Litigation. He gave a presentation at a luncheon of the AALS Clinical Legal Education Section, and he spoke at the fourth annual UT Waterbed Symposium.


GREG STEIN’S speech on “Harmo-

nial Lessons” was part of the ClassCrits steering committee. Schaefer was co-chair of the AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference. He spoke at the University of Cape Town. She will speak on “Transitional justice, the State of e-Discovery” at the University of the Western Cape. She will be co-taught by the development of the skills the students were learning.

COLLABORATIONS

AARON JACOBS and VOLKOV will participate in a panel discussion on integrating non-clinical law faculty members into clinical and experiential courses of the AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference. Three panelists gave pre-football Chinese CLE presentations in the fall. JEWEL gave a presentation on “Visual Advocacy through New Technologies: Practical Approach for Digital Evidence,” and BRIANA ROSENBAUM spoke on “Offensive Strategies for Defending Class Actions—Case Law, Update, and Trends,” and ARENDHEIM gave a presentation on “The State of AML Litigation Following the 2008 Amendments.”

BACH and JEWEL participated in the ClassAction conference. Bach presented “The Hypenormity: A New and Improved Model for e-Discovery” and the Submerged State: Exploring Structural Inequali-

tyessing and Transforming Rights,” and JEWEL spoke on “The De-professionalization of Legal Skills Teaching.” JEWEL was a member of the conference planning committee and serves as secretary of the ClassActions steering committee.

Ben Barton and LONG are among the “Top Cited Professional Responsibility/Legal Ethics Professors” compiled by the Legal Ethics Forum.

BLUT and VOLKOV have been awarded an Access to Justice Act grant from the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. The grant supports the development of a new experimen-
tial-learning course, Human Rights Practicum: Access to Justice, which will be co-taught by doctrinal and clinical faculty.

COCHRAN and CAROL COLINS each wrote a pro-
gram report for the Technical Services Law Librarian. Cochran’s report reviewed “The Lawyer and Ethics of Ag-
gregation and Con-
tent Distribution” and Collins’s report reviewed “Emerging Issues in Copyright: What You Need to Know.” Collins and Cochran earned certification by innovative interfaces as technical services coordinators and system coordinators, respectively.

KRAMER and RADICE participated in a panel at the annual meeting of the AALS on the subject of “Integrating Clinical Pedagogy Across the Curriculum: Making It Work.” Kramer was one of the presenters, and Radice was co-chair of the panel.

UT Law named one of the ‘Best Law Schools for Practical Training’

UT Law has been named one of the best law schools nationwide for delivering on its promise to prepare stu-
dents for the legal profession throughout their time in law school.

The college was one of eighty-six law schools on The National Jurist’s 2015 “Best Law Schools for Practical Training” list for the number of full-time students participating in experiential offerings, including externships, clinics, and interdisciplinary skills competitions.

The National Jurist calculated the rankings by collect-
ing data from the American Bar Association and from schools themselves. Data pertaining to the percent of full-time students participating in clinics, externships, and stimulation courses, as well as interdisciplinary skills competitions, such as moot court tournaments, was col-
lected and analyzed. Schools were then ranked by the percentage of students participating in these experiential offerings.

KEEP IN TOUCH. STAY CONNECTED.

Syllabus

LAW 930: e-Discovery Seminar
Paula Schaefer, Associate Professor of Law

Paula Schaefer’s e-Discovery course is an introduction to electronic discovery (e-discovery) in civil litigation. Students handle every aspect of e-discovery in a simulated case, including participating in a 26(f) conference, drafting and responding to discovery requests, preparing a privilege log, and conducting a document review using e-discovery software. Students study recent e-discovery cases and other developments in the law. Members of the bench and bar sometimes participate in class discussions. Each student writes a paper and makes a presentation on an emerging problem in e-discovery practice.

OUTCOME COURSES: Students learn how to cooperate with opposing counsel to create and execute an e-discovery plan; draft e-discovery requests and objections that are legally sound and case-appropriate; use document review software to review, search, and analyze a client’s electronically stored information (ESI); identify documents that are responsive, non-responsive, and privileged; respond and object to a request for production of documents; and prepare a privilege log.

E-DISCOVERY SOFTWARE: For the course, Schaefer uses the Relativity document review software. Relativity is a product of Relativity, Inc., a company founded by Iris Data Services, which provides more than $20,000 worth of software, training, and support to Schaefer’s course. Iris Data Services opened an office in Nashville.

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A tiny snowman sunbathes on the railing in front of the College of Law following a February snow. The sun was hot that day, but don’t worry—we’re betting this little guy will be back again someday.

PHOTO BY PATRICK MORRISON
Botho: A philosophy for life and law

BY MARIA LUNGU

I grew up in Botswana. I went on to study at Aiglon College in Switzerland for a year before moving to West Virginia for my undergraduate studies and finally to UT Law. One of the first things that people usually say to me when I start talking is that they cannot place my accent. After I clear up where I’m from, they usually squint their eyes, raise their eyebrows, and say, “Wait, how did you pick Knoxville and UT for school?” It’s simple. When I come here, it finally felt like home. When I studied abroad in Switzerland for a year, it was an exciting and fulfilling experience, but I had a very difficult time adjusting to my new life there. As an eighteen-year-old black girl who grew up in Gaborone, Botswana, saying this was a culture shock is an understatement. The thought of uprooting and living in a different country may frighten some people, but this idea has always thrilled me and I was able to gain a sound acceptance and understanding of the different people and my new life there.

Each place where I have lived has taught me so much and has ultimately become a part of me. Having lived in Appalachia, I discovered a new form of diversity that was not restricted to skin color. Appalachian people are considered a separate culture, made up of many unique backgrounds all blended together across the region. Like the Swiss, I pay attention to detail and have an unparalleled respect for time and organization. From my native country Zambia, humility and tolerance. Finally, I am largely influenced by the people of Botswana, since I lived there for eighteen years. They believe in the ethos of “botho,” which refers to the idea of “a world for the people.” The Batswana use the term “botho” to describe a person who is courteous, disciplined, and realizes his or her full potential both as an individual and as a part of the community to which he or she belongs. In a sense, it is a social contract by which one lives. This exposure to all these cultures will ultimately shape the type of lawyer I hope to be one day. Being an underrepresented minority in most of my communities, I have never lost sight of working hard to prove myself, being receptive to different cultures, and forging a path for those who will come after me.

My interest in working on issues relating to diversity and civil liberties stems primarily from my admiration of one of the greatest lawyers and activists of our time, Nelson Mandela. We all can learn from the legacy of President Mandela: his spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness, his commitment to human rights and freedom, his selflessness, his ability to love and respect others even without reciprocation, and his dedication to bringing about change. My personal conviction is that the Constitution affords certain fundamental protections to this country’s citizens. The denial of these basic rights, particularly fair access to justice, not only has detrimental consequences for an individual, but also for society as a whole.

Nowhere I’d rather be

BY BRITTANY THOMAS (’12)

When people ask me about my work, I have an elevator speech of sorts. Of course, it changes depending on time pressures and my mood, but one thing is almost always included: how lucky I am to have a job where people are happy to see me because I am an immigration lawyer. Through my work, I get to be a part of milestones in people’s lives. My clients come to me when they are getting married, getting new jobs, finally eligible to work, and becoming lawful permanent residents or US citizens. That doesn’t mean I don’t see clients at low points as well, but generally my clients are happy and grateful for the assistance. What more could a young lawyer barely three years out of law school ask for?

My day is never the same. I spend some days in my office filling out forms and meeting with clients. Other days I have telephonic immigration court hearings in places all over the state in between meetings with other attorneys explaining the immigration consequences of their legal advice. My clients are just as varied. I have international business clients who need to have visas for many of their employees to maintain the quality of their business. I have individual clients who are victims of domestic violence and don’t have two cents to rub together. I similarly assist many immigrant families in applying for spouses, children, parents, and siblings. No matter what, ultimately my work always involves individuals and helping change their lives.

Their stories are my stories, and my clients appreciate having an attorney who truly cares for their well-being. Thomas has worked at Grant, Konvalinka & Hanson, P.C., in Chattanooga since 2012 as a member of the firm’s Immigration Group. She focuses her practice on immigration, including deferred action for DREAMers, family-based immigration petitions, and employment-based petitions. She earned a BA at Pennsylvania State University in 2009 before coming to UT Law, where she was the student director of UT Pro Bono.
I have fallen deeply in love, not with a human being, but with the law. Not with walking the dog or gazing at the stars or watching the sunset, but with seeking equal justice, organizing for civil rights, and advocating for genuine representation of the low-income and undocumented immigrant community.

That’s not some unusual Valentine from the Hallmark down the street. Instead it’s a sentiment shared by UT Law student Juan Quevedo in a letter to his wife. The twist is that he hasn’t met her just yet.

Quevedo wrote the letter last year to his “future wife,” subtitling it, “Will you seek immigrant justice with courage and devotion with me?” Appearing first on an immigration law blog and more recently on Huffington Post, it’s a poetic essay about love requiring practice and how, as an attorney, Quevedo plans to practice the law with love—selfless, compassionate consideration for the well-being of immigrants in need of legal representation. He hopes to find a wife who will be his “partner in defense… and advocacy,” someone who will seek “immigrant justice with courage and devotion.”

It’s easy to appreciate Quevedo’s compassionate words about justice for immigrant people even more when you talk to him in person, especially knowing his background. Growing up, Quevedo learned what it meant to be an undocumented immigrant in America. Today, he is considered a lawful permanent resident, still on the road to full citizenship. Immigration law hits very close to home for him, so it’s easy to see why he’s planning a legal career built on compassion and wants his future spouse to share this compassion.

“Love has always been a very big deal in my life,” Quevedo says on a
Quevedo says when he and his brother did make it to college, it was “almost by accident.” A friend invited them to run with the cross-country team at Antelope Valley College on a Saturday morning. “We weren’t that fit, but we were keeping up with the lead pack, and the coach said, ‘Who are these guys? I want them on my team!’” says Quevedo. The coach asked the brothers to join the team, and they agreed. “He said, ‘Well, you have to go to college,’ and we were like, ‘Well, college…okay, we’ll do it.’”

After two years at community college, the brothers were ready to look at their future. “Many schools wanted to recruit my brother and me, but we decided to focus on our academics and not pursue a running career,” Quevedo says. However, because of his immigration status, Quevedo didn’t qualify for financial aid, including scholarships and loans, in the country he calls home. Soon after he graduates from UT Law, Quevedo will be eligible for naturalization. The same goes for his brother, also working toward a college degree.

Quevedo argues regularizing more people’s immigration status offers both economic and societal benefits. “Growing up an immigrant has allowed me to understand that residing in America and being an American citizen is the greatest benefit and privilege that America can offer,” says Quevedo. “Not everyone deserves to be here, but I would argue that America can benefit from a large majority of undocumented people.”

 Quevedo says that Quevedo would need financial aid and federal loans, but he still didn’t qualify. While he and his brother were in college, USCIS granted them U visas, intended for nonimmigrants—like their mother—who are victims of crimes, as well as the victims’ immediate family members. The brothers immediately applied for lawful permanent residency to receive a Green Card, leading to a long, multistep process. However, by the time Quevedo was ready to apply to law school, he had yet to receive a Green Card. Holding only the U visa, Quevedo remained out of luck when it came to financial assistance.

Ever the optimist, he held out hope. “I decided to apply to law school any way and hope that I was offered a scholarship or that USCIS would approve my lawful permanent residency application,” he says.

One challenge he faced during his application process was that most law schools typically don’t include the option to enter a U visa number in their applications. Because of Quevedo’s application—not to mention his insistence—several law schools added a U visa option to their applications.

Just a month before receiving admission letters from a variety of law schools, Quevedo received his Green Card, allowing him to apply for loans and opening wide the doors to law school.

Today, Quevedo is about to begin his third year as a UT Law student. Unsurprisingly, he is active in pro bono work. “Juan is one of those rare individuals who you immediately know will do great things,” says Brad Goodman, who he keeps in mind as a reminder of the type of practice he plans to pursue in his law career.

In the meantime, Quevedo plans to hold the law degree close to his heart and use it to love his fellow man, helping those in need of legal help wherever the need is greatest. There’s a quote by journalist Amy Goodman that he keeps in mind as a reminder of the type of practice he plans to pursue in his law career.

Although originally applied to reporters, it perfectly summarizes Quevedo’s philosophy as a future lawyer: “Go to where the silence is and say something.”
The Law Department finds its first on-campus home in North College on the Hill.

Ingersoll dies. Professor Charles Turner, who had served on the faculty since the early days of the law school, is appointed the third dean.

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The college moves into its new Cumberland Avenue building.

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Lincoln Anderson Blackburn becomes the college’s new chief black student.

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UT becomes a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools.

1961
The college moves to Old College (located where Ayres Hall stands today). The high $100 tuition keeps enrollment low, forcing the department to reduce tuition to $50 per year.

1962
The college moves to South College.

1963
Henry B. Williams, a professor at the college since 1936, becomes the fifth dean.

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1965
William H. Wirtz, a professor who had served on the UT faculty since 1925, is named the sixth dean.

1966
Judith Ittig is UT’s first woman law professor.

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Blondie Law is the college’s first black female administrator. N. Douglas Wells becomes the college’s first black faculty member.

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Attorney Kenneth Laws Penegar becomes the eighth dean.

1972
Richard S. Wirtz, the college’s acting dean, becomes the tenth dean.

1973
Upon graduating, Martha “Marty” Crow Black (‘73) joins the faculty. She becomes UT’s first tenured woman law professor.

1974
John L. Sobieski Jr., associate dean for academic affairs, joins the faculty. He becomes UT’s first tenured woman law professor.

1975
The college’s building is renovated to include a new wing for the Law Library and additional classroom space.

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The Business Clinic, led by professor Brian Krumm, provides legal services to local businesses and entrepreneurs while allowing students to learn the ins and outs of transactional law. The clinic boasts a fascinating variety of clients, so we decided to imagine what a city block featuring some of these businesses might look like.

Seismix LLC produces ZMIX, a zero-calorie cocktail additive. The Business Clinic is currently helping Seismix trademark ZMIX for a variety of purposes, and for more than a year, they have been using the trademark to sell products in Tennessee and Georgia.

Nutraceutical Discoveries Inc. was formed by UT Professor Emeritus of Nutrition Michael Zemel to commercialize his development, Inutra, which, when added to a food or drink, is intended to help the body burn fat more efficiently. The clinic helped the company enter into a venture capital transaction.

ICare Academic LLC is a partnership between faculty of UT’s colleges of Nursing and Engineering to provide electronic medical records (EMRs) for students to use in simulated educational settings. The clinic created the LLC and drafted beta-testing, employment, consulting, and end-user agreements. Wolters Kluwer acquired ICare (now called DocuCare), for which the clinic helped negotiate and draft the asset purchase agreement to sell the company and later formed a new business entity to pursue future opportunities.

Open Door Church is a small, predominantly African American church that entered into a rental agreement with an option to buy the facility it had been using for the past twelve years. However, upon full payment of the obligations under the lease, the landlord refused to surrender the deed. The clinic first attempted to negotiate with the landlord on the church’s behalf, but later filed an action in the Knox County Chancery Court to resolve the issue. The mediation was successful, and the parties have entered into a settlement agreement. The church is now the owner of the property.

Rentique LLC is a Knoxville-based mobile boutique business that offers customers a variety of high-quality, trendy clothing through a rental service in which customers wear an item for a fraction of the purchase price at a typical boutique clothing store. The clinic drafted Rentique’s articles of organization and an operating agreement and is currently developing a licensing agreement and customer contracts.

490 BioTech, named a Top 10 Innovation in 2013 by The Scientist Magazine, is led by UT microbiology scientists. The company develops patent-protected biomimetic human cell lines genetically programmed to report on biological events that affect their metabolic status, which accelerates the pace of new drug discovery and the testing process while reducing overall costs. The clinic worked with the scientists to establish 490 BioTech as a corporation and drafted material-transfer, licensing, and nondisclosure agreements and a corporate conflict of interest policy.

Solex LLC is developing a peptide agent and an imaging test to help doctors detect and diagnose amyloidosis, an under-diagnosed disease for which no imaging test is currently available. Amyloidosis can trigger Alzheimer’s disease and contribute to heart failure, type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and twenty-three other diseases that can lead to death. The Business Clinic created the LLC and operating agreement for Solex and helped the company, comprised of scientists with the UT Graduate School of Medicine, complete a licensing agreement with the UT Research Foundation (UTRF).

Floodlight Genomics LLC was founded by UT entomology professor Kurt Lamour to market an application he developed that increases genetic testing capacity while reducing cost. The clinic formed the LLC, obtained a licensing agreement with UTRF, and drafted a sublicensing agreement.

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IRREPRESSIBLE CONTRARIAN

Pioneer blogger, prolific writer, and law professor Glenn Reynolds applies his unique perspective to just about everything.
GLENN REYNOLDS IS A BIG THINKER

with a big audience, thanks to his high-
yly influential political blog Instapundit.
His first appearance in the blogosphere
occurred in August 2001 when Rey-
olds, the Beanchamp Bogran Disting-
guished Professor of Law, was teaching a class on Internet
law. As an experiment, he created a personal website and
started posting links to stories of the day along with his own
personal take on them.

At the time, the concept of blogging was new and un-
charted. But Instapundit caught on quickly due to Rey-
olds’s witty, conversational style, his ability to summarize
stories in plain talk, and his remarkable breadth of insight
into a wide variety of topics. “I have a lot of interests,” he
says. “Scholars are often divided into ‘hedgehogs,’ who
know one big thing, and ‘foxes,’ who know many things. I’m
more of a fox.” He credits his writing facility to his under-
graduate years at UT. “I really learned to write doing op-eds
at The Daily Beacon, where my editor was Bill Harwood. I
learned the skill of coming out with the topic and the an-
gle.” (Harwood has made his mark as the space reporter for
CBS News, but Reynolds became an expert on space law,
serving as an advisor to the White House and co-authoring
many articles on the topic, as well as the book Outer Space:
Problems of Law and Policy.)

At the foundation of Instapundit’s appeal is an unpredict-
able libertarian perspective. “I like to joke that I’d like to live
in a world in which happily married gay people have closets full
of assault weapons to protect their pot,” he says.

Reynolds was surprised at how quickly he gained such
a massive online following. Even early on, sites linked on
Instapundit would experience a traffic spike. The blog’s
success led to Reynolds penning op-eds for
Instapundit
USA Today, The Wolf Street Journal, the Washington Post, and The
New York Times, among other prestigious publications.
As Popular Mechanics “resident contrarian,” he address-
es broad issues of technology and society. He recently used
the subject of license plate scanners as an entrée to mosaic
theory—which he describes as “the qualitative difference be-
tween entities having all our information, which they most
certainly do, and having the technical skills to put it all
together, give it meaning, and do something with it.” In practi-
cal terms, mosaic theory says that even if you aren’t thinking
about Google right now, Google’s algorithms are probably
thinking about you.

Reynolds brings his distinctive viewpoint to bear in his books, which
include The Appearance of Impro-
priety: How the Ethics Wars Have Undermined American Government,
Business, and Society, and An Army of Davids: How Markets and Tech-
nology Empower Ordinary People to Beat Big Media, Big Government and
Other Goliaths. Lately he has focused
his attention on issues in American
education and the undermining of due
process in the judicial system.
In his Columbia Law Review ar-
ticle “Ham Sandwich Nation: Due Process When Everything Is a Crime,”
Reynolds argues that a culture of over-
criminalization, easy indictments (the
title refers to the aphorism that a good
prosecutor can persuade a grand jury
to indict a ham sandwich), and plea
bargaining means that only a tiny
fraction of cases—perhaps 3 percent—
actually go to trial.

“You have all this due process if you
go to trial,” he says. “But few people
ever get to court. Instead, if you are
charged with a crime and a prosecutor
indicts you, whether you are innocent
or not, you face strong pressure to ac-
ccept a plea bargain. As a practical mat-
ter, the only decision that matters in
the judicial process is the prosecutor’s
decision to bring charges.”

Reynolds admits it isn’t practical
to ask grand juries to be stingier in
handling down indictments. Rather,
he would like to give prosecutors a
personal stake by penalizing those
whose frivolous indictments create
the revolving door of plea bargaining
while rewarding those who bring only
indictments worth prosecuting.

In his book The New School: How
the Information Age Will Save Ameri-
can Education from Itself, Reynolds
tackles the problems of education in an
era of changing systems and tech-
nologies. “In our K–12 schools,” he
says, “traditional models are collaps-
ing. In a century of rapid change, our
schools have stayed the same, except
by becoming less rigorous and vastly
more expensive. It’s as if we
were still writing about ships the way
we did when the steam engine was be-
ing developed.”

The most obvious solutions involve
embracing new technologies, like the
free online lessons provided by the
Khan Academy. The peskier conver-
sation ender, but it starts with
opening up, is about replacing the
public school system. “My book is
more of a conversation starter than a
conversation ender, but it starts with
embracing the idea of throwing out
old paradigms and starting over.”

Ever the libertarian, Reynolds con-
nects his ideas about higher educa-
tion to its ever-skyrocketing price tag.
“Most of what we hear about the
value of a college degree is crap,” he
says. “We’re spending vastly more, but
we are not getting more out, with the
students knowing less.”

Reynolds believes higher educa-
tion in is in a classic economic bubble,
like real estate before 2000, dot coms
before 2000, and even the Dutch tulip
mania of the 1630s. Prices inflate be-
cause reason and then, inevitably,
the bubble bursts.

Citing a principle coined by econ-
ombist Herbert Stein, Reynolds says,
“Something that can’t go on forever
won’t. The higher education bubble
may have already burst. With the
tough economic times, law school ap-
plications plummeted.” For their un-
dergraduate degrees, today’s students
are looking for less expensive options,
including community colleges, and
figuring out ways to avoid the onerous
student loans that recent graduates are
struggling to pay off in a tepid job market.

In line with the traditional liber-
tarian dislike of bureaucracies, Rey-
olds sees a major source of escalating
costs in the ever-swelling number of administrative positions in colleges
and universities. His possible solution:
“Along with rewarding schools with
great teacher-to-student ratios in its
all-important rankings, it might be a
good idea for U.S. News & World Re-
port to penalize schools with too many
administrators.”

In the history books, Reynolds’s
influence on the public debate will be
measured by the enduring legacy of
his blog—even if the world doesn’t be-
come a libertarian utopia.
**Class Notes**

**Leigh Outten**

**Renaissance woman**

She has a bachelor’s, two master’s, an MBA, a JD—and she crossed the pond to work for Adidas.

Meet Leigh Outten (’13), one impressive alumna. **By LuLS RUSKs**

For Leigh Outten (’13), it seems that becoming a lawyer was inevitable. After all, it’s in her genes.

“I come from a lawyering family. My grandfather was a lawyer in Knoxville, my great-grandfather was a lawyer in Knoxville, and my uncle was a lawyer in Knoxville,” says Outten. “When I was young I had the idea to be a lawyer, but then when I was a teenager, I had absolutely no idea.”

Outten’s aptitude for math and science led her to graduate summa cum laude from UT in 2000 with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. After working briefly for a unionized factory, she realized the work was not for her and decided to continue her education.

In the following years, Outten graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with two Master of Science degrees—one in nuclear engineering and another in technology and policy. She then went on to earn a MBA from Collège des Ingénieurs, one of France’s most selective academic institutions.

“I decided to stay in Europe [after graduation], but then decided I really wanted to go to law school,” says Outten. “I said to myself, ’I’ve had this idea for years, I really want to go to law school, I’m just going to do it.’” So I went back to UT.

The transition to law school initially came as a bit of a culture shock for Outten. “In engineering you did your project sets, you worked hard, and you got the answer. It’s not like engineering was easy, but usually you could find the solution and get a good grade,” she says. “But in law school, you were graded against everybody else, which was really difficult at first, and [the answers] were not always a ‘yes’ or a ‘no.’”

Despite this, Outten found that working one-on-one with her professors added in the transition. “At MIT you were working with some of the best professors in their field, but they didn’t really have time for you,” she says. “But at UT Law it was really nice because you worked with outstanding people and they made time for you. I really appreciated that, getting to know some of the professors, getting to see what they were doing, and having that personal relationship.”

After graduating with her JD in 2013, Outten returned to Europe and worked as a patent agent for a private firm before being hired as an in-house patent counsel with the Adidas Group at their headquarters in Germany.

“The nice thing about the company is it’s very international; I really like that. I get to work with the inventors every day, and the inventors are from everywhere, so it’s just a nice mix of people,” says Outten. “I also work with the innovation team. They really have to always be thinking of the next product, so it’s cool to see something that they’re talking about for once.”

Looking toward the future, Outten plans to become a solicitor in England and Wales and has already passed one of the two tests required to practice. However, she says she’s happy now and doesn’t know whether she will ever go back to a private law firm.

“I like working in-house because I like working on a big team, I like seeing the products, being hands-on, working with the inventors,” she says. Outten says UT Law students should have confidence in their skills and legal training.

“You shouldn’t be intimidated by the ‘big-name’ law schools...I think the education you get at UT is just as good or better,” Outten says. “I think students can do what they want if they go for it.”

**Alumni**

**Leigh Outten**

**BYRON EISERMAN** (’50), a senior partner at Friday, Eldredge & Clark, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America.

**US Magistrate Judge B. VAUGH CRIGLER** (’77) celebrated his retirement from the Western District of Virginia.

**JIM SIMMERS** (’72) was selected to the 2014 Best Lawyers in America for construction litigation, named a 2014 Mid-South Super Lawyer in construction litigation, and named Best Lawyers in America’s 2015 Memphis construction litigation Lawyer of the Year.

**NICHOLAS NANNING** (’79), a member of the Senior Foreign Service, was appointed diplomat-in-residence at the East-West Center in Honolulu.

**GEORGE T. “BUCK” LEWIS** (’80), a shareholder in Baker Donelson’s Memphis office, was named to the UT President’s Council.

**M. CLARK SPODEN** (’80), JERRY W. TAYLOR (’81), and KENNETH M. BRYANT (’83) recently joined the Bum & Forman LLP Nashville office.

**DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE** (’80) was recently named director of the Administrative Office of Courts by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

**MICHELE JOHNSON** (’84), executive director of the Tennessee Justice Center, received the TBA’s Ashley T. Wiltshire Public Service Attorney of the Year Award.

**TASHA BLAKNEY** (’99), a member of Bledsoe & Blakney, PC, has been elected president of the Knoxville Bar Association.

**TRAJAN CARNEY** (’99), MARGARET LESLIE CUMBY (’99), and STEVE ELKINS (’99) formed the firm of Carney Ellis Cumby, PLC, in Nashville.

**TiffANY DUNN** (’00), a Nashville music attorney, was named a partner at Loeb & Loeb.

**ANGELA C. EVANS** (’90) was elected the Sixth District council member of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council. She is the second African American woman to serve on the council and the first African American to represent the Sixth District.

**DAMON GRIFFIN** (’90) was named assistant US Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee.

**ALLISON BUSSELL** (’04) has joined the Klein Law Office, PLLC, in Nashville as a member.

**JEREMY DEESE** (’05) has joined Winstead PC in their Charlotte office as an associate in real estate finance.

**LAURA BAKER** (’06), of the Law Offices of John Day, PC, and MIRANDA CHRISTY (’06), of Stites &Harbison, PLLC, received 2015 Nashville Business Journal 40 Under 40 Awards.

**AARON PENNINGTON** (’06) has joined Winfield, Pinkston & Fallaw, PLLC, as an associate in real estate finance.

**DAVID CHAPMAN** (’07) has joined the Knoxville office of Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napapol, PLLC, as a member.

**WHITNEY FRAZIER EARNST** (’08) recently joined HealthTrust Purchasing Group, an HCA company, as corporate counsel.

**LEAH WALKER MCCLANAHAN** (’08) was named to the Knoxville News Sentinel’s 40 Under 40.

**K. CHRIS COLLINS** (’08) returned to Husch Blackwell’s Chattanooga office as a business litigation associate.

**MARI AGOJAGI** (’11) has joined Frago- man, Del Ray, Bernsen & Lowey, LLP, as an associate with the Japanese Business Group in the firm’s New York office.

**MICHAEL CRUM** (’14) has joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as a first-year associate with the Corporate and Procurement Practice Group.

**BRIDGET BROODERICK** (’14) has joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as a first-year associate with the Corporate and Procurement Practice Group.

**ANNE TIPPS** (’14) joined the Business Litigation and Torts and Insurance Practice service groups at Stites & Harbison, PLLC.

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**On top of the world**

Ten years after naming their JDs, 2004 UT Law grads JEREMY JONES (far left), MILES THOMAS, and JOHN IRELAND traveled to Peru last year and hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.
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Please be assured that every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this report. For couples with only one UT Law alumnus, the alumnus is listed first. Let us know if you find errors by contacting Karen Avery, director of development and alumni affairs, at 865-944-6597 or havey@utk.edu.

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In recognition of his outstanding service to the College of Law and the University, the college established the Thomas J. Freeman Society, which includes alumni and friends who give to the College for Law.

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Colleague

Mother of the Law Review

BY LUIS RUUSKA

Micki Fox, business manager of the Tennessee Law Review and continuing legal education (CLE) coordinator, has been with UT Law for forty-four years and has no plans of stopping any time soon.

Affectionately known as the “mother of the Law Review,” Fox began working with the publication in 1971 as a manuscript typist. Within the decade, she was promoted to senior bookkeeper and eventually business manager. A little over a decade ago, Fox took on an additional role at the college, becoming the CLE coordinator.

Q: What are some of your proudest moments working with the Law Review?

FOX: I’ve liked the reaction to the good work that these kids do. Just today we got another e-mail from an author who worked with us on our last issue saying how professional we were compared with other journals they’d worked with. These kids do really good work, they work hard, and everybody works together as a team. Nobody gets competitive or stressed. I consider this my second home and I keep in touch with the kids, I go to their weddings...it’s been so much fun.

You also work as the CLE coordinator. What has that been like?

I love it. It’s just a lot of fun. The subjects are so interesting and we have great speakers here. The attorneys are required to get the CLE hours, so we want to give them those hours that are really beneficial and we try to keep the price low (which they also appreciate). Other organizations charge $375 and up for their CLE programs, which doesn’t include transportation and lodging. The only time we’ve charged that is for three foreign CLE cruises and one land trip in Ireland. I loved that trip because I love travel. The Baltic cruise was just fabulous, too. We went to Estonia, Finland, Sweden, St. Petersburg, and a port in Germany. I never thought in my wildest dreams I’d get to go to St. Petersburg, Russia, so that was a great thing for me. I loved that.

How do you like to spend your free time?

Travel is the thing I love to do most, but I’m also big into needlepoint, and I’m president of my church. I guess that’s it: travel, needlepoint, church, and my family. I’m very close to my family; we do great, fun things together.

Where do you see yourself ten years from now?

Right here. I plan to be right here doing CLE programs and having a new crew of students every year on Law Review. My job is different every day; you can’t get bored. I wonder if I’ll get up to fifty years working here. That would be something, wouldn’t it?

I love this job. The law school has allowed me to grow and progress and gives me major new challenges every few years. I like juggling hats.

Micki Fox

Thanks, Dean Blaze.

Forget the handshake. Miriam Johnson (right) embraces Dean Doug Blaze as she crosses the stage during the Spring Hooding Ceremony, Blaze’s last ceremony as dean. Fittingly, the Class of 2015 recommended that Blaze deliver the keynote address.

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