Faculty Acknowledgements
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PROFESSOR GEORGE BILBE
• Professor Bilbe has recently obtained a carton of three-ply trash bags suitable for desk-clearing operations. He has graciously consented to share them with the Dean and all others who might be challenged by manuscripts or other clutter.

PROFESSOR MITCHELL CRUSTO
• Law Professor Mitchell Crusto recently developed and proposed a panel discussion for the 2010 SEALS (Southeastern Association of Law Schools) Conference in Palm Beach, FL. The proposed discussion topic, "Obama, Empathy, and the Constitution," would be part of the Constitutional Law Workshop and would address empathy as a constitutional jurisprudential principle.

PROFESSOR LLOYD “TREY” DRURY
• His latest article, Private Equity and the Heightened Fiduciary Duty of Disclosure, was accepted for publication in the NYU Journal of Law & Business.

PROFESSOR DAVIDA FINGER
• Panelist, Carpet Bagging to Recovery, Imagining America Conference: Artists and Scholars in Public Life, October 1, 2009, New Orleans, LA.
• Presenter, Poverty and Immobility: Economic Fragility and Housing on the Gulf Coast, Symposium: Poverty and Economic Mobility, American University Washington College of Law, October 26, 2009, Washington D.C.

PROFESSOR BOBBY HARGES
• On September 10, 2009 in New Orleans, Bobby Harges participated in a panel discussion entitled "Mediation Workshop" where the panel members discussed preparation for and representing clients in mediations. The seminar was sponsored by the Federal Bar Association.
• On September 25, 2009 in New Orleans, Bobby Harges gave a talk on "Professionalism in Mediations" at a conference entitled "Essential Issues Affecting Corporate Attorneys and In-House Counsel." The conference was sponsored by the Louisiana Association of Corporate Counsel and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. The talk discussed the activities of lawyers who represent clients in mediations.
PROFESSOR JOHANNA KALB
• Her article "Dynamic Federalism in Human Rights Treaty Implementation" has been accepted for publication in Tulane Law Review.

PROFESSOR DENISE PILÉ
• Denise Pilié, Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor for the Mediation Section of the Loyola Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice and Instructor of Mediation and Arbitration, presented a paper on “Alternative Dispute Resolution and Human Rights in Haiti” at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American and Caribbean Law Initiative in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. Pilié participated on a panel for discussion of the same issues with A. Dion Hanna, Jr., Director for the Legal Aid Clinic, The Eugene Dupuch Law School in Nassau, Bahamas, a prolific author on human rights and a member of the Bar in the Bahamas, England and Wales.
• Professor Pilié was chosen to serve as a non-governmental observer at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark in December. The conference is officially titled the “15th Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.” Denise is active in the group Mediation Beyond Borders (MBB). The goal of the MBB participants will be to promote mediation and other forms of cooperative decision making during climate change negotiations and to add mediation to the successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol. Their activities will include observing and assessing the negotiations, suggesting options to the parties, and advocating mediation among international decision makers.

PROFESSOR MARKUS PUDER
• On July 2009, Markus G. Puder gave one of the keynote addresses at the “Festive Act” Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Salzburg Summer Academy. He spoke about Louisiana’s rich legal heritage. The other keynote speakers were Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Justice Dr. Irmgard Griss of the Austrian Supreme Court, and Professor Jean-Sébastien Borghetti of the University of Nantes. Supported by the European Commission, the annual program in Mozart’s birth town offers instruction, seminars, and workshops on a wide array of legal subjects in the comparative law arena. It brings together more than 100 students and 30 instructors from more than 20 countries across Europe.
• From May 18, 2009, through May 30, 2009, Markus G. Puder taught International Environmental Law in Loyola’s Costa Rica Summer Program. Don Rafael González Ballar, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Costa Rica and renowned authority and advocate in the field, served as co-instructor.

PROFESSOR ROBERT VERCHICK
• Professor Rob Verchick has been selected as the Deputy Associate Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation (OPEI). Located in the Office of the Administrator, OPEI is the main policy arm of the EPA. With a staff of nearly 200 experts in the fields of regulation, policy, economics, and business, OPEI manages the agency-wide rulemaking process, reviews final policy analyses, and oversees the testing of new and innovative
approaches to environmental protection. Mr. Verchick will report to Associate Administrator Lisa Heinzerling (on leave from Georgetown University Law Center), who in turn reports to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson.

PROFESSOR KEITH VETTER

• Professor Keith Vetter presented a paper at the 63rd Congress of the Societe pour l'Histoire des Droits de l'Antiquite in Kavala and Philippi, Greece in September of this year. The paper is entitled Legal Transplants: A Roman Law Odyssey, from Rome to France and Spain; from France and Spain to Louisiana; from Louisiana to Latin America, and finally, from Louisiana back to Spain. The paper will be published in the next volume of the Revue Internationale Des Droits De L'Antiquite.