

Again this year, the law school has attracted a fine slate of professors, increasing its range of expertise in several areas, from intellectual property and environmental law to international criminal justice.



### **Kelly A. Casey**

Beginning this fall, Kelly A. Casey joins the law school's growing Intellectual Property Program as an assistant professor of law. She will teach International Intellectual Property and Patent Law. Casey comes to Maryland from the University of Georgia School of Law, where she held a visiting faculty position.

Casey received a BS with highest honors from Georgia Tech and a JD, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Georgia School of Law, where she graduated first in her class. While in law school she served on the *Georgia Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. After graduation, Casey clerked for Judge J.L. Edmondson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Judge William C. Bryson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Casey honed her expertise in intellectual property law at the Atlanta office of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, a 300-lawyer firm that specializes in IP. While at the firm, she focused primarily on appellate litigation of intellectual property matters before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

In talking about her move to the School of Law, she says, "I was attracted to Maryland Law by its strong tradition of striking the important balance between teaching—both classroom and clinical—and scholarly pursuits. The law faculty is composed of highly talented and dedicated scholars who have the privilege of working with bright, engaged students who are our future attorneys, judges, public interest advocates, government and business leaders, and scholars." Casey adds that she was particularly impressed by Maryland's Intellectual Property Law Program, which thoughtfully and strategically combines both theory and practical skills to introduce students to this exciting area of law. Casey's research interests relate to intellectual property law, with an emphasis on patent law.

## Visiting Professors

### **Kerry Rodgers**

Kerry Rodgers joins the University of Maryland School of Law faculty as a visiting associate professor of law to teach the Environmental Law Clinic during the 2005-2006 academic year. Rodgers earned a JD from New York University School of Law, where she served as senior articles editor of the *New York University Environmental Law Journal*. Prior to attending law school, she earned an MES in Environmental Studies from the Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and an AB in Biology from Brown University.

Rodgers brings extensive experience practicing environmental law to the law school. Most recently, she served in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of General Counsel in Washington, D.C. Her practice as the acting assistant general counsel for Clean Air Act Title V Permits and attorney-advisor involved counseling and litigation in the areas of Clean Air Act permits and the regulation of air toxins. Rodgers previously was an associate at the law firm of Dewey Ballan-

tine LLP in New York, where she practiced environmental law for five years. She was selected to receive a 1995-1996 Morris K. Udall Congressional Fellowship in the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress.

While the main reason Rodgers decided to come to UM Law was its "exciting Environmental Law Program," she says, "I also am impressed by the law school's commitment to public service, as reflected by its Clinical Law Program and the interdisciplinary approach of the curriculum. Through the Environmental Law Clinic, I hope to share my experience practicing environmental law with students who are enthusiastic about the field."

### **Chandra Lekha Sriram**

Chandra Lekha Sriram joins the School of Law during the fall 2005 semester as a visiting associate professor of law. She will teach International Human Rights and International Law. Since September 2003, Dr. Sriram has been a lecturer in the School of International Relations at the

University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

She is author of various books and journal articles on international relations, international law, human rights and conflict prevention and post-conflict peace-building. Two of her most recent books/monographs include, *Globalizing Justice For Mass Atrocities: A Revolution In Accountability* (Routledge, forthcoming 2005), and *Confronting Past Human Rights Violations: Justice vs. Peace in Times of Transition* (Frank Cass, 2004).

Her forthcoming research project examines the use of inclusion of non-state armed groups in governance and security structures as a tool of peace negotiations and peace-building. The study will examine efforts to negotiate with non-state armed groups in Sri Lanka, Sudan, and Colombia.

Dr. Sriram received a PhD from the Department of Politics at Princeton University and a JD from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California-Berkeley with an emphasis in international law.