



Your warmth and generosity shone brightly through the year



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TEACHING IN THE JD PROGRAM

A Meaningful Way



For Prashanth “PJ” Jayachandran L’98, giving back to his alma mater also meant fulfilling an aspiration to teach law. “I’ve been in private practice for close to 25 years,” says Jayachandran, Chief Supply Chain Counsel at Colgate-Palmolive Company. “I’ve done some guest lecturing and training,

but I wanted to teach in a more meaningful way for some time.”

A conversation with Dean Boise led to the suggestion that Jayachandran could teach in the College’s **JDinteractive** online law degree program, from his home in New Jersey.

However, while talking with Associate Dean of Online Education **Kathleen O’Connor**, in fall 2021, they concluded that Jayachandran’s proposed class—“The Corporate Lawyer in a Sustainable World”—would be perfect for an in-person, three-day JDi residency course.

As lead counsel for Colgate-Palmolive’s global supply chain Jayachandran oversees global commercial contracting and provides advice on legal issues related to logistics, international trade, and labor. Additionally, he works closely with Colgate-Palmolive’s sustainability and responsible sourcing teams.

In introducing the JDi residency students to the “growing and evolving area” of sustainability Jayachandran touched on climate change, human rights compliance, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.



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“We opened the course by telling the students that they had been hired as sustainability counsel by a fictitious public company that is launching a global sustainability program,” explains Jayachandran. “We then covered various topics related to the sustainability program, with the students split into teams to analyze and debrief on key issues. I enjoyed it immensely.”

Jayachandran says he particularly appreciated teaching JDi students whose journeys to law school are non-linear. “The students were a hard-working group, many with full-time jobs and distinguished careers, and some who traveled a long way to Syracuse, as far as from Hawaii and Europe,” he says.

Jayachandran is slated to teach the course again in spring 2022. But in fact, he again offered his expertise during **Law Alumni Weekend 2021**, as moderator of the **Corporate Law Society** panels addressing in-house counsel and corporate counsel practice.

Also sitting on the in-house counsel panel was PJ’s wife, Neena Patil, Chief Legal Officer and Senior Vice President at Jazz Pharmaceuticals, whom Jayachandran met while they both worked at the Syracuse-area law firm, Bond, Schoeneck & King.

“The panels were made up of very accomplished lawyers,” observes Jayachandran. “I hope that students feel their Syracuse law degree will offer them the same kind of opportunities to pursue success like the kind we witnessed on the panels.”

“The panelists did a good job of explaining how an in-house corporate career differs from other legal careers,” Jayachandran adds. “As an in-house lawyer, you are a business advisor with a law degree, and that point was well-made. You need a good legal skill set, but you must have the curiosity and desire to understand the business you are in.”

PJ Jayachandran L’98 (second from left) listens to student presentation during his “The Corporate Lawyer in a Sustainable World” course for JDinteractive residency students in August 2021.

HIRING GRADUATES

“Don’t Forget Your Beginnings”



Aubre Dean L’20 (left) and Kimberly Lau L’06 at the offices of Warsaw Burstein LLP in Manhattan.

Giving back, for **Kimberly Lau ’03, L’06**, is a way to express what she calls her “personal love of the University”—where she received both her undergraduate and law degrees—and a way to recognize how Orange connections helped launch her successful career.

“I was awarded scholarships for both my undergraduate degree and law school, so I’ve always felt supported by Syracuse, and also I understand the importance of the alumni network because that is how I got my first job,” says Lau.

Currently Partner and Chair of the Title IX/College Disciplinary Department at New York City law firm Warsaw Burstein LLP, Lau’s first job was with white shoe Manhattan firm Ingram Yuzek Gainen Carroll & Bertolotti LLP. “University alumnus Daniel Carroll ’66 hired me for a litigation job there, and I haven’t looked back.”

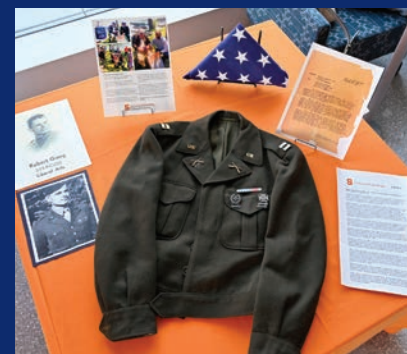
“When I reflect on my positive experiences at the University, I ask myself, how can I give back? That’s what drives me,” Lau explains. And now that she is in a position to hire externs, interns, and associates at Warsaw Burstein, she can positively affect the careers of young Syracuse grads the way Carroll did for her.

A case in point, Lau has signed on with the **Office of Career Services** to accept spring externs and summer interns. In summer 2019, one of those interns was **Aubre Dean L’20**.

“Aubre performed very well as an intern,” says Lau. “I was familiar with her work and received positive feedback about her work with other partners. I could see she had potential. She was sharp, analytical, and able to anticipate questions.”

By the end of that summer, Lau knew that Dean was full-time associate material. “Aubre is still in her first year with us, and she’s doing well,” notes Lau. “She has definitely learned a lot, and the traits she brought during her internship summer continue to guide her positive development as an attorney.”

Hiring isn’t the only way Lau continues to help the College and University. “I donate every year to scholarship funds, and I jump at opportunities to speak with students at the law school. My advice to other alums when thinking about giving back is to look inward and don’t forget your beginnings.”



Once and Forever Orange

The College’s oldest living alumnus turned an amazing 103 years young in June, and to celebrate that milestone—not to mention his service to country, community, and profession—the College of Law honored Robert “**Bob**” Gang Jr. ’39, L’42 not once, but twice in 2021.

First—fittingly on June 6, 2021, the anniversary of D-Day—Dean Boise and other Syracuse Law representatives celebrated Gang’s birthday at his Syracuse home and presented him with a proclamation recognizing the day as “Bob Gang Day.”

Then, in September, Gang was invited back to his alma mater for **Law Alumni Weekend 2021**. The photo shows Gang at the Syracuse University National Veterans Resource Center cutting his cake with a ceremonial sword, surrounded by faculty, alumni, students, family members, and other honored guests. Gang also received a special citation from New York Rep. **John Katko L’88**.

Also pictured is Gang’s Army jacket, now on display in Dineen Hall. As an undergraduate, Gang served in the Syracuse ROTC. He cut his third year at Syracuse Law short to serve our nation from 1942 to 1951. As a US Army infantry officer, Bob used his legal training to represent soldiers charged with misconduct. After serving his country, he came back to Syracuse to begin a successful career in private practice.

Thank you for your service, Bob. Once Orange, Forever Orange!