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Correction

We regret that in the Spring 2009 issue, page 43, middle photograph, we misidentified the first alumnus as Tim Colon. Pictured is Nicholas Rogers ('08), with Matt Melewski ('08) and Andrew Borene ('07).

Moving Toward Self-Sufficiency



DEAN DAVID WIPPMAN

For the Law School and higher education generally, it is the best of times and, if not the worst of times, among the most challenging in recent memory. For 121 years, the Law School has charted a path to the future based on three core commitments: offer exceptional students the greatest possible opportunities for professional and personal growth through rigorous training in law; generate cutting-edge scholarship that shapes the profession and solves critical intellectual and social problems; and serve the community, the state, and the nation through our teaching, scholarship, and outreach.

In almost all respects, the Law School is succeeding in this mission as never before. Applications, up last year by 29%, continue to climb. This year's entering class is arguably the strongest ever, with a median LSAT at the 96th percentile nationally. Innovative curricular reforms offer students greater experiential learning opportunities while preserving and enhancing the focus on critical thinking and problem solving that makes legal education unique. The depth and richness of faculty scholarship continues to grow, with substantial new investments in areas such as criminal law, international law, law and science, and corporate law. Four outstanding new faculty joined us this year, and more will do so soon. And both students and faculty devote countless hours to service and outreach, through our 17 clinics, dozens of public interest fellowships, and expert advice to government and community organizations.

At the same time, the challenges we face are extraordinary. State support continues to plummet. This year, the Law School lost more than 30% of its remaining state funding. In fiscal year 2009, the Law School received \$8,616,329 in state support; for fiscal year 2010, that number dropped to \$5,917,988, and almost all of that money must be returned to the central University to cover shared expenses. As a result, tuition, though still low relative to peer schools, jumped sharply last year and will continue to climb in the years ahead. Even as student indebtedness reaches new highs, job opportunities are dwindling and many law firms have reduced starting salaries. In response to these changes, the Law School has more than doubled scholarship support over the past two years, and we have launched innovative new programs to help our students weather the down market. This year, for example, we created a post-J.D. fellowship program to assist recent graduates still searching for employment with stipends for part-time work at public interest organizations.

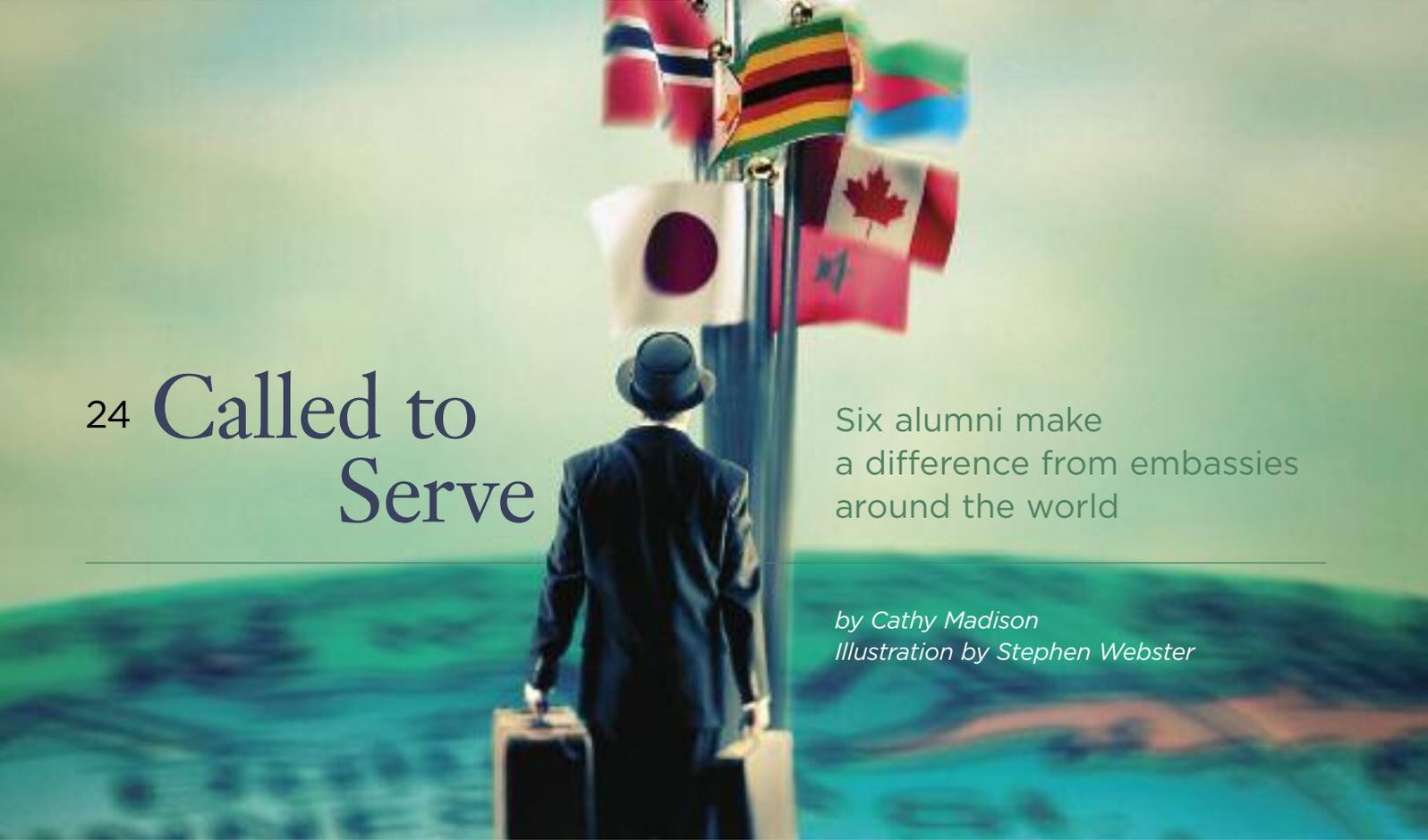
When I began my tenure as Dean a little over one year ago, long-term trends suggested that the Law School should seek to be financially self-sufficient in 10 to 15 years. It now appears that near or full financial self-sufficiency may have to happen in as little as 3 to 4 years. We can and will meet that challenge through a combination of tuition and philanthropy. The next few years will not be easy, but if we rise to the challenge collectively, we will emerge an even stronger and more engaged community of students, scholars, staff, and alumni.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Wippman".

David Wippman
Dean and William S. Pattee Professor of Law

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Professor of Law Emeritus Robert J. Levy at faculty dinner where he and others were recognized for years of service



Professor Fred Morrison listens to inaugural Chair in Law, Public Policy and Society appointment lecture



Commencement 2009 post-ceremony reception on Northrop Mall

Recent Graduates Fill Needs for Legal Services

> **As a result of the economic** downturn, legal services to disadvantaged communities have been severely curtailed. Despite the best efforts of already-strapped legal-services providers to meet demands, the people who most need legal services are often left without access to justice. In addition, the courts have been strained by recent budget cuts, curtailing the ability of judges to hire new clerks.

The University of Minnesota Law School has a long tradition of educating students on their responsibility to use their legal skills and abilities to benefit the public good. In light of the current need to increase support to the state's legal-services providers and the state judicial system, the Law School has developed a partnership with members of the legal community. The collaborative venture, the post-graduate fellowship program, allows recent Law School graduates who are committed to public service to gain valuable experience and build their skills while pro-

viding legal services to clients in need.

The Law School's post-graduate fellowship program serves as a training ground for new graduates pursuing a variety of legal careers. Throughout the legal community, 25 Fellows are providing or will provide services that include working with judges in Hennepin County, representing the rights of the accused with the Ramsey County Public Defender's Office, and working with the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis.

This fall, the post-graduate fellowship program introduced three new fellowship opportunities for 2009 graduates.

- The Fourth Judicial District Law Clerk Post-Graduate Fellowship provides Fellows with an opportunity to perform professional legal research, administrative work, and courtroom duties under the supervision of a justice, judge, or other legal official.

- The Public Policy Post-Graduate Fellowship allows Fellows to design a

public policy project or role with a nonprofit agency that agrees to supervise a project and its participant.

- The Second Judicial District Public Defender's Office Post-Graduate Fellowship permits Fellows to represent clients in criminal matters in felony, gross misdemeanor, misdemeanor, and juvenile courts, under the supervision of managing attorneys.

Through the efforts of these Fellows, state judges and public defenders will receive needed assistance. Policy work in the areas of immigration law, Minnesota tax and real estate, and prevention of sexual assault and violence through legislative proposals will continue, as will policy research related to survivors of victims of torture. In addition, Fellows will work on payday lending reform, provide bankruptcy assistance to low-income clients, deal with juvenile delinquency records, and contribute to efforts in numerous other legal fields.

Each Fellow is mentored and

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Professor William McGeveran at Summer Legal Institute



Professor of Law Emeritus Leo J. Raskind and Mrs. Raskind at faculty dinner recognizing him and others for years of service and celebrating Professor Raskind's 90th birthday



Professor David Weissbrodt (center, blue shirt), Chair, Board of Trustees, U.N. Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, and (left to right): Oana Mocanu (Romania), Trust Fund Assistant; Antti Korkeakivi (Finland), Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Unit coordinator; Prateep Ungsongtham Hata (Thailand), Board member; Melanie Clerc (France), Trust Fund secretary; Weissbrodt; Navi Pillay (South Africa), U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights; Cléophas Kwadjo Essediaba Mally (Togo), Board member; Virginia Murillo Herrera (Costa Rica), Board member; Klara Skrivankova (Czech Republic), Board member; and Mona Rishmawi (Jordan), Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch chief

guided throughout the program by a licensed attorney. Each commits to providing 400 hours of legal service, typically by working about 20 hours per week, allowing time to look for permanent employment. Each receives a stipend of \$5,000 and, more important, valuable experience in the legal world.

The Law School and its Career and Professional Development Center believe that these efforts will help establish a legacy of legal service by Law School graduates. Our talented new alumni can promote the public interest for our profession and also make a real difference in the lives of disadvantaged citizens.

For additional information about the post-graduate fellowship program, contact Dana Bartocci, Employer Relations Coordinator, CPDC, University of Minnesota Law School, at bartocci@umn.edu or 612-625-4694.

By Alan K. Haynes, Director, Career and Professional Development Center

Humphrey Fellowships: A Living Tribute

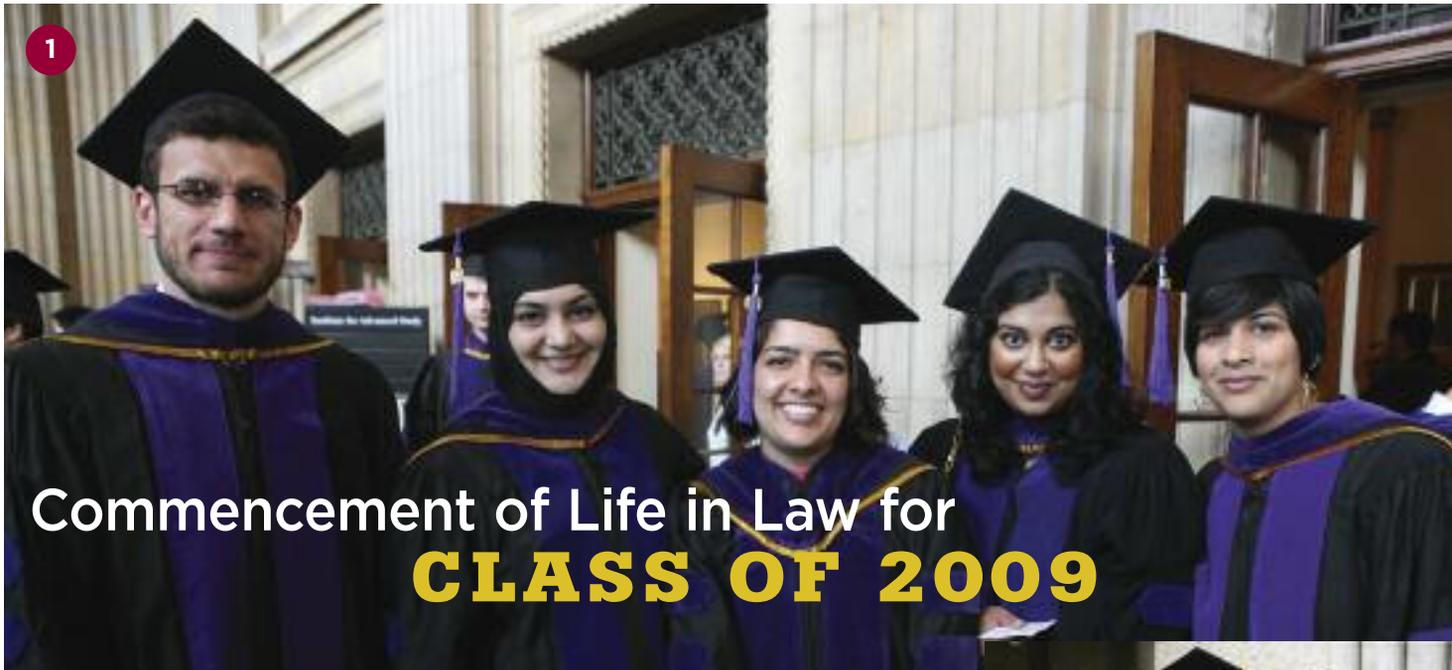
> **Uttam Kumar Das, a human rights lawyer from Bangladesh and a 2009-10 Humphrey Fellow** hosted by the Law School and the Human Rights Center, published an article describing the fellowship program and its namesake in a recent issue of *Probe News Magazine*, a Bangladesh-based English-language weekly dealing with current political and other issues.

In "Hubert H. Humphrey: A Visionary of International Cooperation," Das writes: "Mr. Humphrey was known for his exuberant personality and sharp memory among other qualities. Persons of many different political orientations considered him as a friend, and he worked on behalf of people from all walks of life: the young, the aged, the poor, laborers, farmers, people of color and people from other countries. I have noted great respect for him among academics, judges, lawyers and common people here in the Twin Cities."

As Humphrey became increasingly ill with cancer, admirers began talking about a memorial. He opposed a statue and instead is honored through the ongoing program, Das says: "Today Humphrey Fellows are the living tribute to Mr. Humphrey. The 10-month Fellowship Program named after him becomes an excellent opportunity for mid-career individuals from the developing and under developed countries to gain professional enrichment in the U.S.A. through academic exposure in the related area of work, professional affiliation with organizations and networking.

"Humphrey Fellows are the bearers of this statesman's vision and ideologies of advocating civil and human rights and international cooperation and understanding."

The full article is available at www.probenewsmagazine.com/index.php?index=2&contentId=5481 or *Probe*, Vol. 8, No. 9-10, 2009.



Commencement of Life in Law for
CLASS OF 2009



> **“To be a lawyer, you must be learned in law, but to be a good lawyer, you must also be wise about law,”** Dean David Wippman counseled the more than 300 University of Minnesota Law School graduates at the 121st Commencement ceremony May 16, 2009, in Northrup Auditorium.

Special guests attending the event included Vice Chair of the Board of Regents Clyde E. Allen Jr., Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Arlene Carney, and Chief Judge of Minnesota’s U.S. District Court Michael Davis (’72), the keynote speaker.

Judge Davis described receiving a small summer stipend while a Law School student to work at the non-profit Legal Rights Center in

Minneapolis. With that introduction to public service, he said, “I found my calling.” He challenged graduates to keep public service at the forefront in their careers. Law is a noble profession, he said, and “Lawyers are at the hub of America’s economic, political, and intellectual life. I hope you recognize that you have the ability to make the difference.”

Timothy J. Christman gave the J.D. Graduation Address on behalf of a class he called high-achieving, resilient, and “strikingly multifaceted.” He reminded fellow graduates that completion of their academic challenges represents “simply a first hurdle—a mere conditioning—to prepare us for greater opportunities ahead.”

Annie Jacob of Kerala, India, was chosen to deliver the LL.M. Graduation Address by her 34 classmates from 18 countries. She greeted fellow LL.M. students in the various languages represented by the class and concluded that the LL.M. experience had provided the inspiration to become “ambassadors of change...not just as lawyers, but as world leaders.”

Recipients of student awards were selected by the Class of 2009 in recognition of superior contributions over the three years of law study. Michael Schmidt received the Excellence in Public Service Award, presented by Jon Taylor, president of the Law Council. Kyle Hawkins received the Most Outstanding Contribution Award, pre-



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sented by Lindsay Moilanen, co-chair of the student graduation committee.

Kyle Hawkins also was chosen by the faculty to receive the William B. Lockhart Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service, presented by Dean Wippman.

Many additional student awards and honors were presented at a May 15 special awards ceremony and reception. Sixteen graduates received individual honors and 61 were recognized for meeting the 50-hour volunteer requirement of the Public Service Program.

Dean Wippman presented this year's Stanley V. Kinyon Teaching Awards for excellence in education, named in honor of the late Stanley V.

Kinyon ('33), a 40-year faculty member and widely recognized commercial law scholar. Honorees were: Ann Burkhardt, Teacher of the Year; Laura Cooper, Tenured Teacher of the Year; William McGeeveran, Tenure-Track Teacher of the Year; and Prentiss Cox ('90), Clinical Teacher of the Year.

Dean Wippman closed the ceremony with one last entry for graduates' arsenal of Latin phrases: *vale atque vale*—hail and farewell. As its legacy, the Class of 2009, in partnership with the Class of 1989, donated benches for outside the front entrance of the Law School.

By Pamela Tabar, a freelance writer and communications assistant based in Cleveland

1. J.D. graduates Abderrahim Alem, Iman Ali, Zainab Akbar, Deepa Rao, and Sudha Rajan
2. Kinyon Teaching Award recipients (left to right): Professors Laura Cooper, Prentiss Cox ('90), William McGeeveran, and Ann Burkhardt
3. Vice Provost Arlene Carney; Dean David Wippman; Vice Chair, Board of Regents, Clyde E. Allen Jr.; and Judge Michael J. Davis ('72)
4. LL.M. graduates Hui-Yun Peng, Violet Odala, and Jian Mu
5. Law School Dean David Wippman speaking to graduating class
6. Keynote speaker Michael J. Davis ('72), Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for District of Minnesota
7. Class of 2009 officers, speakers, and award recipients (clockwise, from far left): Lindsay Moilanen, Jon Taylor, Kyle Hawkins, Timothy Christman, Michael Schmidt, and Annie Jacob
8. Members of 2009 TORT cast. **Front row:** Mark Torma, Lauren Frank, Shana Marchand, and Angela Berry. **Back row:** Timothy Schmidt and David Robbin

Introduction to China: More Than Just a Study Program



National People's Congress



Professor Ann Burkhart (in white); to her left, Wang Guangfa, president of the Fazheng Group, who spoke to the Comparative Land Use class; and students

Dinner at Summer Palace, Beijing



Beijing Municipal Intermediate Court

> **China's influence in world affairs** has been growing steadily until nowadays it is almost impossible to talk about international experiences without including China. The Law School recognizes China's increasingly global role and provides, through its summer study abroad program, an opportunity for its students and those of other law schools to gain sensitivity to Chinese culture and understanding of the country's political and legal systems.

Twenty students participated in the 2009 summer program in China, held from June 20–July 25 in conjunction with Beijing's Renmin University (formerly People's University of China), one of China's top universities and a leader in its legal education.

Participating Law School faculty members were Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor Brett McDonnell, who served as on-site program director and taught Comparative Business Entities; Professor Ann Burkhart, who taught Comparative Land Use and Control; and Professor Wang Ling from the University of Minnesota Department of Asian Languages and Literature, who taught beginning and intermediate Chinese language courses.

As part of their study, students visited American law firms and went on field trips to Chinese legal institutions in Beijing, such as the National People's Congress, the Beijing Municipal Intermediate Court, the national Supreme People's Procuratorate, and the Beijing Municipal Institute of City Planning and Design and its exhibition center.

Students and faculty members also had the opportunity to experience China's rich culture and history

through optional trips to the Forbidden City complex in Beijing, the Great Wall, and Shanghai. Those participating in the four-day trip to Shanghai saw an acrobatic performance, went on a cruise on the Huangpu River, and visited nearby Zhouzhuang, a "water town" surrounded and divided by rivers and lakes.

Students also explored Beijing and its surroundings on their own on foot and by bicycle, subway, and taxi. They used their newly learned Chinese language skills to haggle with street peddlers, especially in the Silk Street markets to get a good deal on their tailor-made apparel. Some students and faculty members took trips to additional cities for sightseeing and to view the solar eclipse.

The Law School plans to continue building on the success of its China summer program by adding more professional and cultural events in 2010.

By Paul Zhang, China program assistant

Benefits for Everyone in Corporate Externship Program

> **The fourth year of the Law School's** summer Corporate Externship Program lived up to its promise as an excellent experience for students. Part of the Law School's Center for Business Law, the program is offered for the summer session to students who have completed two years of law school.

Fifteen Minnesota companies (see sidebar) hosted 22 students in their in-house legal departments this year. Tennant took the bold step of inviting six students to participate in its program, and RSM McGladrey and UnitedHealth Group each hosted two students.

The program launched in April this year with an orientation workshop presented by Christine Eskilsen, a supervisor in the program since it began, for other externship supervisors. Eskilsen, Assistant General Counsel with Piper Jaffray Companies, outlined what her company has learned and how it has structured its program to make the externship a success both for the student and the company. High on Piper Jaffray's list are planning, organization, and support of the legal department. Eskilsen has received rave reviews from her externs each year, a factor that led to her selection for the 2009 Corporate Externship Program's Best Practices Award.

To fulfill the requirements for three credits, each extern spends a minimum of 150 hours, approximately 20 hours each week, on site with a company's legal department, under the supervision of a mentor attorney. The program's goal is to present a 50% experiential, 50% task-oriented learning environment, involving students in projects and experiences that do not involve litigation and discovery. Externs also complete assignments for the program's class component, such as keeping weekly journals, interviewing attorneys at their site, and editing a corporate document into plain English.

Caren Fitzgerald ('89), Alliant Techsystems, and Kevin Carnahan, Target, listen to Dean David Wippman's welcome to corporate supervisors of 2009 Corporate Externship Program



Professor John H. Matheson (left), co-director of Law School's Center for Business Law, and Mary Alton (right), Center for Business Law Program Director, with Christine Eskilsen (center), Assistant General Counsel with Piper Jaffray Companies and recipient of 2009 Corporate Externship Program's Best Practices Award

Much effort goes into participation as an externship site, and the Law School appreciates the support of this year's hosting companies. The Corporate Externship Program provides benefits to both the students and their hosts. Students learn the workings of an in-house legal department through opportunities to observe and interact with attorneys, and in-house legal departments profit from the ideas and participation of talented law students.

One of the students' favorite statistics from survey data this year was that 100% of the supervising companies would recommend their externs for future employment in law or business.

Any company interested in participating in the externship program can contact Mary Alton at 612-624-5779 or alton003@umn.edu.

By Mary Alton, Center for Business Law Program Director and Senior Teaching Specialist

COMPANIES HOSTING 2009 EXTERNS

- 3M Co.
- Alliant Techsystems
- H.B. Fuller
- Imation
- Land O'Lakes
- Lawson Software
- NCS Pearson
- Pentair
- Piper Jaffray Companies
- Regis
- RSM McGladrey
- Target
- TCF
- Tennant
- UnitedHealth Group

AWARD-WINNING ENTRIES >



Noreen E. Johnson ('09) was one of only 15 students from law schools across the nation selected by the

Burton Award committee to receive a **2009 Burton Award for Excellence** in legal writing. Her winning entry, "Blight and its Discontents: Awarding Attorney's Fees to Property Owners in Redevelopment Actions," was published in the December 2008 issue of the *Minnesota Law Review*.

"Noreen's article is a great example of the principles on which we ground the University of Minnesota writing system," said Professor Brad Clary ('75), who selected it for submission.

Johnson is the fifth Law School student to receive the Burton legal writing award since it was established in 1999. Past recipients are Kari Dahlin (2001), David Leishman (2006), Dan Robinson (2007), and Emily Melvin (2008).

The Law School is one of only five law schools to receive the award for the past four consecutive years and one of only eight to receive it five or more times.

A black-tie ceremony was held in June at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., to honor all 2009 award recipients, including Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, author Bryan Garner, retired New York State Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, and television screenwriter David E. Kelley.

The nonprofit Burton Awards Program, named for William C. Burton, was formed in a relationship with the Library of Congress and the Law Library of Congress to honor excellence and modernization in legal writing. The original Burton Award categories, law schools and law firms, have been aug-

mented over the years with judicial, reform, and other classifications.



The Law Library's new brochure, "The University of Minnesota Law Library:

Commitment to Excellence," was selected to receive the 2009 American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) **Excellence in Marketing Award** in a nationwide competition open to academic, corporate, law firm, and public law libraries.

The award, given since 1998, recognizes the brochure that most creatively and effectively promotes an individual law library's services and collections. It indicates the highest quality of material, design, and value to a library's patrons. Last year's best-brochure recipient was the Law Library of Congress.

The Law Library's brochure is exceptional in terms of its professional presentation, comprehensive content, patron orientation, and visual appeal. It was conceived by Katherine Hedin, the Library's Curator of Special Collections and Rare Books, who was also the primary author, editor, and designer. Other contributors were photographers Anthony Brandenburg, Rick Dublin, and Tim Rummelhoff; Brandenburg/Nishigaki Design House, and Director of Communications Cynthia Huff.

Ms. Hedin accepted the AALL Award on behalf of the Law School and the Law Library at a ceremony at the AALL Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., in July 2009.

AALL was founded in 1906 to

promote and enhance the value of law libraries, foster law librarianship, and provide leadership in legal information and information policy. Its Excellence in Marketing Awards program was created to acknowledge outstanding contributions in public relations and inspire AALL members. Other categories recognize distinction in newsletters, campaigns, toolkits, and use of technology.

The brochure can be seen in the Annual Meeting Exhibit Hall and also at <http://www.law.umn.edu/lawlibrary/index.html>.



Rachel Martinez, the Law School's assistant director of admissions, was recently selected by the Hispanic

Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota for its fifth annual "25 on the Rise" award.

The award recognizes the contributions of 25 Latino leaders under age 40 to the Minnesota business community, including government, law, finance, entrepreneurship, and other fields. An eight-member selection committee considered nominees from across Minnesota on the basis of leadership, professional or personal accomplishments, community involvement, and ethics and integrity.

The 2009 *líderes Latinos* (Latino leaders) will be honored at a November 12 award presentation at the Metropolitan Ballroom, emceed by Sandra Vargas, CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation. They will also be profiled in *Finance & Commerce, Minnesota Lawyer*, and the *St. Paul Legal Ledger*.

For more information, visit www.25ontherise.com.

Save These Dates >

This year's **William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition** will be March 4-6, 2010, with briefs filed Jan. 19, 2010.

The case is *Gregory v. Dillard's Inc.*, 565 F.3d

464 (8th Cir 2009), which concerns whether employees' surveillance and hostility to African-American patrons constitutes "interference with protected contract interests" in violation of 42 U.S.C. §1981.

Attorneys and judges are invited to serve as

brief and/or oral argument judges. A free CLE/CJE presentation for competition judges will be available in January or February 2010.

For more information, go to www.law.umn.edu/mcgeemootcourt/index.html or contact Professor Carl Warren at warre001@umn.edu.

Law School Welcomes New Arrivals

> **The Law School opened its** doors to more than 300 newcomers on Sept. 8, 2009, the start of fall semester: 220 first-year students, 28 LL.M. students, 9 visiting students, 14 exchange students, and 40 transfer students, the most transfers in recent history.

The LL.M. class, the largest yet, arrived on Aug. 13 from 21 countries to complete a three-week Introduction to American Law course on such preparatory topics as constitutional law and American civil and criminal procedure. Ten Humphrey Human Rights Fellows and five of the exchange students also took the class, taught by Law School faculty, appeals attorney and former Law School adjunct professor Brad Delapena, and civil litigation and dispute resolution attorney Paul C. Peterson ('83). Hennepin County Judge Denise Reilly, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman ('74), and LL.M. alumni also spoke to students. Trips to Minnehaha Falls, the Minnesota Capitol, and the Minnesota Supreme Court, including a meeting with Justice Paul H. Anderson ('68), added to the orientation experience for LL.M. students.

The J.D. class of 2012 arrived for its three-day orientation on Sept. 2, bringing a median LSAT score of 167 (96th percentile nationwide), the highest of any Law School entering class. The proportion of women students also set a new high at 45%.

Dean David Wippman, Associate Dean Joan Howland, and Law Council President Eugene Kim ('10) welcomed the class, and Kathleen Blatz ('84), Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1998–2006, presented the orientation keynote address, the Lee ('56) and Barbara D. Bearmon Lecture on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility.

Chief Justice Blatz recognized the community commitment and personal legacy of Mr. Bearmon, who was present at the lecture, and noted that professionalism and ethics are highly

Below: Students enjoying orientation get-acquainted picnic. **At right, top:** Lee Bearmon ('56) and former Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz ('84). **At right, bottom:** Chief Justice Blatz presenting orientation address



appropriate focuses at any phase of a legal career. Do the right thing, she told students, not to get something but because it's right. "A reputation is much easier to make than to shake." To students uncertain of their career path she said, "That's just fine. You're in the right place to discover." Chief Justice Blatz described how, in her career, doors opened and unanticipated challenges came her way, largely because she was inquisitive and receptive. Always remember that justice and truth come first, she advised, before winning or client loyalty. "It doesn't matter what kind of law you practice. What matters is what kind of lawyer you are."

Before joining the bench, Chief Justice Blatz was a long-time member of the Minnesota House of Representatives and chaired its Committee

on Crime and Family Law. Widely known for her child-protection work, she was honored on her retirement from the Court with the Kathleen Blatz Scholarship for youth, created by the Friends of Children Foundation. She also received the National Governors Association 2009 Award for Distinguished Service to State Government for her devoted public service in Minnesota.

Days 2 and 3 of orientation included introductions to the University, public interest and service opportunities, student organizations, study group programs and other resources, and a faculty-led overview of the academic experience and basics of legal study. Breakfast, lunch, and outdoor BBQ get-togethers gave everyone opportunities to become acquainted.

Minnesota Hosts Somali Youth Summit

> **The Somali Youth Summit**, formed to foster unity among Somalis and encourage leadership by talented youth, was held in July 2009 in space provided by the Law School. The Summit was sponsored by West Bank CHANCE (Cedar-Humphrey Action for Neighborhood Collaborative Engagement), a collaboration of West Bank University colleges and offices dedicated to furthering a partnership between the University and the neighborhood in which it resides.

The event was judged highly successful by its organizers, who were delighted with the bright, enthusiastic audience. "We're pleased to support

such a positive event that empowers the youth in our community to address critical issues affecting all of us," said Merrie Benasutti, Coordinator of the Community Partnerships/CHANCE Center for Integrative Leadership.

Objectives of the three-day Summit were to discuss critical issues facing Somali communities today and in the future, to challenge young minds to bring forth practical solutions, and to discuss ways to implement those solutions. U.S.- and U.K.-based speakers addressed many important topics, including youth violence, sexually transmitted disease, and Muslim identity. Among the speakers were

Mohamud Farah Egal, founder of Amoud Foundation in Irvin, Texas; Hassan Abdullahi, founder of Somalis for Change; and Mahmood Gaidon, author of *The Yibir of Las Burgabo*. Organizers plan to publish material from the Summit online.

Also represented were the Somali student associations of Columbus, Ohio, and Nashville, Tenn., and the England-based Somali National Party, Hanoolaato.

Last year's Summit, the first, was held in Columbus, Ohio, and received enormous community support, prompting organizers to move the event to Minneapolis to involve its Somali community, the largest in the United States.

Law School Launches Summer Legal Institute



Rick Houghton ('09), at right, speaks with high school students (left to right) Leyla Sahal, Briston Gregg, and Daisy Hidalgo at reception in Auerbach lounge

> **The Twin Cities' first annual Summer Legal Institute (SLI)**, hosted by the Law School and Just the Beginning Foundation (JTBF) in July 2009, introduced 23 Minnesota high school students to the opportunities of a legal career. SLI is part of JTBF's Pipeline Programming, designed to help young students from diverse backgrounds pursue and succeed in higher education and beyond. In its fourth year in Chicago, SLI was also introduced this year in Seattle and Piney Woods, Miss. (www.jtbf.org).

During the seven-day SLI program,

students received an overview of criminal and civil procedures and daily spotlights on minority legal professionals. They met attorneys working in various areas of the law, heard panel discussions on legal and financial topics, learned critical reasoning skills, and worked on preparing an oral argument. Courtesy of Chief Judge Michael J. Davis ('72) and Judge Donovan W. Frank, students spent an entire day, including a reception, at the U.S. District Court of Minnesota.

JTBF's focus has evolved since its 1992 creation in Chicago as a multira-

cial nonprofit organization devoted to preserving the rich experiences of judges and lawyers of color. It now works to open opportunities for young persons and increase diversity among legal professionals.

The Law School is dedicated to diversity, says Dean David Wippman, and welcomes the opportunity "to open its doors to young people and introduce them to a career through which they can make a difference." An externship and a clerkship program, assistance in recognizing career choices, and other resources are available to current diverse law students.

SLI was free to students through the generosity of its 2009 sponsors: nationwide program supporters Perkins Coie LLP, Schiff Hardin LLP, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., and the Law School Admission Council; and Twin Cities program supporters the ABA Council on Legal Educational Opportunity, Faegre & Benson LLP, General Mills, Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi LLP, Thrivent Financial, and UnitedHealth Group.

For sponsorship information, contact JTBF Development Director Rather Stanton at rstanton@jtbf.org or 312-258-4574. For program information, contact Erin Keyes at keye0019@umn.edu.

Minnesota Law Review Symposium Explores Cyberspace



Cory Ryan

Clockwise, from top left: Sherrese Smith speaking on privacy implications in the new media world; panelists, students, and other attendees taking a break in Auerbach lounge; Professor Paul Ohm speaking on cybercrime, with Professors Christopher Slobogin and Orin Kerr listening in; Theresa Nagy ('10), Zachary Launer ('10), and Ryan Griffin ('10) sharing ideas during lunch

> On October 16, 2009, the *Minnesota Law Review* hosted its annual symposium, “Cyberspace & the Law: Privacy, Property, and Crime in the Virtual Frontier.” The event focused on three main topics regarding cyberspace: intellectual property; privacy, anonymity, and free speech; and cybercrime. Several of the country’s most distinguished scholars participated in the discussions.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, keynote speaker, addressed the increase in governmental intrusion into privacy, which he attributed in part to society’s growing willingness to publicize private matters through technological mediums.

The first panel addressed the future of intellectual property in this digital age. Professor Pamela Samuelson (UC Berkeley School of Law) spoke about the future of books in cyberspace,

Professor William Fisher (Harvard) discussed distributed creativity, and Professor Thomas Cotter (Minnesota) examined transformative use and cognizable harm in the area of copyright law.

In the second panel discussion, Professor Jane Kirtley (Minnesota’s School of Journalism) and Sherrese Smith (Federal Communications Commission Legal Advisor) addressed the interplay between privacy, anonymity, and free speech in the age of Google, YouTube, Facebook, and blogs. Kirtley discussed whether journalists’ privilege should protect the identity of anonymous posters to news media Web sites, and Smith shared insights about privacy implications in the new media world.

The third panel, dealing with issues surrounding crime in cyberspace, consisted of Professors Orin Kerr (George

Washington), Christopher Slobogin (Vanderbilt University), and Paul Ohm (University of Colorado Law School). Their discussion analyzed the vagueness challenges to the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; proportionality, privacy, and public opinion; a reply to Kerr and Swire; and probably probable cause: the misguided debate over justification standards.

To view presentations from the Symposium, go to <http://www.minnesotalawreview.org/content/symposium>.

Additionally, the Symposium articles written by Professors Dan Burk, William Fisher, Orin Kerr, Jane Kirtley, Deirdre Mulligan, Paul Ohm, Pamela Samuelson, and Christopher Slobogin will be available in Vol. 94, Symposium issue, of the *Minnesota Law Review*.

By Nicole M. Murphy ('10)

STONEWALL

The Lesbian and Gay Movement in America

“Before the sun rose on the morning of June 28, 1969, eight police officers raided the Stonewall Inn, a small gay bar on Christopher Street near New York City’s Sheridan Square. Raids on gay establishments were common occurrences, but on this night the crowd fought back, igniting a five-day riot that took over Greenwich Village.

Widely seen as the beginning of the lesbian and gay rights movement, the Stonewall riots were, in fact, the culmination of decades of struggles by many whose names have been lost to history. This exhibit places the Stonewall riots of 1969 in context within a larger lesbian and gay rights movement, emerging from the tumultuous years following World War II through the present day.”

—Introduction to Exhibition

> **The University of Minnesota Law Library’s Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center** is pleased to present *Stonewall: The Lesbian and Gay Movement in America*, an exhibit originally staged in May 2009 in the University’s Andersen Library. Using unique materials from the Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,

and Transgender Studies at the University, with additional materials from the Law Library, *Stonewall* visually portrays the rich history of the lesbian and gay movement in this country.

Exceptional photographs and artwork from the Tretter Collection illustrate the treatment of lesbians and gays during World War II and the investigations into the “pervert peril” during the McCarthy area. Exhibition panels illustrate the importance of gay bars as battlefields for political action in the 1960s and graphically depict the chaos that erupted in 1969 at the

Stonewall Inn. The exhibit explores the subsequent launching of new groups—Radicalesbians, the Furies, and the Gay Activists Alliance—dedicated to gay liberation. Succeeding panels illustrate the importance of parades in the gay community and the birth of Pride; highlight early gay and lesbian politicians, especially Allen Spear, Elaine Noble, and Harvey Milk; and portray the AIDS epidemic and the AIDS memorial quilt.



Allan Spear, Minnesota Senator (1972-2000), one of first openly gay legislators in the nation
Ronald L. Schlittler, 1999



Christopher Street Liberation Day, 1970
Fred W. McDarrah/
Getty Images



Marriage of lesbian rights pioneers Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, San Francisco, 2008
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San Francisco City Hall, 2008
Alex Handy/Creative Commons



Harvey Milk, inauguration,
San Francisco Board of
Supervisors, 1978
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The exhibit concludes with the current fight for same sex marriage rights, circling back to the months after Stonewall. On May 18, 1970, Law School student Jack Baker ('72) and Michael McConnell became the first gay couple in the nation to file for a marriage license, which the local clerk refused to grant. After the trial court directed that the license not be issued, they appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court, which held that Minnesota statutory law “does not authorize marriage between persons of the same sex and that such marriages are accordingly prohibited.” It rejected Baker and McConnell’s due process and equal protection claims and found unpersuasive and unsupported by precedent the assertions that “the right to marry without regard to the sex of the parties is a fundamental right of all persons and that restricting marriage to only couples of the opposite sex is irrational and invidiously discriminatory.”

The court distinguished *Loving v. Virginia*, which struck down Virginia’s ban on interracial marriage, concluding that “there is a clear distinction between a marital restriction based merely upon race and one based upon the fundamental difference in sex.” Baker and McConnell’s appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court was dismissed for “want of a substantial federal question.”

The Law Library gratefully acknowledges the support of the University of Minnesota Libraries in making it possible to stage this exhibit in the Law Library. In particular we appreciate the assistance of Jean-Nickolaus Tretter, founder of the Tretter Collection; Eric Colleary, University Ph.D. candidate in Theatre Historiography and guest curator of the exhibit; and Darren Terpstra, Exhibit Design Specialist at the University Libraries.

By Katherine Hedin, Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections, Law Library



Stonewall Inn, 1969
Diana Davies/New York
Public Library



Ways to give >

The Judge David S. Doty Scholarship Fund



Judge David S. Doty

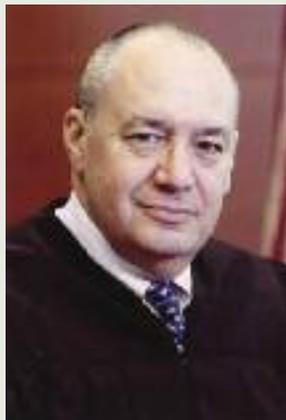
> **Judge David S. Doty ('61)** is troubled by the debt today's graduates carry and remembers when a law school education was more affordable. He has an affinity for mature students who pursue a career in law after a prior vocation—a sensibility derived from his own experience.

In 1952, during the Korean War, Judge Doty was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. There he developed his interest in law, serving as a legal officer and a court martial board member. He was discharged on a Sunday and started at the Law School on Monday.

After graduating with honors, Judge Doty established a private practice. In 1987 he was nominated to be a federal district court judge for the district of Minnesota. He took senior status in 1998 but continues to carry a full load of cases.

Judge Doty already demonstrated his gratitude to his alma mater with a gift that was used to create The Honorable David S. Doty Reading Room in the Law School Library. Recently, he established The Judge David S. Doty Scholarship Fund endowment in celebration of his 80th birthday. The first award will be made in fall 2010.

The Judge James M. Rosenbaum Scholarship Fund



Judge James M. Rosenbaum

> **After Judge James M. Rosenbaum ('69)** completed law school, he entered VISTA service in Chicago and then worked in private practice. In 1981 he was appointed U.S. Attorney for the district of Minnesota, where he served until his appointment to the federal bench in 1985. He was chief judge for the district of Minnesota from 2001 until he took senior status this October.

Judge Rosenbaum cares deeply about the Law School's future, especially in light of increased tuition costs and falling state aid. "I have become aware recently of the tremendous amount of support the school needs in order to fulfill its mission," he says.

That concern is one reason that makes the gift from his former law clerks so appropriate. Mavis Van Sambeek ('89), Joan Humes ('90), Karin Ciano, and Kelly Laudon ('06) recently established the Judge James M. Rosenbaum Scholarship Fund endowment. It was a "way to honor him and thank him for his years of service and mentorship to each of us," Laudon says.

When Judge Rosenbaum and his wife heard about the scholarship, they were stunned into silence. "It was the sweetest, kindest, nicest gift I could have imagined," Judge Rosenbaum

says. "The next morning, we were like a pair of fish, walking around with our mouths flapping open and shut. It was so unbelievable. The great thing is that I needed nothing. But this was something that *was* needed."

In graduating from law school, "you not only acquire a career, you attain a role in life and a chance to make a difference in people's lives. It's a blessing," Judge Rosenbaum says. "I'm hopeful that this fund will offer an opportunity to people who wouldn't have the opportunities I have had."

John Karalis Book Sales

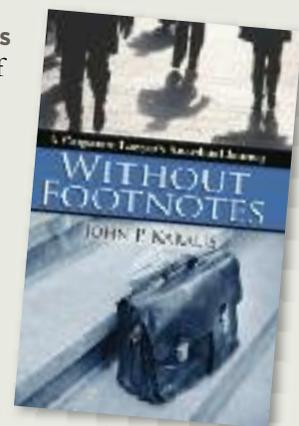
> **John Karalis ('63)**, author of *Without*

Footnotes: A Corporate Lawyer's Anecdotal Journey, is contributing \$10 from the sale of each book to the Law School Library.

"My Law School training laid the groundwork for the book's experiences," Karalis says. "In fact, the book begins during my Law School years, and I have an entire chapter dedicated to the Law Library."

The book is a backstage view of Karalis' involvement in major corporate transactions (1970s-1990s). "People have enjoyed these stories over the years, and many have encouraged me to put them in writing," he says. When asked who might appreciate his book, he identifies people interested in corporate transactions, law, the computer industry, and alumni who frequented Freddie's dinner club in downtown Minneapolis years ago.

Without Footnotes can be purchased by calling (800) 247-6553 or online at www.johnpkaralis.com. Enter or mention the code "U of M" to secure the Law Library donation.



Faegre & Benson Gift Commitment

> **Faegre & Benson, through the** Faegre & Benson Foundation, has made a \$750,000 gift commitment to the Law School, bringing its total gifts since 1979 to nearly \$1.6 million, not including individuals' gifts. Thomas G. Morgan, chair of the firm's management committee, notes that this major gift recognizes the important role of the Law School in the Twin Cities community.

The firm has designated \$500,000 of the gift for creation and endowment of the Faegre & Benson Scholarship Fund. A major objective of the Scholarship Fund is to enhance the Law School's ability to recruit a diverse student population, on a par with other top law schools, says Michael A. Ponto ('89), a firm partner and officer of the Faegre & Benson Foundation.

The remaining \$250,000 is desig-

nated for a new Faegre & Benson Business Initiatives Fund, which will enable the Law School to pursue initiatives aimed at partnering more effectively with the business community and strengthening its business law program. The Initiative Fund's flexible structure will allow the Law School to respond strategically to evolving needs and opportunities.

"We are deeply grateful to the outstanding leadership of the firm and the Faegre & Benson Foundation," says Dean David Wippman, "for responding to our critical need for scholarship funding and facilitating important strategic initiatives that we would be hard-pressed to pursue without such generous philanthropic support."

Giving back

> **To contribute to either Scholarship Fund, contact Kelsey Dilts McGregor at kdilts@umn.edu or**



Partners at Faegre & Benson, Minneapolis: Thomas G. Morgan (left) and Michael A. Ponto ('89) (right)

(612) 625-5387. For more information on giving, go to www.law.umn.edu/alumni/support.html.

By Rachel Greenhouse, freelance writer, Minneapolis

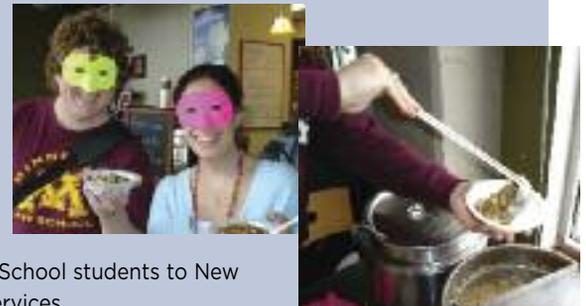
Law School's United Way



In answer to United Way's national appeal to LIVE UNITED in 2009 and the Greater Twin Cities United Way campaign dubbed "connect with poverty," the Law School community teed up to raise funds, as well as hope and opportunity, for those in need.

NOLA MN PROVIDES POST-KATRINA LEGAL AID

The need for legal assistance in the region ravaged by Hurricane Katrina continues even though the images of destruction have subsided from the daily news. So twice a year, New Orleans Legal Assistance Minnesota (NOLA MN) leads groups of Law School students to New Orleans to volunteer their legal services.



Founded in 2007 by several Class of 2010 members, NOLA MN has worked with legal aid and nonprofit organizations and local government agencies on discrete and ongoing projects addressing housing, homeless advocacy, domestic violence and family law, consumer protection, education policy, elder law, and more. NOLA MN volunteers come home with satisfaction from helping restore a great American city as well as valuable hands-on experience in practicing law.

For more information, contact NOLA MN President Chris Hamsher ('11) at 612-747-7769 or nolamn@gmail.com.

By Chris Hamsher ('11) and Jeff Markowitz ('10)

Nader Urges Students to Get Involved, Champion Justice



Professor David Stras (left) and Dean David Wippman (right) escort Ralph Nader (center) to the lecture hall



Ralph Nader lectures on social responsibility



Interested student gets involved in post-lecture Q & A

> **On Sept. 30, 2009, lawyer, author, and long-time consumer activist Ralph Nader presented a special guest lecture sponsored by the Law School and the Institute for Law and Politics entitled “Law School, Law Firms, and the Corporate Supremacists: The Struggle for Justice.”** In his talk on social responsibility, geared toward law and political science students, Nader urged audience members to put down their laptops, leave virtual reality behind, and use their education for a challenging cause. “If there’s no fire in the belly, knowledge doesn’t get wheels,” he said.

The 1958 graduate of Harvard Law School described his own legal education: little diversity, limited emphasis on public service, and inadequate attention to white-collar crime. The broad curriculum students enjoy today is the result of agitation by earlier students who saw needs, for

courses in civil and human rights and more, Nader said. “If you don’t know injustice, you can’t know justice.” Get involved, he said. Champion justice.

Take courses that are important to you, he advised. Don’t distort your curriculum to prepare for the bar exam. It’s “eminently crammable.” To students going into commercial practice, “get ready for some serious conflicts.” Making partner might not be compatible with doing pro bono work or recusing yourself, he said, so think ahead to ethical decisions you might face and clarify where you stand. “Get indignant and excited” about something going on in the country, he told students. You have enormous power to make a difference, to “prick the conscience of corporations.”

At their 35th reunion, Nader and several law school classmates formed the Appleseed Foundation, a national network of public interest justice cen-

ters working for systemwide efforts to dissolve barriers to justice. Think about your legacy, he told students, quoting an aphorism from the Ming dynasty: “To know and not to do is not to know.”

Nader has written more than 30 books on consumer-protection topics, beginning with *Unsafe at Any Speed*, a major factor in passage of the 1966 National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. He was instrumental in passage of the Freedom of Information Act and the Wholesome Meat Act and in creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Occupational Health and Safety Organization, and many others. In 1990, *Life* magazine named him one of America’s 100 most influential people of the 20th century. His first fiction book, *Only the Super-Rich Can Save Us!*, was released in September.

John Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law

> **Antony Duff, a world-renowned** researcher on criminal law and professor of philosophy at the University of Stirling, Scotland, delivered the John Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law on Sept. 29, 2009. "A Theory of Criminal Law?" explored the challenges of developing a theory of criminal law, including what constitutes a "public" wrong and which behaviors should be criminalized.

Trying to create a "master theory" of criminalization isn't realistic, Duff said. Rather, a case-by-case approach allows for "different kinds of reason for criminalizing different kinds of conduct." Since criminal law is part of society's political structure, a theory of criminal law and punishment must draw on political theory, he added. "The question is, what kind of criminal law is appropriate for a liberal republic of equal citizens?" The criminal process is crucial to an answer to this question, Duff argued.

By requiring the accused to enter a plea and stand trial before a jury, society asserts its authority to define and respond to crime; the criminal trial calls citizens to answer to their fellows for what they have done.

Duff is a founding co-editor of *Criminal Law and Philosophy* and is engaged in a four-year project on criminalization supported by the U.K.'s Arts and Humanities Research Council. His latest book, *Answering for Crime* (Hart, 2007), is recognized as a key scholarly contribution to criminal law theory.

The John Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law honors John Dewey, American philosopher, educator, scholar, and proponent of legal realism. Dewey's philosophy of pragmatism related his conception of a moral life to a variety of contemporary social, economic, and political issues. Dewey lived from 1859 to 1952 and spent one year as a professor



Professor Antony Duff

of philosophy at the University of Minnesota. The lecture is funded by a grant from the John Dewey Foundation and is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Law School to provide a forum for significant scholarly contributions to the development of jurisprudence.

New Name, New Home for *The Labor Lawyer*

> **This fall the Law School launches** its first journal edited collaboratively by faculty and students. The *ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law* (formerly *The Labor Lawyer*), with a circulation of more than 27,000, is the publication of the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law. This year, after a nationwide competition, the ABA Section selected professors Stephen F. Befort ('74) and Laura J. Cooper as faculty co-editors.

Jack Sullivan ('10), a former editor and reporter for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, is the student editor-in-chief. With its move to Minnesota, the journal will, for the first time, include notes by members of a student staff. Unlike other journals published at the Law School, the *ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law* focuses primarily on the needs of practicing attorneys.

Professors Befort and Cooper are

well suited to this assignment. Together, their teaching and research cover the broad range of labor and employment law issues addressed by the journal. Both have been active members of professional labor and employment law organizations, and both are arbitrators and mediators.

Befort is past secretary of the ABA Labor and Employment Law Section and serves on the executive board of the International Society of Labor Law. Cooper is former chair and a current executive committee member of the Labor Law Group and a member of the Board of Governors of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

This new opportunity for students adds even greater depth to one of the strongest labor and employment law programs in the country. In addition to a wide diversity of introductory and specialized courses, Minnesota offers stu-



Faculty co-editors Stephen F. Befort ('74) and Laura J. Cooper; and student editor-in-chief Jack Sullivan ('10)

dents the opportunity to participate in a specialized moot court program, the Workers' Rights Clinic, and internships at the National Labor Relations Board and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Beginning in spring 2010, the Law School will add a pioneering "capstone" course in which students will represent clients in a comprehensive simulation that integrates diverse substantive areas of labor and employment law with practical skills and ethics.

IWRAP Works With U.N. Committee on Women's Economic Issues



Dr. Marsha Freeman

> **Dr. Marsha Freeman ('76)**, director of the International Women's Rights Action Watch (IWRAP) at the Law School's Human Rights Center, is working with a U.N. Committee to improve women's economic status in marriage, divorce, and widowhood. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women monitors government compliance with the international Convention of the

same name, which establishes global standards for addressing all aspects of sex discrimination. The Convention is now a near-universal standard, ratified by 186 countries. (The United States and six other countries have not ratified.)

In many countries, laws and customs prevent women from accumulating property during marriage, receiving equal property division upon divorce, and inheriting from a deceased husband. When a marriage ends, women see a significant drop in income and may not have rights in the marital home. The Committee will adopt a new recommendation to address these issues.

Freeman worked with Prof. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Vice-President of the Committee, to draft the position paper calling for a new approach and will assist in drafting recommendations for the Committee's consideration in 2010. She notes that dealing with norms that relate to the family is particularly difficult because the family

is a locus of individual and community identity.

Freeman has been the IWRAP director since 1993 and joined the Law School in 2006 when the program became part of the Human Rights Center. IWRAP works globally with activists, scholars, and U.N. human rights bodies to develop policies and promote accountability for eliminating discrimination against women.

As a Law School student, Freeman recalls, she was fascinated with Professor Robert Levy's family law course, which she took after his service as Reporter for the U.S. Uniform Marriage and Divorce Act. She concluded early in her career that family law issues are fundamental to all aspects of women's human rights. "All these years later, I have come full circle," Freeman says. "My major projects at the moment focus on international norms of equality in the family, and I am once again examining the policy of family law—everywhere."

New Curriculum Selections in 2009-10

Clinic

The study of environmental law and land use is of growing importance at the Law School. Establishing environmental sustainability policies is critical in urban management, because such guiding principles, or lack of them, has significant implications for the use of land and natural resources, housing/building patterns, and transportation. In the fall 2009 semester, **the Environmental Sustainability Clinic**, under the direction of Professor Prentiss Cox ('90), joins the Law School's clinic program.

The new clinic focuses on public policies promoting development of living patterns that reduce collective use of nonrenewable energy and material, thus lowering the adverse impact on the environment. The clinic will provide elected and appointed officials with the resources needed to complete specific projects that support environmental sustainability initiatives.

Capstone courses

A recent addition to the Law School curriculum, the year-long multidisciplinary capstone courses allow small teams of second- and third-year students to focus on a major public policy challenge in a specific area of law. Courses are directed by a lead professor and experts from across the University and the community.

- The **environmental law capstone course**, introduced in fall 2009, is taught again in spring 2010 by Professor Alexandra Klass, with Adjunct Professor Sara Peterson. It focuses on the cleanup, redevelopment, and litigation of brownfields (underutilized property that containing historic contamination), including a case study of the University's new Gopher football stadium, using guest speakers and simulations of community and city council meetings and court proceedings. Students are matched with attorneys and environmental consultants working on brownfields development.

- The **health law compliance capstone course** will be offered in the spring 2010 semester, led by Professor Ralph Hall. Student teams will identify legal issues and apply them toward practical solutions for questions faced by a fictional medical start-up company. In a simulation context, students will gain experience with real-life workplace problems encountered by senior associates, partners, and in house counsel, as well as realistic ethical issues in the practice of health law.

- The **labor and employment capstone course**, led by Professors Laura Cooper and Stephen Befort ('74) and available in the 2009-10 school year, is a sophisticated simulation course that integrates the doctrinal components of labor and employment law with the clinical skills needed to practice in these fields. It addresses federal and state laws regulating the workplace and ethical issues that may confront practitioners of labor and employment law.

Law School Commemorates Constitution Day

> On behalf of the University of Minnesota, the Law School hosted a program to remember and honor the day in 1787, Sept. 17, when delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the U.S. Constitution. The program featured presentations by members of the Law School faculty.

In “Upcoming Supreme Court Cases,” Professor David Stras, Vance K. Opperman Research Scholar, spoke on important constitutional law cases coming before the Supreme Court, including *Free Enterprise v. PCAOB*, a separation of powers case concerning the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board; *FEC v. Citizens United*, a First Amendment case addressing portions of McCain-Feingold campaign finance legislation; and *Sullivan v. Florida/*

Graham v. Florida, an Eighth Amendment case questioning life imprisonment for juveniles for non-homicide offenses.

In “Protecting the Great Lakes Against Thirsty Southerners,” Professor Fred Morrison, Popham, Haik, Lindquist & Vennum Professor of Law, examined the constitutional and international dimensions of the Great Lakes Water Resources Council Compact that was approved by Congress last year.

In “Torturing the Constitution,” Professor Oren Gross, Irving Younger Professor of Law, evaluated the constitutionality of waterboarding and other forms of interrogational torture.

The program was presented as a live Webcast and is archived on the Archived Lectures page of the Law School Web site (go to www.law.umn.edu/events/archive.html).

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

On Oct. 30, 2009, five members of the Law School community were recognized at a luncheon in the Lindquist & Vennum Conference Room for reaching a years-of-service milestone:

- **Bonnie Johnson**, administration, Law Library, 40 years
- **Craig Olson**, head of acquisitions, Law Library, 35 years
- **Kristi Rudelius-Palmer**, co-director of the Human Rights Center, 20 years
- **Susan Miller**, moot court and legal writing programs associate, 10 years
- **Mark Swanson**, development program assistant, Office of Advancement, 10 years

The Law School extends its sincere appreciation to the honorees for their commitment and many contributions to the success of their department and its programs.

2009-10 LECTURES >

Lectures are free and open to the public. CLE credit is available. RSVP for receptions at 612-625-4544 or lawevent@umn.edu.

Updates on additional lectures can be found at www.law.umn.edu/cle/09_10lectureseries.html. Selected lectures can be viewed online by clicking on the lecture title.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Room 50, 12:15 p.m.
Robert E. Litan, Vice President for Research and Policy, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
“The Future of Capitalism After the Crisis”
Institute for Law and Economics Distinguished Visitor Lecture

Monday, November 2, 2009

Lockhart Hall (Room 25), 3:30 p.m.
Aharon Barak, Former President of the Supreme Court of Israel and Professor of Law, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya
“Human Rights in Time of Terror: A Judicial Point of View”
William B. Lockhart Lecture

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Lockhart Hall (Room 25), 3:30 p.m.
Professor Stephen F. Befort, University of Minnesota Law School
“Bringing the American Employment Relationship Back Into Balance”
Gray Plant Mooty Mooty & Bennett Professorship in Law Reappointment Lecture

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Lockhart Hall (Room 25), 3:30 p.m.
Professor Herbert Kritzer, University of Minnesota Law School
“Lawyers in the Mist: Deep Hanging Out

With a Much Criticized Species”

Marvin J. Sonosky Chair in Law and Public Policy Appointment Lecture

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Lockhart Hall (Room 25), 3:30 p.m.
Professor David Wippman, Dean, University of Minnesota Law School
“The Politics of the Law of War”
William S. Pattee Chair in Law Appointment Lecture

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Room 50, 3:30 p.m.
Professor Michael Grossberg, Professor of History and Professor of Law, and Co-Director, Center for Law, Society, and Culture, Indiana University
“Can We Save Our Kids? Law and Child Protection in Modern America”
Ronald A. and Kristine S. Erickson Distinguished Lecture in Legal History

Exceptional Courts and Military Commissions Conference



Clockwise, from left: Rebecca Snyder ('98) of Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Defense Division; Prof. Clive Walker of Leeds Law School; Prof. Colm Campbell of Transitional Justice Institute, Prof. Barbara Frey of Minnesota's Institute for Global Studies, and Dean John Jackson of University College Dublin School of Law; Prof. Fionnuala Ní Aoláin of Minnesota; and Prof. Yuval Shany of Hebrew University

> On October 22 and 23, leading U.S. and international scholars, policy-makers, and nongovernmental organization representatives gathered at the Law School. Their focus was the use of special courts and military tribunals by democratic states to respond to terrorism and politically motivated violence. Their presentations and discussions examined the successes, failures, and limitations of such courts.

The conference began with an examination of historical and contemporary perspectives on exceptional courts, chaired by Gabor Rona, International Legal Director of Human Rights First, and featuring Law School Professors Carol Chomsky and Oren Gross and Professor David Glazier of Loyola Law School.

Robin Phillips of Advocates for Human Rights led the discussion of where we are and where we're going,

which included Professor William Banks of Syracuse Law, Joanne Mariner of Human Rights Watch, and Professor Steve Vladeck of American University.

"Exceptional Courts in Other Places: Comparative Experiences," chaired by Law School Professor Fred Morrison, featured Professor Colm Campbell of the Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster; Minnesota Professor Barbara Frey; and John Jackson of the University College Dublin School of Law.

Law School Professor Jennie Green chaired the discussion by Professor Steven Greer of the U.K.'s Bristol Law School, Professor Yuval Shany of Hebrew University, Law School Professor David Weissbrodt, and Jamie Williamson of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The session was entitled "International Exceptionalism and What International Law Demands of Courts."

October 23 sessions began with a discussion of comparative experiences by Professor Andrea Petö of Hungary's Central European University, Professor Kent Roach of Toronto Law School, Minnesota Professor Kathryn Sikkink, and Professor Clive Walker of the U.K.'s Leeds Law School.

The final session, "The Rule of Law, Lawyers, and Thinking Forward," featured Dr. Sarah Mendelson of the Center for Strategic & International Studies, Law School Professor and conference organizer Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, and Rebecca Snyder ('98) of the Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Defense Division.

The conference was sponsored by the Robina Foundation, the Office of International Programs, and the Law School in conjunction with the University of Ulster's Transitional Justice Institute.

New Staff Members



Nicole Gruhot started her duties as an executive office and administrative specialist at the Law School

in September, after completing a nine-month internship with the National Lawyers Guild. There she reviewed evidence collected by legal observers at the Republican National Convention, organized it into a database, and drafted summaries for use in court cases.

Gruhot received her B.A., with a special focus on public relations and justice and peace studies, in 2009 from the University of St. Thomas. While pursuing her education, she worked for two years as an office assistant in the St. Thomas School of Law, drafting weekly newsletters, maintaining databases, organizing orientation for incoming students, and training new student workers.



Khary D. Hornsby ('05) returned to the Law School in August as its Director of International and

Graduate Programs. He had been associate director of admission and recruitment at Emory University School of Law, in charge of financial aid, scholarships, and many other programs and activities.

Hornsby completed his B.S. in cellular and molecular biology at the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, where he received grants from the National Science Foundation and the Fogarty Institute to conduct research at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing. He then spent a year in Lyon, France, as an English teaching assistant at the Rectorat de Lyon. At the Law School, he was an editor of *Law and Inequality: A Journal of*

Theory and Practice, president of the Black Law Student Association, and the 2005 Judge Michael J. Davis Scholar for outstanding academic achievement. He clerked for the Honorable Harry S. Crump of Minnesota's Fourth District.



Jean M. Szevich joined the Law School at the end of June as Director of Advancement and will pilot the

office in developing the institutional resources necessary to fulfill the Law School's aspirations to be a leading center for innovative teaching and research. A member of the Minnesota Planned Giving Council, Citizens League, Minnesota Alumni Association, and other organizations, she has served on numerous nonprofit committees and executive boards across the Twin Cities.

Szevich has been a philanthropy consultant for Okabena Advisors, the Robina Foundation, Room & Board, and other grant-making foundations. In addition, she has served as executive director overseeing the activities of family and corporate foundations at Adler Management, vice president and senior philanthropic consultant for Piper Jaffray Companies, and program officer for Pohlada Family Charities. She received her B.A. from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts.



Joseph K. Thiels ('99) came to the Office of Advancement in September from the University of

Minnesota Foundation, where he was a planned giving officer since 2005. In his new role as the Law School's

Associate Director of Advancement, he will oversee alumni relations activities and the annual giving program of the Law School as well as work directly with major donors.

Thiels is active in several professional organizations, including the Minnesota Planned Giving Council, the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, and the Minnesota State Bar Association's Probate and Trust Law Section.

As a student, he was a managing editor of *Law and Inequality: A Journal of Theory and Practice* and won the Law School's 1999 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition for legal writing.

After graduation, he practiced estate law with Dorsey & Whitney and was named a Rising Star by *Minnesota Law & Politics* in 2009, 2005, and 2004. He received his B.A. from Northwestern University in 1996.



Kaythey Windyk joined the Law Library as a Library Assistant II in September. As an undergraduate

at the University of Minnesota, she worked for more than three years in Wilson Library as a student library assistant for Minitex, a resource-sharing network of libraries. During her time at Minitex, she became knowledgeable about all of Wilson's numerous and extensive collections, including the East Asian Library, the Ames Library of South Asia, the John R. Borchert Map Library, and others.

Windyk graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2008 with a B.A. in psychology. Before joining the Law Library, she was a receiving analyst for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. She has done volunteer work at the Walker Art Center and completed an internship at the Minnesota Center for Photography.



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CALLED TO SERVE

Six alumni make a difference
from embassies around the world

BY CATHY MADISON



The paths that lead to a U.S. ambassadorship are as varied and unique as those who travel them. Of the approximately 160 men and women who serve as the president's personal representatives in foreign countries, about one-third are career diplomats who spent years working their way up through the ranks of the U.S. Foreign Service. The rest of them are non-career political appointees selected from the rolls of career public servants, think tank experts, campaign supporters and fundraisers, and other authorities.

One Law School alumnus just began his appointment and five others have held posts as U.S. ambassador. Some dreamed of the job early in their careers while others arrived by circuitous and surprising routes. All of them are grateful for the opportunity to serve. Here are their stories.



> **SAMUEL KAPLAN ('60)**
Morocco

The life-changing phone call came “out of the blue” last November, Sam Kaplan insists. President Obama had just been elected, and of course, Kaplan and his wife, Sylvia, Minnesota icons for Democratic party activism and fundraising, had helped in the campaign. They had welcomed Obama into their crowd-friendly, Mississippi River-hugging home, where a picture of the three sits modestly on a small table in the great room. But never did Kaplan expect to become the president's representative to the Kingdom of Morocco.

“People have joked over the years—I’ve been involved in so many presidential campaigns—that if so-and-so gets elected, you’re going to be an ambassador,” Kaplan says. “It was standard cocktail conversation. But they didn’t take it seriously and neither did I. It didn’t even cross my mind.”

Although both Kaplans were approached, Sylvia deferred to Sam, and the U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment in August. The Kaplans had submitted a list of 13 possible posts and were delighted with Morocco. “It’s a magical country,” Sam says. “I’ve never been there but know hundreds of people who have. We’re very excited about going.”

The mission is a significant detour on a career path that he says he has been “perfectly happy” pursuing. In law school, he never considered the Foreign Service. “I had a very simple and straightforward notion that I’d be a practicing lawyer,” he says, and the corporate law practice he co-founded in 1978—Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan—has thrived, as have such entrepreneurial pursuits as nursing home and apartment building ownership.

Yet his move to Morocco’s capital, Rabat, in October makes perfect sense, considering his lifelong interest in the human aspect of politics. He points to President Obama’s pledge, made to Cairo residents in June, promising new beginnings in the Muslim world. “What could be more of a new beginning than a Jew going to a 99% Arab country?” Kaplan asks.

Only 5,000 Jews live in a nation of 35 million Moroccans, yet Jews, particularly Israelis, feel safe and comfortable visiting the moderate, sophisticated country. Anticipating a warm welcome, Kaplan expects to handle the serious issues that surface with aplomb. He credits the Law School and his *Minnesota Law Review* editorship for

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—Benson Whitney ('87)

his preparation. “The administrative experience I had there started me on my path and gave me skills not obtainable anywhere else. In diplomacy, you must think carefully, unemotionally, and critically, and that’s what law school is about,” Kaplan says.

At 73, he embraces the detour even as he scrambles to pack and move. “As you go through life and get older, you can look into the future and pretty well predict what you’ll be doing,” he says. “But then lo and behold, you’re doing something else.”



Ben Whitney, as U.S. Ambassador to Norway, delivering 2007 Memorial Day address on board USS Monterey at Oslo
Photo by U.S. Embassy

> **BENSON WHITNEY ('87)**
Norway

Lightning striking. That’s how Benson Whitney characterizes his appointment as U.S. ambassador to Norway (2006–2009). He has long been what he calls a “citizen diplomat—something between Ben Franklin and a hack,” a career that has included stints as Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman’s 2000 campaign manager, Minnesota executive director for the 2004 George W. Bush–Dick Cheney campaign, and Republican National Committee state finance chair. The Whitneys and Bushes are family friends, so he certainly had White House connections. But being named ambassador? “It’s sort of funny, but it never really occurred to me,” he says.

After Bush was re-elected, Whitney pursued an administration job, putting into play an eclectic background that included practicing law with Popham Haik Schnobrich & Kaufman and managing venture capital funds. When his wife, Mary, mentioned that she’d always wanted to live abroad, he threw his hat into the ambassador ring, as did many other connected and motivated competitors. He was the one who got the call. “The stars have to align in a unique way,” he insists.

Norway seemed a good fit, given Whitney’s familiarity with the culture and mindset of the 800,000 Norwegians who populate his home state. (Ironically, he didn’t discover his own Norwegian ancestry until he’d been ambassador for three years.) Still, he had much to learn and observe, including the cumbersome nature of the six-month confirmation process, which he claims consumes an unconscionable amount of time and energy and defies common sense. “Not the way to run a government,” Whitney comments.

His post delivered “a million surprises, which is what made it such a wonderful experience,” he says. The Law School helped train him to be an avid learner, he says: curious, open, and adept at figuring out how an embassy works, both internally and in concert with the U.S. State Department.

“I am pleased to say I was able to actually get some concrete things done,” Whitney says, including successfully

navigating the complex approval process for a new embassy in Oslo and facilitating Norway's participation in the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program. He is proud of helping reverse the steep downward trend of Norwegian college students' participation in U.S. exchange programs. He is even prouder of shifting perceptions of the United States, which often resemble caricatures in foreign minds, by engaging with the Norwegian public over popular and unpopular issues.

"It takes a lot of effort, press, speeches, and traveling to talk about how to work with us, especially given the tremendous amount of misinformation and misunderstanding out there," says Whitney, who is currently pursuing his next public diplomacy challenge. "I think our image was better after I left than it was when I got there."



> **TOM McDONALD ('79)**
Zimbabwe

Tom McDonald did not expect to become an ambassador when he started law school. "I was looking forward to being a practicing lawyer and quite focused on learning my trade," he says. Yet after he met Bill Clinton in 1991 and cemented that bond during the 1992 election campaign, one thing led to another.

At the start of Clinton's second term, McDonald was asked to consider entering public service. He indicated a strong interest in the job of ambassador, which he knew would exercise the leadership, writing, analytical, and quick-study skills he'd been honing since law school. His service as U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe (1997-2001) tapped them all.

"It was a fascinating place with lots of problems," he says. "Led by a smart and evil dictator named Robert Mugabe, the country was in significant decline during the period I was there. President Mugabe was using all the levers of power at his disposal to keep control—whatever repressive tactics were needed, including torture, beatings, and killings."

McDonald had wanted to serve in Africa, and his years of experience handling delicate legal and international matters there made Zimbabwe a good fit. The time he spent in Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, and Cote d'Ivoire

during President Clinton's first term also provided experience that would serve him well.

Violence and intimidation often lay just below the surface, McDonald says. "The fear was palpable as you moved about the country, particularly during the latter part of my tour. You could cut it with a knife. I didn't feel personally threatened, but our facilities were vulnerable. I was worried about my team."

McDonald's mettle was tested on Aug. 7, 1998, when Al-Qaida truck bombs killed hundreds of people at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. While the bombing danger may not have resonated deeply back home, for him it was right next door. There was great concern that his embassy, too, might be a target. Some embassy staffers in Harare were reluctant to return to work. "That particular Friday morning is like yesterday. I'll never forget it," he says.

McDonald confronted dictator Mugabe about Zimbabwe's manmade political and economic disaster during some of their 25 face-to-face meetings. His embassy team established a national network of 13 confidential voluntary counseling and testing clinics for people with HIV/AIDS. And, in a persistent effort to give voice to the repressed opposition, they fostered development of the Movement for Democratic Change, which won 57 of 120 seats in the 2000 election.

"I had a pretty robust tour," comments McDonald, now an equity partner heading the government policy practice group at Baker Hostetler, Washington, D.C., and the office's hiring partner. "It was a great ride."



Photo by Linda Soloman

> **JAMES BLANCHARD ('68)**
Canada

Not every Law School student cracks the books wearing law firm blinders. Some dream of more. Jim Blanchard had dreamed of two things since early college days: being elected to Congress and serving as ambassador to a major country, preferably somewhere exotic. In college he studied history, economics, and international relations. At the Law School he studied international law, learned about public service from visiting speakers, and sat up all night reading foreign policy.

Raised by a single mother in a family that he says “lacked power, money, and position,” Blanchard knew he was aiming high. Yet by the time he was 50, he had served four terms in Congress (1975–83), two terms as Michigan’s governor (1983–91), and one term as ambassador to Canada (1993–1996). “If you’d told me in law school that I’d be able to do any one of those things, I would’ve thought I’d died and gone to heaven,” he says.

Even though he had chosen his path early, Blanchard still encountered surprises. He had chaired then-President Bill Clinton’s successful Michigan campaign and anticipated being named U.S. Secretary of Transportation. But at the last minute Federico Peña got the nod, and Blanchard was dispatched to Canada.

While not exactly an exotic post, Canada proved more challenging than he had expected, even though he had gleaned substantial background knowledge from observations made while a close neighbor in Michigan. “Canada is our busiest embassy and our largest trade relationship,” he says. “From the space station to Great Lakes water quality to immigration, I can’t name an issue that we’re not involved with Canada on. It’s a huge range, which I knew, but it’s a much wider array than I thought. I was also surprised that the U.S. Ambassador to Canada has access to virtually everyone, not just the State Department.”

The job, he adds, involves not only being the chief of mission, overseeing the embassy and its employees, but also

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—Walter Mondale ('56)

coordinating all the ways in which the two governments interface. Because so many U.S. agencies have Canadian offices, the administrative challenge is daunting.

Blanchard cites two accomplishments as particularly rewarding: helping to enact Open Skies, a modern aviation agreement, and helping to quarterback the Quebec sovereignty referendum, which was defeated by a narrow margin in 1995, without appearing meddlesome.

Subtlety is essential to the overall relationship between countries, despite social stereotypes that sometimes underestimate the job of ambassador. “Some people have the image of a guy in black tie and a note on a silver tray with champagne,” says Blanchard, now partner and co-chair, Government Affairs Practice Group at DLA Piper, Washington, D.C. “But you have to be somebody who adds value, who helps to coordinate policy on a daily basis, who deals with the totality of advancing U.S. interests.”



The late Ryutaro Hashimoto, Prime Minister of Japan (January 1996–July 1998), with Walter F. Mondale, Tokyo, April 1996
Official photograph, Office of the Prime Minister

> **WALTER MONDALE ('56)**
Japan

One might think that after serving as Minnesota’s Attorney General (1960–64), U.S. Senator (1964–76), and Vice President (1977–81), then running for president (1984), Walter Mondale would have few diplomatic lessons left to learn. One would be wrong. When then-President Bill Clinton named him ambassador to Japan (1993–6), Mondale discovered new skills to master.

Clinton first offered to send Mondale to Russia, then emerging from a long, black period as part of the Soviet Union and still struggling to sort out its public systems. Seeing it as a significant but heavy-duty assignment, Mondale gave it serious thought but declined.

Japan was a democracy with a sophisticated and subtle society, a rich culture and history, a dynamic economy, and impressive diplomatic participants throughout the world. “The U.S. and Japan had close relations across the board. We were allies,” Mondale says. “All those things attracted me.”

Although Mondale had often traveled to Japan, he was no expert. He had to learn to forego the individualistic, American (“the Japanese might say pushy”) way of doing things in favor of the slow, careful, consensus-building Japanese process called *nemawashi*, literally translated as “twisting the tree roots around” to cut off troublesome obstacles. “The experience of trying to understand how it works, and how I could influence the process of decision-making in order to do my work, proved to be a very fascinating challenge for me,” Mondale says.

Most of the serious trade issues plaguing the U.S.–Japan relationship were resolved during Mondale’s mission. A new security agreement laid the groundwork for future relations. The ambassador’s wife, Joan, also made significant contributions in the arts community. Mondale calls it a “successful period” and a life-changing one.

“We grow up, largely in our own country, doing things one way and thinking the world is or should be exactly as we are,” Mondale says. “That time in Japan helped me see that ‘different’ might be just as good or better... Their ways, based on their faith and traditions, are just as valid for them as ours are for us. I learned to understand our

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legitimate differences. It's an important lesson all Americans need to learn and one I found very helpful.”

As a student, he focused mainly on joining a law firm. Running for public office crossed his mind, but becoming an ambassador didn't occur to him. Law school can lay the foundation for successful diplomacy, he says, but “I don't know that being an ambassador is learnable.” What law school can imbue in students, he says, is the desire to learn and develop a respect for and knowledge about other countries.



Scott DeLisi (right) in February 2005, speaking with military commander from USS Juneau docked at port of Massawa

> **SCOTT DeLISI ('80)**
Eritrea

In law school, self-described dilettante and history buff Scott DeLisi wondered how a person becomes a diplomat, but in those pre-Google days, didn't pursue the question vigorously. Then during lunch break on a summer job, he found the answer buried in the want ads of a borrowed *Wall Street Journal*. A small notice announced the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service entry exams.

“A test? I do tests!” he exclaimed. He barely made the application deadline, passed the test, and nearly two years later (the process has since been streamlined) became a Foreign Service officer. It was the first step in a career that would lead to his ambassadorship in the Republic of Eritrea (2004–7).

When he joined the Foreign Service, DeLisi says, “I didn't know what I was getting into. It just seemed like a good idea at the time.” In the 28 years since, the service has changed dramatically, he says. About 60% of overseas assignments are now considered hardship posts, due to health risks, isolation, and potential terrorist attacks. This year more than 1,000 of these jobs were designated “limited accompanied” (no dependent children allowed) or “unaccompanied” (no dependents allowed). The number of hardship posts has grown every year for the past five, he says, and continues to grow as terrorists target U.S.

embassies with such violence as last year's assassination attempt in Peshawar, Pakistan.

The world may have changed, but the commitment of career diplomats has not, DeLisi says. In his current State Department post as Director of Career Development and Assignments, DeLisi staffs embassies in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other troubled countries. Despite dangers and hardships, “we continue to fill every single job in these posts with volunteers.”

When he began his ambassadorship, DeLisi had already served in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Botswana embassies and also as Director of the Office of Southern African Affairs, but the Eritrea experience was unique, he says. “Until you really are the ambassador, you just do not fully appreciate how much of an impact you have.” From the moment he arrived, he says, people wanted to know what Americans think. “What's so striking to me is just how much influence you wield by what you say and do or don't say and do,” he says. “You're asked to make policy and run a mission. You go into each post with trepidation and come out a stronger officer with a new set of skills.”

As ambassador, DeLisi dealt with such challenging issues as deep-seated human rights concerns, religious freedom sanctions, and unsettled border disputes. He faced significant restrictions on movement and diplomatic pouch content. Taking strong positions on substantive issues often meant serious repercussions.

“The government was not prepared to engage cooperatively with the U.S., so we weren't able to build for the future. But I'm tremendously proud of the embassy staff, which was always prepared to do the right thing even though they knew it meant that our work would be more difficult and our living environment less comfortable as a result,” he says. “We made difficult choices every step of the way. But we did a good job assisting with development and making a difference in the lives of people. That's part of the pleasure of being an ambassador. You can make a difference on occasion.”

Looking back over his career, he remarks on the lack of cynicism among fellow officers, many of whom didn't join for patriotic reasons but quickly realized the importance of serving their nation. “That's exactly what they're doing—serving—in dangerous, difficult situations and unhealthy environments, every day of the year,” he says. “That becomes one of the greatest rewards. Very few of us will end up in history books like the Dean Achesons or George Kennans of previous generations, but we have made a difference.”

By Cathy Madison, a freelance writer/editor based in the Twin Cities

> Faculty Pers



Professor Susan Wolf and Human Rights Center co-director Kristi Rudelius-Palmer at Milestone event celebrating book releases by five faculty members



Professors Susanna Blumenthal, Myron Orfield, and Claire Hill



Professors Ruth Okediji and Francesco Parisi at reception for Julius E. Davis Chair in Law hosted by Mrs. Julius E. Davis at Minneapolis Club



Professors Amy Monahan, Meghan Ryan ('05), and Daniel Schwarcz at Milestone event celebrating book releases by five faculty members

Faculty Awards, Grants, and News



Professor Stephen F. Befort ('74) was reappointed to the Gray Plant Mooty Mooty & Bennett Professorship in

Law for a seven-year term, effective July 1, 2009.



Professor John Borrows was the inaugural appointee to the Chair in Law, Public Policy and Society for a

seven-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2009.



Professor Brad Clary ('75) was elected to the membership of the American Law Institute. He and

Professor David Stras, also elected this year, bring the Law School's elected membership in the prestigious organization to 11, plus 6 life members and 1 ex-officio member.



Professor Brian Bix taught a seminar on consent in contract law at the University of Amsterdam

Law School in June.



Professor Ann M. Burkhardt was appointed by the American College of Real Estate

Lawyers to serve as its representative to the Uniform Law Commission's Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Real Property Acts.



Professor Laura J. Cooper was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the National

Academy of Arbitrators.

pective



Professors Antony Duff (University of Stirling, Scotland), Alexandra Klass, Kevin Reitz, and David Weissbrodt at reception following Professor Duff's John Dewey Philosophy of Law guest lecture



Faculty dinner honoring Leo Raskind (foreground, back to camera), Fred Morrison (center), and Bob Levy (far right) for years of service



Jill Hasday, Mrs. Julius E. Davis, and Dean David Wippman at reception recognizing Hasday's appointment to 2009-10 Julius E. Davis Chair in Law, established by family and friends in memory of Mr. Davis ('36)



Professor Prentiss Cox ('90) testified before the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce's

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection in Washington, D.C., on July 8, 2009. The Subcommittee was hearing testimony on President Obama's proposed Consumer Financial Protection Agency and its implications for consumers and the Federal Trade Commission, as part of Congressional scrutiny of the Administration's proposal for nationwide financial regulatory reform.



Professor Michele Bratcher Goodwin was elected co-chair of the University's Women's Faculty

Cabinet, which makes recommendations on University policies affecting women faculty.



Professor Jill Hasday was appointed to the Julius E. Davis Chair in Law for a one-year term, effective July 1, 2009.



Professor Claire Hill received the Solly Robins Distinguished Research Fellowship for 2009-10.

Professor Joan S. Howland was an advisory board member, co-chair of the American program planning committee, and a speaker and moderator at the landmark China-U.S. Conference



on Legal Information and Law Libraries in Beijing, May 27-29, 2009. The conference was the first in what is intended to be a series of conferences fostering collaboration to develop better collections and resource sharing between the two countries.



Professor Bert Kritzer was appointed to the Marvin J. Sonosky Chair in Law for a seven-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2009.

Professor Myron Orfield was the faculty recipient of the 2009 Dr. Matthew Stark Award for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties for distinguished service, teaching, involvement, and leadership in civil liberties, civil rights, public education, and social justice.



In September, he was voted one of the Top 100 Urban Thinkers in a poll by Planetizen, a public-interest site for policy-makers, architects, economists, and professional urban planners and developers worldwide. Voters could select from a list created by Planetizen of people most influential in shaping cities or could suggest their own nominees.



Professor Gregory Shaffer spoke at the WTO Forum in Geneva on the role of developing countries in the WTO dispute settlement system. He also chaired the panel on Food Safety and Protection of Animals, Plants and Humans at a joint meeting of the European and American Societies of International Law in Helsinki.



Professor Robert A. Stein ('61) was elected to a two-year term as president of the Uniform Law Commission at its 2009 annual meeting and has already led the Executive Committee in creation of a new committee focusing on federalism and state law. He just completed a two-year term as chair of the ULC Executive Committee.

As chair of the Public and Professional Interest Division of the International Bar Association, Professor Stein spoke at opening ceremonies of the IBA's annual conference in Madrid in October. More than 4,500 lawyers from more than 175 countries attended the conference, the largest gathering of the international legal community in the world.

Professor David Stras was named Vance K. Opperman Research Scholar



and was elected to the membership of the American Law Institute. He also was appointed to the executive committee of the litigation practice group of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies.



Provost E. Thomas Sullivan, along with Kenneth Starr, dean and professor at Pepperdine University School of Law, shared insights and perspectives on how the U.S. Supreme Court works and how its decisions influence life in America in the University's 2009 "Great Conversations" series.



Professor Michael Tonry was appointed to the Russell M. and Elizabeth M. Bennett Chair in Excellence for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2009.



Professor David Weissbrodt was re-elected Chair of the Board of Trustees of the U.N. Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery in September at the Board's 14th annual session in Geneva.



Professor Susan Wolf and co-investigators at the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences,

FACULTY TEXTS ON OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE

Every few months, a project team at Oxford University Press selects books and monographs from among Oxford's publications and makes them available in their entirety at Oxford Scholarship Online (www.oxfordscholarship.com/oso/public/index.html). The fee-based site is intended to be a teaching and research tool.

The collection currently totals 3,036 publications, which are grouped into 18 core subject areas, among them economics and finance, law, philosophy, and political science. Libraries and other researchers can gain access to subject collections with a one-time purchase fee or by annual subscription.

Four faculty publications are among those available in the law collection:

- *The Economics of Lawmaking*, Francesco Parisi and Vincy Fon, 2009
- *Getting the Government America Deserves: How Ethics Reform Can Make a Difference*, Richard W. Painter, 2009
- *The Human Rights of Non-citizens*, David Weissbrodt, 2008
- *Proportionality Principles in American Law: Controlling Excessive Government Actions*, E. Thomas Sullivan and Richard S. Frase, 2009

including **Professor Ralph Hall**, received two grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) this fall. A \$911,559 grant will support a two-year project to develop normative consensus recommendations on managing incidental findings and individual research results in genomic research using biobanks and large archives. A \$914,044 grant will support the first systematic and comprehensive recommendations on how to protect human participants in research on nanodiagnostics and nanotherapeutics.

In October, Professor Wolf was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, one of only 65 individuals across the nation to receive the honor.

Chair in Law, Public Policy and Society Appointment Lecture

> **On Sept. 15, 2009, John Borrows** commemorated his appointment to the Chair in Law, Public Policy and Society with the lecture “Physical Philosophies: Teaching and Practicing Indigenous Law.” Anishinabe and a member of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, located on Georgian Bay of Lake Huron in Ontario, Borrows is widely recognized as North America’s leading scholar on indigenous law and an advocate for mutual respect and understanding between aboriginal and other legal communities.

“Law isn’t just an idea. Law is a set of practices,” Borrows said. Using traditional story telling to illustrate the importance of interpretation in indigenous culture, he explained the major foundations of indigenous law. Custom and tradition have a role and can be developed to remain relevant and address contemporary issues, he said. Positivist and environmental sources also provide analogies to regulate human behavior. Furthermore, indigenous law employs deliberative practices

to help solve problems in the light of past experience. In his narrative, Borrows described the special circumstances of life on an indigenous reserve, the complexity of dealing with such problems as drug abuse, the role of community, and the power of choice. Legal pluralism, acceptance of different laws and traditions within a system, is the path to protecting fundamental rights as well as diversity, he said. Making legal pluralism more vibrant, “a living reality,” is among his goals.

Before joining the Law School in 2009, Borrows was Law Foundation Chair in Aboriginal Justice at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law, helped initiate the June Callwood Program in Aboriginal Law at the University of Toronto, was the first academic director of the First Nations Legal Studies Program at the University of British Columbia, and was founder and director of the Lands, Resources, and Indigenous Governance Program at York University’s Osgoode Hall Law School. He also has been a visiting professor at



Professor John Borrows

U.S., Canadian, New Zealand, and Australian law schools. He has been recognized for his contributions and accomplishments with the National Aboriginal Achievement Award, a Trudeau fellowship, and a Canadian Society of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences fellowship, Canada’s highest academic honor.

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New 2009-10 Faculty Members >

New Faculty

The Law School welcomed two new 2009 faculty members in the Spring 2009 issue: **Professor John Borrows**, the inaugural appointee to the Chair in Law, Public Policy and Society, and Associate Professor **Amy B. Monahan**.



Jennifer M. Green joins the faculty as an associate professor of clinical instruction from her positions as senior

staff attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and adjunct professor at the International Women's Human Rights Law Clinic, City University of New York School of Law. Previously, she was clinical project supervisor and administrative director of Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program.

Green has worked with numerous human rights organizations, including advocacy work before the U.N. Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American human rights system. A long-time member of Amnesty International, she is currently a legal advisor to the Center for Justice and Accountability. Since 1990, she has worked on human rights cases in U.S. courts, including the groundbreaking *Doe v. Karadzic*, which found the Bosnian Serb leader civilly liable for war crimes and more. *Doe v. Unocal* established the principle that U.S. corporations could be sued under the Alien Tort Claims Act for complicity in human rights violations. Recently *Wiwa v. Royal Dutch Petroleum*, which she initiated in 1996 in her capacity with CCR, concluded with a \$15.5 million settlement for the families of activists murdered in Nigeria.

Green completed her J.D. at Harvard Law School in 1991. She has a B.A. in political science, international relations, and women's studies from the University of Wisconsin—Madison.

Herbert M. Kritzer, the Marvin J. Sonosky Professor of Law and an adjunct professor in the University's Department of Political Science, joins



the Law School from William Mitchell College of Law, where he taught various courses and directed the Center for the Empirical

Study of Legal Practice since 2007.

Previously, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Kritzer was a professor of political science and law, chaired the Department of Political Science from 1996-99, and directed the Legal Studies Program from 2000-04. He has also visited or taught at University College London, Rice University, Indiana University, and the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Institute at the University of Michigan.

A leading scholar on the American civil justice system and other common law systems, Kritzer has written more than 100 articles and book chapters, his most recent a study of contingency fee legal practice in the United States: *Risks, Reputations, and Rewards* (Stanford, 2004). Currently he and Peter Cane are co-editing *The Oxford Handbook of Empirical Legal Studies* (Oxford, forthcoming). His primary research and writing interests are U.S. and comparative judicial process topics and research methods.

Kritzer received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1974. He has a B.A. in sociology from Haverford College.

Visiting Professor



Ingrid Helmius joins the Law School as a visiting professor from Sweden's Uppsala University Faculty of Law,

where she is a senior lecturer. She will teach European Human Rights during the fall 2009 semester.

Helmius received her LL.M. in 1992 from Uppsala University, then worked as a lawyer at the National Police Board and taught law at the Police College in Stockholm. She returned to Uppsala

University to complete her LL.D. and is a senior lecturer on general administrative law and public law at Uppsala's Faculty of Law.

Her dissertation analyzed how the Swedish constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights limit the use of power and such measures as secret surveillance by police and public authorities. Her ongoing work retains a special focus on those issues and her interest in human rights.

At present Helmius is working on a project examining corruption and governing bodies in Swedish and European law, as well as a project scrutinizing public authorities' cooperation with private associations, both nonprofit and for-profit enterprises. Her article on public intervention in private spheres, "The Principle of Proportionality," was recently published (in Swedish) in the Uppsala Law Faculty anthology *General Principles of Public Law*. In spring 2009, she was appointed secretary by the Nordic Council of Ministers, charged with writing a public report on legal authorities in the Nordic countries.

New Affiliated Faculty

The Law School also welcomes two new affiliated faculty members. **Raul A. Marrero-Fente**, an assistant professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, has a Ph.D. and an M.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a J.D. from the University of Camaguey, Cuba. He was previously at the University of Richmond, Va., and has held visiting professorships in Chile and Spain. Among his scholarly interests are human rights, law and literature, and global studies.

Amy K. Sanders, an assistant professor teaching mass communication law and law of Internet communication in the School of Journalism & Mass Communication, completed a Ph.D. in mass communication law with an emphasis on First Amendment law at the University of Florida in 2007. She has a J.D. and an M.A. from the University of Iowa. Her research focuses on Internet defamation, indecency regulation, and media ownership issues.

> Faculty Profile

Fionnuala Ní Aoláin

Dorsey & Whitney Professor of Law

After a year as a visiting professor, Fionnuala Ní Aoláin joined the Law School faculty in 2004. She was the first woman and the first academic lawyer nominated by the Irish government to the European Court of Human Rights in 2004, and she was nominated again in 2007.

Born in a Gaelic-speaking community in western Ireland, Fionnuala Ní Aoláin recognized the importance of social justice early. With relatives in Northern Ireland, she became keenly aware of its “troubles” with England as well as with the challenges and discrimination faced by minority groups.

“I grew up in a minority-language community for whom their economic and political status in the state was quite marginal,” recalls Ní Aoláin, who spoke no English until she was 13. “It was a very activist and self-aware community. I grew up with a strong sense of being slightly on the outside.”

Her human rights awareness solidified as her law career blossomed during her Ph.D. studies at the Queen’s University in Belfast, teaching at Jerusalem’s Hebrew University, and a year’s service as a trial monitor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. She doesn’t draw a straight line from those early days to her current work but concedes that “what shapes you as a person is deeply rooted in your childhood and your sense in the universe, and you build out from that.”

A student of human rights

In addition to her Law School appointment, Ní Aoláin holds a chair in law at the University of Ulster. There she co-founded and co-directs the Transitional Justice Center, which focuses on law and its application in countries and communities emerging from conflict. She spends about 20% of her time at the Center, down from an earlier 50% as her family has grown to three children. (She’s married to Law School Professor Oren Gross.) The dual appointment works out, she

says, because of Minnesota’s “capacity to accommodate professors like me, and globalization and international work. The school acknowledges people can and do have multiple relationships.”

Ní Aoláin brought a decorated career to the Law School, including stints at Harvard Law School and Princeton University, receipt of the Alon Prize, Robert Schumann and Fulbright scholarships, and more. This fall she applied her expertise to organizing a Law School conference on exceptional courts and military commissions. Representatives from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Human Rights First, and many other organizations gathered to study special courts set up by various countries to deal with terrorists and internal insurgents bent on undermining state control.

The concept of “exceptionalism” is worrisome to Ní Aoláin. She’s seen firsthand, living in Northern Ireland and Israel, the use of anti-terrorism legislation and the power of the state to battle domestic insurgency. In their award-winning book *Law in Times of Crisis*, she and Professor Gross examine both the theory and practice of emergency powers.

“When we undermine the rule of law—despite the claims that it is to good end—we do enormous harm to our legal system and to our political system,” Ní Aoláin says. Countries lose their moral authority when they violate their legal principles by creating secretive special courts or targeting specific individuals.

Instead, she says, employing local courts offers “legal learning” and opportunities for the state to take “legal responsibility” for criminal pros-



ecution. While serving in the former Yugoslavia she recalls watching a trial “in a courtroom that had been entirely bombed out, where the roof consisted of plastic sheeting.” Despite the environment, the courts still generally exercised standards of fairness, she notes.

Human rights at home

Another research focus for Ní Aoláin is women’s rights in, as she terms them, “conflict and post-conflict” societies. Although male combatants can be disarmed, she says, “that doesn’t stop them from being violent.” Domestic violence often surges after a period of conflict.

Ní Aoláin has talked to many women in many societies and says “most will tell you they experience violence as a simultaneous or continual thing. People will say the war is over, but it means the war is over only between male combatants in the public space.” She and two co-authors are at work on a book examining law and violence against women (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

The Law School is a good match for her, Ní Aoláin says, and for others with an interest in human rights. “Our professors have deep experience with international organizations and bodies. We have the best human rights lawyers in the country, arguably in the world, and that makes for an incredible synergy.”

By Frank Jossi, a freelance writer based in St. Paul

> Student Per



John Morgan ('10) serves hearty gumbo to Professor Brad Clary ('75), one of nearly 200 supporters at fundraiser for New Orleans Legal Assistance Minnesota



Incoming students make new friends at picnic on Law School grounds



Law School Class of 2012

Student Profiles

SUAAD ABBAS SALMAN ALLAMI
2009-10 HUMPHREY
HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOW



> After the fall of Saddam Hussein, Sadr City became one of the most dangerous places in Iraq. The eastern Baghdad suburb is often described as a

“Shiite slum,” home to loyalists of Muqtada al-Sadr, a fiery cleric whose followers sometimes battle U.S. and Iraqi government forces.

It’s also home to Suaad Abbas Salman Allami, a lawyer who worked in family law before the 2003 American invasion. After the collapse of civil society, Allami stayed in Sadr City, a dusty, crowded place of at least a million people. “They are poor people,” Allami says. “They lack the basic needs of life.”

So Allami helped. She opened a center that offered free legal services, medical exams, childcare, and vocational training. She learned about abuses at the Kadhamiya Women’s Prison and escorted CNN camera crews inside, which led to reforms. As one of only two women on the 40-member Baghdad District Council, she spoke out for women’s rights.

Such actions attract notice—and

death threats—in Iraq. “Some people advise me to leave,” Allami says. But she doesn’t want to go. “I live among them. I help them. I can’t leave them.”

One day in 2006, men with guns kidnapped Allami. Before releasing her one day later, they demanded to know her motives, who she worked for, if she was a Shia or Sunni Muslim. When asked that final question, Allami has a single answer—for kidnapers, judges, reporters, or anyone else. “I am Iraqi,” she says. “I work with all and have a good relationship with all.”

The possibility of death doesn’t seem to faze Allami. “My God will help me,” she says. “I do not care for my own safety.”

A \$700,000 grant from the U.S. government has allowed her to open up four more “one-stop” centers, and she now heads a nongovernmental organization called Women for Progress that manages these activities.

spective



Speakers and attendees take a break at the annual *Minnesota Law Review Symposium*



Most popular line at orientation program: buffet



Nathan Wersal ('12) clarifies a point at *Minnesota Law Review Symposium*

Earlier this year, the U.S. State Department selected Allami to receive its 2009 International Women of Courage Award, one of only eight women chosen worldwide.

Asked whether she plans to return to Sadr City after her fellowship at the Law School ends, Allami doesn't hesitate. "Of course," she says.

KHALED AL TAL

LL.M. CLASS OF 2010

> Family tradition suggests Khaled

Al Tal of Jordan should strive for political power. His father is an Army general. His uncle has held several senior government positions, including deputy prime minister and justice minister. But Al Tal, 32, isn't interested in such talk. "I have no political ambition," he says. "I just want to be a successful lawyer."

For the past nine years, Al Tal has worked hard at accomplishing that goal. After earning an LL.B. from the University of Jordan in 2000, he worked as a trainee attorney for three years. He passed the bar exam and got



a job at Hikma Pharmaceuticals in Amman, the Jordanian capital. When Hikma, the largest drug seller in the Arab world, went public, Al Tal helped out on the IPO. "It was challenging," he says. "It was a new concept in Jordan. We had to comply with many, many regulations."

In 2005, Al Tal joined Hisham Al Tal Law Office, a 12-person firm owned by his uncle, who "gave me some accounts and left me alone," Al Tal says. The timing was nearly perfect.

Amman, a city of about 2 million people, began experiencing a construction boom. Developers needed attorneys to negotiate meticulous financing deals with banks.

Al Tal helped secure \$154 million for the Abdali Boulevard Project, an ambitious housing/retail/office complex in downtown Amman. Arranging the funding proved to be an arduous task, requiring "endless meetings" and intricate legal and financial knowledge, Al Tal recalls. "To be honest, I was struggling," he says. His more experienced colleagues noticed his potential, however, and encouraged him to study for an LL.M.

Since arriving at the Law School a few months ago, Al Tal's workload has been heavy. "I'm up to my head in assignments," he says. "I'm still in shock." But he knows that learning more about contracts, anti-trust laws, and corporations will help him compete with the best in the world. His Jordanian friends have told him, "Khaled, when you come back, a new horizon will open for you."

GEORGE H. NORRIS

CLASS OF 2010



> **Determining whether a Rwandan colonel is guilty of genocide and crimes against humanity is a complex and daunting task. The defendant—Tharcisse Renzaho, Kigali City governor and an officer in the Rwandan Armed Forces—claimed he had no part in the 1994 massacre of 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus. But some witnesses at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) testified that as commander of the local police force, Renzaho set up roadblocks that made stopping and killing fleeing Tutsis easier.**

George H. Norris, a 3L student, spent the summer of 2008 in Tanzania, working for the ICTR. He was one of the people charged with combing through witness testimony in the Renzaho case and sorting out fact from fiction.

“We want it to be right,” Norris

says. “We want it to be flawless. We want it to set precedent so we can really say that as a tribunal, we weighed guilt and innocence and did our job in an impartial manner.”

Norris, a native Midwesterner (born in Pittsburgh, raised in a small Iowa town), studied religion and philosophy at Macalester College. During summer breaks, he patched roofs and built wheelchair ramps for the poor as an Appalachia Service Project volunteer. After graduation, he volunteered again—this time for the U.S. Peace Corps in Ifugao, Philippines.

Those experiences inspired Norris to focus on human rights and international law as a Law School student. He’s been involved in both scholarly and field activities. This year, he’s co-editor-in-chief of the *Minnesota Journal of International Law*. In 2007, he took statements from Liberian civil war participants and victims at an African refugee camp.

The biggest influence on Norris may have been his internship at the ICTR. In July, that international court found Renzaho guilty of genocide and crimes against humanity. He was sentenced to life in prison. Even though the ruling happened 15 years after the mass killings in Rwanda, Norris believes it matters. “The threat of prosecution may deter someone from acting this way in the future,” he says. “I do believe it makes a difference.”

After graduation, Norris plans to pursue a career in international law. “It’s what gets me fired up,” he says.

ELSA BULLARD

CLASS OF 2011



> **Like many high school students, Elsa Bullard spent the summer before her senior year visiting college campuses. None of the dozen or so universities struck her fancy. “I had this idea that college should be a pinnacle event,” she says.**

Then the Minnesota native stumbled upon an ad for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Its emphasis on academics and physical and military skills appealed to her. “Yeah,” she remembers thinking, “that’s the kind of challenge I’m looking for.”

After graduating from West Point, Bullard, now a 2L student, served as an officer in the Military Police Corps in Germany, Kosovo, and South Korea. Unlike some other positions in the U.S. Army, women MPs see a lot of action, and that’s what she wanted. “As a military police officer, we’re boots on the ground, on the front line,” Bullard

Student News >



Lauren Beach ('11) received a 2009 scholarship covering tuition, books, and living expenses from the Point Foundation, which is dedicated to providing students skills for exceptional leadership, in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and across the world. Beach is in the University’s Joint Degree Program in Law, Health, & the Life Sciences and is simultaneously pursuing a Ph.D. in the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology & Genetics.

Mikka Gee Conway ('11) received a 2009 Arent Fox Diversity Scholarship, part of the firm’s larger effort to attract top lawyers from diverse backgrounds, which carries a \$15,000 award and a summer associate position. Conway worked in the Arent Fox Washington, D.C., office over the summer, doing research, writing, and analysis of assigned issues. She also worked on pro bono cases providing counseling and litigation assistance for individual and nonprofit clients. The position was “challenging, but fascinating,” Conway says, and allowed her to apply what she’d learned at the Law School plus gain exposure to new areas of law.

says. “We get to do anything.”

In Kosovo, that included searching homes, a job that’s arguably as dangerous as being an infantry soldier. (Military rules prevent women from serving in many combat jobs.) By the time of her final deployment in Daegu, South Korea, Bullard was serving as company commander responsible for 238 U.S. and Korean soldiers.

“It was fantastic,” she says. But she was looking for another challenge. “I was only affecting people in the military. I wanted to get out and have a bigger effect on the world.”

Bullard considered studying for a master’s degree in public policy but chose to study law because of the intellectual challenge and the diversity of job possibilities. In her first year at the Law School, she enjoyed contracts and civil procedure classes.

During the summer, Bullard argued cases for the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office Family Law Division. She’s looking forward to the Immigration-Human Rights Clinic, in part because it will be hands-on. And she won a spot on the *Minnesota Law Review*.

In short, she’s taking a quick assessment of the situation and will soon make a decision about her future. “I could be happy doing a lot of things,” she says. “It’s kind of an exciting time.”

PHIL BRODEEN

CLASS OF 2012

> Over Labor Day weekend, Phil Brodeen returned home to visit his



family, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa in northeastern Minnesota. He carried a heavy load of legal books with him so he could prepare for his first semester at the Law School. “It looked like I had a small library in my bag,” he says.

Before diving into his legal studies, he wanted to spend time with his 78-year-old grandfather. Brodeen didn’t learn much Anishinaabemowin, the tribe’s native tongue, as a child, but he immersed himself in the language as an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota. Now when he’s home, he and his grandfather converse in Anishinaabemowin, even if the verb tenses and vocabulary sometimes prove problematic.

Brodeen also embraces other traditional practices, such as moose hunting and netting. “I absolutely love hunting and fishing,” he says. “My grandparents

did it. My Mom and I do it. And my kids will do it.”

As an undergraduate, Brodeen majored in sociology and American Indian studies. In 2008, he won the Morris K. Udall Native American Congressional Internship, a highly competitive award given to just 13 students nationwide. During his three-month stint in Washington, D.C., Brodeen monitored American Indian issues on Capitol Hill as an aide to Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-South Dakota).

The internship didn’t imbue him with a desire to seek political office, but he does plan to focus on Native American issues after graduation. “I don’t think I’d like to be a politician,” says the soft-spoken Brodeen. “But I would like to represent Native American tribes in negotiations and litigation and start working on tribal constitutions.”

The Law School is the right place for that. Brodeen is enrolled in this fall’s constitutional law course, taught by a new member of the Law School faculty, John Borrows, who is widely considered one of the world’s leading authorities in indigenous rights and governance. Now the course’s massive tome is one of the many books Brodeen lugs home.

Home is a place he won’t forget. “There’s a sense of pride about being from our area,” he says.

By Todd Melby, a freelance writer and radio producer based in Minneapolis

Student Editors this year are:

- *ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law*: Editor-in-Chief, Jack Sullivan ('10)
- *Law and Inequality*: Editor-in-Chief, Jennifer Cornell ('10); Executive Editor, Jill McKiernan ('10)
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- *Minn. Law Review*: Editor-in-Chief, Kristin Zinsmaster Sargent ('10)



> Alumni Pers



Medtronic Vice President and Senior Counsel Michelle Miller ('86), with Dean David Wippman, speaking to 1Ls at a November Dean's Leadership Breakfast



Walter F. Mondale ('56) at annual Lockhart Club dinner



F. Kelton ('50) and Dorothy Gage at the Lockhart Club Dinner

Alumni Profiles

CONSTANCE BERRY NEWMAN CLASS OF 1959



> **As special counsel for African affairs for Carmen Group, Inc., Constance Berry Newman focuses on business development in the toughest areas first. She is well acquainted with**

getting things done despite barriers.

Newman encountered barriers in the 1960s when, with a law degree and three years of university work experience in France, the only federal government job she could get was clerk typist. That slowed her progress, she says, "but I learned a lot along the way. When I started running large government organizations, they couldn't fool me about getting things done."

Attending NAACP meetings with her father, a surgeon and NAACP board member, inspired Newman to study law. "It was an outstanding education because of the requirement to do the research and get the facts. For testifying in Congress, the training in law school was so good for me."

Working in France and for the World Bank in Africa, Newman learned the facts about cultural differences by observation. "What you think

you may be seeing is not what you are seeing. It requires listening and hanging back." She laughs, "It's not American!"

Newman worked on the War on Poverty early in her government career, which she topped off as assistant administrator for Africa for USAID and assistant secretary of state for African affairs. Africa captured her heart with "a very infectious spirit in people doing the best they can and sharing everything," Newman says. "There's unfairness to poverty. I owe it to the continent and world to try to reverse that."

An award-winning photographer, Newman is preparing an exhibit of photographs taken after the Kenyan election conflict and one year later. She led an election-monitoring delegation in Kenya and has monitored elections in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Russia, and

pective



1Ls absorb all the opportunities described by alumni speaker at Dean's Leadership Breakfast



At October Dean's Leadership Breakfast, Arne Sorenson ('83) tells 1Ls how the Law School prepared him to be president and COO at Marriott



Dick ('46) and Ginnie Post at the Lockhart Club Dinner

the Ukraine as a board member of the International Republican Institute.

It's ideal work for a keen observer who can't be fooled by barriers.

TOM ANDERSON

CLASS OF 1975

> **"It takes a city to fly an airplane"** could be Tom Anderson's paraphrase of a familiar axiom. As general counsel for the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), he deals with all aspects of the "city" that is Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and six reliever airports.

After an internship with the Environmental Protection Agency, Anderson worked at Oppenheimer in Minneapolis. His handling of airport-related cases for the firm led to a job as MAC's first in-house legal counsel. Now, 30 years on, his team includes five



attorneys plus paralegals and secretaries.

Communication is key for an agency whose public legal issues include everything from Northwest Airlines' bankruptcy and merger with Delta to much less visible issues, such

as construction and maintenance. Law school gave him the tools he needed, he says. "Fundamentally I gained the ability to think like a lawyer, analyze, research, and communicate."

Anderson is front and center in court cases involving his particular expertise, including litigation with cities near the airport. But much of his practice focuses on mediation and settlement discussions, such as the case involving six imams arrested on a US Airways jet in the Twin Cities. His understanding of the complexity of the operation and the interests of various constituencies is helpful, as is his ability to apply Law School lessons about working through complex problems, he says. "The legal scrapes we find ourselves in are not typical two-party disputes or transactions. We work with several entities that may have competing interests, or on financing

arrangements with tenants, banks, and the legislature.”

Anderson volunteers with writing programs and moot courts at the Law School, a group of Minneapolis churches, and the Airport Foundation of Minnesota. And even though their kids have outgrown it, he and his wife, Kathryn Hagen, decamp annually to the YMCA’s Camp du Nord to assist families and teach kayaking. His contributions are evident, in the village it takes to raise a child and the city it takes to fly a plane.

ARNE SORENSON CLASS OF 1983



> In 1993, Arne Sorenson was dividing Marriott into two entities and handily dealing with the lawsuits filed in response. Three years later, Bill Marriott was on the phone asking Sorenson to join the company. Sorenson says he loved practice at Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C., but the call came when he was “involved in another totally wasteful trial of one family member against another.”

He joined Marriott as senior vice president of business development, and by 1998, he was CFO. He was well-qualified for business positions after years of trial experience with busted deals, commercial and real estate disputes, hostile takeovers, and thrift work.

Sorenson was put in charge of European lodging operations in 2003 and felt right at home overseas, having

been born in Japan while his parents were missionaries. The family traveled extensively, a tradition Arne and Ruth Sorenson continue with their children.

In 2009, Sorenson became Marriott’s president and COO. “One of the great things about law school is that the training tees one up for two or three different careers,” he reflects. He embodied that message when he addressed 1Ls at the October Dean’s Leadership Breakfast. During the “intensely legal debates” that are part of judgment making for a corporate executive, he says he uses the Law School’s “rigor around logic.”

On one subject there is no debate. “It’s essential that we wake up and look at what we’re doing to the environment,” insists Sorenson, who co-chairs Marriott’s Green Council and drives a Prius. He is excitedly tracking an experimental partnership in Brazil, where Marriott and its customers are funding protection of 1.4 million acres of rainforest and supporting employment of its residents.

“One of the tremendous opportunities as a global corporation is that you can make small changes and make a big difference,” he says. “One pen made of recycled plastic is virtually nothing, but multiplied 20 million times it can have an impact.”

CHEREÉ HASWELL JOHNSON CLASS OF 2003

> As a clarinetist in Florida A&M University’s marching band, Chereé Haswell Johnson stayed in step with the group. Otherwise, she follows her own beat.

As a girl, Johnson liked tinkering and science, and planned to be a Supreme Court justice. At Florida A&M on a NASA scholarship, she majored in chemical engineering, her first step toward practicing patent law. During law school, she worked for 3M, which hired her full time as a product-development engineer, then as a patent attorney.

After an introduction to a Cargill hiring team by Assistant Vice President and Chief Trademark Counsel Ron



Hunter (’78), who met Johnson while she was a law student, she joined the company in 2006. At Cargill she expanded her portfolio, negotiating contracts, securing technology rights, and crafting confidentiality and joint development agreements.

Now at Pittsburgh-based H.J. Heinz, she assists in securing and identifying its innovative technologies across the globe. She became the company’s first chief innovation counsel in 2009. “It’s not just patents or negotiations,” Johnson explains, “but helping all employees recognize they have innovations and how we can capitalize on those.” Her earlier work in labs and plants helps her understand “technical speak” and build trust with her clients, she says, many of whom are engineers.

When she was considering Minnesota, Law School students helped her understand the community, and now she connects with prospective students and contributes Web site content as ways of giving back. She and husband Steffan hope to impart the values that helped them succeed to their daughter, Paige, and the son due in December. Johnson also serves as a role model for the fourth graders her mother teaches in Miami. “Some kids seemingly don’t have futures,” she says. “I try to let them believe in themselves, no matter what the circumstances.”

As for that plan to be a Supreme Court justice? Stay tuned.

By Karen K. Hansen, a Minneapolis-based freelance writer and clarinetist

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Alumni Rise to the *Partners at Work Challenge*



Dean David Wippman (third from left) greets Marianne Short, George Eck ('77), and Ivan Ludmer ('08) of Dorsey & Whitney



Tom King ('65) and Charles Diessner ('69) in foreground, and Sherrill Oman ('82) with Dean David Wippman in background, of Fredrikson & Byron



Michael Reif ('06) and Brent Reichert ('82) of Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi with Dean David Wippman

> **More University of Minnesota** Law School alumni accepted the *Partners at Work Challenge* in the program's second year, not only supporting their alma mater's professional excellence but also demonstrating their personal commitment. At 58%, the participation rate exceeded last year's rate by 10% among the 32 firms and companies participating in the Challenge.

The *Partners at Work Challenge* builds upon a vital network of alumni, students, firms, and employers. Its goal is to recognize firms and organizations with five or more Law School alumni working as a team to support the school. As part of the Challenge, each employer has *Partners at Work* agents who lead the charge at their firm or company and are instrumental in helping the Law School break participation records.

Barbara D'Aquila ('79) at Fulbright & Jaworski, Thor Lundgren ('74) at

Michael Best, and Bucky Zimmerman ('72) at Zimmerman Reed led their firms to 100% participation. Many organizations improved on their previous participation rates and are well on their way to reaching 100% participation for next year's Challenge. Michael P. Sullivan Jr. ('96) and Sitso Bediako ('08) helped Gray Plant Mooty lead the pack among employers with 25 or more alumni by reaching 82% participation.

At the end of each Challenge (which runs for the fiscal year, ending June 30), an Honor Roll is published and delivered to alumni at participating employers. In addition, a large sign hanging in the Office of Career & Professional Development acknowledges *Partners at Work Challenge* participants. This recognition enhances participants' exposure among our law students—some of the brightest recruiting prospects in the country.

This year's Challenge continues the

theme "Together 100%: One Gift, Every Year." *Partners at Work* gifts can be earmarked for scholarships, clinical programs, the *Partners in Excellence* annual fund, or other funds. All gifts to the *Partners in Excellence* annual fund support the Law School's most pressing needs and are committed largely to the critical areas of financial aid, scholarships, clinics, journals, student organizations, alumni activities, symposia, and conferences.

For more information or to volunteer as a *Partners at Work* captain for your organization, please contact Joe Thiels at thiels@umn.edu or 612-626-5363.

To see more about the *Partners at Work Challenge*, participating organizations, and participation rates, visit www.law.umn.edu/alumni/partnersatwork.html.

By Marc Peña, former Assistant Director for Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

Building a South Korean Alumni Chapter

> Business lawyer and South Korea

native Woodrow Byun ('93) has long believed the Law School should continue to broaden and solidify its international ties, especially in Asian countries where booming economies have created a strong desire for degrees from American institutions. Among his goals has been to start an alumni group in South Korea, and on a trip to his home country in July 2009, he involved fellow alumni in hopes of igniting a movement toward that goal.

Byun met with more than 30 South Korean alumni in Seoul at an “expensive restaurant” selected by the alumni. When Dean David Wippman became ill during the trip, Byun stepped in to represent the Law School.

“The alumni really liked the meeting because not everyone knows each other and we had a chance to put them together,” Byun says. “Many of them are attorneys working for the government or large corporations that are household names, like Hyundai and Samsung. There’s another group that works as prosecutors or for financial institutions and large firms.”

No Law School dean has ever visited South Korea, says Byun, nor has anyone ever attempted to bring together alumni in the country. Representing Minnesota, Byun visited three of “the finest universities in South Korea” to feel out the potential for collaboration, such as semester exchanges or summer programs along the lines of what the Law School has done with Renmin University in Beijing.

The Law School has about 100 South Korean alumni, Byun says, many with significant posts, and their support could lead to future opportunities in two significant ways. One, alumni have been promoting the Law School and will continue to endorse it to Korean students looking for an American school with an international outlook



Professor O.R. Song, Professor Sang J. Jong, Woodrow Byun ('93), Dean Kon Sik Kim of Seoul National University Law School, Keum Sub Park (LL.M. '04), and Professor S. Y. Song

and a strong LL.M. program. Second, the Law School could benefit financially at some point.

“I see a great potential for our graduates to help promote and publicize the LL.M. program to more students, and it’s a chance for the school to develop relationships with students who now work for large and important companies,” Byun says. “We have a Minnesota graduate who works in the general counsel’s office at Samsung, which manufactures half of all the flat screen televisions in the world. That’s an important company that could at some point make a contribution to the Law School. I’m not suggesting that is going to happen, but it certainly doesn’t hurt us to have alumni in these multinational South Korean companies.”

A tireless promoter of the Law School and of globalizing the student body, Byun would like to see continued efforts to start alumni groups in other Asian countries. The Law School needs to build its brand in

Asia, and involving alumni is one of the best approaches toward that effort, he believes.

Law School Dean David Wippman agrees. “The Law School has long had ties to South Korea and looks forward to reinvigorating our relationships with alumni and prospective students there. These ties are part of a broader effort to enrich the educational experience at the Law School by expanding our global connections,” Wippman says, adding that he is grateful to Byun for helping so effectively in this effort.

It’s up to the South Korean alumni to form a chapter, but Byun expresses confidence that will happen. “We’re unique in that we built up such a large base of Korean students in such a short time,” he says. “I think the dean has a good plan for reconnecting with Korean alumni, who have been beneficiaries of the Law School and can now become benefactors.”

By Frank Jossi, a freelance writer based in St. Paul

Class Notes



News About Your Classmates and Colleagues

1941

Herbert Cook has been inducted into the Bethlehem Academy Court of Honor for his years of support and fundraising efforts for the school.

1947



Myron H. Bright has reached an important milestone in Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals history. As of April 2009, Judge Bright had been hearing cases with

the Eighth Circuit for 40 years and 8 months, longer than any other judge appointed to this court.

1952

Wayne G. Johnson retired from the City Council of Silver Bay, Minn., on May 18, 2009, after serving the city for more than 50 years. He had previously served as city attorney for Beaver Bay, Minn., for more than 50 years, the longest-serving city attorney in the United States.

1954

James D. Rogers has been appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Substance Abuse by the president of the ABA. He has also been appointed chair of the Committee on Senior Driving Issues by the chair of the Senior Lawyers Division of the ABA.

1956

Walter Mondale was selected by the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan to receive the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Paulownia Flowers, the highest award in the Orders of the Rising Sun and one of the highest Japanese Imperial Decorations. The award is given for contributions to the nation and public in politics, business, culture, and the arts.

Vice President Mondale was the U.S. Ambassador to Japan from 1993-96.

Allen Saeks received the 2009 Professionalism Award from the Hennepin County Bar Association (see p. 48).

1961

Robert Struyk was named the new chair of the McKnight Foundation Board of Directors.

1963

John Karalis completed *Without Footnotes* (see p. 16).

1965

Richard Bowman was selected to receive the 2009 Mount Vernon (Iowa) Community School District Alumni Achievement Award, given for accomplishments and contributions to his profession and high moral character. He received the award from the Alumni Association of Mount Vernon High School, where he graduated in 1958, during its homecoming events this fall.

1967

Ford Robbins has published a collection of his black-and-white photographs of the land, sky, and waters in *Connections: A Visual Journal* (Red Mountain Press, 2009).

1969



Thomas Chomicz was selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2010.

David A. Stofferahn, a judge on the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals since 2002, was reappointed by Gov. Tim Pawlenty ('86) to a six-year term, expiring Jan. 5, 2015.

1971

Michael V. Ciresi of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi was named one of the Top 10 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2009. He has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

1972

Charles A. Parsons Jr. and Moss & Barnett's real estate practice group were selected for inclusion in the Chambers USA directory for 2009.

1973

Alan C. Eidsness of Henson & Efron was named one of the Top 10 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2009.

1974

Philip Haleen joined Bryan Cave's Hamburg office as of counsel, where he focuses on international tax matters and franchise and distribution law. With experience in European treaty issues concerning distribution from an antitrust perspective, he also advises clients on cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions.

1976

Robert Bennett was selected to receive the Minnesota State Bar Association's most prestigious award, the Professional Excellence Award, presented annually to members who have demonstrated substantial efforts to advance the legal profession and administration of justice. He is being honored for his pro bono work representing injured victims as part of the I-35W Bridge Collapse Consortium.

SEND US YOUR NEWS >

Your classmates, and the Law School, would love to know what important things are going on in your life, and we welcome your submissions for the Class Notes section of *Perspectives*. To be included in the next issue, your items must reach us by March 1, 2010. Submit your news via our Web site at <http://www.law.umn.edu/alumni/updates.html>, via email at lawalum@umn.edu, or via mail to the Office of Alumni Relations, University of Minnesota Law School, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455. We look forward to hearing from you, and thanks for keeping in touch!

1977

James M. Lyon was selected to serve as acting president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis until a permanent president is chosen. He has been with the Minneapolis Federal Reserve since 1977, first as a staff attorney and since 2000 as chief operating officer and first vice president.

James V. Roth was named Deputy Advocate-General for the Washington, D.C.-based International Human Rights Tribunal, a global citizens' commission established to bring overlooked human rights issues to light and make a structured effort to find resolutions. He has most recently worked as of counsel at Frank W. Levin, Minneapolis, handling appeals of social security disability cases.

George T. Skibine was named interim chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission, to serve until President Obama makes a permanent appointment. Skibine will continue as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Indian Affairs during the interim post.

1979

Lynn M. Roberson was elected treasurer of the Atlanta Bar Association for the 2009-10 year.

Kevin H. Roche was appointed to the Board of Directors of Virtual Radiologic Corp., a global provider of teleradiology services. He is a managing partner at Vita Advisors, a mergers-and-acquisition advisory firm for the healthcare industry.

1980

Paul Fjelstad is the 2009 president of the Kitsap County (Washington) Bar Association. He also administers votingforjudges.org, a Web site providing information on judicial elections in Washington, which has received the King County (Washington) Bar Association's President's Award, the ABA's Silver Gavel Award, and the Foundation for Improvement of Justice's Chapman Award.

Katherine Hadley has been appointed director of the St. Paul Public Library.

1981



James J. Bender, general counsel at the Williams Companies Inc., was a recipient of a 2009 Legends in the Law

Burton award, given for exemplary leadership, reputation, and experience in the legal profession and handling of nationally or globally important issues. He was nominated by Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson P.C.

Ronald J. Schutz of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi was named one of the Top 10 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2009.

Dan Solomon is CEO of Virilion, a digital communications and marketing agency that was recognized by *Inc.* magazine as one of the nation's 5000 fastest-growing companies in 2009, the third year in a row.

Michael W. Unger was selected to receive the Minnesota State Bar Association's most prestigious award, the Professional Excellence Award, presented annually to members who have demonstrated substantial efforts to advance the legal profession and administration of justice. He is being honored for his pro bono work representing the family of one of the people killed in the I-35W bridge collapse. He was also named one of Minnesota's Top 40 plaintiffs' personal injury attorneys by *Minnesota Law & Politics* magazine for the fifth consecutive year.

1983

B. Todd Jones was named U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota and chair of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys (see p. 48).

Paul C. Peterson, a partner in Lind Jensen Sullivan & Peterson's Minneapolis office, was appointed to the Minnesota Client Security Board by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

1984

Kathleen Blatz was elected to the Board of Trustees of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and received the Award for Distinguished Service to State Government from the National Governors Association (see p. 48).

1985



Derek L. Sorenson, a partner in Quarles & Brady's Phoenix office, was selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2010.

1986

Joseph R. Klein was appointed to Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District trial court bench in July 2009. He has worked at Andrew P. Sherwood in Roseville, Minn., since 2006 and was house counsel for the Progressive Group of Insurance Companies.



Jonathan Parritz, a partner at Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand's Minneapolis office, was named a 2008 Attorney of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer* in its 10th annual award selections announced earlier this year. He was honored for his role in winning a class action trial verdict against Wal-Mart on behalf of more than 56,000 hourly employees.

1987

Aimée M. Bissonette has published *Cyberlaw: Maximizing Safety and Minimizing Risk in Classrooms* (Corwin Press, 2009). The book focuses on the legal risks associated with computers and the Internet in K-12 classrooms and is intended for teachers, administrators, media specialists, and IT staff.

Alumni News >

Kathleen Ann Blatz ('84), the first woman to become Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court (1998-2006), was one of three state officials nationwide selected to receive the Award for Distinguished Service to State Government from the National Governors Association at its 2009 annual meeting. During her time on the bench, the long-time children's rights advocate led reformation of the state's child protection system and spearheaded the Children's Justice Initiative, designed to more quickly move abused and neglected children out of foster care. In addition, during her eight terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives, she chaired the Crime and Family Law committee and sponsored legislation to help pregnant, drug-addicted women.

Blatz was nominated for the award by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty ('86), a member of the NGA Executive

Committee, for her years of devoted public service in Minnesota.

B. Todd Jones ('83) was confirmed as U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota on Aug. 7, 2009. Jones appointed Greg G. Brooker ('85) to continue in his position as civil division chief and named Carol M. Kayser ('88) narcotics crimes section chief.

Also in August, Jones was appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder to chair the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC) of U.S. Attorneys, a committee of the U.S. Department of Justice that offers policy and management counsel to the Attorney General and represents U.S. Attorneys in decision making at the Justice Department.

Jones has held both positions before. He served as U.S. Attorney for Minnesota from 1998 until early 2001, the first black U.S. Attorney in Minnesota history.

During the period of 1999-2001, he was a member, vice chair, and chair of the AGAC. He has worked with Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi since 2001.

Allen I. Saeks ('56) received the 2009 Professionalism Award from the Hennepin County Bar Association in the lawyer category, given for best representing the legal profession's "spirit of public service and promotion of the highest level of competence, integrity, and ethical conduct." He has been a commercial and business litigator with Leonard, Street and Deinard for nearly 50 years. Previously chair of its litigation practice group, he is now its general counsel and a shareholder.

Saeks also was selected by *Minnesota Lawyer* to receive its Outstanding Service to the Profession Award for longtime service to the legal community and the people it serves.

Diane Bratvold, a shareholder at Briggs and Morgan, has been named president-elect of the Eighth Circuit Bar Association. In her more than 18 years of practice, her primary focus has been handling civil appeals in several federal and state appellate courts, including the Minnesota Court of Appeals, Minnesota Supreme Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Circuits.

Gary A. Debele of Walling, Berg & Debele was named one of the Top 10 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2009.

Michael Piazza joined the Orange County office of Greenberg Traurig LLP as a shareholder. He will lead the securities litigation practice group and focus on securities, intellectual property, and complex commercial litigation.

1988

Maura O'Connor was elected vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. As chair of its Industrial Land Use Committee, she has led explorations of California Environmental Quality Act reform initiatives and testified at L.A. Planning Commission and Redevelopment Agency hearings on the need to preserve the region's industrial land.

1989

Grant C. Killoran was named a shareholder at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong S.C. in Milwaukee. He focuses his practice on complex business and health care disputes and also devotes a portion of his time to arts and entertainment law.

1990

Kristine Kubes was appointed to a four-year term on the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design by Gov. Tim Pawlenty ('86). She chairs the 21-member board, charged with protecting public health, safety, and welfare.

1991

Chad Baruch received a 2008 Standing Ovation Award from the State Bar of Texas for his extraordinary volunteer contributions to the bar's professional development program, TexasBarCLE.

Jonathan Redgrave was named partner at Nixon Peabody and will lead the newly formed Information Law team in focusing on high-value e-discovery/electronic data protection strategies, management, compliance, conflict resolution, and risk avoidance.

He also was recognized by Chambers USA as one of America's leading lawyers in business.

1992

Dan Simon has opened a new office of Twin Cities Mediation in the Highland Park neighborhood of St. Paul. He founded the company, which provides transformative mediation of all types of disputes, in 1998.

Elizabeth Truesdell Smith was named general counsel for Minneapolis-based Allina Hospitals and Clinics in 2009. She has been with Allina since 2000, when she joined its Legal and Risk Management Department. In 2007, she became vice president of its medical-legal team and focused on clinical practice and health care quality issues.

Kanad Virk joined Standard Bank and has relocated to Singapore. He was previously with Goldman Sachs in London.

1993

Carol Eiden and her husband Jon Woerdehoff are the proud parents of a baby girl, Alycia Florence Woerdehoff, who will be one year old on Nov. 24, 2009.



Bill Stock is the author of a book chapter, "School Sponsorship of International Students: Regulatory

Compliance Perspectives," on how schools can best ensure institutional and student compliance with U.S. immigration laws. It appears in *International Students: Strengthening a Critical Resource* (American Council on Education, 2009), which reviews best practices colleges and universities should follow to recruit and retain international students.

1994

Brian Swanson joined Virtual Law Partners LLP as a partner. He focuses his practice on health care, commercial and technology transactions, and acting as outsourced in-house counsel for early-stage companies.

1996

Deborah Misir became a partner in the New York firm of Lally, Mahon & Rooney LLP.

1997

Jennifer Ampulski has been named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of 1% of U.S. lawyers. Fellows are chosen on the basis of effectiveness and accomplishment in trial and appellate-level litigation and superior ethical reputation.

Stephanie Hill has formed her own firm, Keystone Legal PLLC, where she specializes in sophisticated commercial real estate transactions and new markets tax credits.

Bethany A. Fountain Lindberg was appointed to Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District bench by Gov. Tim Pawlenty ('86) in October, filling a vacancy left by a retiring judge. She was formerly chief attorney in the Family Law Division and chief attorney of the Child Support Enforcement Unit in the Anoka County Attorney's office, and an assistant Anoka County attorney.

Tracie Olson has been named the Public Defender of Yolo County, Calif., which encompasses the agricultural regions of the state's Central Valley and the Sacramento River delta.



Hoyt R. Stastney, a partner in Quarles & Brady's Milwaukee office, was selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best

Lawyers in America 2010.

Shanna Strowbridge was promoted to partner at Krass Monroe, where she represents local and national developers and builders in a variety of commercial real estate transactions and leasing matters as well as in resolving environmental and due diligence concerns. Her business law practice includes assisting clients in mergers and acquisitions, contracts, business planning, and management issues.

1998

Christine (Setchell) Middleton and **David Ahlvers** ('04) opened a new law firm, Family Solutions Law Group LLC, and will provide family law services to Minnesota families.

1999

Chris DeLaForest became director of legislative and cabinet affairs on the staff of Gov. Tim Pawlenty ('86) in June.

Scott Paxton has been promoted to partner in Bowman and Brooke's Minneapolis office, where his practice in the automotive group focuses on defending foreign and domestic automobile manufacturers in catastrophic products liability cases.

Stacey Slaughter, a partner in Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi's Minneapolis office, was named a 2009 "Forty Under 40" award recipient by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*. The honor recognizes the region's top young business and civic leaders who consistently demonstrate outstanding professional achievement and a commitment to community service.

Joe Thiags joined the Law School as Associate Director of Advancement after four years at the University of Minnesota Foundation as a planned giving officer. Previously, he was a trusts and estates attorney at Dorsey & Whitney LLP. He was recently elected to the Governing Council of the Minnesota Bar Association's Probate and Trust Law Section and the Board of Directors of Minnesota Orchestra's Crescendo Project.

Benjamin Warpeha joined the Motin Law Office in Elk River, Minn. His practice areas include DWI, assault, juvenile law, protection and restraining orders, and criminal sexual conduct.

2001

Barry S. Edwards has opened Barry S. Edwards Law Office in Minneapolis, where he focuses on family law, criminal defense, and civil litigation.

Matthew P. Kostolnik was elected a shareholder at Moss & Barnett. He practices in the areas of civil litigation, including business disputes, employment matters, environmental cost recovery, injunctions/restraining orders, and construction issues.

David Selden was named a partner at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson LLP in New York City. He practices in the corporate department, focusing primarily on investment management and securities law matters with emphasis on the formation and offering of private investment vehicles, including hedge funds, private equity and real estate funds, and funds-of-funds.

2002

Michele C.S. Lange has co-authored the second edition of *Electronic Evidence and Discovery: What Every Lawyer Should Know Now* (ABA, Section of Science and Technology Law, 2009). The book examines the legal and technology issues involved in electronic discovery and explains the latest methods of managing electronic data. A director in the Legal Technologies Division at Kroll Ontrack Inc., she has written extensively and speaks regularly on electronic discovery, computer forensics, and technology's role in the law.

David Schelzel was named a partner at Best & Flanagan LLP, where he focuses on intellectual property and business law.

2003

Rebecca Bernhard, a senior associate in Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly's Minneapolis office, has been appointed chair of the Minnesota Bar Association's Women in the Legal Profession Committee for 2009-10.



Nicole Druckrey was elected to a three-year term as president of the Board of Directors for Ebenezer Childcare Centers Inc.

She is serving as president-elect until her term begins in March 2010.

Susan E. Reed has joined the Michigan Poverty Law Program, a joint project of Legal Services of South Central Michigan and the University of Michigan Law

School. She is practicing as an immigration attorney, providing support and training to legal services programs and poverty law advocates.

2004

David Ahlvers and Christine (Setchell) Middleton ('98) opened a new law firm, Family Solutions Law Group LLC, and will provide family law services to Minnesota families.

Alison McElroy has been named general counsel of Chanhassen, Minn.-based Snap Fitness. She was formerly an attorney in the corporate law practice group at Faegre & Benson.

Aaron Street is the new publisher of Lawyerist.com, a legal Web site providing tips and tools on topics of legal careers, marketing, technology, ethics, and practice management.

2005

Khary Hornsby joined the Law School as Director of International & Graduate Programs. Previously, he was associate director of admission and recruitment at Emory Law School.

Pati Kickland gave birth to a daughter, Zoë Isabella Lewis, on April 15, 2009.

Drew Smith is an assistant U.S. attorney in Las Vegas.

Margaux (Coady) Soeffker gave birth to her first child, son George Reed Soeffker, on May 4, 2009.

2006

Kathryn Ballintine is on secondment at Lasalle Global Trust Services Ltd. (Bank of America) from Allen & Overy LLP from July through November 2009.

Kate Clark received a MacCracken Fellowship to pursue doctoral studies in English with an emphasis

on law and literature at New York University.

Robert Jacobs joined the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Robert Rogers was named a partner in the Florida office of First Law International.

2007

Andrew Borene recently accepted an appointment to the ABA's Standing Committee on Law and National Security as liaison for the Young Lawyers Division.

Reena Desai joined Nichols Kaster PLLP as an associate and will represent employees on such issues as multi-plaintiff class and collective actions involving overtime and minimum wage violations, individual discrimination, and sexual harassment claims.

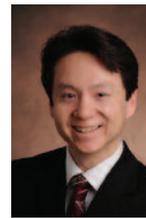
Rebecca Lucero, an associate at Schaefer Law Firm, and Chris Amundsen ('08) were featured in "Employee Representation 9-to-5," an article in the Fall 2009 issue of *PreLaw* magazine describing the unique challenges of labor and employment law. Both credit their experience in the Workers' Rights Clinic as a key factor in their preparedness for representing workers in employment litigation cases.

2008

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Abe Howard-Gonzalez joined Kemp Smith in El Paso, Tex.

Jason Hungerford joined Kemp Smith in El Paso, Tex.



Jeff Y. Lin joined Moss & Barnett and will work in the firm's energy regulation, communications, and infrastructure practice groups.

Carmen O'Halloran received a two-year fellowship from Equal Justice Works and began working with Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance in Minneapolis in September 2009 in the areas of immigrant populations and children and youth. Her focus is securing the immigration status of Somali youth in Minnesota through education, community collaboration, and direct representation. Her fellowship is sponsored by Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi.

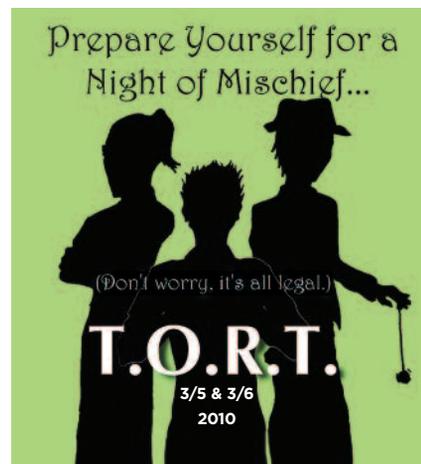
2009

Gilbert A. Castro received the 2009 Dr. Matthew Stark Award for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in the student category, given for distinguished service, writing, involvement, or public leadership in civil liberties, civil rights, or social justice. He worked with the Asylum Law Project, Minneapolis Legal Aid, Volunteer Lawyers Network, and other organizations and completed a volunteer internship in immigration at Centro Legal.

Luke Grundman received a two-year fellowship from Equal Justice Works and began working with the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis in September 2009 in the areas of affordable housing and microfinance, human rights, and consumer rights. His focuses are furthering fair housing goals and preventing predatory practices. His fellowship is sponsored by the family of Hyman Edelman; Leonard, Street and Deinard; and the Allen and Linda Saeks Family Foundation.

Alumni Reception > CHICAGO: July 31, 2009

Kaija Hupila ('08), Katie Aune ('01), and Jan Hulstedt ('08) at summer alumni reception in Chicago



Lockhart Club Dinner

Annual Dinner Held Oct. 8, 2009

> The annual William B. Lockhart Club dinner, named for the Law School's fifth dean, was held this year at Windows on Minnesota in the Marquette Hotel. The event honors Lockhart Club members for their generosity to the Law School and is also an occasion for alumni, family, and friends of the Law School to meet, reconnect, and celebrate their alma mater.

1. Justice Paul H. Anderson ('68) and Walter Mondale ('56)
2. David R. Brink ('47) and Greer E. Lockhart ('53)
3. TORT singers from last year's production, "It's a Wonderful Law School" (left to right): Anthea Dexter-Cooper ('10), Sarah Peterson ('11), Chris Luehr ('11), Cameron Wood ('10), Alisha Sedor ('10), Kelli Lassig ('10), Jennifer Cross ('10), and Allison Lange ('10)
4. Dean David Wippman
5. K. Thor Lundgren ('74), Sharon Lundgren, Constance Bjornnes, and Norman Bjornnes Jr. ('76)



> In Memoriam

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Scottsdale, Ariz.

CLASS OF 1960

David J. Kennedy

May 10, 2009
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Richard Emerick

March 31, 2009
Savage, Minn.

CLASS OF 1969

Robert Zalk

Aug. 3, 2009
Edina, Minn.

CLASS OF 1970

Paul J. Scheerer

March 31, 2009
Florence, Ore.

CLASS OF 1977

Andrew McIntosh

June 3, 2009
San Diego, Calif.

FRIEND OF THE LAW SCHOOL

Lenore Schulman Lang, wife of the Law School's sixth dean (from 1972-79), Carl A. Auerbach, passed away July 31, 2009, in La Jolla, Calif., at age 81. After completing a B.A. at New York's Pratt Institute and studying at the Baltimore Art Museum and the Bauhaus School of Design in Chicago, she began a career in design in New York. She went on to become an accomplished artist whose paintings, etchings, and collages were shown in many one-person and juried exhibitions. Much of her work represented ancient cultures, an interest that was sparked during her service as artist-in-residence in Jerusalem and expanded by travels to archaeological sites throughout the world. She also was a juror with the Chicago Art Institute and taught at the North Shore Art League in Winnetka, Ill.

Ms. Lang is survived by her husband, Carl Auerbach, Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of San Diego School of Law; daughters Martha Schulman and Ellen Lang; grandsons Josh and Alex Stolberg; and her husband's family, Linda and Michael Allderdice and their son, Christopher; and Rick and Barbara Auerbach and their son, Daniel.

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