

IU McKinney to Honor Alumni during Evening of Celebration

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The Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law will honor four alumni during its annual Evening of Celebration on May 8 at the law school. Anne Slaughter Andrew, Pamela Carter, and Robert Wagner will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, while Jonathan Burns will be presented with the Early Career Achievement Award.



Anne Slaughter Andrew, '83, was the first woman to serve as United States Ambassador to Costa Rica, a post she held from 2009 until 2013. After working at law firms in Indianapolis and Washington, D.C., she joined Anson Group LLC, a biotech consulting company, which she co-led until 2007. Andrew formed a strategic consulting company in 2009, New Energy Nexus LLC, and advised companies and entrepreneurs on investments. She is now chairman of TerViva, an Oakland, California-based company she founded with her husband, Joe Andrew, in 2009. In addition, she serves on the boards of Earth University, Ad Astra Rocket Co., and Washington-based Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental lobbying organization.



Pamela Carter, '84, recently retired from her position as president of Cummins' Distribution Business, has had a career with many notable firsts. She was the first African American woman to hold the position of state Attorney General when she was elected to that post in Indiana in 1993. And during her time at Cummins, she was the first woman to lead one of the company's four major business units. Previously, she served as deputy chief of staff and executive assistant for health policy and human services for former Indiana Governor Evan Bayh. Currently, she serves on the IU McKinney Board of Visitors and was named the Outstanding Alumna of the Year in 2004.



Robert Wagner, '67, is a respected trial lawyer who is known for his commitment to diversity. In the early 1970s, Wagner became part of one of the first racially integrated law firms in the state, and his firm, Lewis Wagner, continues to work toward a more diverse legal profession today. Wagner was recognized for these efforts when he was presented with the Indiana State Bar Association's Rabb Emison Award. He also is known for his work in the greater Indianapolis community. Wagner spearheaded efforts to plant hundreds of trees along West Street, a main corridor to and from the downtown area. Since 1996, Wagner has served as chairperson or vice chairperson of the White River State Park Development Commission and has participated in the continuous development of the park for over 12 years.



Jonathan Burns, '06, was working at Eli Lilly & Company in information technology supporting Lilly Research Labs when he studied for, took, and passed the Patent Bar Exam. He then became a patent agent, and worked at the Indianapolis law firm, Ice Miller, as a practice group specialist. This is the path that led him to law school at IU McKinney. He graduated magna cum laude and took a position as an associate at Hunton & Williams in Washington, D.C. He returned to Indianapolis in 2010 to take a position at Faegre Baker Daniels. In early 2012, Burns accepted a job at Google, where he is now a patent counsel in the company's main office in Mountain View, California.

The law school's Evening of Celebration festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. May 8 in the Inlow Hall atrium. The celebration is also for all 2015 IU McKinney graduates and their families. To learn more, contact Shaun Dankoski at sldanko@iupui.edu