**Pitt Law Alumni Notes:**

**Susan Yohe (JD ’79)** was honored with the creation of the Susan Yohe Pittsburgh Legal Diversity & Inclusion Coalition (PLDIC) Scholarship.In partnership with Duquesne University School of Law, this scholarship recognizes Yohe’s lifetime of service to championing and furthering diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Pittsburgh legal community. Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, one student from Pitt Law and Duquesne Law will receive a $10,000 annual tuition scholarship.

**Eric Schaffer (JD ’79)** co-organized a hybrid event with The American College of Bankruptcy, Pitt Law, and Troutman Pepper called “After the Pandemic” on Nov. 4, 2021. The three-part panel discussion allowed attendees to hear from leading judges, professors, and practitioners on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting large and small businesses, consumers, and the economy.

**Michael Ruggio (JD '82),** partner at Ice Miller, co-presented on the emerging technology and application of Blockchain to both the healthcare and cryptocurrency areas during a webinar on Nov. 17, 2021. The event presented an introduction to the emerging technology and application of Blockchain to both the healthcare and cryptocurrency areas.

**Brian Cuban (JD ’86)** released his newest book, *The Ambulance Chaser*. The book is available on Amazon and follows Pittsburgh lawyer Jason Feldman, who becomes a fugitive from justice after being accused of the murder of a classmate.

**Thomas A. Hauser (JD ’91)** was recognized as one of the top ten real estate attorneys in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C.-region. Hauser, a partner, and co-lead of Ballard Spahr, was selected for excelling in his hard work, dedication, and commitment to the real estate industry and community.

**The Honorable Jesse D. Pettit (JD ’01)** was sworn in for a 10-year term on the Court of Common Pleas in Washington Country. Judge Pettit was sworn in by Pitt Law’s Distinguished Jurist Fellow Judge D. Michael Fisher, Circuit Judge U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, and Senior Judge, Katherine B. Emery, Court of Common Pleas, Washington County.

**Thatcher Rahmeier (JD '08)** was promoted to partner in the Wilmington office of Faegre Drinker,

**Mary Binker (JD '10)** has been named a shareholder with Babst Calland. She focuses primarily on corporate and transactional matters and advises various businesses in their corporate contracting needs. Binker also counsels clients on their day-to-day contracting needs, such as procurement and service agreements.

**Major Dimitri Facaros (JD ‘10),** the Group Judge Advocate for the 3d Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, NC, published an article entitled “*A Brief Summation on Gender-Based Violence Military Readiness and Judge Advocates*” with The Army Lawyer (ISSN 0364-1287, USPS 490-330). The article addresses international human rights law, international humanitarian law, the political considerations embodied in gender rights and describes the military initiatives to prevent gender-based violence.

**Michael Fink (JD ’11)** focuses his practice on assisting high-tech start-up ventures with fundraising and general corporate or governance matters. He also counsels clients with technology transactions and licensing and works on both the buy-side and the sell-side in mergers and acquisitions in the technology, real estate, energy, and healthcare sectors.

**Dwyer Arce (JD ’12)** was elected President of the Virgin Islands Bar Association at its Annual Meeting on Dec. 10, 2021. At the meeting, he was also presented with an award in special recognition of his contributions to the Virgin Islands Bar Association. Arce will begin his term as President in Dec. 2023.

**Sarah Miley (JD ‘12)** was elected to shareholder at Littler, the world’s largest employment and labor law practice representing management. Miley represents employers in various employment issues, including restrictive covenant disputes, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation litigation.

**Eryn Correa (JD ’13)** established her practice, Correa Legal, focused on serving start-up companies in Pittsburgh. Correa seeks to help continue growing a vibrant community of high-growth entrepreneurial companies in the area by providing easy and accessible legal services.

**Nicole M. Pardus (JD ’16)** was elected Treasurer by the Board of Directors of Laurel Legal Services. Pardus, an associate attorney at Long & Long LLC in Greensburg, PA, was also recognized on the 2021 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars List.

**Miracle Jones (JD ’18)**, director of policy and advocacy at 1Hood Media, garnered a national audience with her latest TED Talk and interview on the podcast, “How to Be a Better Human.”

**Kelly B. Cullen (JD ’19**) was awarded the 11th annual David B. Fawcett Pro Bono honor by Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. The award is presented annually to the firm’s associate who has given their time to help those in need. Cullen concentrates his practice in civil litigation, emphasizing medical malpractice, and is also active on Dickie McCamey’s Pro Bono Committee.

**Charles Gallmeyer (JD '21)** is a new associate with Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C. Gallmeeyer focuses his practice on real estate law and business and tax law.

**Kiersten J. Reinhold (JD ’21)** joined Collins Einhorn Farrell in the firm’s General and Automotive Liability practice group. Her practice focuses on first-and third-party automotive defense and other general liability matters.

**Devin Slaugenhaupt’s (JD ’21)** journey to law school was mentioned in a *Giving News* article on the University of Pittsburgh’s Philanthropic & Alumni Engagement website. Slaugenhaupt was featured as one of the many alums who receive scholarship support to further their education. At Pitt Law, he was awarded support from the Edward F. Mason Memorial Scholarship Fund, the George E. Schumacher Memorial Fund, and The Honorable Ruggero J. Aldisert Endowment.

**Alyssa Zottola (JD '21)** has joined the Pittsburgh Litigation Team of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC.