the school launched a scholarship initiative aimed at increasing philanthropic support for financial aid.

Among his leadership roles to address these issues nationally, Dean Syverud has been serving as chair of the Board of Directors of Access Group, a student loan originator and service owned by accredited law schools. The group is transitioning to a foundation, while seeking innovative solutions related to student debt and loan access.

New Legal Environment

The new legal environment that Professor Tamanaha also describes in his book is the focus of a conference on “The Law School in the New Legal Environment” planned for the law school's Alumni Weekend in October 2012. The Becker Symposium, named in honor of veteran law Professor David M. Becker, will feature speakers, including current and retired state supreme court justices, respected academics from across the country, and the presidents of the Association of American Law Schools and the Law School Admission Council (see page 53).

The symposium will examine issues such as affordability and access to legal education, the future of law faculty, preparation for practice, placement, and the possibilities for online legal education and how it will change traditional law schools.

Dean Syverud will bring this perspective to bear beyond the campus in his new role as chair of the Council of the ABA's Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. The council, under the authority of the U.S. Department of Education, oversees national law school standards and policies. It also manages the accreditation process for new law schools and reaccreditation for the nation's 202 approved law schools.

“There are a great many people who care deeply about American legal education,” Syverud observes. “I look forward to working with everyone dedicated to improving legal education in America and thus to helping improve the quality of justice obtained by all.”

(opposite) Law faculty, students, alumni, and practicing professionals are key stakeholders in the law school's strategies for addressing the new legal environment.

Faculty Leaders

LAW FACULTY MEMBERS ENGAGE in numerous leadership roles with national organizations. Below is a sampling of recent affiliations.

Annette Appell, Professor of Law and Co-Director, Civil Justice Clinic
- Member, Board of Directors, National Coalition for Child Protection Reform
- Member, National Advisory Board for the Family Defense Center
- Past President, Clinical Legal Education Association

Susan Appleton, Lemma Barkeloo & Phoebe Couzins Professor of Law
- Member, American Law Institute (ALI) and Secretary, ALI Council
- Member, Board of Directors, American Bar Foundation

Kathleen Clark, Professor of Law
- Former Special Counsel, Attorney General of the District of Columbia
- Associate Reporter, American Law Institute's Principles of Government Ethics

Marion Crain, Vice Provost, Wiley B. Rutledge Professor of Law, and Director, Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Work & Social Capital
- Chair, Labor Law Group

Gerrit De Geest, Professor of Law and Director, Center for Law, Innovation & Economic Growth
- Advisory Board Member and Past President, European Association of Law and Economics

Rebecca Dresser, Daniel Noyes Kirby Professor of Law and Professor of Ethics in Medicine
- Member, Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee, National Institutes of Health

Michael Greenfield, George Alexander Magdill Professor of Contracts & Commercial Law
- Fellow, American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers (ACCFSL) and Member, ACCFSL Board of Regents

Rebecca Holland-Blumoff, Professor of Law
- Member, Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools Section on Civil Procedure

Peter Joy, Henry Hitchcock Professor of Law and Director, Criminal Justice Clinic
- Member, Accreditation Committee, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
- Member and Past Chair, Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Professional Responsibility Section
- Member and Former Chair, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education
- Board Member, Society of American Law Teachers
- Past President, Clinical Legal Education Association

Pauline Kim, Charles Nagel Professor of Constitutional Law and Political Science
- Advisor, American Law Institute’s Restatement of Employment Law

Robert Kuehn, Associate Dean for Clinical Education; Professor of Law; and Co-Director, Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic
- Past President, Clinical Legal Education Association
- Member, Association of American Law Schools Section on Clinical Education and Past Member, section's Executive Committee

David Law, Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science
- Member, Executive Committee, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

Janet Laybold, Associate Dean of Admissions, Career Services, and Student Services and Lecturer in Law
- Member, Board of Trustees, Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and Former Member, LSAC Nominating Committee
- Trustee Liaison, LSAC Audit Committee and Investment Policy Oversight Group and Trustee Liaison, LSAC Test Development and Research Committee

Stephen Legomsky, John S. Lehmann University Professor
- On leave serving as Chief Counsel, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Founder and Past Chair, Association of American Law Schools Immigration Law Section

Ronald Levin, William R. Orthwein Distinguished Professor of Law
- Public Member, Administrative Conference of the United States
• Member and Past Chair, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice; Former Advisor, Drafting Committee to Revise the Model State Administrative Procedure Act
• Member and Past Chair, Section on Administrative Law and Section on Legislation, Association of American Law Schools

Daniel Mandelker, Howard A. Stamper Professor of Law
• Member, College of Fellows, American Institute of Certified Planners

Andrew Martin, Vice Dean; Professor of Law; Professor of Political Science; and Director, Center for Empirical Research in the Law
• Member and Past Chair, Association of American Law Schools Section on Law & Social Sciences

Charles McManis, Thomas and Karole Green Professor of Law
• Member, Executive Committee, International Association of Teachers and Researchers of Intellectual Property

Tomea Mersmann, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives; Director, Washington, D.C. Programs; Co-Director, @WashULaw; and Lecturer in Law
• Member, ABA Data and Policy Committee, Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

Michael Peil, Associate Dean for International Programs; Executive Director, Transnational Law Program; and Lecturer in Law
• Member, Board of Directors, International Law Students Association

Laura Rosenbury, Professor of Law
• Board Member, Children’s Healthcare Is a Legal Duty
• Board Member, Association of American Law Schools Section on Trusts and Estates

Leila Nadya Sadat, Henry H. Oberschelp Professor of Law; Director, Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute; and Director, Crimes Against Humanity Initiative
• Member, U.S. Council on Foreign Relations

Vice President, International Law Association (American Branch) and the International Association of Penal Law

Hillary Sale, Walter D. Coles Professor of Law and Professor of Management
• Member, Executive Committee, DirectWomen and Chair, DirectWomen Institute
• Member, ABA Corporate Laws Committee
• Chair, Association of American Law Schools Committee on Business Associations

Peggie Smith, Charles F. Nagel Professor of Employment & Labor Law
• Member, Executive Committee and Secretary, Labor Law Group

Kent Syverud, Dean and Ethan A.H. Shepley Distinguished University Professor
• Independent Trustee, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Trust
• Chair, Council of the ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

• Member and Past President, American Law Deans Association
• Member and Past Chair, Law School Admission Council Board

Karen Tokarz, Charles Nagel Professor of Public Interest Law & Public Service; Director, Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Program; and Director, Civil Rights, Community Justice & Mediation Clinic
• Member, Missouri Supreme Court ADR Commission and U.S. District Court ADR Advisory Committee
• Past President, Clinical Legal Education Association
• Member and Past Chair, Association of American Law Schools Section on Clinical Education

Melissa Waters, Vice Dean and Professor of Law
• Member, Public International Law and Policy Group