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Boston University School of Law is a diverse and vibrant community of students, faculty, staff, and-of course-alumni. The School's excellence is reflected in your success. You are making significant contributions in challenging and rewarding careers in law firms, the judiciary, business, and public service, just to name a few. You are also a geographically diverse group, living in every state in the nation, and indeed throughout the world. This directory provides a view of both where you are and what you are doing.

We hope that this directory will help you to stay in touch with each other, and perhaps to renew old friendships and make new connections with colleagues who enjoy the common bond of having attended BUSL. We hope too that the directory will strengthen your connection to the School and lead to a greater sense of community among our graduates. As always, if we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us at (617) 353-3118 or [lawalum@bu.edu](mailto:lawalum@bu.edu).

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen A. O'Rourke".

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## **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI DIRECTORY 2006**

### **The Establishment of Boston University**

On April 24, 1839, a meeting of the New England Friends of Improved Theological Training was held in Boston at the Bromfield Street Methodist Church. A decision was made to establish The Newbury Biblical Institute for training of ministers in Newbury, Vermont, as part of an academy already located in that community. In 1846, the theological department of the academy was relocated to Concord, New Hampshire. In 1867, when the leadership believed that the best place for the training of leaders was, as Longfellow proclaimed, "...in the dark, gray city," it was moved to Boston and called the Boston Theological Seminary until it became the School of Theology at Boston University.

### **The Founders**

Boston University was founded by three visionaries - Isaac Rich, Lee Claflin, and Jacob Sleeper - who were leaders of the Boston Theological Seminary. In 1869, they signed the petition to charter Boston University. The petition was granted, and the Boston Theological Seminary was "adopted" and became the Boston University School of Theology.

### **The Early Days of the School of Law**

On February 17, 1872, the Trustees voted to establish the School of Law, the second school established at Boston University. The first class was held on Wednesday, October 3, 1872, at the Wesleyan Hall, 36 Bromfield Street in downtown Boston. There was one lecture hall on the third floor and an office for the dean and one assistant on the ground floor. Over the years, the Law School was relocated to several downtown sites on Beacon Street and Nos. 8 and 10 Ashburton Place. In 1896, the Trustees acquired No. 11 Ashburton Place, formerly The Mount Vernon Church. No. 11 was refurbished and named Isaac Rich Hall for one of the founders of Boston University. Oliver Wendell Holmes' landmark speech, "The Path of the Law," was presented at the dedication of Isaac Rich Hall. It has been described as "the seminal work in American legal theory," and is certainly the most important event in legal history to have taken place at the Law School. That speech is still relevant and dynamic today, more than 105 years later. Isaac Rich Hall was the home of Boston University School of Law for more than six decades, until the School was moved to the Charles River Campus on Commonwealth Avenue in 1964.

### **The Founding Dean and Faculty**

George Stillman Hillard was founding dean of the Law School. His scholarship was described as elegant, his oratorical power legendary, his conversation brilliant. He was the companion of many of the luminaries of this era including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., and Daniel Webster. As expected, he surrounded himself with distinguished professionals well-known to students of jurisprudence in America and England. Included in the faculty were The Honorable Edmund H. Bennett, who later became the dean and led the Law School for 22 years; Benjamin Thomas, a justice on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court who later resigned from the bench to pursue his career teaching law; Francis Wharton, eminent lawyer and educator and descendent of the founder of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; Charles Russell, Mayor of Cambridge, beloved teacher in equity and evidence; Nicholas St. John Green, distinguished and iconoclastic teacher in Torts and Criminal Law; and Edward Pierce, who taught and published extensively in Corporations and Railroad Law.

### **A Tradition of Leadership and Innovation**

The Dean was eminent; the faculty distinguished; the standards the highest. During the first year three outstanding contributions were made to legal education - it became the first law school to require an admissions examination, the first in the United States to inaugurate a three-year course of study, and one of the first law schools to enroll women and minorities. Examinations were written and graded by the professors. Applicants for admission who had taken their first degree in Arts, Science, or Philosophy, were admitted without examination while all others were required to "...satisfy the Dean that they possess the educational and other qualifications which will enable them to pursue with profit the studies of the School." In addition to introducing and maintaining a three-year course of study, Boston University School of Law was also the first to grade courses, institute recitations in class, require participation in moot court, and require a program of research and writing.

The first graduation was held on June 4, 1873, with 22 students. Graduates of the Class of 1873 included The Honorable David Kemper Watson, who served as Attorney General of the State of Ohio and a Member of the United States Congress; and The Honorable Peter S. Grosscup, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Seventh District. Their diplomas were inscribed on sheepskin and in English.

### **BUSL Today**

The reputation of the School continues to excel and grow. The curriculum of the school is vital, innovative and rigorous in both practice and theory. The faculty are renowned scholars who love to teach. The student body is gifted and diverse, drawn from many countries, cultures, educational backgrounds, races and age groups.

### **Expansive Curriculum**

Over the years the School has pioneered in graduate programs and clinical education. BUSL was the first law school in New England to offer the degree of Master of Laws in Taxation in 1959. The graduate program in Banking Law was added in 1983; an LL.M. in American Law Studies in 1994; and an LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law was added in 2002. The J.D. curriculum continues to offer a very wide selection of courses including professional skills, litigation, appellate advocacy, client counseling, arbitration, and legislative drafting as well as interdisciplinary courses in philosophy, economics and legal history. Students can earn a combined juris doctor and master of laws degree in Banking or Tax on an accelerated seven-semester basis. Students can also expand beyond law by pursuing any of nine dual degree programs that combine law study with other BU graduate courses leading to a J.D. and a master's degree.

### **Moot Court, Clinical Programs and Journals**

The moot court program was instituted in the first year of legal education in 1872. Today, In addition to the First-Year Moot Court Program, the School of Law offers several programs for second- and third-year students who want to get a more in-depth experience in appellate litigation. Clinical programs are also an important part of the BUSL curriculum. The nationally-acclaimed Roxbury Defender Project was established in 1964, appointing senior law students to investigate, prepare and try cases of indigent citizens. In 1967, the School of Law established the Student Prosecutor Program. BUSL's current clinical offerings are models of excellence and include legal externship, judicial internship, criminal law and civil litigation programs.

There are six journals at the School of Law, giving students a wide range of opportunities for research and writing - *The American Journal of Law and Medicine*, *The Annual Review of Banking Law*, *The International Law Journal*, *The Public Interest Journal*, *The Journal of Science and Technology* and *The Boston University Law Review*.

### **Alumni**

Graduates of the School of Law include cabinet members, senators and Congressmen, chairmen, CEOs, counsel to major corporations, members of the judiciary, business owners, professors of law, university presidents, leaders in non-profit organizations, officers, directors, and writers. Takeo Kikuchi, Class of 1877, was the first Japanese graduate of Boston University School of Law. He became a founder and the first president of Chuo University in Tokyo. Lelia Josephine Robinson, Class of 1881, was the first woman graduate of Boston University School of Law and the first woman admitted to the Massachusetts Bar. Nathan Abbott, Class of 1881, became the founding dean of Stanford Law School in Palo Alto, California. The internationally distinguished Owen D. Young, Class of 1896, was a financier, industrialist, lawyer, statesman, and advisor to five presidents of the United States. Elizabeth Marston, Class of 1918, a clinical psychologist and lawyer, was the inspiration for the cartoon character "Wonder Woman!" created by her husband who was also a cartoonist, a clinical psychologist and a lawyer. The Honorable Clifton Wharton became the first African-American career minister in the U.S. States State Department, including foreign service in France and Norway. Clara Burrill Bruce, Class of 1926, became the first African-American woman in the United States to be elected editor-in-chief of a law review.

### **Alumni Association**

The Boston University Law School Alumni Association began when the first graduating class met as alumni in 1873. On May 31, 1887, the 14th alumni association meeting was held at the Parker House in Boston. A formal announcement for that meeting promised: "good speaking, good music and other entertainment" and the cost was \$2.50. During the course of its rich history, more than 100 alumni/ae have served as presidents of the Boston University Law School Alumni Association. Today the Alumni Association works to meet the needs of more than 20,000 living alumni. The Association is headed by an Executive Committee, which plans social and networking events, assists the student mentoring program and provides feedback to the School.

### **The People of BUSL**

Since its inception in 1872, the Boston University School of Law has been, and continues to be, a leader in legal education. The School's curriculum is broad, deep and innovative. At the very heart of the School, however, are the people, who form a worldwide community of prominent legal scholars, teachers, students and alumni. The professors are eminent scholars who have been ranked the #1 teaching faculty in the country. The faculty and staff are committed to making the students successful, both in school and beyond. The students are talented, intellectually curious and dedicated. Finally, the alumni are distinguished and successful in careers that are varied and exciting. Together, these groups of people combine to create the vibrant, supportive and prestigious community that is Boston University School of Law.