2020 NEW FACULTY & AWARDS

LORELEI RITCHIE
Assistant Professor

ZVI ROSEN
Assistant Professor

JOHN ERBES
Director of Clinical and Experiential Education

REBECCA O’NEILL
Clinical Professor

MARTIN PARSONS
Clinical Assistant Professor

GAIL THOMAS
Clinical Associate Professor

JOANNA WELLS
Clinical Assistant Professor

ANGELA UPCHURCH
Professor of Law

HEIDI RAMOS-ZIMMERMAN
Clinical Assistant Professor
Dean Camille Davidson and the Southern Illinois University School of Law are proud to share these new appointments to, and awards received by, our faculty.

SIU Legal Clinic receives ISBA Excellence in Legal Education Award

The Illinois State Bar Association is recognizing the valuable work of the SIU School of Law Legal Clinic at SIU Carbondale. The legal clinic, which began with the then-Prison Legal Aid Clinic in the mid-1970s, is the 2020 recipient of the Excellence in Legal Education Award presented by the ISBA’s Standing Committee on Legal Education, Admission and Competence. Presented since 2015, the award honors a law school program “that emphasizes real world skill for students” and is the highest award the legal clinic can receive from the ISBA.

Prof. Angela Upchurch receives the University’s 2020 Teaching Excellence Award

This campus-wide award recognizes faculty who demonstrate outstanding teaching, high-quality classroom performance, innovation, and a “commitment to student learning outcomes and inclusive excellence in education.”

Prof. Heidi Ramos-Zimmerman receives the 2019-2020 Illinois State Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Community Leadership Award

This state-wide award goes to individuals who have, by individual example and education, worked to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and who have worked towards fostering understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons and the legal issues of concern to them.

LORELEI RITCHIE
Assistant Professor of Law

Contracts
Trademarks
Intellectual Property
Computer and Internet Law

Professor Ritchie joined the law faculty at Southern Illinois University (SIU) in 2020, after serving for over 10 years as a judge at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A graduate of Stanford University and of Columbia University School of Law, she is an expert in intellectual property and commercial law. Professor Ritchie has taught at UCLA, Florida State (FSU), and Loyola Law School (Los Angeles), and her articles have been published in the Indiana Law Journal, American University Law Review (upcoming); Houston Law Review, Oregon Law Review, Santa Clara Computer & High Technology Law Journal, and the Federal Circuit Bar Journal. She is pleased to reinvigorate intellectual property offerings at SIU as the faculty advisor to the Intellectual Property Specialization.

ZVI S. ROSEN
Assistant Professor of Law

Property I
Copyright Law
Bankruptcy

Professor Rosen joined the law faculty at SIU in 2020 from the Office of Advocacy at the U.S. Small Business Administration. While there he also served as a Professorial Lecturer in Law and Visiting Scholar at the George Washington University School of Law. Before that he served as the Abraham L. Kaminstein Scholar-in-Residence at the U.S. Copyright Office, and has also taught at law schools including the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and the University of New Hampshire School of Law. He is particularly known as an expert in copyright law but also has expertise in business law, including bankruptcy and related areas.