Charles Franklin Joins Marquette Law Faculty

Charles Franklin, director of the groundbreaking Marquette Law School Poll, which since its launch at the beginning of 2012 has become the definitive source for an accurate read on public opinion in Wisconsin, has joined the law faculty on a permanent basis, Marquette University announced this past May.

Franklin, a nationally recognized government scholar and pollster, was a visiting professor at Marquette in 2012. With his full-time appointment at Marquette, he continues in his role as poll director and becomes a professor of law and public policy. Franklin had been a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin–Madison since 1992.

“Professor Franklin brings a unique set of skills,” said Joseph D. Kearney, dean of Marquette Law School. “He is both a nationally renowned polling expert and a first-rate scholar of government and public opinion; he is thus able to communicate helpful information to the media and to engage in the academy on a high level.” Kearney added that he anticipates “the continued success and even expansion of the Marquette Law School Poll under Professor Franklin’s direction.”

Franklin has eagerly embraced the new position. “Marquette Law School has created a unique opportunity to contribute to the public conversation about issues facing our state and nation through both the polling and policy discussions it convenes,” he said. The Marquette Law School Poll accurately captured voter attitudes before every major election in 2012, including the gubernatorial recall, U.S. Senate, and presidential races.

“I look forward to collaborating with colleagues across the university to educate the next generation of leaders and to ensure that Marquette is a resource for the region,” said Franklin.

Conference Focuses on Looming Question of New Arena in Milwaukee

While most people seem to agree that the National Basketball Association (NBA) Bucks are a significant asset to Milwaukee, consensus on the wisdom of building a new arena to keep the team in town—and how to pay for it—was in short supply during a recent conference at Marquette Law School.

The future of the BMO Harris Bradley Center, Milwaukee’s indoor arena, was the central theme of the conference, which was sponsored by Marquette Law School and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and supported by the Law School’s Lubar Fund for Public Policy Research. The Bucks owner (and former U.S. senator) Herb Kohl has deemed the Bradley Center outdated and is working with local business leaders on a public-private partnership to replace it before the team’s lease expires in 2017.

Conference presenter Roy Williams, president and CEO of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, cited the NBA’s Thunder as a cornerstone of his city’s renaissance. Tim Sheehy, president of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, touted similar big-league benefits for Milwaukee.

Meanwhile, Andrew Zimbalist, a Smith College economics professor, gave a somewhat more skeptical view of new sports facilities’ economic benefits. And a panel of local politicians that included Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele, Milwaukee Common Council President Willie Hines, Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Chair Marina Dimitrijevic, and Milwaukee Alderman Michael Murphy noted that public funding would be a tough sell—a showing of bipartisan agreement that ultimately could be discouraging for fans.

Other speakers included Marquette Law School’s Professor Matthew J. Parlow and Adjunct Professor Martin J. Greenberg, both of whom have written on the financing of sports facilities. Mike Gousha, distinguished fellow in law and public policy, led the work on the conference for the Law School.
Summer Youth Institute Takes Students a Step Forward

Three judges listened carefully to arguments on whether a strip search of a student entering a school was justified. Advocates debated whether an anonymous tip to the principal justified heightened security and whether the nervous conduct of a student provided enough reason for the strip search even after the student had passed through a metal detector without problem.

The two pairs of advocates were composed and articulate as they cited comparable cases and reasons for and against considering the search reasonable.

Yes, a viewer could pick up signals that the advocates were not as well versed as most who present such arguments. But they were impressive—especially considering they were eighth-, ninth-, and tenth-grade students from about a dozen Milwaukee-area schools, taking part in a weeklong program offering them knowledge, experience, and mentoring that might interest them in careers in the law. On Monday morning of this week in July, most of the students probably had little or no idea what an appellate argument involved. Now it was Friday morning. With Eckstein Hall as their base, they had attended a wide range of sessions, including visits to courts and law firms. The arguments were the capstone of the week. The teens had worked with lawyers and Marquette Law School students to get ready.

Twenty-two students from a wide range of backgrounds took part in the Summer Youth Institute, the first of what sponsors hope will be an annual program. The sponsors were Marquette Law School and the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association (EDWBA). Collaboration and support came from the Just the Beginning Foundation; Johnson Controls, Inc. (through the work of one of its in-house counsel, Gil Cubia); Kids, Courts, and Citizenship; and the Association of Corporate Counsel Wisconsin Chapter (through Atheneé Lucas, in-house with ManpowerGroup). The steering committee included U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph, who had suggested this program a year earlier; Marquette Law School Pro Bono Director Angela F. Schultz; Melissa L. Greipp, associate professor of legal writing; Anne Berleman Kearney, adjunct professor of law and principal in Appellate Consulting Group; and Katy Borowski, executive director of the EDWBA.

Sessions stressed the commitment that students need to make to education and to improving themselves in both the short and long term. At lunch one day, Milwaukee attorney Cory Nettles told them that one of the best pieces of advice he ever received was to be “helpable”—someone who benefits from coaching. Jerome Okarma, general counsel for Johnson Controls, Inc., told the students, “If you don’t like reading, you don’t want to be lawyer.” The week included a session for parents with tips for getting children into and through college.

“I think the kids got a chance to be pushed out of their comfort zones,” said Max Wright, a teacher at Hmong American Peace Academy who was one of the institute’s instructors along with Barbara J. Janaszek, a Milwaukee attorney and former teacher. “Their horizons have been broadened.”

One of the students said as the week concluded, “I took a step forward in my life.”
Sensenbrenner Hall Gets Update

The rendering below of Marquette’s Sensenbrenner Hall projects the east side of the building as it will look in 2015. The brick-clad area to the right, the former home of the Law School, was designed by Alexander C. Eschweiler and dedicated in 1924. The former legal research center (opened in 1967) and the office and classroom area (opened in 1984) connecting these newer segments with the 1924 building were demolished this past summer. The glass-fronted area to the left in the rendering will be added and contain mechanicals and facilities for the upper floors of the refurbished Sensenbrenner Hall. It will also ensure that any future construction to the south of Sensenbrenner Hall will not crowd the original building. Sensenbrenner Hall has been vacant since 2010, when the Law School moved to its new home, Ray and Kay Eckstein Hall. The refurbished Sensenbrenner is expected to house departments of the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences.

Doug Frohmader Receives 2013 Excellence in University Service Award

Doug Frohmader, creative director in Marquette University’s Office of Marketing and Communication, was one of four Marquette employees recently honored with the 2013 Excellence in University Service Awards. Frohmader’s work extends throughout the university and includes a leading role in the planning, design, and production of Marquette Lawyer.

Frohmader, a Marquette employee since 1985, has been honored for his work multiple times by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the country’s leading education organization for professionals who work in alumni relations, communication, development, and marketing.

Multiple nominators wrote about Frohmader’s professionalism, patience, work ethic, and commitment to cura personalis.

Judge Carolyn Dineen King Addresses Graduates

Judge Carolyn Dineen King, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is flanked by Provost John J. Pauly (left) and Dean Joseph D. Kearney (right) and other faculty as she addresses graduating students at Marquette Law School’s Hooding Ceremony at the Milwaukee Theatre on May 18, 2013. King’s remarks included an exhortation to the 215 graduates “to participate in the public life of our communities”; she termed this “a special responsibility of lawyers.”
Soliciting Study and Critiques of Wisconsin Law

Marquette University Law School invites proposals for research and publication to be supported by the Adrian P. Schoone Fund for the Study of Wisconsin Law and Legal Institutions. The Law School created the fund this past academic year to recognize a gift by Adrian P. Schoone, L’59, of more than $500,000.

With the Schoone Fund, the Law School hopes to engender greater dispassionate research and study of Wisconsin law and legal institutions. “We have expanded our geographic footprint over the past several decades, increasing our recruitment of students from different regions, establishing the National Sports Law Institute in 1990, and, most recently, launching the Marquette Law School Poll,” said Dean Joseph D. Kearney. “At the same time, Wisconsin is our home, and we have an intense interest in the teaching and learning of Wisconsin law. We will use the Schoone Fund to support proposals for research by faculty, students, and members of the bench and bar.”

Schoone received his undergraduate degree from Marquette University’s College of Business Administration and went on to graduate first in the Law School’s class of 1959. The Law School recognized him last year with its Lifetime Achievement Award. “We are proud to call Mr. Schoone a Marquette lawyer,” said Kearney, “and we are most grateful for this innovative gift.”

Schoone practices personal injury and business litigation with Schoone, Leuck, Kelley & Pitts, in the Village of Mount Pleasant in Racine County, Wis. He has tried more than 250 cases to verdict over his career in 10 different Wisconsin counties and in other states.

Proposals may be directed to Christine Wilczynski-Vogel, associate dean for external relations (christine.wv@marquette.edu).

Exploring Constitution Making Past, Present, and Future

On June 6, 2014, Marquette Law School will host a full-day event exploring the past, present, and future of constitution making in occupied states in the aftermath of war—be it “civil” war or “external” war. Central to this event will be consideration of the lessons experience has imparted concerning this seemingly timeless endeavor. Through the anticipated contributions of distinguished speakers with expertise and publications ranging across disciplines as diverse as linguistics, history, cultural studies, the military, and law, the event will probe efforts from that of General Douglas MacArthur in immediately postwar Japan to those unfolding around the globe at the dawn of the twenty-first century, including in Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Tunisia, and, looking ahead, Syria.

The Law School’s event is part of a week in and around the Milwaukee community that will feature programs and activities that also concern the impact of General MacArthur on Australia, the Philippines, and South Korea, including an assessment of that impact against the backdrop of the current international community.

Consider joining us for this provocative event, which is being organized by Peter K. Rofes, professor of law, and Charles C. Mulcahy, L’62. For additional information, contact Christine Wilczynski-Vogel, associate dean for external relations, at christine.wv@marquette.edu or (414) 288-3167.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, January 1961, revisiting the island of Corregidor, from which he had been evacuated in 1942 before it was overrun by Japanese troops during World War II.