



ANNA KSOR BUONYA SPEAKS BEFORE CONGRESS ON VIETNAMESE HUMAN RIGHTS

In her role as refugee policy advocate for the Montagnard Human Rights Organization, Anna Ksor Buonya L'10 spoke at a congressional hearing examining Vietnamese government human rights violations. Testifying in April before the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations, Buonya focused on the religious persecution and human rights violations faced by the Montagnard indigenous people of Vietnam. She urged the U.S. government to negotiate and obtain the release of all Montagnard prisoners before advancing more U.S. government defense and trade treaties in Vietnam.

"Tens of thousands of Montagnards were recruited and trained by U.S. Army Special Forces, and loyally served the United States during the Vietnam War," Buonya told members of Congress. "On taking over South Vietnam, the communists imprisoned and executed the Montagnard's political and religious leaders. The Montagnard population was subjected to forced relocations and thousands were condemned to live on some of the country's poorest cropland. The Montagnard's ancestral lands are also being deforested for logging and rubber plantations."

Buonya called for the Vietnamese government's recognition of Montagnards as indigenous peoples in the context of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and urged the U.S. State Department to consider re-opening its refugee program within Vietnam. Buonya is also general counsel and a refugee policy advocate for The Counsel of Indigenous People of Today's Vietnam. She spoke before Congress one day before the 17th session of the U.S.-Vietnam Human Rights Dialogue, held in Hanoi, Vietnam. ■



JONATHAN C. DUNSMOOR AIDS IN REFORMING PHILADELPHIA'S "STOP-AND-FRISK" POLICY

As a Legal Fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, Jonathan C. Dunsmoor L'10 oversees the *Bailey v. City of Philadelphia* project which involves teaching law school students and attorney volunteers the fundamentals of Fourth Amendment stop-and-frisk policies based on the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Terry v. Ohio*.

Dunsmoor's work stems from a 2010 federal class action filed by the ACLU of Pennsylvania and the law firm of Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing & Feinberg in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, alleging that thousands of people each year were being illegally stopped, frisked, searched and detained by the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) as part of its stop-and-frisk policy. In 2011, the parties involved reached a settlement agreement, which included establishing a monitoring system for the review and analysis of future PPD stop-and-frisk data.

The ACLU's analysis of the data indicated the overall number of PPD stops had decreased by nearly 15 percent. However, the report also found that of about 215,000 stops and frisks per year, roughly 45 percent, were made without reasonable suspicion, and that African-Americans and Latinos continued to be stopped at higher rates, with 76 percent of the stops and 85 percent of the frisks targeting minorities.

"We have concluded the PPD still is stopping individuals with no reasonable suspicion and we are concerned about the racial disparity of the stops," said Dunsmoor.

In addition to his Elon Law degree, Dunsmoor holds an LL.M. in Criminal Law with honors from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. ■



MELODIE MENZER RECEIVES AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM

Melodie Menzer L'13 is the 2013 recipient of Elon Law's highest honor for a graduating student—the David Gergen Award for Leadership and Professionalism.

"She is a leader in that she demonstrates how much of a difference a person can make when they dedicate themselves to the causes that they believe in," said Elon Law Professor Michael Rich, who presented the award at Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2013 on May 25.

Menzer is a founding member of the Pro Bono Board at Elon Law. She served in leadership positions in Delta Theta Phi and the Tax Law Interest Group while at Elon and acted as a case manager in the Innocence Project. In addition, she served clients in the law school's Wills Drafting Clinic and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs.

In the community, Menzer contributed substantial time and effort to initiate and coordinate the Certificate of Relief Program through the Interactive Resource Center for homeless services in Greensboro. The program helps clients receive relief from some of the collateral consequences of criminal convictions, while providing students with valuable in-court experience. In addition, Menzer volunteers to teach GED students, builds homes with Habitat for Humanity and volunteers as an active Big Sister in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. ■



WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JURISPRUDENCE REVIEW TO PUBLISH JUDICIAL SELECTION ARTICLE BY JOHN WARREN L'13

John Warren's article, "Holding the Bench Accountable: Judges Qua Representatives," examines how justices operating within electoral schemes of judicial selection must maintain the integrity of their adjudication duties in the context of partisan and ideological attacks on their decisions during election cycles.

Warren was inspired to write his article during a class discussion of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Chisom v. Roemer* in his Judicial Process course, taught by former N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice James G. Exum Jr.

"John worked hard on his paper; his research was exhaustive; and he synthesized it with his own original ideas extremely well," Exum said. "In several years of teaching Judicial Process, John's paper may be the best student paper I have read."

In addition to thanking Justice Exum for his guidance while researching and writing the article, Warren expressed appreciation for the counsel of Professors Enrique Armijo and Michael Rich.

While attending Elon Law, Warren was the symposium editor of the *Elon Law Review*. A Note by Warren will appear in that journal in fall 2013, titled "Tale of Two Andersons: *Anderson v. South Carolina Election Commission* and *Anderson v. Celebrezze*—An Examination of the Constitutionality of Section 8-13-1356 of the South Carolina Code of Laws Following the 2012 Primary Ballot Access Controversy." Additionally, Warren was a two-time regional semifinalist in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition in Washington, D.C., while a member of the Moot Court Board at Elon Law. Warren is scheduled to begin a clerkship in August for Judge John W. Kittredge of the S.C. Supreme Court for the 2013-14 term in Columbia, S.C. ■



ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Each year, the Elon Law Alumni Association organizes receptions to build alumni connections throughout the state and nation, including events in Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, N.C., and Washington, D.C.

2009

Jon Aust is an associate attorney with the Bedard Law Group, P.C. in Duluth, Ga. ■ **Jason Aycoth** was named partner at Garrett, Walker & Aycoth, PLLC in Greensboro. He was recently elected both to serve as President of the Criminal Defense Bar in Greensboro and to serve on the N.C. Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Council. Jason will complete his term as President of the Elon Law Alumni Association in October 2013. ■ **Katie Bobb** is the Director of Legal Services for the Gwinnett Sexual Assault and Children's Advocacy Center in Duluth, Ga. ■ **Jennifer Bowden** joined R. Steve Bowden and Associates in Greensboro, N.C., as an associate in 2009, where she concentrates in

negotiating, settling and litigating personal injury cases. ■ **Chad Hinton**, a partner with DeLoatch & Hinton, PLLC in Tarboro, N.C., was elected to the Edgecombe County Board of Elections in July 2013. Members of that body selected Chad to serve as chairman of the board. In addition, Chad was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory to the Board of Trustees of Edgecombe Community College. He was also recognized for outstanding service as President of the Tarboro Rotary Club from June 2012 to June 2013. ■ **Amy Holthouser** received the Distinguished Rotarian of the Year award from Rotary District 7680 in May of 2013 for exemplifying "Service Above Self" in her daily life as a Rotarian and as a member of her community. Amy was

selected to be a part of the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce's 2013-14 Leadership Lake Norman Class, a development program for informed, qualified individuals capable of providing leadership for the Lake Norman region. Amy works for The McIntosh Law Firm in Davidson, N.C. ■ **Leslie Lasher '06** is an associate attorney with Teague, Campbell, Dennis & Gorham in Raleigh, N.C. ■ **Eric Meredith** was named a 2012 Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine. Eric and **Mark Jetton L'09** are partners and co-founders of Jetton & Meredith, PLLC in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Steven L. "Luke" Spencer** accepted a position with the Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps as Special Victims' Counsel at Hurlburt Field in Florida. Luke's duties include representing victims in sexual assault cases in the Air Force. Previously, Spencer was Chief of Military Justice for the 49th Wing at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

2010

Adam Arthur was elected to a second term as Chairman of the Family Law Section of the Greensboro Bar Association. As Chairman, Adam, with other members of the bar and bench, led a significant revision to the Civil Case Management Rules (Local Rules) of the 18th Judicial District Court. Adam moderated and taught a CLE on the new rules. He continues to serve on the committee concerning Civil District Court local rules. Adam serves as a judge to the Guilford County Teen Court. ■ **Ashley Shelton '07** is a staff attorney at Clark Construction Group, LLC in Bethesda, Md. ■ **Edward Garrett** joined Sodoma Law, P.C. in Charlotte, N.C., where he practices family law in North and South Carolina. ■ **David Morrow II '07** was named an American Bar Association Business Law Fellow in June 2013. In July, he received the National Bar Association's 2013 Junius W. Williams Young Lawyer

of the Year Award, recognizing his contributions to society as a young lawyer, and the NBA's 2013 President's Award during its 88th Annual Convention in Miami, Fla. David was named a 2013 "Top 10 Under 10" alumnus of Elon University in April 2013, in recognition of his civic and professional leadership. ■ **Nicole Patterson** was selected to participate in the three-year ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law Development Fund Fellowship Program in August of 2013. Nicole is a labor and employee relations specialist at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in Rockville, Md. ■ **Richard Webb** will present at the Fall Seminar CLE for Judicial District

22A on the topics of Termination of Parental Rights and Name Changes. Richard is an associate attorney at Jones, Childers, McLurkin & Donaldson, PLLC in Mooresville, N.C.

2011

Jason Burton is an associate attorney with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP in Raleigh, N.C. ■ **Samantha Gilman '08** is a research consultant for The Lewin Group in Washington, D.C. ■ **Jeremy Leonard** joined the law firm of Hairston Lane Brannon, P.A. in Raleigh, N.C., as an associate attorney in September of 2011, concentrating in employment and labor law and municipal litigation. Jeremy has served as lead attorney on several appellate cases before

the North Carolina Court of Appeals and federal courts in North Carolina. Additionally, Jeremy was hired as an adjunct professor for mock trial and trial advocacy courses at North Carolina State University in the summer of 2013, where he also coaches the undergraduate mock trial team.

2012

Collin Cooper was named Associate Editor of *The Young Lawyer*, a publication of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the American Bar Association (ABA) in July 2013. In addition, he was selected as an ABA YLD Scholar for 2013-14, an honor bestowed on approximately 16 young attorneys annually. ■ **Heather Dolan** is an associate attorney at Sullivan & Snow, PLLC in Jacksonville, N.C. ■ **Jim Grant** accepted a position as an Assistant Appellate Defender with the North Carolina Office of the Appellate Defender in September of 2013 after previously clerking for Judge Robert N. Hunter on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Jim's duties will include representing indigent clients in criminal, juvenile delinquency and civil commitment cases in N.C. appellate courts. ■ **Andrew E. Hoke** works for Sessoms & Rogers, P.A. in Durham, N.C. ■ **Pamela Lawrence** is an associate attorney with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP in Wilmington, N.C. ■ **Drew Nelson** joined Brinkley Walser PLLC in Lexington, N.C. as an associate attorney in August 2013. Drew's practice areas include real estate, corporate, estate planning and elder law. ■ **Mathew Schantz** accepted the position of Deputy Finance Director for Laura Fjeld, a candidate running for North Carolina's 6th Congressional District in August of 2013. ■ **Benjamin Snyder** is an associate at McKinney Perry & Coalter, P.A. in Greensboro, N.C.



THE FIFTH ANNUAL BARBARA SULLIVAN RACE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

Each year, the Women's Law Association (WLA) at Elon Law and the Elon Law Alumni Association coordinate the Barbara Sullivan 5K Race for Women's Health in conjunction with Elon Law Reunion Weekend. Named for the mother of Ann Sullivan L'09, who lost her life to a brain tumor, the race raises funds for women's health issues that affect family members of Elon Law students and alumni.

"The students and alumni of the Women's Law Association, and all members of the Elon Law community who participated in the race, are gratified to support the work of important women's health organizations each year through this charitable event," said Ivy Oakley L'11 who led alumni organizing efforts for the race. "This race is one of the important Elon Law traditions that we are all committed to supporting for years to come."