

# FACULTY IN ACTION

## Around the Globe

**Professor Karen Hersey** was a key speaker at a conference of the Association of European Science and Technology Transfer Professionals held in Valencia, Spain. Entitled “Mobilizing Partners in Technology Transfer” the event attracted members from the 35 nations represented by the association’s 500 members.

**Professor Kimberly Kirkland** presented a paper to legal ethicists from around the world at the Third International Legal Ethics Conference in Queensland, Australia in July. Kirkland’s paper, “Designed and De Facto Implementation of Ethical Norms in Large Law Firms,” tied in with the conference theme, “Integrity in Legal Practice.” During the four-day conference, scholars and legal practitioners explored current questions about lawyers’ ethical responsibilities. Kirkland has presented the results of her research on legal ethics at three major conferences last year.

**Trustee Gordon Smith** was named a distinguished visitor at the National University of Singapore Law School in Singapore. In September, Smith traveled to Moscow, Russia where he offered a course entitled “Valuation and Licensing of Intellectual Property,” part of a three-day training program for valuation professionals. In October, he lectured on “Financial Issues in

Intellectual Property Management” for the Executive Education Program of the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.



*Professor Kimberly Kirkland*

In November, **Professor Mary Wong** was elected one of three Councilors representing the Non-Commercial Users’ Constituency (NCUC) on the Generic Names Supporting Organizations Council at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) meeting in Cairo, Egypt. The Council advises the ICANN Board on all policy matters relating to generic top-level domain names (gTLDs). The NCUC, as one of the six constituencies of the GNSO, represents non-commercial users of the Internet, including schools, nonprofits and individuals.

## Across the Nation

**Dean John Hutson** joined judges, lawyers, law professors, historians and former military lawyers at Boston College Law School’s symposium, “The Pen, the Sword, and the Waterboard: Ethical Lawyering in the Global War on Terrorism,” held in October. Panel members explored how, in both the domestic and international milieu, ethical judges and lawyers—inside and outside of government—ought to weigh the competing imperatives of national security, civil liberties, separation of powers, institutional morale, and human rights. Hutson’s panel focused on the role of government and military lawyers, the judiciary and public policy in the global war on terrorism. Hutson also traveled to Washington to serve as a panelist at the “18th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law—Issues for the New Administration,” held in November. Sponsored by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security, the conference is intended to educate the public about current and potential new issues in national security. Hutson’s panel addressed “Ethical Issues for National Security Lawyers” and discussed the application of the Model Rule of Professional Conduct as applied to lawyers either leaving or entering government service.



*Professor Brenda Reddix-Small*

**Professor Brenda Reddix-Small** participated in a one-day symposium, “Health of a Nation: Is Health Insurance A Right or A Privilege?” at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, LA in September. The one-day symposium featured speakers from a broad spectrum of health, legal, insurance, educational and public interest groups. Reddix-Small participated in a debate, arguing, “Access to health insurance in 2008 is a right and not a mere privilege. Health insurance as a component of health care is a societal distributive good with civil rights implications.”

In October, **Professor Albert “Buzz” Scherr** was featured in a television special entitled “How Much Has Changed Since the Last Execution in New Hampshire?” He offered expertise on two murder trials taking place in New Hampshire. One case involved John A. Brooks, accused of planning the kidnapping and murder of Jack Reid, Sr. and the other involved Michael K. Addison, accused of fatally shooting Manchester police officer Michael L. Briggs. New Hampshire has not executed anyone since 1939.