One of the tenets of a liberal arts education is exposing students to a vast array of disciplines, so they are equipped to confront an ever-more-confounding professional world. And as a result, a Haverford education offers students and alumni a unique perspective—especially compared to the rigors and single-mindedness that is required to survive the Socratic method (and the bar). My hope for the new year is that our alumni use not only our education but also one another to create a more diverse perspective, which will enable us to have fruitful personal and professional lives.

This issue highlights perspectives on the legal profession in many stages, from undergrads considering the law in mock trial competitions to Asim Rehman ’97. Asim has used his distinct perspectives to forge a satisfying, important career that has an impact on his community. Both perspectives—as idealistic collegiates and focused professionals—are important in shaping who we are and who we want to become. I remember typing legal memos at a law firm and the frustration of trying to reconcile that with my dream as an undergraduate of working in television. Ultimately, it was remembering what I wanted to do back when I was sitting on Founder’s Green that helped me steer my career in a direction that differed from where I sat—notating arcane legalese. That gave me a valuable perspective.

The resources of this organization and the College are here to help all students and alumni, to gain insights and understanding that can help to move this community and each other forward. I thank everyone for their contributions to the HCLN and look forward to highlighting the achievements of our great alumni and student body throughout the year.

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For the Record: Asim Rehman ‘97
by Taylor Cross ’18

Asim is general counsel for the New York Police Department’s Office of the Inspector General (OIG). An expert on civil liberties, he has testified before the United States Commission on Civil Rights, regarding government engagement with the Arab and Muslim communities post 9/11. He also served as corporate counsel at MetLife, providing global litigation support to over 40 foreign companies, and as a special assistant district attorney at the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office. He attended law school at the University of Michigan and clerked for a Federal District Court Judge in Manhattan.

At what point did you know you wanted to work in law?

At Haverford I was involved in the Tri-Co orientation program for students of color who were going to attend Haverford, Bryn Mawr, or Swarthmore. I met a counselor at Swarthmore who told me about his civil rights work for the immigrant community in Philadelphia. He was a lawyer and explained that not every lawyer goes to court. He showed me a long list of legal fields—from admiralty law to water law—and talked about the many things one can do with a legal degree. It really opened my eyes. I can’t say there was a single moment when I knew I wanted to be a lawyer, but this conversation was pivotal in that process. I was fascinated by the diversity of the profession, and I believed there was a place for me in it.

What motivated you to create the Muslim Bar Association of New York?

After working overseas for a human rights organization in Pakistan, graduating law school, and working in New York City as a lawyer, I began to get involved in minority bar associations. I saw the value they provide to their members and to the profession at large. However, I wasn’t able to find one for Muslim lawyers. So, in 2006 I got together with few other young Muslim lawyers in New York City, and we started the Muslim Bar Association. This year marks its tenth anniversary, and we’re one of the largest and most active local bar associations for Muslim lawyers in the country. We’re very proud of what we’ve accomplished and are excited about the next ten years.

Can you describe your experience as special assistant district attorney at the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office?

While I was working at a large law firm, I was temporarily seconded to the District Attorney’s office, to assist with criminal prosecutions. I had gone from high-profile, private-sector litigation to the trenches in one of the busiest criminal courts in the country. It was a fantastic experience, and I was proud to serve my city. In addition to learning new skills and honing my trial experience, I learned a lot about all of the challenges that judges, prosecutors, defense lawyers, and police officers face.

Can you talk about your civil rights work and testifying before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights?

We created the Muslim Bar Association of New York because, in addition to Muslim lawyers having a need for community, there was an urgent need for advocates in the Muslim community at large. It was after...
9/11, a peak time of discrimination against Muslims—or people perceived to be Muslims—in the U.S. As lawyers, we were able to play a special role. Even if I wasn’t litigating the cases, I did a lot of work in New York City and at the national level, advocating for the rights of Muslims in various contexts.

In 2012 the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights decided to hold a hearing on the federal government’s engagement with Muslim and Arab communities on civil rights issues. As President of the Muslim Bar Association of New York, I was invited to testify on how the federal government’s response has impacted the civil rights of Muslim Americans since 9/11. It was a rewarding experience, and I was honored to have had the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

**What led you to the position of corporate counsel at MetLife?**

After working at two law firms, I began to think that my skills and style might be better suited to in-house work. As counselors, in-house lawyers often draw on different talents than outside counsel. MetLife presented me with an interesting opportunity to coordinate litigation in 40 countries that were new to the MetLife family. I also became involved in diversity and technology initiatives at the company.

**Can you describe your role on the multicultural advisory committee at the Metropolitan Museum of Art?**

To expand its reach to visitors, The Met has an audience development department, which had established the committee. My focus is to advise the museum on various diversity and inclusion initiatives and to promote the museum’s message to the broader New York City community, and specifically to the broader Arab, Muslim, and South Asian communities in New York. In 2012, when The Met reopened their renowned galleries of Islamic art—a major event in the art world—I advised the museum on outreach to the local Muslim communities in the city.

**How has your experience at Haverford affected your career path?**

First, the rigor and deep probing that was critical in studying the social sciences and humanities at Haverford taught me to continually push, try to find answers, and come up with new ways to solve problems. These habits have been invaluable in my career.

Second, the culture at Haverford that is born out of the Honor Code helped me to understand the importance of empathy and finding common ground. Whether a lawyer is adversarial or not, your role is always to solve problems. Sometimes this requires being a good listener and making people feel they’re being heard. I learned a lot of that at Haverford.

Third, my time at Haverford reinforced the importance of service. What’s great about the legal profession is the many ways to serve the public—whether you’re a full-time public-interest lawyer, a government lawyer, or a private-sector lawyer who provides services pro bono. Haverford mirrors that legal tradition of service.

**What advice would you give a current Haverford student?**

I would tell current students to take time with their career decisions. You may not understand what you’re interested in, what you’re good at, and what motivates you until you get out into the world and
work a little. The legal field has a lot of unhappy lawyers, and I believe those people become lawyers out of convenience and do not find out what else they might want to do. If you think you want to be a lawyer, force yourself to answer the question, "Why?" Get to know lawyers in the field. Learn more about the practice areas. Maybe become a paralegal. See the profession in real time and decide whether it’s right for you.

If you do decide that the law is right for you, consider taking some time to work after college and before law school. When I was in law school, some of the best contributions in the classroom came from people who took some time to do that. They brought their real-world experiences to the discussion. You have a much richer perspective when you’ve worked and know yourself a bit more.

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Haverford Succeeds in Mock Trial
by Nick Barile ’18

The Haverford College Mock Trial team pulled off an exceptional performance at the University of Pennsylvania over the weekend of November 14–15, competing at Penn in the annual Quaker Classic invitational. Haverford finished 15th of 44 teams, with wins over the University of Iowa and Fordham University, a split ballot with Johns Hopkins, and a loss to eventual winner of the tournament, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

This year’s case, administered nationwide by the American Mock Trial Association, featured two individuals accused of bribery over a casino license. Teams chose which defendant they wished to prosecute just before the trial began, while opponents were required to present a reactive defense of that defendant.

Out of 8 ballots, Haverford posted a winning record of 4-3-1 (4 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie). In its debut match of the season, Haverford’s prosecution faced off against the University of Iowa. Serving as attorneys were Jordan McGuffee ’18, Eli Cain ’18, and myself. We called three witnesses: Drew Evans ’19 (as an undercover police informant), Nicholas Munves ’18 (as a forensic scientist), and Liv Phillips BMC ’19 (as a character witness and step-sibling to one of the defendants).

In this close trial, Haverford edged Iowa on one judge’s ballot, while receiving a tie verdict from the second judge. A well-fought victory prepared the team for the
stiff competition from Johns Hopkins in its second trial.

The match against Hopkins marked the debut of Haverford’s defense. Given the team’s small size, most of the members, including all three attorneys, “swing” to defense roles. Myself, McGuffee, and Cain again called Evans (this time playing a blackjack dealer), Phillips (as a defense expert and ex-FBI agent), and Isabella Canelo-Gordon ’18 (as Haverford’s “designated defendant”). Canelo-Gordon played the roles of both defendants, taking the stand as either one, depending on which was the focus of the prosecution. After recovering from a number of setbacks early in the trial, Haverford made a comeback, propelling the match to a “split ballot.”

In the third trial, against Fordham, Haverford defended the second defendant (played by Canelo-Gordon). Phillips reprised her role as the defense expert, while Munves played the police informant to testify for the defendant. Though this combination had been untested, Haverford achieved a 2-ballot sweep—an especially sweet victory for team veterans, after last year’s loss to Fordham in AMTA’s Regional Competition.

In the fourth and final round, Haverford took on UNC Chapel Hill. Despite the eventual loss, Haverford demonstrated its ability to adapt and go the distance against high-caliber teams. This year UNC would go on to win first place.

After returning from Thanksgiving break, Haverford hit the road for Monmouth University’s Second Annual Jersey Shore Hawk Invitational, held December 5 and 6. The team is working hard to implement a number of revisions and improvements and expects to post another strong showing.

My team members and I have been thrilled with the outcome, and we are proud of how far the team has come since we founded it last year. We feel grateful for this talented roster and have high hopes for what we’ll achieve in the rest of the season.

Editor’s note: The Haverford Mock Trial team finished 2nd at Monmouth and currently holds a 12-6-2 record. For more Mock Trial information or to help with the team, please contact Nick Barile at haverfordmocktrial@gmail.com.

About the author: Nick Barile ’18 is a Political Science major, co-captain of the Mock Trial Team, and writes for The Clerk.

Susanna Wing speaks to the gathering of Wilmington HCLN on January 14.

HCLN Convenes in Wilmington by Rachael Garnick ’17 and Lauren Lummus ’17

At the 6th annual gathering of the Delaware HCLN, the offices of Connolly Gallagher LLP hosted a number of Bi-College alumni practitioners, as well as parents, children, or spouses of College alumni or faculty. At the accompanying networking event, we
had the pleasure of meeting a fascinating group and learning a bit more about the ins and outs of the real work of lawyers. Haverford political science professor Susanna Wing—who studies the rule of law in Africa, women’s rights, comparative politics, and Islam and politics—gave an engaging presentation on Mali, about which she has been speaking and publishing for many years. Wing explored the effectiveness of the rights-based development approach in Africa and prompted us to ponder how to promote good governance and transparency as well as fight corruption in developing and developed countries alike.

We relish our time at Haverford and dread it coming to a close, but we were struck by Professor Wing’s presentation and the highly inclusive camaraderie of the alumni. We are confident that HCLN will help make our transitions to law school and to the workplace not only smooth but also intellectually stimulating.

About the authors:

Rachel Garnick ’17 is a political science major, concentrating in Peace, Justice and Human Rights. Lauren Lummus ’17 is an English major, with a minor in political science. They are both entertaining the possibility of attending law school.

In 2014–15, Ben received the Fulbright Award to teach comparative law at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. Ben recently authored Glass Half Full: The Decline and Rebirth of the Legal Profession (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Emily L. Bock ’11 recently published an article in Voices of Temple Law titled, “Agent of Change: Why I Empower Those Marginalized by the Criminal Legal System.” In her third year at Temple University Beasley School of Law, Emily is the 2015 Merit District Award winner from PSJD, a public service initiative from the National Association for Law Placement (NALP). There are only three law students nationwide who receive such recognition from PJSD each year. The honor comes in recognition of Emily’s extraordinary commitment to pro bono service and her significant contributions throughout her law school career. Read more at the Temple Law Newsroom.

Elizabeth Booth ’07 is a law clerk with the Disabilities Law Program at Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., in Wilmington, DE. Liz is a 2013 graduate of University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Ben Buchwalter ’08 recently completed a federal judicial clerkship in Reno, NV, and has joined Baker & McKenzie LLP in San Francisco. Ben is a 2014 graduate of University of California Hastings College of the Law, where he was editor-in-chief of the Hastings Law Journal.

Taylor Campion ’08 is a staff attorney at the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. Taylor is a 2013 graduate of University of Utah S. J. Quinney College of Law and previously served as a law clerk at the Disability Law Center in Salt Lake City.
Charlie Carluccio ’11 is an assistant district attorney in the New York County (Manhattan) District Attorney’s Office, assigned to Trial Bureau 50. A 2014 graduate of the University of Miami School of Law, Charlie formerly served as a law clerk to the Hon. Robert C. Billmeier of the Superior Court in New Jersey.

Nick Chanock ’05, sports agent at Wasserman Media Group, LLC, made headlines in November in connection with his representation of Colorado Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado, who joined Nick after leaving world-famous baseball agent Scott Boras. Last year, Nick helped negotiate Giancarlo Stanton’s record-setting 13-year, $325 million extension with the Miami Marlins.

Chris Dioguardi ’10 recently graduated from Georgetown University Law Center. In 2014, Chris was a summer law clerk at the National Football League. In September 2015, he joined the Labor and Employment Law Group of Bond, Schoeneck, and King PLLC in New York City.

Steven A. Drizin ’83 is clinical professor of Law at Northwestern Law School and serves as the assistant dean of the Bluhm Legal Clinic’s Center on Wrongful Convictions. Steven recently served as amicus counsel on behalf of Northwestern University School of Law’s Children and Family Justice Center in Montgomery v. Louisiana, which was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in October.

Aris Dutka ’04 has joined London Fischer LLP in New York City, where he focuses on construction and insurance coverage litigation. Aris is a 2010 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Thad Eagles ’10 graduated from New York University School of Law in 2015 and recently joined WilmerHale LLP in Washington, DC, as an associate.

Mark Geragos ’79 is representing musician Kesha in a civil action against her former producer Dr. Luke. Read more at Yahoo! Music.

Brandy Gonzales ’08 is a legal and regulatory analyst at Guild Mortgage in San Diego. Brandy is a 2013 graduate of Boston College Law School.

David Hansell ’75 has been named to the board of trustees of the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP). David recently led the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), serving as acting assistant secretary and principal deputy assistant secretary. He previously served as commissioner for the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and as the chief of staff for the City of New York’s Human Resource Administration.

Harsimran Kaur ’97, legal director of The Sikh Coalition in Chicago, served as co-counsel for Captain Simratpal Singh, who recently received a temporary religious exemption from the U.S. Army to allow him to keep a beard while serving as an officer. Read more in the New York Times.

Herbert M. Kritzer ’69 is the Marvin J. Sonosky Chair of Law and Public Policy at the University of Minnesota Law School. Herbert recently published two books: Justices on the Ballot: Continuity and Change in State Supreme Court Elections (Cambridge University Press, 2015) and
Herbert is a leading scholar on the legal profession, the work of lawyers, and aspects of the American civil justice system and other common law systems. He is an affiliated professor in the University of Minnesota’s department of political science.

Neal Kronley ’02 is an associate at DLA Piper LLP in New York City. Previously, he served as a special assistant corporation counsel for the New York City Law Department’s Environmental Law Division.

Matt Lewis ’04 has recently joined CAN Insurance as long term care technical claims director. Matt is a 2011 graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law and previously worked as an associate at Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP in Philadelphia.

Ned Macey ’02 has joined the United Auto Workers as assistant general counsel in Detroit. Ned is a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

Joel Michel ’12 was recently featured by Temple University Beasley School of Law, where he is a third-year student, in connection with his accomplishments with Temple’s national trial team. At the recent Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition in San Juan, Joel and his team won the tournament, and he was named “Best Advocate.”

Rahul Munshi ’06 served as the moderator for a CLE session at the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2015 Bench-Bar and Annual Conference on October 16. Rahul led the panel’s discussion on LGBT discrimination in the workplace, discussing judicial and legislative developments as well as how to prosecute and try sexual orientation and gender identification discrimination claims.
Brendan Palfreyman ‘05, a trademark attorney at Harris Beach PLLC in Syracuse, NY, was quoted in a recent article, “Brooklyn Brewery Files Suit Against California Brewery for Trademark Infringement.”

Jessica B. Reddick ‘04 is a founding partner of Knight, Morris, and Reddick Law Group LLC, a boutique firm based in Chicago. The firm’s areas of practice include commercial and real estate transactions, corporate law, entertainment law, and mediation. Jessica is a 2010 graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Jeremy Sanders ‘09 has joined Fragomen Worldwide LLP in New York City. Jeremy is a 2015 graduate of Boston College Law School.

Stephen Spaulding ‘05, senior policy counsel and legal director at Common Cause in Washington, DC, penned an op-ed for The Hill titled, “Tax Documents Show How Secret Money Infects Campaigns on Both Sides.” Steve was also quoted in an October Yahoo! article titled, “How a Team of Obama Veterans Helped Bernie Sanders Pull in a Record Number of Donations” and in the U.S. News & World Report article “Public Service Nominees Become Paws in Political Squabbles.” Steve made his inaugural appearance on Fox News in November.

Shanin Specter ‘80 was featured on the cover of the December 22 issue of the Legal Intelligencer for his $5.5 million jury verdict in a pelvic mesh mass tort action. The next day, the jury awarded Shanin’s client $7 million in punitive damages. Earlier in 2015, Shanin won a $46.5 million total verdict against a security company, for the families of two women shot to death by a disgruntled fellow employee at a Kraft Foods plant.

Bob Stewart ’71 is working part-time for the Centre County (PA) District Attorney’s Office as a Special Assistant District Attorney. Bob’s duties are in the Special Investigation and Drug Forfeiture Sections.

Daniel Steuer ’89 is Assistant Attorney General, Federal and Interstate Water Rights Unit, in Colorado. Dan provides representation for the Division on Water Resources and the Colorado Water Conservation Board, with a primary focus on ensuring Colorado’s compliance with the interstate compact with Kansas on the Arkansas River.

Ignacio Vidal ‘02 is an associate at McConnell Valdes LLC in San Juan, where he works in the firm’s Environmental, Energy and Land Use Practice Group. Ignacio is a 2006 graduate of Interamerican University School of Law.

Spencer Walters ‘05 is an associate in Ivins, Phillips, and Barker’s Employee Benefits practice in Washington, DC. Spencer is a 2010 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. In October, he spoke at a CLE Live Webcast, “Health and Welfare Plans: What You Need to Know in 2016.”

** If you have any news or would like to be included in the next edition of the Law Blotter, please email Rahul at munshi@consolelaw.com. **

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Upcoming HCLN Events

New York City—March 10
Hosted by Craig Mende ’86

Philadelphia—April 13
Hosted by Edward Leeds ’80 featuring Samantha Beers ’84 of the EPA

Chicago—Spring 2016
Hosted by David Hackett ’76

To R.s.v.p. or receive more information on any HCLN event, please contact Devon Montgomery Pasha at dpashanama@haverford.edu or (610) 795-6107.

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Lives That Speak: The 1,833-Minute Challenge

Tuesday, February 23, at noon, to Wednesday, February 24, at 6:33 p.m. EST

Watch your email for more details on how you can let your life speak boldly for Haverford.