

2017 Alumni Board Nominee Bios

Michelle Limaj '07

In 2015, Michelle was hired by one of her clients, Agenus Inc., where she currently serves as in-house licensing counsel. After graduating from Boston College Law School in 2007, Michelle Limaj went to Foley Hoag LLP in Boston and built a practice in Life Sciences and Clean Technology. She focused primarily on licensing and strategic collaborations. She also developed a strong pro bono practice representing victims of violence in immigration proceedings.

While a student at BC Law, Michelle helped found the Students with Kids Program and the Rahman Limaj Scholarship Program. Before going to law school, Michelle spent ten years working in international relations, including posts with the United Nations, the International Organization for Migration and Physicians for Human Rights. Michelle received her BA from Wesleyan University and an MA in international relations from the University of Southern California. She speaks English, Swedish, French and Albanian, and enjoys cooking, painting, hiking and just about any activity she can do on a lazy Saturday with her husband and three children.

Vincent W. Lau '97

Vincent W. Lau is the managing partner of Clark Lau LLC in Cambridge, Massachusetts where he counsels employers, employees, entrepreneurs, and individuals on a range of temporary and permanent immigration options. Vince enjoys taking complex immigration legal concepts and breaking them down into tangible and comprehensible ideas for employers and employees. It is with this same spirit that he speaks regularly at immigration conferences across the country, serves as an adjunct immigration law professor, and serves fellow immigration attorneys as a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association's national liaison committee with the U.S. Department of Labor. Vince received his BA, *cum laude*, in Political Science from Yale University and an MA in Higher Education Administration from the Lynch School of Education.

Norah Wylie '79

Norah Wylie served as the Boston College Law School Associate Dean and Dean for Students from 1998-2012, and then as a Visiting Assistant Professor from 2012-2016. As Dean for Students, Norah was responsible for overseeing all aspects of student life, the provision of support and assistance to individual students, the management of ADA compliance and academic discipline issues, and oversight of student organizations. Norah also served as a Lecturer in Law at BC Law from 1990-2012, teaching Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing, Introduction to Lawyering and Professional Responsibility, Advocacy Writing, Education Law and Public Policy, Law and Literature, and acting as Extern Director for Semester in Practice.

Norah has served on various Committees during her tenure at BC Law, including the Education Policy Committee, Academic Standards, Admissions, Clerkship and Scholarship Committees. Norah also served on several University Committees including the Academic Officers Group and the Discriminatory Harassment Network.

Prior to coming back to BC Law, Norah worked at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office as Deputy Chief of the Family and Community Crimes Bureau, Assistant Attorney General (1992-1996) at the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office as the Executive Director/ Project Alliance, Special Assistant District Attorney (1988-1990). Prior to this Norah held positions at Gitlin, Emmer, Kaplan & Bohn (1982-1988), at the Developmental Disabilities Law Center (1981-1982) and as General Counsel at the Massachusetts Office for Children (1979–1981).

Norah received her BA from State University of New York at Albany and an MA in English Literature from Boston College.

Norah is very involved in a variety of professional and community activities, currently serving as Volunteer Hearing Officer on the MA Board of Bar Overseers and Board member for EMERGE.

Anne Gordon '11

Anne R. Gordon is a co-chair of the DC Alumni Chapter. In addition to her involvement with BCLS, Anne is member of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) Tax Steering Committee, where she currently serves as Chair of the Writing Competition. She also is responsible for organizing the FBA's "Careers in Tax Law" panel for law students spending the summer in Washington, DC. Following law school, Anne clerked for Judge Richard T. Morrison of the U.S. Tax Court. She recently returned to the U.S. Tax Court to clerk for Judge Tamara W. Ashford. In 2013, Anne earned an L.L.M. in Taxation from The Georgetown University Law Center. Prior to BCLS, Anne worked at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and U.S. Department of Energy. She graduated from The George Washington University with a B.A. in Classical Studies and Political Science, and an M.P.P.

John Ventola '94, Annual Giving

John is a partner in the Finance and Restructuring Group at Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP, where he has practiced for more than 18 years. John's practice is focused on representing lenders, hedge funds and private equity investors in complex financing arrangements, restructurings and bankruptcy proceedings. He has particularly deep experience representing lenders in Chapter 11 cases throughout the United States. John has been recognized as a leader in his field for a number of years in Best Lawyers in America and Chambers USA. He graduated from Boston College in 1990 and Boston College Law School in 1994, and has served as an alumni mentor to numerous B.C. Law Students and as Firm Ambassador. John is a member of the Steering Committee for the Boston Bar Association (Bankruptcy Section) and of Choate's Executive Committee.