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Celebrating and Ensuring Excellence

The Law School marks its 120th anniversary this year. There is much to celebrate. From its origins as a small, regional school housed in a single room in the basement of the University’s main administration building, the Law School has grown into one of the country’s great public law schools. The Law School achieved national prominence by recruiting a world-class faculty, admitting students who are second to none, and insisting on excellence as the standard of achievement in both teaching and research.

Dean Pattee, who set out 120 years ago to educate “67 young gentlemen of zeal and promise,” could scarcely have foreseen the Law School of today, which now graduates each year some 250 young men and women of zeal and promise. But the Law School’s best days are still to come.

Much is changing. We are in the midst of revamping a curriculum that, like those in most law schools, still closely resembles the curriculum in place when William S. Pattee began his deanship. We have reorganized the career services office and hired a dynamic new director. We are restructuring the development and alumni office in ways that we hope will position the Law School for success in the near term and beyond. We have initiated a strategic planning process that will set new goals and methods for ensuring excellence well into the future. Perhaps most exciting, we have launched a new Program on Law, Public Policy, and Society, supported by a $6 million gift from the Robina Foundation and $4 million in matching funding from the University.

But the more things change, the more they stay the same. We continue to face many of the same challenges that have arisen in the past.

• First, we have a great faculty, and other law schools have noticed. We face greater retention challenges now than at any time in recent memory. As many as a dozen of our tenured faculty may receive offers from other law schools this year.

• Second, the competition for students has intensified, with many law schools using ever-larger scholarship awards to build their entering classes. To continue to attract the caliber of students who have historically studied here, we will have to raise scholarship support dramatically.

• Third, Mondale Hall is filled to capacity, and it is starting to show its age. Within a few years, we will need some additional space and some refurbishing of our present facility.

Not surprisingly, success in meeting each of these challenges depends in significant part on fundraising. We are grateful to all our alumni for their generous past support. Annual giving, overall gifts and commitments, and the percentage of alumni who give all went up sharply this past year. But the Law School, like all of you, is feeling the effects of recent market declines. The value of our endowment is down, and we can expect even less support from the state of Minnesota next year than we received this year.

But with your support, the Law School can continue to provide new generations of students the kind of superb legal education you received when you were here. Over the past few months, I have had the chance to meet many of you, and I have been greatly heartened by the enthusiasm and generosity so many of you have shown. I hope to meet many more of you in the months ahead and to work with you to take the Law School to new heights.

Sincerely,

David Wippman
Dean and William S. Pattee Professor of Law
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On Sept. 5, 2008, David Wippman was installed as the University of Minnesota Law School’s tenth dean in a ceremony at the McNamara Center. “This is a law school that has maintained over decades an outstanding and long-standing commitment to excellence and a tradition of educating people who really make a difference in our state, our nation, and our world,” University President Robert Bruininks told the audience of more than 300 guests. “I have no doubt that the appointment of a leader of Dean Wippman’s caliber and intellect will continue the Law School’s proud tradition.”

E. Thomas Sullivan, the Law School’s 8th dean and current Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, reflected on the Law School’s progress since its inception in 1888, its rich history, and the legacy of Dean Wippman’s predecessors. “We’re delighted,” Sullivan told Wippman, a Minneapolis native, “to have a hometown boy who has ‘done good’ come home to do well here.”

Keynote speaker Michael Hurley (’80), a former CIA officer, special advisor to the Nuclear Threat Initiative, and consultant to the U.S. State
Russ Michaletz ('77) and Dean Wippman

Bob Tennesen ('68) and Tom King ('65)

Walter Mondale ('56)

William E. French ('81) talking to keynote speaker Michael Hurley ('80)

Joan Mondale

Provost E. Thomas Sullivan toasting Dean Wippman

Clint Schroeder ('54), Carolyn Schroeder, Dean Wippman, Edward Anderson ('73), and Cathy Anderson ('73)

Wippman's unique life experiences and achievements will guide him as he and his colleagues chart the course of the Law School.

Wippman offered a brief history of attitudes toward the law, lawyers, and legal education. In reality, he said, “properly trained lawyers are problem-solvers.” Some of the country’s greatest legal scholars are on the Law School faculty, he continued. “They have a particularly distinguished record in using law as a means to help solve pressing social problems. This is a strength on which I intend to build.” Going forward, he told the audience of administrators, faculty, deans, judges, students, and alumni, “There are few problems we cannot solve if we work together.”

Department, first met Wippman when both were 12-year-olds. They lost contact after high school. Then in 1998, on his first day on the National Security Council, Hurley looked across a White House conference table to see Wippman, then director in the NSC’s Office of Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs. “We are the sum of our experiences and actions,” Hurley said. “David
Law School Welcomes New Staff Members

> **Alan Haynes,**
> Director of the Career and Professional Development Center, came to the Law School after three years as Associate Director of Career Services and Diversity Outreach Advisor at Brooklyn Law School. He also was associate counsel for New York State United Teachers for three years; an assistant district attorney with the New York County District Attorney’s Office for five years; and a teacher of American and world history, American government, public speaking, and debate in the San Antonio public schools. Alan received his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston and his M.A. in education and B.A. in political science from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He brings experience in career counseling, career-programs planning, legal-hiring trends analysis, recruiting-program preparation, and relationship building to the Career and Professional Development Center.

> **Marc Peña,**
> Assistant Director, Alumni Relations & Annual Giving, and project lead of the Partners at Work program, brings experience and education in marketing and brand management to the Law School. He was previously a buyer at Target’s corporate headquarters in Minneapolis and a brand manager at Office Depot’s corporate headquarters in Delray Beach, Fl. Marc completed his B.S. in marketing at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, where he served on the board of trustees for two years and was the south Florida alumni chair. He is currently working on his M.A. in strategic communications.

> **Stephanie McCauley,**
> Office Supervisor, Dean’s office

> **Julie Johnson,**
> Executive Assistant, Dean’s office

> **More New Faces**

> **Laurie Gray,** Data Custodian
> **Jo Ann Hendricks,** Executive Accounts Specialist, Finance
> **Lauren Merritt,** Office Support Assistant, Human Rights Center
> **Kelly Phillips,** Executive Office and Administrative Specialist, Joint Degree Program
> **Molly Watters,** Faculty Administrative Assistant
> **Tyler Woodward,** Executive Accounts Specialist, Finance
> **Janice Young,** Executive Office and Administrative Specialist, Finance

Curricular Innovations in Progress, Led by Professor Cook

> **Nancy Cook,**
> director of the Law School’s Lawyering Program and co-holder of the Vaughan G. Papke Professorship in Clinical Law, is a nationally recognized leader in clinical legal education and creative pedagogy. Previously, she was director of the Community Justice and Legal Assistance Clinic at Roger Williams University School of Law, director of Cornell Law School’s clinical program, and director of youth law, appellate advocacy, and criminal justice clinics at several other law schools.

Under her leadership, Law School faculty are working together to initiate curricular innovations, with an explicit goal of integrating skill sets and doctrinal analysis. The overall practice curriculum is designed to take students from basic skills and concepts through more challenging and complex problems and problem-solving strategies. The Law School is one of few schools offering a first-year course, the Work of the Lawyer, that introduces fundamental practice skills, such as interviewing, negotiating, and document drafting, integrated with professional responsibility and ethics training. It focuses on clients’ goals from a collaborative and preventive, rather than a crisis-intervention, perspective.

The Lawyering Program’s first-year Statutory Interpretation component highlights ways law can be creative, both in drafting and in interpretation, and provides a balance to case-precedent law. Team-taught courses, such as first-year Perspectives on the Law, model cooperative approaches to problem-solving, which are becoming the practice norm. Electives offer an element of individuality and choice while maintaining a basic foundation in core areas. Upper-level capstone courses allowing year-long study of one issue are being developed.

Professor Cook received a B.A. from Ohio State University, an M.F.A. from American University, and a J.D. from Georgetown University.
The Law School can meet the educational needs of practitioners in every facet of law, even those on the bench. Since 1982, it has offered a distinctive Judicial Trial Skills Training Program that is now mandatory for all newly appointed or elected trial judges in Minnesota. More than 300 Minnesota judges have completed the program.

The Judicial Skills Training Program is centered around a simulated trial, which introduces new judges to the complex courtroom dynamics—often challenging, multiple courtroom dynamics raised simultaneously—that occur in the trial process. A videotape is made of the simulated trial and used in critiquing a student judge's performance. A student judge conducts the mock trial, during which experienced lawyers, chosen for their recognized trial expertise, raise a variety of trial dynamics designed into the simulation. An experienced trial judge watches the proceedings.

Most simulations include a mock jury, composed of law students or other student judges in the training program. After the trial, the participating lawyers and the jury offer the student judge their perspectives on how the issues were handled and the dynamics of the trial events. Then the senior judge conducts a private critiquing session with the student judge.

The program can also be conducted as a group-education exercise, in which a group of judges observes a simulated trial conducted by a student judge. Afterwards, a senior judge or a discussion leader or law teacher knowledgeable in the trial process leads the group in discussion, critique, and analysis.

By participating in the program, judges are introduced not only to trial dynamics but also the skills needed to conduct a fair and efficient trial. These skills include controlling the conduct of attorneys and other trial participants, managing a jury, handling obstreperous defendants and difficult witnesses, dealing with dangerous objects as evidence, and focusing and directing the trial process. The judges are introduced to issues of justice and intervention, race and gender bias, and judicial ethics and are given tools to respond to and deal with them.

The Judicial Trial Skills Training Program was founded by and continues to be directed by Professor Stephen M. Simon. He and Professor Carol Chomsky have integrated the program into classes they teach at the Law School by using students from their Misdemeanor Clinic and Trial Practice and judicial externship courses as witnesses, defendants, and jurors. Professor Simon has taken the program to many other states and the National Judicial College, the Federal Courts Education program, and Military Judge Education programs.

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Cle on Green Law

Four courses on legal “green issues," each earning 6.5 CLE credits, will be presented at the Law School on Dec. 3–6, 2008. All courses run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each costs $195; a $495 Super Pass ensures entry to all four.

December 3: Developments in corporate law and the green movement
December 4: Green buildings, leases, and real estate
December 5: Green intellectual property
December 6: Accounting and finance for lawyers in a green era

For more information, go to www.law.umn.edu/cle/green2008.html.
Commemorating Constitution Day

> On Sept. 17, 2008, on behalf of the entire University of Minnesota system, the Law School presented “‘We the People’: Constitution Day 2008” to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787, by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Brett McDonnell offered a welcome and introduction.

Associate Professor Alexandra B. Klass discussed the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent decisions involving federal preemption of state tort law suits in “Tort Law and the Supreme Court.” She placed the discussion within the larger context of the role of state tort law in today’s federal regulatory state.

Richard S. Frase, Benjamin N. Berger Professor of Criminal Law, presented “Proportionality Principles in Recent Supreme Court Criminal Cases,” in which he discussed how the reasoning behind several decisions in the 2007–08 term was based explicitly or implicitly on distinct constitutional proportionality principles. In June’s *Kennedy v. Louisiana* case, for example, the high court held that Eighth Amendment proportionality principles prohibit use of the death penalty for certain crimes, Frase said.

Associate Professor Heidi Kitrosser explored recent controversies involving assertions of power by the White House over other branches of government or administrative agencies in “Current Issues in Presidential Power.” She also discussed constitutional justifications that the White House offered for its actions.

Law School Hosts Ten Humphrey Fellows

> The Law School and the Human Rights Center are hosting 10 Humphrey Law Fellows in 2008-09. They come from Brazil, Ecuador, Iraq, Malawi, Mexico, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, Tajikistan, and Zimbabwe, where they are active in such fields as anti-human trafficking, civic participation, transitional justice, juvenile law, and human rights law.

The Humphrey International Fellowship Program is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. The Institute of International Education administers the Program and this year placed 163 Fellows from 90 countries at one of 15 U.S. universities. Host universities are chosen for their relevant areas of study, resources, and support system, and Fellows are assigned a school based on their interests and needs.

Fellows are accomplished mid-career professionals from designated developing countries. They are selected competitively on the basis of their potential for leadership and commitment to public service and spend 10 months at a host school engaging in professional development, non-degree academic study, and cultural exchange.

At Minnesota, Fellows pursue a focused program and have full access to the Law School’s faculty, curriculum, library, and research institutes. The Law School facilitates connections with other units on campus, including the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, which is also hosting a group of Humphrey Fellows in public policy in 2008–09. During their stay, Fellows share their experiences and expertise with their professional counterparts in the Minnesota and U.S. legal communities.

The Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 to honor the late Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and his life-long commitment to international cooperation and public service. The program creates an extraordinary environment for cross-cultural learning, understanding, and knowledge exchange. Over the years, the University of Minnesota has hosted nearly 350 Humphrey Fellows from dozens of countries.

Alumni Opportunity

Save the Dates: March 5-7>

The 24th Annual William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition will be held in partnership with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services in celebration of its centennial. Teams will file their briefs on Jan. 20, 2009, and present oral arguments at the Law School on March 5, 6, and 7. The interscholastic appellate moot court competition, hosted each year by the University of Minnesota Law School, is attended by 40 teams from law schools across the nation. The questions presented concern whether a school district’s use of ability grouping to determine classroom assignments constituted race discrimination in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act or the Equal Protection Clause.

Members of the bar and bench are invited to participate as brief and/or oral argument judges and, in preparation, to attend the free CLE/CJE program “Swimming With or Against the Stream: Is Achievement Tracking a Source or Perpetuator of Racial Segregation Within the Public Schools?” on Feb. 6, 2009.

For further information, visit [www.law.umn.edu/mcgeemootcourt/index.html](http://www.law.umn.edu/mcgeemootcourt/index.html) or contact faculty advisor Prof. Carl Warren (warre001@umn.edu).
2008 Law School Employee Milestone
Event held October 29

Ed Gale, Amber Fox, Linda Lokensgard, Cathy Heltemes, Debbie Nelson, and Martha Martin.

The following were recognized for their years of service:

- **Cathy Heltemes**, Library, 35 years;
- **Debbie Nelson**, Curriculum Support, 35 years;
- **Ed Gale**, Library, 30 years;
- **Sam Goshorn**, CALI, 20 years;
- **Cu Nguyen**, Library, 20 years;
- **Linda Lokensgard**, Facilities & Event, 15 years;
- **Martha Martin**, Development, 10 years;
- **Amber Fox**, Student Services, 5 years;
- **Alaa Kaoud**, Human Rights Center, 5 years.

Alumni Rise and Shine

Our thanks go to the generous alumni participating in the Dean’s Leadership Breakfast series in the fall of 2008. Speakers meet with a 1L legal writing section in the Lindquist & Vennum Conference Room from 7:30-8:50 a.m. to share their career path and life in law.

- Sep. 16: **Bucky Zimmerman** ('72), Zimmerman Reed
- Oct. 6: **Ron Schutz** ('81), Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi
- Oct. 7: **Barbara D’Aquila** ('79), Fulbright & Jaworski
- Oct. 21: **Vance Opperman** ('69), Key Investments
- Nov. 11: **Terry Lynner** ('79), Goldsmith Agio Helms/Lazard Middle Market
- Nov. 17: **Roberta Walburn** ('83), Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi
- Nov. 21: **Justice Russell Anderson** ('68), Retired Chief Justice, Minnesota Supreme Court
- Dec. 2: **Val Doherty** ('79), Doherty Employment Group

We’d Follow You Anywhere (if food were served)

Law School faculty, staff, and friends gathered in May to surprise Fred Morrison and Guy Charles with words of appreciation and gifts of thanks for their dedicated service as interim co-deans.

1. Guy Charles examining his gift of appreciation from the Law School with Professors Bev Balos, Mary Lou Fellows, and Professor Emeritus Robert Levy
2. Fred Morrison savoring the anticipation of opening his gift
3. Friends and colleagues giving the interim deans a hand for a job well done: Assistant Dean of Administration and Finance Patrice Schaus, Distinguished Visiting Professor Bruce J. Shneider, and Professor David Weissbrodt
4. End of a beautiful partnership
THE LAW SCHOOLS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND SWEDEN’S UPPSALA UNIVERSITY HAVE HAD AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS SINCE 1983. IN MAY, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY ORGANIZED A 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO COINCIDE WITH ITS ALUMNI DAY, AND IN SEPTEMBER, THE LAW SCHOOL ARRANGED A SYMPOSIUM TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENT.

**Commemoration in Sweden**

> **Professor Fred L. Morrison,** Professor Robert Stein (’61), Professor Claire A. Hill, Director of International and Graduate Programs Muria J. Kruger (’01), and 1992 student exchange program participant John Hasselberg (’85) traveled to Sweden for its celebration. Professor Suzanne Thorpe (’89), also a former student in the Uppsala exchange program, was already in Uppsala, teaching for the spring semester.

The four-day festivities featured panel discussions by Minnesota and Uppsala faculty on such issues as the differences between U.S. and European legal systems and the changing role of lawyers as globalization increases. For the nonscholarly portion, Minnesotans were welcomed at two traditional evening banquets, which typically include food, drink, singing, and elaborate offering of toasts. “I have never had so much fun on a work experience,” Kruger said. “Everyone in Uppsala was so very friendly.”

Minnesota visitors toured the University library, were hosted at a visit to the Uppsala Castle by Uppsala Governor Anders Bjork, and were invited to dinner at the home of Professor Anders Agell, Dean of Uppsala’s Faculty of Law when the exchange program began.

**Commemoration at the Law School**

> **The Law School’s Department of International and Graduate Programs** hosted the September symposium commemorating the Minnesota-Uppsala anniversary. Faculty members from the two universities gave presentations on American and Scandinavian realism, freedom of expression as a
human right, families across national and cultural boundaries, terrorism and legal security, and current topics in environmental law. Law School participants were Professors Brian Bix, Oren Gross, Bradley C. Karkkainen, Fred L. Morrison, and Jean M. Sanderson.

There was also plenty of time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. After the first day’s session, the Law School held a reception, during which the Reisenfeld Rare Books Research Center was open. Library staff was available to discuss the collaboration between Minnesota and Uppsala libraries and to spotlight the Law Library’s extensive Scandinavian and rare books collections.

Fred and Charlotte Morrison treated the Swedish visitors to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in their home. And after completion of symposium presentations, participants and guests gathered at the Weisman Art Museum for a reception and celebratory banquet.

“The people on both ends of the exchange really enjoy one another and have developed deep relationships over the years,” Kruger said, which explains why the exchange program has thrived for 25 years.

All papers presented in Minnesota were presented in a similar symposium on October 24-25 at Uppsala University, which plans to publish the papers in its yearbook, De Lege.

The Law School is grateful to Maynard B. Hasselquist (’47) and his family and friends for their longtime support of business law and international programs at the Law School. The endowed Maynard B. Hasselquist Fund for Programs in International Business Law helped underwrite this 25th anniversary celebration.
The Law School owes its success to the generosity, foresight, and dedication of its community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. Private giving provides the resources needed to ensure the world-class legal education and high-level legal research we are known for. We highlight some of our strongest supporters in the following paragraphs, but we are grateful to all of you.

Mootys Continue Leadership Support

Bruce Mooty ('80) and John Mooty ('44)

> Bruce Mooty ('80), his father John Mooty ('44), and the firm Gray Plant Mooty continued their generous support of the Law School in the 2008 fiscal year and, recognizing the importance of financial assistance for law students, made pledges to create a new scholarship.

The new Bruce and Tracy Mooty Scholarship Fund was created with $530,000 in commitments from Tracy and Bruce Mooty. The John W. Mooty Foundation and The Gray Plant Mooty Foundation, to recognize law students who have demonstrated leadership, community service, problem-solving skills, academic excellence and the promotion of justice for all. Endowment payouts will be matched by the U of M President’s Scholarship Match program.

“We are extremely pleased by the hiring of the new Dean, David Wippman, and are excited about the future of the Law School,” Bruce commented. “Many members of our family and Gray Plant Mooty have benefited greatly by the Law School, and we want future law students to receive the same wonderful opportunity for personal and professional growth we experienced. Additional scholarships are critical to ensuring that the Law School continues to attract the best and brightest students. We also wanted to demonstrate our whole-hearted support of Dean Wippman and encourage others to give generously to the Law School.”

Bruce has been a class representative for the Partners in Excellence Annual Fund and served on the committee that assisted in selecting the new Dean. He is currently national president of the University’s Alumni Association and is a past chair of the Law School’s Board of Visitors.

The John W. Mooty Scholars Fund was established in 1999 to advance legal ethics, professionalism, and community service. John has been a steadfast Law School volunteer, serving as a member of the campaign cabinet during Campaign Minnesota, for many years as a class representative for the Annual Fund, and as chair of the highly successful Centennial Campaign in the 1980s. In recognition of his achievements in law, business, and philanthropy, John received the University’s highest honor, the Outstanding Achievement Award, and the Minnesota Law Review’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

Gray Plant Mooty, a full-service law firm with offices in Minneapolis and St. Cloud, Minn., and Washington, D.C., has been a longstanding, generous Law School supporter.

Galinsons Celebrate Mondale

> Murray M. ('61) and Elaine Galinson of La Jolla, Calif., dedicated supporters of the Law School, pledged $100,000 to create the Galinson Family Scholarship Honoring Walter F. Mondale ('56), in recognition of the Vice President’s lifelong service to his fellow citizens. The scholarship, approved for the President’s Scholarship Match, will provide financial support to law students aspiring to public service careers. The Galinsons champion many philanthropic, political, and educational causes. Murray has served as chair of the Board of Trustees of California State University, and Elaine is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of California San Diego Foundation. Murray was director of administration for the national Mondale/Ferraro campaign and now chairs the board of San Diego National Bank.

Bachmann Honors Parents

> To honor her parents, Josephine Bachmann ('61) established the

Professor Bruno H. Greene

> The Gift of a Future

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University of California Berkeley Law Professor Angela P. Harris delivered the John Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law on April 15, 2008. Entitled “The ‘L’ Word: Love in the Restorative Justice Movement and in Legal Theory,” her lecture addressed questions faced by the restorative justice movement, which advocates centering criminal justice on healing and restoration rather than punishment. Among the issues discussed: Do such movements pose a philosophical challenge to people who believe fear, not love, is the great motivator? Do the movements risk creating a “therapeutic state,” in which domination masquerades as love?

Professor Harris teaches criminal law, environmental justice, and jurisprudence and subordination. Her research focuses on the interrelationships of race, gender, class, and sexuality as sites of both oppression and resistance. In 2008, she received the Clyde Ferguson Award from the Minority Section of the American Association of Law Schools for her commitment to mentoring junior scholars of color.

The John Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law is named in honor of John Dewey (1859-1952), American philosopher, educator, and scholar, who was a professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota for one year. The lecture is funded by a grant from the John Dewey Foundation and is sponsored by the Law School to provide a forum for significant scholarly contributions to the development of jurisprudence.
The sunny weather matched the mood as the Law School’s 120th Commencement ceremonies got under way May 17, 2008, at Northrop Auditorium. Interim co-deans Guy-Uriel E. Charles and Fred L. Morrison welcomed the Class of 2008, guests, faculty, and distinguished speakers, and University of Minnesota Regent David Metzen thanked Charles and Morrison for their two years of hard work as interim deans.

Dean Morrison urged graduates to keep in mind the lessons they learned at the Law School as they use their leadership skills: “Remember that as possessors of the special power of the law, you also have an obligation to protect the weak, the poor, and the oppressed.”

Gov. Tim Pawlenty (’86), a South St. Paul native, gave the keynote address. He encouraged graduates to appreciate their legal training but to keep it in perspective with the rest of their lives. Spending time with friends and family and staying in touch with your personal values are vital in living a balanced life, he said, and being a good person is as important as being a good lawyer.

Gov. Pawlenty worked in private practice and served in the Minnesota House of Representatives for 10 years before becoming governor in 2002.

Nicholas A. Smith presented the J.D. Class Graduation Address. He highlighted some of his classmates’ activities, accomplishments, and contributions to causes. He also reflected on becoming a lawyer, which includes learning how to communicate with and learn from people whose views conflict with your own, he said.

Meng (Mikayla) Che was chosen by her 21 peers from 14 countries to deliver the LL.M. Class Graduation Address. The graduates may have come from different countries and cultures, she said, but they came with common goals: “to build and be part of a powerful international legal network …
and to sharpen our professional skills." Che emigrated to America from China and credited the LL.M. program with helping her start her new life.

The Stanley V. Kinyon Teaching Awards for excellence in education were presented to Professors Stephen F. Befort (’74), Daniel Schwarcz, Barry C. Feld (’69), and Kathryn J. Sedo.

The Class of 2008 Student Graduation Committee chair Stephen Barrows presented the Class of 2008 Most Outstanding Contribution Award to Matthew W. Ramage-White and the Class of 2008 Excellence in Public Service Award to Sarah Corris Riskin. Dean Charles presented the William B. Lockhart scholarship, leadership, and service award to Carrie Ryan Gallia.

Professor John H. Matheson, Professor Judith T. Younger, and Director of International and Graduate Programs Muria Kruger presented the Class of 2008. The T.O.R.T. Alumni Trio from the Class of 2008—Karen P. Seifert, Christopher John Diedrich, and Nathan J. O’Konek—sang the school song to conclude the ceremonies. The St. Anthony Brass Quintet provided the recessional music as graduates and guests moved to Northrop Terrace and Mall for a champagne and hors d’oeuvres reception.

1. Delighted Class of ’08 members: Sarah Corris Riskin, Matthew W. Ramage-White, and Stephen H. Barrows
2. J.D. graduates Jodi Collova, Carrie Ryan Gallia, and Anne Zorn
3. LL.M. graduates Birhanemeskel Abebe Segni (Ethiopia), and Kanghoon Lee (Korea)
4. Gov. Tim Pawlenty (’86), sharing some thoughts with the Class of ’08
5. Soon-to-be graduates await their cue in Northrop lobby
6. Law School J.D. Class of ’08
7. Interim Dean Fred Morrison making a few remarks
On October 17, 2008, the Minnesota Law Review hosted its annual symposium, “Law & Politics in the 21st Century.” More than 150 members of the Law School community assembled to hear faculty and other distinguished scholars examine how political factors are increasingly affecting the development of law.

The event’s two keynote speakers were D.C. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh, who presented “Separation of Powers and the 44th Presidency,” and Benjamin Wittes, research director at the Brookings Institution, who presented “Evaluating the Institutional Performance of Actors in the Judicial Nominations Process.”

The first panel featured professors Tom Brennan (Northwestern), Ward Farnsworth (Boston University), and Tim Johnson (Minnesota) discussing “Politics and the Judiciary.” They debated such topics as the political economy of judging, what causes judges to diverge from their usual “type,” and factors that provoke Supreme Court justices to dissent from the bench. Law School Professor David Stras moderated.

Panel 2 consisted of Professors Heather Gerken (Yale), Ellen Katz (Michigan), Nate Persily (Columbia), and Terry Smith (Fordham), who addressed “Current Issues in Election Law.” They discussed how to reform the election administration process, the Supreme Court’s recent election law cases, as-applied challenges to election laws, and the changing paradigms for minority vote dilution claims. Law School Professor Guy-Uriel Charles moderated.

The final panel discussion, “Beyond Bush: The Future of Executive Power,” featured a debate between law professors Steven Calabresi (Northwestern University) and Heidi Kitrosser (Minnesota) over the continuing validity of unitary executive theory. In addition, political scientists Charles Cameron (Princeton) and William Howell (Chicago) gave empirical assessments of the executive’s influence on the judicial nominations process and whether judges are likely to defer to the President on domestic initiatives in times of war. Law School Professor Dale Carpenter moderated.

Presentations from the symposium can be viewed online at www.law.umn.edu/lawreview/symposium.html.

By Jeffrey P. Justman (’09), symposium articles editor.
Linda K. Kerber, May Brodbeck Professor in the Liberal Arts & Sciences and Lecturer in the College of Law, University of Iowa, gave the inaugural presentation in the Law School’s new Ronald A. and Kristine S. Erickson Legal History Lecture Series on April 22, 2008. Her lecture, “Statelessness in America,” described how the meaning of statelessness has changed over time, revealing changes in domestic values and in power relations across international boundaries. The condition has long been a part of U.S. history, she said, among Native Americans, slaves, American women marrying foreign men, and trafficked laborers. Now, increasing numbers of people have no clear country alignment, or in the terminology of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, “ineffective nationality.” She discussed identity and legal status among these groups and possible solutions.

Professor Kerber teaches U.S. legal, intellectual, early republic, and women’s history. In 2006-07, she was the Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University. She has received the University of Iowa Graduate College Special Recognition for Mentoring and the Iowa Regents Award for Faculty Excellence.

The Ronald A. and Kristine S. Erickson Legal History Lecture Series is named for Ronald A. Erickson (’60) and Kristine S. Erickson (’72), who are strong philanthropic supporters of the Law School’s Legal History Program. The next in the series will be on April 20, 2009. Richard Helmholz, Ruth Wyatt Rosenson Distinguished Service Professor of Law (Chicago) will speak.


China’s Renmin U. Added to Summer Abroad Program

Renmin University, also known as the People’s University of China, has been added to the summer abroad program in 2009 for second- and third-year Law School students. Located in the Haidian District of Beijing, Renmin is a center of academic and cultural exchange through partnerships with 125 foreign universities and research institutions in 32 countries and regions. Its school of law, founded in 1950, publishes the Jurist’s Review and Jurisprudence: Selected Publications from Chinese Universities and manages a nationally known Web site, China Civil and Commercial Law.

The 2009 session will run from June 1 to July 3. Renmin University faculty will teach a mandatory Introduction to Chinese Legal Institutions course along with two or three additional courses on Chinese legal subjects. Professor Brett McDonnell will teach Comparative Business Entities, and Professor Ann Burkhart will teach Comparative Land Use. University of Minnesota language faculty will teach beginning-level and intermediate-level Mandarin language courses.

Visits, still in the planning stages, will be part of the courses and may include the Supreme People’s Court, the National People's Congress, the Beijing Institute of Planning, a local law firm, and local courts. An optional long-weekend visit to Shanghai is also planned. Tuition will be $600 per credit hour.

More information about study abroad programs is available at www.law.umn.edu/prospective/international.html.
Seven Centuries of Law:  
The Arthur C. Pulling Rare Books Collection

The University of Minnesota Law Library possesses one of the finest legal rare book collections in the country. As the Law Library continues to move forward into the electronic age, the place of the Rare Books Collection as an enduring part of its historical and intellectual landscape becomes more and more apparent. Even as the Library builds on its reputation as one of the most technologically sophisticated law libraries in the country, its distinction will also continue to rest on its extensive print collections, especially its stellar Rare Books Collection.

Sir Thomas Littleton (1422–1481), a Serjeant-at-Law and a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. From Sir Edward Coke’s First Institutes, 1628.
The cap–"coif"–worn by the Serjeant-at-Law became well known for the honor society named after it, the Order of the Coif.

> A measure of the depth and the breadth of the Rare Books Collection is the remarkable number of books it possesses that are included in Printing and the Mind of Man, a catalog of the world’s most influential books. PMM, as the catalog is often called, was first published in 1967 and is the standard reference source citing the most significant books since the dawn of printing.1

Printing and the Mind of Man includes books in all fields of human endeavor, from Gutenberg’s Bible (c. 1455) to Archimedes’s Opera Omnia (1544) to Lewis and Clark’s History of the Expedition...to the Pacific Ocean (1814) to Hitler’s Mein Kampf (1925-27). The Rare Books Collection includes first editions of almost all the books in the fields of law and political science listed in the catalog. Included in this category are works by such giants as Edward Coke, John Locke, William Blackstone, and Alexander Hamilton. Other less known titles listed in PMM are also found in the Rare Books Collection: John Howard’s The State of Prisons in England and Wales (1777), a seminal work on penal reform, is but one example.

The following selected titles from Printing and the Mind of Man that are held in the Rare Books Collection confirm not only the immense influence of legal minds on the evolution of western civilization, but also illustrate the strength of the Rare Books Collection.

Littleton’s Tenures, an introduction to the common law of real property, was the first significant text on English law not written in Latin and not influenced by Roman law. It was the first attempt in the history of the common law to systematically discuss a single branch of the law. According to Sir Edward Coke, “This booke is the ornament of the Common Law, and the most perfect and absolute work that ever was written in any human science.”2

Littleton’s Tenures proved to be a bestseller among lawyers. The Rare Books Collection holds over 30 editions printed during the 16th century. Our earliest edition is dated 1528.

On the Laws and Constitutions of England was written in the early 13th century and attributed to Henry Bracton, one of the king’s justices, although it was probably written by more than one person. Using cases from the plea roles, Bracton compiled the first systematic treatise on the English common law. Although Bracton had no concept of stare decisis, his reliance on carefully selected cases had significant impact on the development of case law. Bracton’s influence extends even to the present, cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade.3

Bracton’s work was first printed in 1569. It was printed again in 1640 as Sir Edward Coke sought to assert the supremacy of the law over the King. In a confrontation with King James I, Coke allegedly quoted Bracton’s memorable words, “The King is subject not to men, but to God and the law.” The Rare Books Collection possesses both the 1569 and 1640 printings of Bracton.

Grotius’s masterpiece, On the Law of War and Peace, is the foundation of modern international law. Influenced by violence in his home country of Holland and in Europe, particularly the bloodshed of the Thirty Years’ War, Grotius constructed a theory of law that advocated the restraint of armed conflict and the regulation of war. His principle of an immutable law flowing from man’s inherent nature was the first attempt to regulate society and government outside church doctrine or scripture. In one passage of De Jure Belli ac Pacis, Grotius wrote that,

“[f]ully convinced...that there is a common law among nations, which is valid alike for war and in war, I have had many and weighty reasons for undertaking to write upon this subject. Throughout the Christian world I have observed a lack of restraint in relation to war, such as even barbarous nations should be ashamed of.”

(Prolegomena, 28).

The Library’s earliest edition of Grotius is dated 1642.


As Attorney General beginning in 1594, Edward Coke was a strong defender of the crown and its prerogative powers. He was a ruthless prosecutor in the great treason trials of the early 17th century, including that of Sir Walter Raleigh and the conspirators in the Gunpowder Plot. With his appointment as Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in 1606, he became the champion of the supremacy of the law over the King. His struggles with the King led to his dismissal from judicial office in 1616.

Coke’s Institutes, as well as his Reports, firmly established the common law as the foundation for freedoms in England. The first part of the Institutes—Coke on Littleton—is the more famous. A long, rambling commentary, the book was nonetheless the principle text on the law of property until the mid-19th century. Sir John Baker, prominent English legal historian, wrote of Coke’s work:

“He delighted in wandering off at tangents, and in doing so covered many aspects of the common law which Littleton’s text never hinted at. Coke seems to have been oblivious to the disorder, but the reader can easily forgive him. He wrote like a helpful old wizard, anxious to pass on all his secrets before he died, but not quite sure where to begin or end.”

A nearly complete collection of all editions of Coke on Littleton, including the first, is held in the Rare Books Collection.


Dr. Johnson’s Dictionary was the definitive guide to the English language for 150 years. This was the dictionary used by Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, and William Wordsworth. It is scholarly, colorful, and witty. Of the word “stammel,” he simply writes “Of this word I know not the meaning.”  

Johnson’s Dictionary is part of a strong collection of early dictionaries in the Rare Books Collection. The dictionary collection ranges from John Rastell’s Terms de la Ley printed in London in 1527 to a first edition Black’s Dictionary printed in 1891.


Called the “magnum opus of the eighteenth century” by Sir John Baker, the Commentaries was a bestseller among law books both in England and in the colonies. 5

Wrote legal historian Theodore Plunkett: “Twice in the history of English law has an Englishman had the motive, the courage, the power, to write a great, readable, reasonable book about English law as a whole. First it was Bracton, and five hundred years later Blackstone.” 6


These 85 essays on the Constitution were originally published in New York newspapers under the title “Publius” in an effort to persuade voters to support ratification of the Constitution. Although written as political propaganda, The Federalist is a brilliant commentary and interpretation of the Constitution.

In addition to possessing a first edition of The Federalist, the Rare Books Collection includes such notable items as a 1776 edition of Thomas Paine’s Common Sense, proceedings of the first Continental Congress, and a copy of the first session laws of the United States printed in 1789.

It is my hope as Curator that this very limited description of a few of the titles held in the Rare Books Collection will lead alumni to a deeper appreciation of legal history as it is preserved and made available in the Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center.

Katherine Hedin, Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections

Jim and Sharon Hale Excellence in Legal Education Lecture

> On Sept. 3, 2008, Jesse H. Choper, a widely recognized constitutional law scholar and distinguished teacher, returned to the Law School after more than a 40-year absence to deliver the Jim and Sharon Hale Excellence in Legal Education Lecture, entitled “Liberal and Conservative Supreme Court Justices—What Difference Does it Really Make and What Does it Bode for the Future?” Choper, now Earl Warren Professor of Public Law at the University of California Berkeley’s Boalt Hall, taught at the Law School from 1961 to 1965.

Professor Choper offered a “quick-and-dirty” definition of the terms “liberal” and “conservative” when applied to Constitutional decision-making. In addition to these differences, he said, each Supreme Court Justice makes decisions based on judicial restraint, ideology, and original understanding, or interpretation of the Constitution according to the text and what the framers intended. He discussed previous, current, and future Supreme Courts in terms of liberal vs. conservative makeup, the impact of a “swing” voter, and struggles over difficult issues.

The lecture was made possible by the Jim (’65) and Sharon Hale Excellence in Legal Education Fund, created through their unrestricted gift to the Law School.

Minnesota Conservative & Libertarian Legal Colloquium Debuts

> The Law School initiated a new annual colloquium on Oct. 3, 2008, with its first event, “Stare Decisis in Constitutional Law.” The Law School’s Brian Bix, Frederick W. Thomas Professor for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law and Language, and Heidi Kitrosser, associate professor, participated in the event, along with seven distinguished guests from across the nation: Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame; Rachel Brand, Counsel in the Regulatory and Government Affairs and Litigation and Controversy Department, WilmerHale; Orin Kerr, Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School; Thomas W. Merrill, Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law; John Oldham McGinnis, Stanford Clinton Sr. Professor of Law, Northwestern; Michael Paulsen, Distinguished University Chair and Professor, University of St. Thomas; and Sai Prakash, Hertog Research Professor of Law, University of San Diego School of Law.

Front row: Amy Coney Barrett (Notre Dame); Associate Professor David Stras; Michael Paulsen (St. Thomas)
Second row: Rachel Brand (WilmerHale); Thomas W. Merrill (Northwestern); Orin Kerr (George Washington University)
Third Row: John Oldham McGinnis (Northwestern); Dale Carpenter
Back row: Sai Prakash (University of San Diego)

The new Minnesota Conservative & Libertarian Legal Colloquium was created to foster discussion of important legal issues among conservatives and libertarians. Co-chairs are Dale Carpenter, Earl R. Larson Professor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law, and David Stras, associate professor of law and co-director of the Institute for Law and Politics. Professors Carpenter and Stras moderated the discussion at the first event.

The Colloquium is sponsored by the Law School, the Federalist Society, and the Law School’s Federalist Society student chapter.
Infinity Project Seeks Gender Equity and Honors Judge Murphy

> The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has a distinction among the 13 circuit courts, one that the Infinity Project is determined to remove: It has the lowest percentage of women on the bench. The Honorable Diana E. Murphy (’74), appointed in 1994, is the first and only woman to serve on the Eighth Circuit since it was established in 1891. Nine judges have been appointed to the 17-member bench during Murphy’s tenure—all men.

The Infinity Project is a coalition of scholars, lawyers, and activists working to promote the appointment of women to the Eighth Circuit. Law School Professors Mary Louise Fellows and Carol L. Chomsky have been working closely with the Project’s founders: Sally J. Kenney, professor of public affairs and law, and director, Center on Women and Public Policy, Humphrey Institute; Lisa Montpetit Brabbit, assistant dean, University of St. Thomas School of Law and a past president of Minnesota Women Lawyers; Marie Failinger, professor of law, Hamline Law School; and Mary Vasaly (’83), past president of Minnesota Women Lawyers and a partner at Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand.

In October, Project members from Minnesota and the six additional states covered by the Eighth Circuit (Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota) held an organizational meeting at St. Thomas. Current Eighth Circuit Judges Murphy and Michael J. Melloy and law professor Sherrilyn Ifill of the University of Maryland spoke on leadership, judicial selection, and diversity.

In addition, the Infinity Project honored Judge Murphy with the newly established Diana Murphy Legacy Award, created to recognize her extraordinary achievements and contributions, support of women lawyers and judges, and commitment to equal justice. The award will honor individuals and organizations that advance the position of women on the bench, support the progress of women in law, and uphold Judge Murphy’s legacy of excellence.

The Infinity Project, which takes its name from the ongoing nature of its work and from the resemblance between the numeral 8 and the infinity symbol, does not screen or advocate for particular candidates. Its goals are to further public awareness of the importance of gender equity on the bench, to engage politicians on that issue, and to serve as a clearinghouse for potential Eighth Circuit candidates. More than 100 Minnesota supporters have signed on with the Project since August, and it recently received a $43,000 grant from the Open Society Institute to support its work.

The Project’s success could have significant ramifications. The U.S. Supreme Court draws heavily from candidates on circuit courts; in fact, every justice currently on the high court previously served on a court of appeals. “By not appointing women to the circuit courts,” Kenney says, “we are effectively excluding women as potential candidates for the U.S. Supreme Court.”
The Work of General Counsel

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–Katherine Ellis (’87), NATCO Group
When Tim Baer ('85) graduated, he didn’t really consider a corporate career because access was limited and information scarce. He just hoped he’d be lucky enough to land a position at a prestigious law firm, which he did. Nevertheless, nine years later, he found himself in a leading role at a major corporation. “I got here by accident,” confesses Baer, now executive vice president, secretary, and general counsel at Minneapolis-based Target Corp.

He had been happily ensconced in private practice with colleagues he still treasures when a headhunter’s cold call led to numerous conversations and the eventual decision to join what was then Dayton-Hudson Corp. The lure, Baer says, wasn’t so much the challenge of change as the opportunity to work for Jim Hale ('65), a mentor for whom he has enormous respect and affection.

Patricia Beithon ('81), general counsel and secretary (ethics officer) at Apogee Enterprises, Minneapolis, also spent nine years at a law firm, then considered the highest-paying and most-rewarding option for a promising law graduate. With a business degree and three years of business experience under her belt before she entered law school, Beithon had always envisioned herself as a corporate attorney. Moving in-house was a natural progression that fit her lifestyle and appetite for variety.

Bob Bailey ('89) didn’t envision himself as a lawyer at all when he entered law school. He merely considered a law degree to be the best business degree. But law school taught him a real appreciation for law, one that led first to private practice, then to Bausch & Lomb, which he joined in 1994 and again in 1997 after a brief hiatus. He is now corporate vice-president and general counsel at the Rochester, New York-based company.

No matter how they arrived at corporate headquarters, general counsel give a remarkably similar assessment of the job. It taps their critical-thinking skills, offers up myriad challenges, features a somewhat saner environment than a law firm and, most important, provides intimate involvement in the strategic direction and success of the company they serve.

Do, teach, protect

Katherine Ellis ('87) says she was happy during her nine years of law firm life, but she noticed that her favorite activity was working intensely with a single client. Now senior vice-president and general counsel at NATCO Group, an oil, gas, and water processing and treatment company, she has learned how to talk about technology and cope with the regulatory scrutiny that often haunts successful industries, especially in Houston.

While some tedious tasks fall to her and her four-attorney department, the job makes up in challenge what it lacks in glamour. “I love working with boards and senior executives and being part of the strategy and development in my company,” Ellis says. “You simply can’t get that when you’re with a firm.”

Tim Dordell ('87), Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel at Toro Co., Bloomington, Minn., agrees. “What’s fun is being involved in the CEO’s senior management team. Being part of both the business and legal strategies is very rewarding to me,” he says.

Dordell learned during a summer clerkship that he liked deal-making and finance issues better than litigation. He worked for a couple of law firms before joining St. Paul-based Ecolab for a decade, then Toro two years ago. He has enjoyed working at two companies with different products, cost structures, and ways of going to market. He says he is repeatedly amazed at how much there is to learn and is reminded regularly that others know more about the company than he does. His challenge is to ask the right questions, heed the answers, then get out of the way of colleagues who have particular expertise.
Beithon knows what it takes to shift industries. She spent nine years at Pfizer before moving to Apogee Enterprises, a building materials company that is less regulated than the medical company but equally challenging. Learning a new business takes time, she admits, but the essential qualities of an effective general counsel remain the same: good instincts, a talent for issue-spotting, and a yen for problem-solving.

“I have three goals: to do, teach, and protect,” she explains. Doing means handling everything from contracts to compliance. Teaching means helping board members and executives understand relevant legal issues in order to avoid problems and make better business decisions on their own. And protecting means taking whatever measures are necessary to safeguard the life of the company, which isn’t always easy.

Companies under financial stress sometimes try to cut corners in compliance or ethics areas. “I’ve been fortunate,” Beithon says, “to always work at companies committed to operating ethically,” because general counsel can be put in a difficult position if the rest of the management team doesn’t have that commitment. “It’s up to me to make sure we have enough resources to handle any problems and do what we need to do to make sure the company doesn’t get itself in trouble.” The best part of being in-house, she adds, is being able to connect the work she does with the company’s overall success.

As Ellis says, for a general counsel, “It’s more than just a deal here, a deal there, and moving on.”

Count on change

Corporate lawyers in private practice, some contend, can become so specialized that their vision is severely narrowed. Not so with general counsel who, as the name implies, are generalists.

“I expected in-house practice to be similar to outside, where projects come to you on a project-by-project basis,” says Bailey. “What I found wasn’t that at all.” Instead, the work is more like taking law exams, when sorting out the legal issues is the primary challenge. He relies on a staff that includes 16 lawyers who pool their significant experience to help make the best judgments. (Mentoring young lawyers is a favorite aspect of his job.)

Beithon agrees and thrives on the variety. “A great benefit, especially in a small legal department, is that you’re never stuck doing the same thing over and over,” she says. “I’ve told the lawyers that I’ve hired that I could promise them variety, and they tell me regularly that I didn’t under-deliver.”

Change, both internal and external, has characterized Baer’s in-house career. When he joined Dayton-Hudson 14 years ago, it was structured as a traditional holding company with a financial services arm and three major business lines: a chain of 62 department stores (including Marshall Field’s and Dayton’s), a middle-market national brand (called Mervyn’s), and a discount cousin (dubbed Target). Each line had its own bevy of lawyers, as did the holding company. Multiple negotiations and name changes later, Target Corp. is now a single line with a legal department of 60 attorneys organized by discipline. “This is one department that looks a lot like a law firm,” Baer says.

As for external change, Baer notes that general counsel are featured more often on the front page of newspapers now, but not necessarily in good-news articles. Increased emphasis on corporate governance and accountability since the Sarbanes-Oxley Act passed in 2002 has altered the role of many in-house attorneys.

Beithon warns: “You have to make sure your board doesn’t just focus on those things that impact governance matters when there is real work to be done. They can’t get so bogged down that they lose sight of what their real role is.” Oversight is just one aspect of the job, albeit a consuming one. Building shareholder value and avoiding undue risks are also crucial, and conscientious boards must pay attention to such issues as strategy and succession planning. “The balance has to be right,” Beithon adds.

Sarbanes-Oxley brought a permanent change for companies, but the role of general counsel was already changing, Bailey contends. In the past, partners in venerable old law firm acted as “trusted business advisors,” but today, the influence of outsiders is waning, he says. Today’s trusted advisors are more likely to be in-house, where they must make both legal and business decisions that withstand scrutiny and also endure beyond the moment.

Stepping back and allowing others to do what they do well, “delegating without abdicating,” is essential to success, especially in an industry as fast-paced as retail.

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“Prior to the end of the last century, in-house lawyers had the opportunity to exercise their judgment on legal issues, and a lot of judgments were made,” Bailey explains. “But what we’ve learned since is that any judgment exercised can not only be second-guessed but will be second-guessed.” He values that leadership role, especially at Bausch & Lomb, because the company helps people see. Thus, for him, practicing law directly impacts the lives of people around the world.”I love that part,” he says.

Acquiring skills on the job
Few attorneys leap straight from law school to a corporation. Experience with a respected law firm seems to be a requisite. Most agree that the critical-reasoning skills they acquired in the classroom were essential to their success but many of their key skills were acquired on the job.

“School is a little like calculus. I know I needed it, and it gave me a springboard,” Ellis says. But people who enjoy researching and writing papers don’t belong in a corporation. “You can’t just live in an ivory tower. There is no time,” she says. “I do more deals in a single year than I ever did at a law firm. It’s an incredible whirlwind.” She’s a mergers-and-acquisitions lawyer at heart, she admits, and nothing gets her juices flowing like a good deal. “I love to buy things. Negotiation is the fun stuff. But you don’t get to be a good negotiator by reading.”

Dordell calls mergers-and-acquisitions activity “the ultimate team sport.” The tricky part, he says, is learning when to lead and when to partner. General counsel may head the legal team that drives legal decisions, which usually includes both in-house staff and outside partners, but at the same time be a member of upper management, which must accomplish business objectives. As their careers evolve, in-house attorneys spend less time on tasks and more time on strategy and making the tough calls, he says, adding that “those challenges are also the fun side.”

One of the hardest things an in-house lawyer must learn is not taught in law school: when to let go. Baer calls it “delegating without abdicating.” Stepping back and allowing others to do what they do well is essential to success, especially in an industry as fast-paced as retail. “My legal function is less about me and more about leading a great team,” Baer says. “I can’t do all the legal work required and I’d be a fool for trying.”

Like his counterparts, Baer works hard to build strong relationships with outside partners, who make significant contributions. In looking to add to his team from the inside, he values law firm experience and the horsepower to perform. Intellectual curiosity, a desire for continuous learning, and a good fit with Target’s culture are also important. “Our model and what we ask of lawyers continually changes, so they have to be up for new challenges,” he says.

Live a little
Some say that having a relatively normal work schedule and home life are important benefits of an in-house position. Beithon, for example, switched to Apogee Enterprises when she had two small children. The SEC public offering work she had been doing, with its all-night drafting and printer sessions, did not offer the balance between a home and work life that she sought.

“Working in-house is a saner existence than working in a law firm,” agrees Ellis, who cites family and other considerations as reasons for her shift. Although law firms have made great strides, corporations are still more advanced in the way they treat female employees, she contends. “There’s still that law firm macho of 24/7 and never let them see you sweat. You don’t have that in a corporation,” she says.

Baer says he misses certain things about private practice, like the friends he greeted daily in the hallways, but if he could turn back the clock, he wouldn’t change his decision to join Target. “You can have a fulfilling, enjoyable, exciting, challenging legal career in either setting, and I’m happy to report I found it here.”

Dordell doesn’t want to compare choices. He says he simply advises law students to follow their passion. “Some are going to be drawn to the public sector, others to corporate life, and others to private practice,” he says. “I feel like I got terrific training that put me in the position to see a world of opportunities.”

By Cathy Madison, a freelance writer/editor based in the Twin Cities.
The competitive environment, rigorous classes, and long hours of studying can make law school a tough place to have a thriving social life. Yet despite the time-consuming and intellectual intensity of the profession, lawyers still manage to fall, and stay, in love with fellow attorneys. The University of Minnesota Law School has produced many happy unions among graduates. Some couples met at school, others met afterwards, and some came to the Law School already married. After embarking on legal careers, many couples find that having a soul mate in the same profession actually promotes a successful union. It turns out that you can be happily married to an attorney, even if you are one.

“I think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, in that you always have an analytical mind to discuss legal issues that come up every day,” says Charles Nauen (’80), a partner at Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP. He is married to Pati Jo Pofahl (’86), once an attorney for Lindquist & Vennum who for the past several years has taught advanced Spanish literature at Como Park High School. “Before I’d get ready for trial, I’d run the issues by P.J. and get her analysis, on both legal issues and on the topic. There’s no better person,” says Nauen. Pofahl adds, echoing the opinion of many married attorneys, “It’s nice to be married to someone who is actively engaged in something I know about.”

Complementary interests
Couples often say their spouses make them better attorneys and even help generate business. For example, Pofahl brought to Lindquist & Vennum several clients recommended by Nauen, whose firm has no securities practice. “There’s a lot of opportunity for cross-marketing when you do different things in different firms,” she says.

Grant Aldonas (’79) and Pamela Olson (’80) have thrown assists to one another frequently during their 29-year marriage. As Sen. John McCain’s trade advisor, managing principal of an investment-consulting advisory firm, and a chair in international business at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Aldonas has tapped Olson’s nationally renowned tax expertise on several occasions. He couldn’t have a better tax advisor; Olson served as assistant secretary for tax policy at the Treasury Department for three years in the Bush Administration.

But the most powerful force in their union, Aldonas says, is their cultural connection. “One of the greatest advantages is I married someone from Minnesota,” he says.
“There’s an ethic in the school and in the state about how people approach life and the way they approach the profession, and that is a real advantage. It’s been a real stabilizing force in our marriage and in terms of raising kids in Washington.”

Talking shop at home is not for everyone. “What we do for a living is not what we are,” says Carol S. Johnson (’92), an attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, who is married to E. Michael Johnson (’91), a partner at Dorsey & Whitney. “There are so many things we like to do and are interested in doing that what we do for a living never really comes into the equation,” she says. If she were the bakery chef she has always wanted to be rather than a lawyer, she says, their lives would be no different, except that her husband might “be about 400 pounds” from eating her pastries.

As for Michael, he enjoys two important benefits in his partnership with Carol. When relatives come to him for legal advice, he can kindly demur, telling them that unless they’re buying or selling a company, Carol would be a better source of legal assistance. And, of course, there are the baked goods.

Family life
Starting a family is always a significant change, and when Joseph (’96) and Leslie Van Leeuwen (’96) started law school, it was already under way. They had married and worked for several years for IBM in New York and Minnesota, and Leslie was six weeks pregnant when they started law school. A second child came two years later.

The timing worked well for them. “When you’re not in class, you don’t really have to be at the Law School or in the library, and we had each other to study with,” says Leslie. “Going to school 15 hours a week and taking care of a baby isn’t bad when you think of people in the working world, working 40 plus hours a week and trying to raise a family.” Joseph adds that law school “was a change from working every day at IBM. It was intellectual and enjoyable.”

After graduation, they relocated to Austin, Texas, where Joseph joined a patent boutique practice and Leslie worked first at a general practice firm and then at IBM as an in-house patent attorney. When Joseph’s firm dissolved in 2003, he started his own firm to allow flexibility in raising their two children, one of whom has a learning disability. In 2004, Leslie left IBM and joined him. “I figured, I’m already running his life. I might as well run his firm,” she says.

Working from a home office with your spouse has its hazards. It’s hard to stop checking emails on the weekends, and “sometimes we continue talking about work and patent law and things that are going on in the office right through dinnertime and the evening,” says Leslie. “You never get away from it.”

Aldonas notes that “sometimes we talk to each other like lawyers rather than two people in love. Given what you do practicing law, which is an absorbing profession, it’s hard to turn it off when you’re home.” And, he adds, “Now with Blackberrys, it’s with you wherever you go.”

For Pofahl, kids changed her career path. “I did securities work and I didn’t find it rewarding,” she says. “I wanted more time with my kids and to be more involved in the community.” She found her true calling in teaching high school students and working with immigrants on St. Paul’s ethnically diverse West Side. “I don’t regret the decision to leave law at all.”

Adaptability of a law career
Timothy Glynn, a professor at Seton Hall University, tells his students that the legal profession offers plenty of opportunities outside of law firms and in changing courses down the line. When he and his wife, Crystal Olsen Glynn, both 1994 graduates, began thinking about starting a family, they decided to investigate jobs in academia.

In preparation to teach, Timothy resigned from a major law firm and clerked for two years in the federal district court of Jack Tunheim (’80). At the same time, Crystal clerked in the U.S. district court in Minneapolis. When the couple moved to New Jersey, she found a job overseeing a program at New York University that, ironically, helps prepare attorneys for teaching positions at law schools.

“I only work part-time as an administrator,” says Crystal. “I’m really a mom.” Adds Timothy: “We were anticipating having kids when we decided to take this kind of career approach. It certainly paid off. Both of us are extremely happy things worked out the way they did. Our career trajectories do show that the law degree gives you multiple options.”

By Frank Jossi, a freelance writer based in St. Paul.
The Law School came into being in 1888, when University of Minnesota President Cyrus Northrop and the Board of Regents heeded the call for professional schools at the 31-year-old University. Classes in law began in 1889, all taught by the first dean, William S. Pattee. We’ve assembled a short photo tour of those early years and will continue it in the spring issue.

Only 32 students applied to regular classes the first year. With fees of $10 for matriculation and $30 for tuition, the $1,280 total wouldn’t even pay Pattee’s $2,500 salary. But adding a night school for working students brought in another 35, and Pattee was able to boast that 67 zealous young gentlemen were ready to learn the law. Zealous young women weren’t far behind. In 1890, the first woman, Flora E. Matteson, joined the student body.

In 1910, Pattee took a look back at the school he had personally nurtured for more than 20 years and proudly announced that 1,683 LL.B. degrees had been conferred. He died a year later, and the Pattee era came to an end.

The Law School has undergone enormous change since those first classes in an airless basement, conducted by Pattee who, Northrup observed, taught with an “unvarying seriousness of manner.” With today’s faculty—rich in knowledge, dedication, and even humor—the Law School is on its way, as Dean David Wippman predicts, to new heights.

Thanks to Professor Robert A. Stein for material gathered from his book, In Pursuit of Excellence.
William S. Pattee, first dean of the Law School (1889-1911), in 1904 at age 58

James Monahan in 1889, one of the three members of the first Law School graduating class. He served in Congress (1913-15), was a lawyer for the Nonpartisan League, and helped form the Farmer-Labor Party.

Law School students get away from it all with cycling and camping at Lake Calhoun in 1898. Courtesy of Hennepin County Historical Society

In 1905, the Law School had five faculty members: Professors Henry J. Fletcher, James Paige, William S. Pattee, A.C. Hickman (seated, left to right) and Professor Hugh Willis (standing, at left). “Professor” Kolliner (seated, at right) and “Professor” Mercer (standing, at right) may have been some of the local members of the bar that Pattee prevailed upon to lecture.

Officers of the Class of 1899. In 1897, as a student, McCants Stewart (top) prevailed under the Minnesota civil rights laws against a Minneapolis restaurant that refused to serve him. He was the second black graduate of the Law School.
Professor Stephen F. Befort (‘74) received the Teacher of the Year award for 2007-08 in the Stanley V. Kinyon Teaching Awards for excellence in education.

Professor Ann M. Burkhart was elected a Fellow in the American College of Mortgage Attorneys (ACMA). Fellowship is by nomination only. Candidates must be nominated by a current ACMA Fellow and approved by the State Chair and the Membership Committee. Membership in the College requires substantial and distinguished experience in real estate law and in publications, presentations, bar association activities, teaching, or participation in the legislative process. Only seven other Minnesota lawyers are ACMA Fellows.

Professor Bradley G. Clary (‘75) was appointed by Chief Justice Eric J. Magnuson to a three-year term on the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, charged with reviewing and potentially modifying the Rules governing Supreme Court and Court of Appeals procedure in civil and certain criminal proceedings. The Minnesota Supreme Court selects Committee members from among experienced lawyers and judges on the basis of expertise to achieve diversity of legal and practice perspectives.

Professor Prentiss Cox (‘90) has become a member of the recently formed National Advisory Board of the Institute for Foreclosure Legal Assistance (IFLA). Formed by the Center for Responsible Lending with a $15 million grant from the private investment firm of Paulson and Co., IFLA provides funding and training to organizations that give legal representation to homeowners facing foreclosure because of abusive subprime mortgages. Its activities are managed by the National Association of Consumer Advocates.

Professor David Stras moderates the Minnesota Law Review Symposium’s first panel discussion, “Politics and the Judiciary.”

Former and current recipients of the Julius E. Davis Chair with Mrs. Davis (center) and Dean David Wippman (front row, third from right)
Professor Barry C. Feld ('69) won the 2007-08 Tenured Teacher of the Year Award in the Stanley V. Kinyon Teaching Awards for excellence in education. He also received the 23rd Annual Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award, given by the Juvenile Justice Committee of the ABA’s Criminal Justice Section. This award recognizes the skill and commitment of lawyers who devote a significant portion of their practice to the rights and interests of youth and children and who contribute significantly to the field of juvenile justice. Professor Feld’s book *Bad Kids: Race and the Transformation of the Juvenile Court* received the Outstanding Book Award from both the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Professor Feld received a $93,134 grant from the National Science Foundation to support his work on police interrogation of juveniles. His empirical study is only the second study of police interrogation in 60 years and the first devoted to juveniles. He is also conducting the first-ever comparative analyses of police interrogation practices in different contexts (e.g., white, black, Asian, Hispanic youths; boys versus girls).

In addition, he has been asked to serve on the Republican National Convention Public Safety Planning and Implementation Commission, a review panel proposed by St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman ('87) and unanimously approved by the St. Paul City Council. Its purpose is to investigate security outside the Xcel Energy Center during the Sept. 1-4 Republican National Convention.

Professor Thomas P. Gallanis was elected a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the practice of trust and estate law. He is assistant executive director of the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Trust and Estate Acts within the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and also serves as reporter for a proposed Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act.
FACULTY PERSPECTIVE

Professor Oren Gross and Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin are members of the Working Group on Detention Without Trial. The Working Group is coordinated by the Human Rights Institute at Columbia Law School, the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, the Center for American Progress, and the National Litigation Clinic at Yale Law School.

Professor Clair A. Hill received the David Watson Memorial Award from Queen’s University, Ontario, for her article entitled “The Law and Economics of Identity,” published in Volume 32 of Queen’s Law Journal. The annual award goes to an article in the Journal that is judged to make the most significant contribution to legal scholarship.

Professor Fionnuala D. Ní Aoláin, concurrently a professor and co-founder/associate director of the Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster, Belfast, Northern Ireland, received a 2008-09 Interdisciplinary International Institutional Partnership grant of approximately $25,000 from the University of Minnesota’s Office of International Programs. Given to establish and strengthen interdisciplinary partnerships between the University and international institutions, the grant will support Ní Aoláin’s Transitional Justice Partnership with the United Kingdom and Ireland and will provide funding toward visitor exchanges, an international interdisciplinary conference, and the semester-exchange program for Minnesota students at the Transitional Justice Institute.

Other University of Minnesota faculty members involved in the collaboration include Law School Professors Oren Gross, David Weissbrodt (above, left), and Dean David Wippman (above, right); Professor Hiromi Mizuno, History Department; Professor Kathryn Sikkink, Political Science Department; and Professors Michael Barnett and Barbara Frey, Humphrey Institute.

Professor Ní Aoláin also received a $25,000 grant from the Leverhulme Trust to support her interdisciplinary research in the field of transitional justice. The Trust supports projects of an interdisciplinary nature that contribute to the community and applicants with

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She also was awarded a research grant from the British Academy, an independent fellowship of humanities and social sciences scholars, to further the project “Southern Voices in Human Rights.” The project works to further the voice and interests of non-Western societies, and the grant will, in part, support a symposium on human rights in the global “South.” Distinguished professors from U.S. and U.K. law schools and U.N. special advisors are involved in the project.

Professor Myron Orfield received a grant of $300,000 from the Ford Foundation to support the research, public education, and advocacy of the Institute on Race & Poverty, which works to remove racial and economic discrimination that creates barriers to opportunity for communities of color and low income. Professor Orfield has completed numerous studies on school funding, transportation, housing, job availability, and other issues in American metropolitan areas. He was recently appointed Commissioner to the National Commission on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and was an invited member of Barack Obama’s pre-election Urban Policy Committee, acting as an urban policy adviser and expert.

Professor Daniel Schwarz won the 2007-08 Tenure Track Teacher of the Year Award in the Stanley V. Kinyon Teaching Awards for excellence in education.

Professor Schwarz is a consumer representative to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and proposed an amendment to an industry “white paper” on global climate change that was unanimously adopted by the NAIC Climate Change and Global Warming Task Force. His proposal recommended that in setting policy premiums, insurers give greater weight to miles driven, thereby encouraging policyholders to drive less.

Professor Kathryn J. Sedo won the 2007-08 Clinical Teacher of the Year Award in the Stanley V. Kinyon Teaching Awards for excellence in education. She teaches tax procedure and is director of the Tax Clinic. In July 2009 she will become chair of the ABA’s Committee on Low Income Taxpayers.

Professor Gregory Shaffer was named a Fernand Braudel Senior Research Fellow at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy, for spring 2009. EUI is a premier academic institution in Europe for the advanced study of law, and the Braudel Fellowship provides research support to leading scholars. While at EUI, Professor Shaffer plans to work on a book regarding the World Trade Organization and a series of articles concerning new legal realist and empirical approaches to international law.
Earl R. Larson Professorship in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law
Reappointment Lecture

On Oct. 21, 2008, Dale Carpenter commemorated his reappointment to the Earl R. Larson Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law with the first in the 2008-09 Lecture Series: “Law, Tradition, and Same-Sex Marriage.” Carpenter was the 2006-07 Julius E. Davis Professor of Law, the 2003-04 Vance K. Opperman Research Scholar, and the Stanley V. Kinyon Teacher of the Year for 2003-04 and 2005-06 and Tenured Teacher of the Year for 2006-07. He received his J.D. in 1992 from the University of Chicago Law School.

The thesis for his lecture, Carpenter said, was that “gay marriage is a conservative idea, although conservatives may be the last people to realize it.” He examined same-sex marriage within the principles of Edmund Burke, often considered the father of modern conservatism. Burke’s “liberal conservatism” emphasizes respect for society’s traditions and history and attention to patience and incrementalism in implementing reform, Carpenter said. He presented Burkean objections to same-sex marriage, responses to the objections, and long-term trends and changes that make the concept acceptable in today’s society.

The Earl R. Larson Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law was established through the generosity of the late Earl R. Larson (’35) and his wife Cecil Larson to encourage scholarly work in civil rights and civil liberties. Judge Larson was a founding partner of the Minneapolis firm that became Lindquist & Vennum, a judge on the U.S. District Court for Minnesota from 1961 to 1977, and a senior judge thereafter. He was the first president of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union and chair of the Minnesota Human Rights Commission. Richard Larson (’69), who has shared his father’s drive for civil rights and civil liberties in his own 38-year legal career, represented his family at the lecture.

The lecture is online at www.law.umn.edu/cle/08_09lectureseries.html.

Professors Honored at Anniversary of Landmark Ruling

The late Professor Irving Younger and Professor Robert A. Stein (’61) were among those honored Sept. 20, 2008, at a celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1938 decision in Erie Railroad Co. v. Tompkins (304 U.S. 64).

The celebration was hosted by the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the state bar associations of New York and Pennsylvania, the ABA, and the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. The program was held at the headquarters of the New York City Bar, Manhattan, and was followed by an evening reception and dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Erie v. Tompkins involved a suit brought against Erie Railroad, a New York state company, by Harry Tompkins for serious injury he sustained when struck by something protruding from a railroad car as he walked beside the tracks in Pennsylvania. He sued Erie for negligence in federal district court. In a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned almost a century of federal civil procedure law and ruled that federal courts must apply state common law, not federal general common law, when hearing state law claims under diversity jurisdiction. Tompkins lost his case under Pennsylvania common law.

Professor Younger, who taught at the Law School from 1984-1988, was honored posthumously at the celebration with a special award for authoring the classic background article on the case, “What Happened in Erie?,” published in a 1978 issue of the Texas Law Review. Professor Stein was honored for his many years of bar leadership as Executive Director of the ABA.
Visiting Professor

Jan Darpö came to the Law School in the fall semester of 2008 from Uppsala University Faculty of Law as a visiting professor. His teaching and research interests are nature conservation and environmental protection, liability, procedure, and criminal law. He received his LL.M. in 1991 and his LL.D. in 2001 from Uppsala University and became an associate professor of environmental law in 2002. He was an additional member in the Environmental Court of Appeal in Stockholm in 2002-04 and has been a senior lecturer in environmental and public law at Uppsala since 2004. Professor Darpö is coordinator of the research program Enforcing Environmental Law in Europe (ENFORCE) and has served as an expert for several Swedish governmental committees and as a research evaluator for IWT-Flanders for the Flemish government. He is a Swedish expert in the Task Force on Access to Justice under the Århus Convention of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and also a senior adviser in the European Union’s conformity study of measures of member states to transpose directives on information and public participation in environmental matters.

Visiting Assistant Professor

Kirsten Nussbaumer joined the Law School faculty in the 2008-09 academic year as a visiting assistant professor teaching civil procedure and legislation. She received her M.A., J.D., and Ph.D. (all-but-dissertation, joint political science and law) degrees from Stanford University. While a Ph.D. candidate, she was a visiting assistant professor at Golden Gate Law School, teaching civil procedure and election law. Her Ph.D. dissertation explores late-18th century conceptions and practices of election reform, particularly at the time of the U.S. founding. Professor Nussbaumer writes and researches in the areas of constitutional history, American political development, election law (especially regulation of congressional elections), and 18th century Anglo-American political thought. She clerked for the Honorable Myron H. Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, and she worked on the drafting and negotiations for the Help America Vote Act of 2002 in Washington, D.C.

Visiting Scholars

Fiona Smith joined the Law School in the fall 2008 semester as a visiting scholar from University College London where, since 2005, she has taught undergraduate contracts and LL.M. courses on the World Trade Organization (WTO). Previously, she held posts at the University of Leicester (1999-2005 and 1994-95) and the University of Sheffield (1995-97). Dr. Smith received her Ph.D. and L.L.M. degrees in European and international trade law from the University of Leicester. Her primary areas of interest are international agricultural trade law under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the WTO, and how jurisprudential thought, particularly semantics, offer scholars greater insight into international regulatory difficulties and their resolution. She founded and is now co-director of the WTO Scholars’ Forum in the U.K., which brings together experts in WTO law and policy from practice, government, and academia, and she is a vice-chair of the Law Student, LL.M., and New Lawyer Outreach Committee of the ABA’s Section of International Law. She will work with Professor Brian Bix on exploring the philosophy of language and how it affects interpretation of trade rules.

Dai Yifei came to the Law School in October from Beijing’s China University of Political Science and Law, where she is a Ph.D. candidate in jurisprudence. She will spend a year in Minnesota researching statutory interpretation and will work with Professor Brian Bix in studying jurisprudence and philosophy. An admitted “professional student,” she has a dual bachelor’s degree in linguistics and law from Central China Normal University and a master’s degree in Chinese civil and commercial law from the Law School of Wuhan University. In her short time at the Law School, she says she already has been “touched by the team spirit of faculty, staff, and students.”

Tenure Recipients

Congratulations to four Law School faculty members who have been granted tenure (left to right): Associate Professors Kristin Hickman, Heidi Kitrosser, Alexandra Klass, and David Stras.
On April 8, 2008, Professor Robert A. Stein (’61) delivered the Everett Fraser Professor of Law Reappointment Lecture, “The Rule of Law.” He examined the core principles behind the phrase and traced the concept’s development, from the ancient philosophers to today’s U.S. Supreme Court Justices. The important relationship between the rule of law and a strong, independent judiciary received special emphasis.

A nationally recognized authority in estate planning, trusts, and probate law, Professor Stein holds many leadership positions, including Vice Chair of the London-based International Bar Association’s Professional and Public Interest Division and membership on the executive committees of the American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State laws. He teaches international rule of law, estates, wills and trusts, and an undergraduate course on cases that have shaped the nation.

The Everett Fraser Chair in Law was established through the generosity of James H. Binger (’41), a former CEO of Honeywell Inc., Broadway theater owner, and widely recognized philanthropist. It honors Everett Fraser, third dean of the Law School (1920-1948), who led the Law School to academic excellence and national leadership. Many of the innovative programs established during his long service fostered curricular change in legal education nationwide.
Michael Tonry
Professor of Law

Whether he’s in idyllic Cambridge, England, or a waterfront town in Maine, or the bustling corridors of Mondale Hall, Michael Tonry is thinking about crime. As a foremost authority on criminal law and sentencing policy, Tonry is deeply involved with the most important publications in the field, including *Studies in Crime and Public Policy*, generally acknowledged as the world’s leading book series on crime topics. He continues to serve as general editor and a frequent contributor to *Crime and Justice: A Review of Research*, a publication covering research on any scholarly topic relating to crime that he co-founded in 1977. It has earned a respected and global readership and has been rated among the most frequently cited criminology and criminal law journals in the world.

After spending 1999-2004 as director of the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University, Tonry returned to the Law School, ready to establish a new base for the study of criminal law. In 2005, he began laying the cornerstone for the Law School’s Institute on Crime and Public Policy, which now hosts several conferences associated with books in the *Crime and Justice* series. ICPP also co-sponsors (along with British and Dutch institutes) several international conferences on the philosophy of punishment.

**Crime and punishment**

Tonry isn’t one to rest on his academic laurels. He’d rather spend his time encouraging countries to rethink their views on crime and sentencing policy. Australia, Canada, England, Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden have already made specific changes in their crime laws and penal practices because of his research and tireless advocacy. Tonry says that 20 years ago, he started writing to European governments to propose his own projects. He’d say, for example, “I’d like to do a book on crime and immigration in eight countries. Would you put up one-eighth of the budget?” Now, European governments and institutes call him.

Since 2003, Professor Tonry has been involved with the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement. He recently completed a report for the Dutch government on changes in penalties and their effect on crime rates, and he has helped create a new program for prison research in the Netherlands. In late October of 2008, Tonry traveled to Beijing to advise the People’s Supreme Court of China “on ways they might change their sentencing system.”

**Human development and criminal behavior**

Despite his reputation in law and sentencing policy, Tonry recognized early on the need to learn about underlying influences on criminal behavior. He launched a human development study in the 1980s while heading his nonprofit research firm in Maine. “We wanted to study how human lives evolve and what circumstances make crime, delinquency, drug use, school failure, and so on, more or less likely,” he recalls, as well as “how we can identify those things and alter them to improve people’s chances of living decent lives.”

With funding from the MacArthur Foundation, he spent three years studying the relationships between human development and criminal
tendencies. The project’s result, *Human Development and Criminal Behavior: New Ways of Advancing Knowledge*, attracted attention from the U.S. Department of Justice and the MacArthur Foundation. Tonry raised $52 million to expand the idea longitudinally, to study thousands of people by age-group, from the womb to age 18, and follow their development for 11 years. “It has generated huge amounts of very useful information,” he says.

Tonry also used his drive for criminology research and teaching as a founding member of the European Society of Criminology. Since its first conference in 2001, the organization has grown to about 1,000 members across 30 countries. “It has done what we hoped it would do,” he says. “It has gotten people seriously talking across national boundaries.”

Tonry is humble about his contributions, yet they are more than entries on an academic CV. His work as a crime researcher and public policy advisor has affected true policy reform and legislative change in many countries. “Crime is a complicated problem,” he says, “but there are sensible, rational, humane ways to think and talk about it.”

By Pamela Tabar, a freelance writer and communications assistant based in Cleveland.
VIOLET ODALA
CLASS OF 2009

> Minneapolis is a long way from Violet Odala’s native Malawi. “It’s been a real change of environment,” she says. “Malawi is one of the least-developed nations in the world. We don’t have many resources.” Knowing that so many people in her country have to get by on so little is part of what inspired Odala, 33, to pursue a career in law.

A job working for a human rights organization in Malawi took her into villages where she helped educate people about their rights. “I could feel the impact that it had,” she says. From there, Odala earned an LL.B. from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa and an LL.M. in human rights law from the University of Nottingham in England.

When her husband moved to Minnesota to get a Ph.D. from Luther Seminary, Odala hoped to follow to work on an LL.M. “I had encountered the University of Minnesota a lot when doing online research for international human rights,” she says. “I always aspired to come and study here.” Her wish was granted when she received a tuition scholarship from the University.

Now, with a few months of studying under her belt, she is adjusting to the Socratic method—an approach that’s not used in Malawi. “Back home, you know that the lecturer will feed you the information,” she says. “So you could sometimes get away with not reading before class. But here it’s not possible. I’m reading much more than I did. It gets you engaged in the course.”

Still, the classroom environment can be a challenge. “Sometimes it is a bit hard for me in a big class because it’s not so easy for me to grasp what everyone is saying, especially when they are speaking in low voices.”
English is the official language of Malawi, so Odala is used to studying in English, but she speaks Chichewa, the country’s national language, with her friends and family. “I do struggle with homesickness,” she says. “Sometimes you just want to speak your language and talk to someone who is from home.”

DAN HUYCK
CLASS OF 2009

> Dan Huyck’s duty to his country is hardwired: “I’ve had family members serve in every war since the Revolutionary War,” he explains. Huyck, 34, enlisted in the Michigan National Guard when he was 17 and received his B.S. from Northern Michigan University through the Army ROTC. Upon graduation, he began a seven-year course of active duty that took him from Michigan to Texas to Korea to Virginia. He left active duty in 2006. Huyck wanted a law degree so he could eventually continue his public service as a government attorney at either the state or federal level. A visit to the Law School confirmed that he wanted to be back in the upper Midwest. When he started school, he joined the Minnesota National Guard.

While he is certainly no stranger to challenges, he says that transitioning from the hierarchical environment of the Army to the collegiate atmosphere of the Law School was an adjustment. “In the military, your steps are very clear,” he explains. “But in law school, you have to establish your own plan of attack.” In addition to being a student, he is a company commander in charge of 135 Minnesota National Guard soldiers. “My role isn’t once a month. It’s every day,” he says. “I have to make sure the soldiers have what they need to be successful.”

That strenuous pace sped up even more when he had to push his graduation up from May 2009 to December 2008 to meet a military commitment slated for next spring. Huyck says the Law School has provided outstanding support through the process of switching graduation but takes care to point out that his situation is not unique. “I’m not the first one who has had these training issues,” Huyck says. “Everyone I’ve talked to has had the same experience.”
Aaron Welo, 27, was working as a paralegal in a Washington, D.C., law firm when he boarded a flight to visit his family in Madison, Wisc., for the 2006 holiday season. The woman seated next to him was the finance director for Fair Wisconsin, a campaign against the state constitutional amendment that would eventually ban gay marriage and civil unions. Welo had been interested in the campaign and others like it that were taking place across the country, but he hadn’t found a way to get involved.

When a connecting flight in Detroit was cancelled, Welo and the woman ate dinner together. They stayed in contact, and six months later Welo moved to Madison to work as a finance coordinator for the organization. “It really just fell into my lap,” he says. “I was both lucky and very determined.”

Fair Wisconsin wasn’t able to defeat the amendment, but the experience he gained working with the organization strengthened Welo’s resolve to go to law school, a goal he had been working toward since his graduation from Wesleyan University in 2004. “It provided me with ammunition in terms of understanding how the system works,” he says.

Studying at the Law School has enhanced that understanding. “It’s been a tremendous experience,” he says. “Being in law school has given me an appreciation for how pieces of our society and the world fit together.”

As for life after law school, Welo wants to try practicing in a law firm. In the meantime, he spends his spare moments cooking, exercising, and “being a Democrat.” GLBT civil rights issues are still important to him, too. “They are some of many issues I’m concerned about,” he says.

Theresa Stadheim Wins IP Writing Prizes


The competition is limited to first- and second-year students enrolled at an AALS-accredited law school. Submissions, which must address an IP topic, are judged on originality, research, content, and contributions to the law and practice. A grand prize for a first-year student, another for a second-year student, and three honorable mentions are awarded.

Stadheim received her awards at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 3, 2008.

Bryan Seiler Receives 2008 Equal Justice Award

Minnesota Women Lawyers (MWL) selected Bryan M. Seiler (’08) to receive the 2008 Equal Justice Award. The $1,000 prize honors an article or essay that best analyzes an equal justice topic and offers original solutions to the problems within it. A team of judges selected, from a field of 12 entries by law students across the state, Seiler’s article entitled “Moving from ‘Broken Windows’ to Healthy Neighborhood Policy: Reforming Urban Nuisance Law in the Public and Private Sectors.”

Seiler’s article, published in the February 2008 issue of Minnesota Law Review, argues that application of nuisance law often is initiated by residents concerned with renters or racial minorities in their neighborhood. “The problem is, public nuisance law is so attractive to city and state governments because it avoids the protections offered by landlord-tenant and criminal law,” he explains. Seiler is working toward a master’s degree in Public Policy through the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Since 1991, MWL has bestowed 16 Equal Justice Awards, 13 of them to Law School students.
TREVOR WOODAGE
CLASS OF 2011

> With an M.D. and a Ph.D. in genetics, Trevor Woodage, 47, clearly enjoys the rigors of the academic life. Originally from Australia, Woodage moved to the United States in 1994 to complete a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. From there he switched to the private sector, where he worked for two different biotechnology companies on issues related to the Human Genome Project.

When he relocated to St. Paul in 2004, he realized it was time for yet another challenge. “I decided that law had a number of attractions to me,” he says. “I also felt that with my scientific technical background, I probably had some pretty good career options in the field of intellectual property law.”

Woodage was drawn to the Law School because of its excellent reputation and the fact that a number of faculty members have teaching interests related to biomedical sciences and health law.” It’s been a long time since I was in school,” he says,” but I’m uniformly enjoying my classes.”

Graduation is still a few years down the road, but Woodage is looking forward to seeing how his passions for science and the law can be combined. He’s interested in learning more about the legal aspects of issues such as genetic privacy and genetic databases. “I see law school as a way to equip me with a bunch of tools that I can take back into the private sector and still work on biotechnology-related issues,” he says.

In the meantime, Woodage and his partner are raising their two young children, which means that he doesn’t have a lot of time to get to know his classmates. “I go to school, work, come home,” he admits. “I’m missing out on some of the social aspects of the school.”

By Elizabeth Larsen, a freelance writer based in Minneapolis.

Workers’ Rights Clinic Prevails

> A court order denying the defendant’s motion to dismiss came out on Oct. 31, 2008, in a Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) case being handled by the Law School’s Workers’ Rights Clinic. The Clinic’s Student Director Ashley Davis-Alteri (‘09) handled the briefing and presented oral arguments before Judge John R. Tunheim (‘80) of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Civil Practice Clinic Student Director Amy Urberg (‘09) assisted with the briefing and worked on the case as a 2008 Summer Director.

The Clinic has been representing the client, a 59-year-old woman who was terminated from her home health aid job the same day that she requested 17 days of medical leave, since May 2006. Darren Sharp (‘07), as a student member of the Workers’ Rights Clinic, represented the client in successfully appealing denial of unemployment compensation after her termination.

The plaintiff subsequently brought an action alleging that in terminating her employment, the defendant interfered with her right to family medical leave and retaliated against her for requesting medical leave in violation of the FMLA and in breach of contract. Her employer moved for dismissal of the complaint, which the court denied, stating that the length of time off the plaintiff requested “could plausibly have alerted” the employer that it was not an ordinary sick-day request. Moreover, the court maintained that the employer could have requested certification from the plaintiff’s healthcare provider if it doubted the seriousness of her condition.

“Congratulations to Ashley and Amy for a job well done,” says Clinical Professor Lisa Stratton (‘93), who teaches the Workers’ Rights Clinic.

“We are thrilled with the outcome for our client.”

Clinical Professor Lisa Stratton (‘93), Ashley Davis-Alteri (‘09), and Amy Urberg (‘09)
Thanks to contributions from previous graduating classes, a newly renovated Rottschafer Lounge is available to Law School students needing a place to escape from the stresses of their studies. A re-opening event was held on Sept. 24, with the help of Dean David Wippman and Professor Fred L. Morrison.

“There are plenty of places in the Law School where students can study,” explains Assistant Dean of Students Erin Keyes. “This is not designated as one of those spaces.” The lounge is a place for students to relax, socialize, and build relationships with their colleagues.

The space has undergone more than cosmetic improvements. It has new couches, a flat-screen television, and a pool table, and it is the only place on the subplaza level with plenty of natural light, Keyes says. Future additions will include area rugs, pieces of art, and more comfortable furniture.

The lounge is named after the late Professor Emeritus Henry Rottschafer, who came to Minnesota in 1922. He was the Law School's first tax professor and the author of Minnesota’s first income tax law.

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**SAVE THE DATE >**

Theatre of the Relatively Talentless presents its 7th Annual Law School musical—this year based on Frank Capra’s “It's a Wonderful Life.” Shows take place March 6 and 7, 2009, at the Pantages Theatre in downtown Minneapolis. For more information, see [www.umn.edu/~tort](http://www.umn.edu/~tort).
LL.M. Class of ’09 Gets to Know Minnesota

For three weeks before regular classes began in the fall, LL.M. students are hard at work taking the required Introduction to American Law (IAL) course to become familiar with American law and procedure, legal research and writing, and other important topics. This year’s LL.M. class—29 students from 15 countries—arrived at day 1 of orientation, Aug. 7, ready to learn.

It was not all classroom learning. Orientation included breakfasts and lunches to meet each other, faculty, and alumni, as well as on-campus and off-campus tours. A favorite was the trip to the Minnesota Capitol building on Aug. 13, attended by all 42 students in the IAL class (LL.M. students plus Humphrey Fellows and exchange students) and overseen by Muria Kruger (’01), Director of International and Graduate Programs at the Law School. Students were offered some Minnesota history, and Associate Justice Paul Anderson (’68) gave them a look at a courtroom and some observations from his 14 years on the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The LL.M. class of ’09 has a diversity of skills, experience, and viewpoints; their contributions will enrich the entire Law School community.
> When Joan Humes was urged by Professor Suzanna Sherry to be a law clerk, she protested, “But I want to be a real lawyer.” Now Humes says, “Thank goodness for professors who are actually involved with their students.” It’s a rare day in practice that doesn’t include “something that clerking taught me.” For example, U.S. District Court Judge James Rosenbaum (’69) taught the already-efficient mother of two to “cut to the chase.” Still, Humes encourages people to have their say.

Once a social worker, Humes and two friends had founded a wholesale art business, and contact with lawyers associated with the business kindled an interest in law. She obtained her law degree with an intention to use it in business, not practice, but enjoyed working two years in the Minnesota Attorney General’s office and 12 in the U.S. Attorney’s office.

Back in business, as UnitedHealth’s general counsel of public and senior markets group, Humes says, “Health law is really cutting edge. I enjoy dealing with issues that have never been answered before.” But the real high is working with her national team of 171 attorneys, auditors, and assistants to impart her core value: “Act with courage; speak with candor.” She says, “For a team to work well, they must be able to do that.”

Humes loved the discipline of studying law. She makes time for legal history reading and adjunct teaching and service as Law Alumni Board president. Her passion, though, is family: her husband, five children, and four grandchildren. When three generations gather around the dining room table for pizza, she tosses out a topic and then lets everyone speak—with candor.
SCOTT IHRIG: THE PRODUCER
CLASS OF 1997

As an associate attorney, Scott Ihrig loved the people at Gray Plant Mooty. But when Radio City Entertainment tapped him to produce the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, he followed the bright lights. He gives the Law School the bow. “I never would have gotten the job with Radio City at the age I was without a law degree,” he says. “It showed achievement and maturity and the ability to be a critical, smart thinker, all of which came from my education at the U of M.”

Between Christmas shows, Ihrig produced corporate events. In 2004, he established Ihrig Productions in New York to create live experiences for corporations, nonprofit organizations, and professional theater. That includes product launches, international meetings, tours, employee recognition ceremonies, galas, and spectacles. Ihrig finds “something amazing about gathering to have a live experience, especially in an age when so much of our communications and entertainment are delivered digitally.”

His values show in his small staff, his modest office in Brooklyn, and his attitude. “We talk a lot about jobs that feed the bank and jobs that feed the soul,” he says. “We clearly have to have jobs that feed the business. It’s also our responsibility and privilege to take our talents and work for folks who are doing work we believe in. It’s the pro bono model.”

Ihrig structures his life to include time for family, his partner, and Broadway. Presently a producer and investor in “13” and the distinctively named musical “[title of show],” he says, “I did not actually realize I would be as excited about Broadway until I was there.”
**JOHN P. ST. MARIE:**
**MAKING A LIFE**
**CLASS OF 1969**

> Most people don’t get choked up about the Law School. John St. Marie does. “Going to the Law School made my life. It made it possible for me to work.”

That was not a given for St. Marie. He contracted polio and was paralyzed at age 8. At 15 he decided he wanted to, and could, become a lawyer. “‘No’ always sounded more like ‘maybe’ to me,” he says. At the Law School, students lifted him in and out of Fraser Hall and took duplicate notes. “It was like being in a small, small college. There was real camaraderie.” And there were lessons in “how to talk to people in ways that are not the same as when talking to lawyers.”

His determined attitude was essential in the 1970s when he worked on commissions promoting accessibility to public buildings and transportation. “I was just a little voice in the wilderness who did some good,” he says. He did some good in the wilderness, too, co-founding Wilderness Inquiry in 1978 to provide persons with disabilities access to wilderness recreation.

St. Marie served in the Office of Senate Counsel from 1969 until 1975, when he became an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney in the civil division. He was assigned to the human services division in 1981 and handled civil commitment cases from 1990 to 2003. “I helped people who are mentally ill and/or chemically dependent get the help they needed.”

St. Marie knows about needing help. He needed medical help in 1952 when polio struck. He needed interpreters to talk to Jula, his wife of 24 years, when he first met her in Thailand and felt that “something clicked.” He has always gotten the help he needed, and he has given better than he got.

**ALUMNI NEWS >**

> **Ten Law School alumni were** appointed by Chief Justice Eric J. Magnuson to serve on the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. Diane B. Bratvold (‘87), Law School Clinical Professor Bradley G. Clary (‘75), Gary A. Debele (‘87), and Bruce Jones (‘85), all of Minneapolis, were appointed for three-year terms. Scott Buhler (‘88) of Crookston and Timothy J. Pramas (‘93) of Minneapolis received two-year appointments. Thomas C. Atmore (‘88) of Minneapolis, Jill I. Frieders (‘80) of Rochester, and Erik F. Hansen (‘00) of Eden Prairie received one-year appointments. Clerk of the Appellate Courts Frederick K. Grittner (‘76) was appointed an ex officio member.

Amy Bergquist (‘07) has accepted a clerkship for the 2010-11 term with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. “When I left my 11-year career as a high school teacher to come to law school, I never would have dreamed that this would be possible,” Bergquist says. She taught at Minneapolis South High School from 1993 to 2004.

Bergquist recently completed a clerkship with Judge William A. Fletcher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. She plans to work at Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis, then clerk with U.S. District Court Judge John Tunheim on the District Court of Minnesota for 2009-10. In the summer of 2010, she will head to Washington, D.C.

During her student years, Bergquist was editor-in-chief of the *Minnesota Law Review* and received the William B. Lockhart Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service in 2007. She says that the high-quality education she received “is contingent not only on the quality and expertise of the faculty, but also on the engagement and enthusiasm the students bring to the classroom. The University of Minnesota Law School is a place where all of those factors come together to enable law students to achieve their full potential.”

Other Law School alumni who have clerked for the Supreme Court include James Hale (‘65), Allan Ryan (‘70), Scott Knudson (‘82), and Doug Winthrop (‘91).

Paul A. Banker (‘95), an appellate litigator and co-chair of the insurance recovery group at Lindquist & Venum, Minneapolis, successfully argued a case before the U.S. Supreme Court over the summer. *Plains Commerce Bank v. Long Family Land and Cattle Company Inc., et al.* involved a decision by the Eighth District Court of Appeals in favor of a Native American couple who claimed that Plains Commerce Bank of South Dakota had discriminated against them. Banker and Robert V. Atmore (‘63) of Lindquist & Venum petitioned the high court
GEORGE SKIBINE: MAN OF MANY HATS
CLASS OF 1977

> At work, George Skibine wears three hats. The well-worn one—Director of the Office of Indian Gaming, Department of the Interior—dates back to 1995. In 2004, he was appointed Acting Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development, and in May 2008, the role of Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs was added. Skibine deals with land rights, drilling, gaming, budgets, 10,000 employees, and the agendas of politicians. He turns to the rule of law when those interests compete.

Inspired by an internship, Skibine donned his first bureau chapeau in 1977 as a paralegal specialist in Indian rights protection. He handled the tribal court program at the Bureau of Indian Affairs before serving as an attorney in the Office of the Solicitor.

The son of Russian émigré choreographer George Skibine and prima ballerina Marjorie Tallchief, Skibine grew up in France and appreciated the international circle of friends and club soccer team he found at the University of Minnesota. He laughs about hating administrative law class. “I thought it was the most boring stuff and, lo and behold, I’ve been doing administrative law for 31 years.”

What began as the means to repay the favor of a BIA scholarship turned into a career. “My life has been dedicated to the betterment of Indian people,” he says.

It’s hats off for Skibine at lunchtime, when he competes in soccer matches in front of the White House. Outside work, he wears hats as husband, father, tennis player, and pianist. They all fit.

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

U.S. District Judge Michael J. Davis (‘72) has been named Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Davis succeeds Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum (‘69) and will serve a seven-year term. Davis has taught as an adjunct professor at the Law School for 25 years, has been a member of the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, and recently served on the alumni committee that advised the dean search committee.

Ronald J. Schutz (’81) has been appointed by Gov. Tim Pawlenty (’86) to chair the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection. Schutz has served on the Commission since 2003, most recently as an at-large member.

The Commission is responsible for evaluating applicants for judgeships in district courts and in the Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals and for making recommendations of final candidates to the governor’s office. Of the Commission’s 49 members, 27 are appointed by the governor and 22 are appointed by the Supreme Court.

Schutz is a partner in the Minneapolis office of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, where he chairs the intellectual property litigation and licensing group. He has been practicing attorney for 27 years.

Schutz has served on the alumni advisory board for the Minnesota Law Review and is a past president of the Law School Alumni Association.

The Honorable Myron Bright Scholarship was established recently to honor Myron H. Bright (‘47), Senior Circuit Judge, 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, Fargo, N.D. The scholarship was endowed by contributions from former law clerks and friends and will provide financial support for law students with outstanding potential. It will receive matching funds from the University.

Former law clerks, family, and friends gathering around Judge Bright (front row, center) at a July 2008 reunion celebrating his 40 years on the bench.

www.law.umn.edu Perspectives FALL 2008
When John Karalis (’63) gave retirement a try in 1998, he had time to reflect on the twists and turns of his career. He realized that he had seen a lot of changes and had many interesting stories to tell, so he started writing it all down. The resulting account of his career journey, which he plans to have published soon, is called *Without Footnotes* and is excerpted here.

### One of the BUNCH

After graduation, Karalis entered private practice in Minnesota for a few years before joining Honeywell, then primarily a control systems company desiring to expand its presence in the computer industry. In the chapter “IBM and the BUNCH” he describes the computer industry in 1970, the year he joined Honeywell.

**1970 mainframe computers were far removed from today’s desktop computers.** Apple, Microsoft, Dell, Google, and Yahoo were years away from birth. These were large systems manned by people in white coats in special rooms. The investment for hardware and software was in the millions. The customer’s entire business became dependent on the system functioning without error.

**IBM was the ever-present safe choice.** Among the few competing large mainframes was the GE 600, manufactured in Phoenix and sold worldwide. IBM’s remaining principal American competitors were known as the BUNCH—Burroughs, Univac, NCR, Control Data, and Honeywell. The major European competitors were Philips, Siemens, CII, and Bull General Electric. The Japanese computer manufacturers were Hitachi, Fujitsu, and NEC.

The computer industry was enveloped in litigation involving IBM. The U.S. Justice Department was seeking to establish that IBM maintained an illegal monopoly, which could result in the breakup of IBM. Control Data was pursuing a private action against the company, which was ultimately settled. The independent peripheral product manufacturers were constantly challenging IBM and the other mainframe manufacturers to release interface specifications so they could compete more effectively.

In October 1970, General Electric transferred its computer business to Honeywell Information Systems Inc. in return for Honeywell stock and an 18.5% interest in the new computer company. As part of the transfer, Bull General Electric became Honeywell Bull, headquartered in Paris. Karalis, as associate general counsel of Honeywell, moved to Boston to oversee the legal affairs of its new computer subsidiary.
A suit among ski togs

Three years later, Karalis was in Europe with Fred Gifford, a veteran auditor who joined Honeywell from General Electric, seeking a way to protect Honeywell Bull's European subsidiaries against proposed nationalization of the computer industry in France. To meet with German counsel and discuss the problem, the two took a train from Zurich to St. Moritz, where counsel Westrick was vacationing. Karalis describes the occasion in the chapter “The Trains Run Both Ways.”

I recall awakening the morning of our departure to a beautiful snowfall. Fred and I wore our business suits and overcoats and were both carrying a briefcase. As the train made its way through the mountains to St. Moritz, we became the only passengers not dressed in ski attire.

Upon arrival, we were met by a Swiss gentleman, in a long coat and fur hat, driving a large Chrysler. He informed us that Dr. Westrick was awaiting us for lunch. Fred and I took our places in the rear of the Chrysler and began discussing various legal and accounting questions we had for Dr. Westrick.

The car stopped and the driver opened the door and motioned for us to go through an entryway. Still engrossed in our conversation, we stepped through a doorway onto a platform encased in glass. The others on the platform all had skis. We had our briefcases. Suddenly the platform started to move and we saw that we were in a gondola headed for the slopes.

At the first stop we exited and met Dr. Westrick, who was clothed in the finest ski apparel. He was youthful, spoke excellent English, and looked as if he were a St. Moritz regular. He invited us to join him for an outdoor après ski lunch. There was no one carrying a briefcase in either the buffet line or anywhere else in St. Moritz.

Following our discussions, Fred and I allowed Dr. Westrick to return to his skiing and went to the Palace Hotel for cocktail hour. The elite of Europe were present in full force. While we were enjoying our drinks, the otherwise blasé staff became highly energized while heading toward the entryway to greet an arriving entourage, headed by a beautiful woman, followed by her husband, the Shah of Iran. The Shah was at the peak of his reign. Six years later he would suffer a precipitous fall.

A lesson on wheels

Karalis joined Sperry Corp. in New York in 1985 as senior vice president and general counsel. After Sperry’s merger with Burroughs to form Unisys, Karalis was named vice president and special counsel of Unisys Corp., which Karalis notes was “the sole survivor of the BUNCH computer businesses.”

In 1987, he joined Apple Computer as vice president and general counsel, which required a move to California. In “The Company Car,” he shares his experiences with regional automotive expectations.

1985 was a great year for Jeep Grand Wagoneers, including the one I selected when I became general counsel of Sperry in New York. I was given a $30,000 car allowance at Sperry and I chose the right car for our needs in Connecticut, a $24,000 Jeep Grand Wagoneer.

Frank Sweeten, senior vice president of personnel, seemed taken aback. He probably expected that I would follow the time-honored practice of applying the $30,000 allowance to a more expensive car, while paying the difference. Instead, I unexpectedly selected a less costly car, saving the company $6,000. I hadn’t given it much thought at the time, being satisfied with getting the car I wanted at no cost to myself. This frugality restored my standing with Frank after my earlier faux pas of advising the entire law department, including myself, to stay home during a marginal hurricane without first clearing it with Human Resources.

When I started with Apple, Mary and I had the Wagoneer shipped to California, where I drove it pending obtaining an Apple company car. An outspoken young lawyer offered the unsolicited advice that people in Silicon Valley generally drove better cars. Swayed somewhat by his advice, I set aside my Midwest inhibitions and applied the entire Apple $40,000 allowance toward a 1987 12-cylinder Jaguar XJS sports car.

As Mary and I were returning from my speaking engagement at the Intel law department annual retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains, we assumed that the cars honking their horns as they passed were simply objecting to my usual slow driving. We then heard a female voice over a loud speaker commanding us to pull over. She was a state trooper who proceeded to warn us that our car was emitting sparks from both its exhausts. We slowly made our way down the mountains followed by the state trooper. The next morning we once again called the Jaguar dealer. 1987 must not have been a good year for Jaguar.

Of course the Wagoneer performed flawlessly, while the Jaguar spent most of its time at the dealer suffering from an assortment of mysterious maladies. My conservative approach at Sperry put me in the good graces of the head of personnel. My splurge at Apple resulted only in a lemon.

Karalis practiced law in Phoenix from 1983-1985 and from 1988-1992. In 1992, he joined Tektronix in Portland, Ore., as senior vice president, where he served on the board of directors of Sony/Tektronix, its Japanese joint venture. His 1998 retirement turned out to be only a hiatus, since he currently provides counsel for a leading real estate development company in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he and Mary make their home.

In looking back, Karalis says he enjoyed the challenges and changes, the new dynamics and marketplaces that came with technology’s advances, but he cannot help but “miss some of the unique ventures in the BUNCH.”
Partners at Work Challenge Sets New Record

> Forty-six percent of University of Minnesota Law School alumni at 18 firms participated in the Partners at Work Challenge in its very first year. This participation percent broke records when compared to previous giving participation rates. The 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 alumni working as a team to support the Law School.

Phil Garon (’72) initiated a similar program at Faegre & Benson that laid the groundwork and inspiration for the Partners at Work Challenge. As part of the Challenge, each firm had firm agents who led the charge at their firm and were instrumental in helping the Law School break their participation record. Thor Lundgren (’74) from Michael Best and Ethan Rii (’02) from Sonnenschein each led his firm to 100% participation. Many firms more than doubled their previous participation rates and are well on their way to reaching 100% participation for next year’s Challenge. Becky Moos (’77) helped Bassford Remele lead the pack with 94% participation among Twin Cities based firms.

A large sign hangs in the Office of Career & Professional Development that recognizes Partners at Work Challenge participants and enhances their exposure among our law students—some of the brightest recruiting prospects in the country. This year’s Challenge includes even more firms and organizations and continues the theme “Together 100% One Gift, Every Year.” All gifts count toward the Partners at Work Challenge and the Partners in Excellence Annual Fund. All gifts to the Partners in Excellence Annual Fund support the Law School’s most pressing needs. These funds are in large part committed to critical areas such as 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 firm, please contact Marc Peña, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, via email at marcp@umn.edu or phone at 612-624-2176. You may also contact Anita Foster, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, via email at anitac@umn.edu or by phone at 612-626-5363.

By Marc Peña, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.
Classmates of ’72: Phil Garon, Kris Erickson, and Dan Pennie

Associate Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson (’68) and Dean Wippman discuss football strategies

James Michael (’47)

HOMECOMING—NOVEMBER 1, 2008
Sharing and reminiscing

Dean Wippman, UMAA President Bruce Mooty (’80), and Tracy Mooty

Law School homecoming suite
Lockhart Club Dinner
Annual Dinner Held Oct. 30, 2008

> The William B. Lockhart Club, named for the Law School’s fifth dean, is made up of individuals who support the Law School with a contribution of $1,000 or more each year. An annual dinner, this year held at Windows on Minnesota at the Marquette Hotel, honors Lockhart Club members for their generosity and brings together alumni, family, and friends to reconnect and celebrate the Law School.

1. Jeannine Lee (’81) and Bruce Mooty (’80)
2. Constance Bjornnes, John Skogmo (’72), Tom Morin, Norman Bjornnes (’76)
3. Dennis Nguyen (’98) and Brian Johnsrud (’96)
4. Stacy Bettsion (’99) and Judith Oakes (’69)
5. Kristin Anderson, Justice Russell Anderson (’68), Michael Skoglund (’01), and Nicole Moen
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- Promote faculty research on the frontiers of legal scholarship

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Your participation is pivotal. Please make a gift today!
Class Notes

1947

Myron Bright celebrated his 40th anniversary as a federal judge on Aug. 16, 2008. Now a senior judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, he continues his judging, serving with the Ninth, Eighth, and Sixth Circuits over the past year (see page 47).

1954

Honnen Weiss was selected by his peers to be included in the 2007-08 Best Lawyers in America. He retired this year after practicing law for more than 54 years, focusing on probate, estate planning, tax, and corporate issues.

1958

Tom Vogt received the 2008 Leonard E. Lindquist Distinguished Labor & Employment Attorney Award, presented by the Minnesota State Bar Association. It recognizes section members who have made an outstanding contribution to labor or employment law practice in Minnesota.

1965

Richard Bowman and his firm, Bowman and Brooke, were selected the top firm in the litigation category, area of product liability and mass torts defense—automotive/transport in the 2008 edition of Legal 500 United States, the U.K.’s worldwide series on legal services providers. Clients are quoted as calling Bowman and Brooke “one of the best firms in the U.S. to defend product liability lawsuits.”

1967

John Sonsteng, a professor at William Mitchell College of Law, recently published A Legal Education Renaissance: A Practical Approach for the Twenty-First Century. His proposal challenges the current legal education system and calls for increased focus on real-world experience rather than classroom learning.

1968

Gale Mellum continues work at the boutique law firm of Mellum & Welsh, which he and Wendy J. Welsh ('96) formed in January 2007 to provide general counsel services to small, medium-sized, and emerging businesses.

1969

Ron Fischer is senior general attorney for U.S. Steel Corp.’s litigation department, focusing mainly on personal injury and product liability cases. He is also co-manager of the Pro-Bono Anti-Predatory Lending Clinic in Allegheny County.

1972

Van D. Fishback was elected to the board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines. He continues his work as CEO and president of Fishback Financial Corp., South Dakota’s largest privately held bank holding company, and as executive vice president of First Bank & Trust in Brookings, S.D.

1974

Fred Pritzker continues his work at Pritzker, Rouhonian & Associates, which specializes in cases involving food-borne illness. His firm has taken on most cases involving outbreaks of E. coli 0157:H7 on behalf of survivors and families of those who have died.

1974

35th Reunion April 17-19, 2009

Lynn Krominga was elected to the board of directors and appointed nonexecutive chair of the board of Sunrise Senior Living Inc., based in McLean, Va.

1976

Fred Soucie and his firm, Soucie & Bolt, joined with 20 other Minneapolis law firms to handle, free of charge, the legal work for the 35W bridge collapse.

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Pamela Alexander has been named president of the Council on Crime and Justice.

Judith Cummings has joined The Growth Company, an Alaska-based human resources and management firm.
Rebecca Egge Moos of Bassford Remele was named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2008.

George T. Skibine (see page 47) is the acting interior deputy assistant secretary for policy and economic development—Indian affairs and will temporarily take over the responsibilities of the assistant secretary for Indian affairs.

Madge Thorsen, along with Nena Street (’06), has revitalized Operation Arbitration, a project in which volunteer lawyers help students hear and resolve real-life disputes in the Minneapolis area.

Valerie Doherty and her husband, Tim, co-founders and owners of Doherty Employment Group, were given the Entrepreneur of the Year award by the University of Minnesota. She was recently named one of the 50 Top Women Business Owners University of Minnesota. She was recently named given the Entrepreneur of the Year award by the

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and will temporarily take over the responsibilities of the assistant secretary for Indian affairs.

We want to know what important things are going on in your life and welcome your submissions for the Class Notes section of Perspectives. To be included in the next issue, your items must reach us by March 15, 2009. Submit your news via our Web site at http://www.law.umn.edu/alumni/updates.html; via email to Anita Foster at anitac@umn.edu; via regular mail at N160 Walter F. Mondale Hall, 229 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455; or via fax at (612) 626-2002. Thanks for keeping in touch!
been named one of Wisconsin's Super Lawyers by Law & Politics magazine, and been named Outstanding Health Care Litigator by Nightingale’s Health Care News. He is a member of the steering committee at WMSE Radio (97.1 FM) and a disc jockey from 6 to 9 a.m. Mondays. His show can be heard at www.wmse.org.

1990

Sarah Brew of Greene Espel was elected to the American Law Institute.


Joan Humes was promoted to general counsel of the public and senior markets group for United Health Group (see page 42).

Pieter Teeuwen was appointed special circuit judge for Hinds County (Jackson), Mississippi, by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

1991

Aleya Rhamin Champlin joined Briggs & Morgan in the international intellectual property and litigation practices.

Chris Larus was noted as an unsung hero on the president’s page of Bench & Bar of Minnesota for his work in reviving the Court Rules & Administration Committee.

Sarah Morris was named a partner at Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson. Her primary areas of expertise are employment law and insurance coverage.

1992

Connie Iversen is managing attorney at the Second Judicial District (Ramsey County) public defender’s office.

Lee Kwon, chair of the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea, was also appointed chair of the European Union Chamber of Commerce and named the “leading real estate lawyer in Korea” for 2008 by the UK publication Chambers & Partners.

David Stern has joined Winston & Strawn's Los Angeles office as a partner in the litigation group. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, including antitrust, class action, contract, copyright, trademark, securities, real estate, and unfair competition.

1993

Douglas Boettge was named Legal Clinic Volunteer of the Year by his firm, Leonard, Street and Deinard, for his demonstrated commitment to pro bono legal service benefiting the greater Twin Cities community.

Vanya Hogen of Jacobson Buffalo Magnuson Anderson & Hogen was named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2008.

Jenneane Jansen was named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2008.

Tim Pramas was appointed to the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.

1994

William Stock, a partner in the immigration law firm of Klasco, Rulon, Stock and Seltzer, was elected a director of the American Immigration Lawyers Association at the annual meeting in Vancouver.

Sharna Wahlgren has joined Briggs & Morgan's international intellectual property and litigation practice.

Robin Anne Williams of Bassford Remele was named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2008.

1995

Laura Baumann accepted a position as elections counsel for the California Secretary of State in Sacramento.

Lora Mitchell Friedemann joined Fredrickson & Byron in its new advertising, marketing, and trademark law group.

Ryan Zipf was appointed command judge advocate for the 372nd Engineer Brigade at Fort Snelling, Minn., and is currently chief legal counsel for the unit. He is also a litigation attorney with the League of Minnesota Cities.

1996

Johanna Bond has joined the faculty at Washington & Lee. Her teaching and scholarship focus on international human rights law and gender and the law.

Thomas Finan is working with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security.

Catherine Gillman was recently promoted to vice president—general counsel at the North Central Group, a hotel developer, owner, and operator in Middleton, Wisc.

Jennifer Stohl Powell completed a master’s degree in nonprofit management at Hamline University. She is a lead attorney in the immigration unit of Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services.

Wendy J. Welsh continues her work at the boutique law firm of Mellum & Welsh, which she and Gale Mellum ('68) formed in January 2007 to provide general counsel services to small, medium-sized, and emerging businesses.

Paul Yechout has joined United Health Group as a director of employment law.

1997

Maria Baldini-Potemin has opened her own law firm, Maria Baldini-Potemin & Associates, where she will practice in the field of immigration law.

Karen Charlson was appointed co-chair of Northwest Youth and Family Services’ capital campaign for its new Discovery Center.

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ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

NEW YORK: AUGUST 8, 2008

Andrew Young ('04), Saumil Mehta ('02), John F. Hartmann ('87), Daniel Moore ('05), Harry Niska ('05), Nabil Sabki ('99), Nancy Kowalczyzk ('04), and Yates French ('08) at the Chicago alumni reception hosted by John F. Hartmann and Kirkland & Ellis LLP

CHICAGO: SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

Robert Whitener ('07), Christopher Kurd ('05), and Julie Eum ('05) at the ABA Annual Meeting reception in New York

Joseph Henderson has opened J.F. Henderson Law in St. Paul.

Mark Petersen joined Gurstel Staloch & Chargo as senior counsel, concentrating his practice on real estate, lending, corporate, and general business matters.

1998

Susan Franck has joined Washington & Lee as a professor. Her teaching and scholarship relate to international economic law and dispute resolution.

Elizabeth Kiernat was appointed adjunct director for 2009 by Moss & Barnett.

Kristen Ludgate was named Hamline University’s first vice president and general counsel and will be responsible for all University legal matters and overseeing the Office of Human Resources.

Clara Ohr was elected to the board of directors of the Asian American Bar Association of New York. She is also active on its corporate counsel, young lawyers, and student outreach committees.

Lisa Randall is associate executive director at the Immunization Action Coalition.

Yolanda L. Ricks works with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and has been appointed as a commissioner of the Illinois Supreme Court to serve on the hearing board of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC). She will be one of three appointees presiding over disciplinary, disability, and reinstatement cases. Also, she has been appointed to the ARDC Oversight Committee, which assists in conducting an internal quality review of a sample of investigative matters concluded by the Administrator without reference to the inquiry board.

Amy Seidel of Faegre & Benson was named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers of Minnesota in 2008.

1999

10th Reunion April 17-19, 2009

James Cho accepted a position in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in New York City, where he previously worked with Seyfarth & Shaw.

Mattia Melloni is working at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

Douglas Micko joined the Schaefer law firm and will focus his practice on individual rather than class action plaintiffs’-side work.

Philip Ndikum is founder and managing partner of Ndikum Law Offices, Douala, Cameroon, Africa. He practices in the areas of complex corporate litigation, banking and financial regulation, and aviation law. He is the author of Focus on Emerging & Developing Economies.

Cheryl Sabnis joined the tort and environmental litigation group at King & Spalding in San Francisco.

Tommy Sangechompuphen is an assistant professor and Director of Academic Success at the Appalachian School of Law, Grundy, Va.

Stacey Slaughter participated in the Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi pro bono effort involving state and social services programs for trafficking victims in Minnesota that received the Advocates for Human Rights 2008 Volunteer Award.

2000

Cynthia Arends was elected a shareholder at Halleland Lewis Nilan & Johnson.

Paul Chestovich was elected a partner at Maslon Elderman Borman & Brand.

Phil Duran was noted as an unsung hero on the president’s page of Bench & Bar of Minnesota for his many years on the Minnesota State Bar Association council and his tireless work as an advocate against unlawful discrimination.

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ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

DETORE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Dean David Wippman, William Ball ('75), Linda Kennedy ('98), Austin Anderson ('58), Paula Winkler-Doman ('77), and Mark Doman ('77) at the Detroit alumni reception hosted by Rodger Young ('72) (not pictured)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: OCTOBER 9, 2008

Megan Healy ('07), Joseph Windsor ('03), Eric Gottwald ('05), Elizabeth Braun ('06), Brian Lindsey ('05), and Jared Butcher ('07) at the Washington, D.C., alumni happy hour

SAN FRANCISCO: OCTOBER 15, 2008

Bruce Yonehiro ('89), Michael Wu ('01), Brian Johnsrud ('96), Liza Ring ('85), and Richard Wilson ('79) at the San Francisco alumni reception hosted by Brian Johnsrud and Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

2001

Cynthia Baumann is in-house counsel with Amazon.com in Seattle.

Anna Burgett joined Parsinen, Kaplan, Rosberg & Gotlieb in its commercial real estate and business litigation groups.

2002

Beth Gledeman joined Moss & Barnett.

Bret Pulis joined Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly.

Ken'Ichi Yazaki is working for Daiichi Sankyo Co. in Tokyo.

Julie Drewes was elected a shareholder at Briggs & Morgan and is a member of its financial institutions and real estate section.

Maggie Goetz was elected a shareholder at Briggs & Morgan and is a member of the business litigation section and financial markets practice group.

Lindsay Zamzow was elected a shareholder at Fredrikson & Byron.

Nathan Busch filed his second petition for writ of certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court. At issue is whether a federal court may assert jurisdiction over a foreign national who has allegedly defrauded a resident of Minnesota in a transaction involving shares in a foreign company. The district court and Eighth Circuit Court found that the plaintiff had initiated and participated in discussions leading up to the transaction and agreed to its terms, so no fraud had occurred and jurisdiction was improper.

David Eldred accepted a position at United Health Group.

Kelly Hoversten joined Gray Plant Mooty as a shareholder.

Karyn Laabs joined the Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois.
Orchlon Narantsutseg works for the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands.

Rosalyn Park is research director for Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.

2003

Ellen Dahl was promoted to assistant bureau chief of the narcotics unit at the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office.

Emily Good is program director of the Refugee and Immigrant Program at Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.

Eric Hanson completed a 15-month combat tour in Afghanistan as the brigade trial counsel (prosecutor) and operational law attorney of the 173rd Airborne Brigade combat team.

Beatriz Menanteau was elected to the board of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association and continues her work at Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand.

Laura Nelson participated in the Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi pro bono effort involving state and social services programs for trafficking victims in Minnesota that received the Advocates for Human Rights 2008 Volunteer Award.

Katie Weiss joined MusicMatters as corporate counsel and recruiting/staffing manager.

2004

5th Reunion April 17-19, 2009

Glenna Gilbert is an associate at Robins, Kaplan, Miller, and Ciresi.

Marlee Jansen works at Carlson, Caspers, Vandenburgh & Lindquist, specializing in intellectual property law with an emphasis on patent litigation.

John Kindschuh was married to Cindy Traub on May 31, 2008.

Aleava Sayre was honored for her legal service in the public interest by her firm, Leonard, Street and Deinard, for her demonstrated commitment to pro bono legal service benefiting the Minneapolis community.

2005

Audrey Babcock is an intellectual property and litigation attorney with Briggs and Morgan.

Julia Halbach is an associate with Larkin Hoffman.

Matthew Helland joined Nichols Kaster & Anderson in the San Francisco office.

Teerapot Rungsuwun is working at the Thai Office of the Attorney General, Office of Child and Juvenile Public Prosecutor, in Samut Prakarn, Thailand.

David Weber is a professor at Creighton University School of Law.

2006

Kathryn Ballentine is on secondment at Allen & Overy’s Paris office, continuing work in the international arbitration group.

Carl Erik Heilberg is an associate at O’Melveny & Myers in Shanghai.

Yu Li is legal counsel for Best Buy in Shanghai.

Maggie Lockner participated in the Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi pro bono effort involving state and social services programs for trafficking victims in Minnesota that received the Advocates for Human Rights 2008 Volunteer Award.

Justin Moeller accepted an offer with Van Ness Feldman, an energy law firm in Washington, D.C.

Deborah Muehlbauer was elected to the board of directors of the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota.

Brandon Raatikka joined FactRight as a research analyst and will oversee third party due diligence of tenant in common property reports and support FactRight’s role for broker dealers and their representatives as the first transparent and comprehensive clearinghouse of TIC investments worldwide.

Nena Street, along with Madge Thorsen (’77), has revitalized Operation Arbitration, a project in which volunteer lawyers help students hear and resolve real-life disputes in the Minneapolis area.

2007

Jennifer Ciresi participated in the Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi pro bono effort involving state and social services programs for trafficking victims in Minnesota that received the Advocates for Human Rights 2008 Volunteer Award.

Brita de Malignon is an associate with Gray Plant Mooty.

Megan Healy joined the Washington, D.C., office of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher.

Alicia Hudelson is an associate at Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, practicing in the real estate department.

Teresa Knoedler joined Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson in Minneapolis and specializes in civil litigation, including insurance defense and coverage disputes.

2008

Shilesh Muralidhara and his wife, Nupur Parikh, welcomed a baby boy, Azad, to their family. Shilesh practices at Goodwin & Procter in Boston.

Krupa Shah joined the tax group at the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady.

Damon Thayer accepted a clerkship for the 2008-09 term with the Honorable Robert Beezer, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Sara Youn is an associate with Scandaglia & Ryan in Chicago.

Syed Fareed is a first-year associate with Fish & Richardson.

Ziad Kays is working at Kays Law Firm in Beirut, Lebanon.

Nicholas Smith is a law clerk at U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota.

Nicholas Thompson was in the main event in the mixed martial arts contest in Stockton, Calif., which was televised by CBS. Nick, “the Goat,” has been training in mixed martial arts for the past five years.

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LOUISE B. CHRISTIANSON  
CLASS OF 1936  
Louise B. Christianson, a long-time supporter of the Law School, died Jan. 3, 2008, at age 94 in Bloomington, Minn. She graduated from the Law School in 1936 and continued to be a generous donor to her alma mater throughout the years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Christianson, and is survived by her son, Robert J. Christianson (’63); daughter Jean C. Grussing and son-in-law Bruce Grussing (’65); four grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, and nephews. Louise was a nature lover and enjoyed watching birds, collecting stamps, and playing bridge. Her thirst for knowledge was undiminished until her death.

SHUICHI MIYASAKI  
CLASS OF 1957  
Shuichi “Shu” Miyasaki died July 5, 2008, at age 79 in Honolulu of complications from viral pneumonia. He graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1951 with a degree in civil engineering before serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He graduated from the Law School in 1957 and earned an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law School in 1959. A Big Island native, Shu returned to Hawaii and worked as a State Deputy Attorney General until 1961, when he joined Okumua Takushi Funaki & Wee. He was a partner there until 1991, when he opened his own practice in downtown Honolulu, specializing in estate and tax planning. Two daughters and a son—Joy, Ann, and Miles Miyasaki—are attorneys in the firm their father founded. A third daughter—Jan Miyasaki—uses her law degree in social service work and teaches Asian-American studies at the University of Wisconsin. Shu is also survived by his wife, Pearl; two sisters, Hisayo “Florence” Miyasaki and Fusayo Matsuyama; and two grandchildren. Interment was at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl.

IN MEMORIAM

CLASS OF 1932  
Thomas A. Flynn  
Feb. 14, 2008  
Phoenix, AZ

CLASS OF 1942  
William Seltz  
Feb. 3, 2008  
Saint Louis Park, Minn.

CLASS OF 1956  
Blaine Harstad  
April 19, 2008  
Minneapolis, Minn.

CLASS OF 1959  
Robert J. Miller  
Aug. 24, 2008  
Minneapolis, Minn.

CLASS OF 1993  
Elizabeth A. Cumming  
July 15, 2008  
New York, NY

CLASS OF 1996  
Ann Phillips  
Aug. 27, 2008  
Maple Grove, Minn.

CLASS OF 1999  
Daniel Lindsay  
Sept. 1, 2008  
New York, NY

FRIEND OF THE LAW SCHOOL

Patricia A. Johnson, who in 1996 established the Patricia A. Johnson Scholarship providing financial assistance to an outstanding third-year female law student, died Sept. 6, 2008, in Grass Valley, Calif., at age 74. She attended the University of Minnesota Duluth on a Merriam Academic Scholarship and in 1958 married Lyle R. Johnson. After he graduated from UMD in 1959, they moved to Minneapolis, where Lyle attended the Law School for one year. Patricia took courses at the University, was active in the Law Wives Club, and developed an interest in the Law School and legal education. She was a California realtor for several years and followed her natural interest in learning to acquire substantial knowledge of real estate and tax law. She is survived by her husband; sons Stephan of Upland, Calif., and Christopher of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and brother William Utick of Duluth, Minn.
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- Saturday, April 18—All-Alumni Breakfast & CLE
- Sunday, April 19—Race for Justice


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