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A New Dean For a New Era

The Law School Welcomes David Wippman.
Lending a Helping Hand

When Fred and I talk to students we are trying to attract to the Law School, we tell them that one of the best ways to judge a law school is by the participation of its alumni in the life of the school. Are alums willing to offer their time to counsel students in their career choices? Are alums willing to share their knowledge by teaching a class? Are alums willing to present their ideas on strengthening their institution in an increasingly competitive environment? Are alums willing to give of their finances to support the school that made their career possible? These factors are some of the best indicators of the vitality, health, and strength of the institution.

On the basis of these criteria, the Law School is strong. Increasing numbers of alumni are using their connections on behalf of our students. Many of our graduates, from big and small firms, the public and private sector, the business and corporate world, return to the Law School to serve on our boards, participate on our panels, or otherwise involve themselves in the life of the Law School. Equally important, the amount alumni are contributing to their school has risen. This year’s annual contributions are up 43% over last year’s on this date, and last year’s were up 32% over the previous year’s.

We are grateful to those of you who have heard our message and contribute annually. Unfortunately, this group is made up of only 16% of our alumni. Your Law School needs the support, in whatever capacity you choose, of everyone to achieve its full potential. The state provides only 5% of our operating budget. Consequently, 95% of the Law School is privately funded, with tuition revenue accounting for more than half of our total budget. More than 80% of our students finance their education with loans; on average, their Law School debt alone exceeds $83,000.

In every cultural tradition, individuals are taught to not pull up the ladder behind themselves once they have climbed to the top, but rather, to help those who come after. Individuals are taught to give back to the people and groups who gave to and provided for them. The truth is that many of you received your first-class education at taxpayers’ expense. Taxpayers are no longer willing to subsidize the education of lawyers. Now it is time to reinvest in the institution that invested in you.

Fred and I have been extremely fortunate in the support we received during our two years as the Law School’s interim deans and are grateful to have President Robert H. Brunnink and Provost E. Thomas Sullivan as leaders of the University. The Law School is privileged to have David Wippman as its new permanent dean, and we are excited about the future.

All of us will do our best to ensure that future students will be ethical individuals who go forth to make a difference in this world. We are all dedicated to the highest values of public legal education. Dean Wippman is committed to the faculty and curriculum excellence that will keep the Law School one of the absolute best legal institutions in this country.

As the Law School begins a new chapter with Dean Wippman, we beseech you to partner with him. We remind you to assist those coming up the ladder behind you, as you were helped along the way. As your deans, this is our final request. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Sincerely,

Guy-Uriel E. Charles
Interim Co-Dean
A New Dean for a New Era

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Thomas M. Crosby Jr., Dean Guy Charles, Professor Susan Wolf, Winthrop Rockwell, and Dean Fred Morrison at reception following Susan Wolf’s Faegre & Benson Professorship in Law Reappointment Lecture

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Dean Guy Charles and Professor Susanna Blumenthal
Faculty R&D

Publications, presentations, honors and awards, works in progress, September 1, 2007 to February 1, 2008

BEVERLY BALOS
Professor Balos has been involved in several projects concerning domestic violence. She recently appeared before the Minnesota Supreme Court arguing a case for an appellant concerning statutory construction involving the domestic abuse act, the parentage act, and the statute that creates recognition of parentage. She co-taught a series of trainings in advanced advocacy strategies to advocates of domestic-violence victims. As part of the Minnesota Justice Foundation’s 25th anniversary celebration, Professor Balos argued, in a CLE-credit presentation, for the right to appointed counsel in protective order proceedings. She has compiled promising practices for prosecutors in domestic assault cases into a guide and is currently updating A Prosecutor’s Guide to Full Faith and Credit for Protection Orders: Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence. She continues her work as a consultant on both legal and legislative issues for the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women.

STEPHEN F. BEFORT
Over the past several months, Professor Befort has made presentations at three conferences and was elected to membership in the Labor Law Group, an association of leading academics responsible for authorship of teaching materials in the labor and employment law field. A book he co-authored with affiliated faculty member John Budd, Invisible Hands, Invisible Objectives: Bringing Workplace Law and Public Policy Into Focus, has been accepted for publication by Stanford University Press. In addition, he has published or completed work on the following writing projects: Arbitration 2006: Taking Stock in a New Century: Proceedings of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the National Academy of Arbitrators with Paul Gerhart, ed. (BNA 2007); a 2007–08 supplement to his book Employment Law and Practice (West Group); the article “How and Why Labor Arbitrators Decide Discipline and Discharge Cases: An Empirical Examination,” co-authored with Laura Cooper and Mario Bognanno, in Proceedings of the Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the National Academy of Arbitrators; and a professional education article, “Public Sector Update,” for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education.

BRIAN BIX

ANN M. BURKHART
In October, Professor Burkhart spoke at a Federal Reserve Bank workshop on reforming the mortgage foreclosure laws.

In November, she spoke at the Minnesota State Bar Association Real Estate Institute on the real estate and professional ethics aspects of the Servicemembers’ Civil Relief Act. She is a member of the Minnesota Legislature’s Foreclosure Remedies Working Group, which has proposed legislative reforms to the foreclosure laws. Recently, Professor Robert Stein and she submitted the manuscript for the second edition of Law School Success in a Nutshell to Thomson/West Publishing. Her article “Takings and Trespass: Trespass Liability for Precondemnation Entries” will be published in the Drake Law Review this spring. She is currently working on an article concerning security interests in manufactured housing.

DALE CARPENTER
Professor Carpenter organized the symposium “Is Gay Marriage Conservative?,” which was held Feb. 15, 2008, at the South Texas College of Law, Houston, and brought together eight prominent conservative intellectuals and gay-marriage experts. He has spoken at several law schools on the subject of traditionalism and gay marriage. He is publishing an article entitled “Straight Acting” in the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology that was part of a law and identity symposium held at the Law School. He is continuing work on his book on the background of Lawrence v. Texas, a 2003 decision by the Supreme Court declaring state sodomy laws unconstitutional.

BRADLEY G. CLARY
Professor Clary and co-authors Sharon Reich Paulsen and Michael Vanselow completed work on the third edition of their Advocacy on Appeal text, which is scheduled for publication by Thomson/West in March 2008. In addition,
S. WALTER RICHEY PROFESSORSHIP IN CORPORATE LAW APPOINTMENT LECTURE

On February 5, 2008, Richard W. Painter commemo-
rated his appointment to the S. Walter Richey Profes-
sorship in Corporate Law with the lecture “Financial
Conflicts of Interest and Securities Law Issues in Gov-
ernment Ethics.” From early 2005 to mid-2007, Painter
was Associate Counsel to the President in the White
House Counsel’s office, serving as chief ethics lawyer.

In his lecture on current government ethics regu-
luation, he focused on financial conflicts of interest,
particularly government employees’ personal invest-
ments, and misuse of government information (e.g.,
for securities trading). He described how conflicts of
interest may be overregulated or underregulated by
government rules, depending on the subject area,
and how regulation systems can conflict. He empha-
sized systemic corruption by outside forces (e.g.,lob-
byists, special interests), proposed methods to deal
with it, and called for renewed attention to campaign
finance reform.

Painter received his B.A. in history from Harvard
and his J.D. from Yale. He clerked for Judge John T.
Noonan Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit, practiced at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York,
and held a tenured professorship at the University of
Oregon School of Law and an endowed professorship
at the University of Illinois College of Law before
coming to Minnesota. He teaches securities law and
regulation and corporate governance. He has testified
before U.S. Congressional committees on private
securities litigation and lectures often on the Sarbanes-
Oxley Act, corporate ethics, and securities fraud.

The S. Walter Richey Professorship in Corporate
Law was established in 1991 by the Lee and Rose
Warner Foundation (and its chair, Donald McNeely) as
a tribute to the distinguished career of S. Walter
Richey (‘63). It supports activities that enrich and
expand teaching, research, and scholarship in corpo-
rate law. Painter said everything he has heard about
Mr. Richey “reinforces his reputation as a successful
businessman with a very sound sense of business
ethics.”

Professor Clary is working with co-
authors E. Thomas Sullivan, Richard
Freer, and Douglas Floyd on three books
on the subject of complex litigation. The
first of those, the casebook, is due at Lexis
in the spring of 2009.

LAURA J. COOPER

In September, Professor Cooper presented
a paper on the overlapping jurisdiction of
labor arbitrators and the National Labor
Relations Board at a conference of the
National Academy of Arbitrators in
Miami. In November, she was inducted as
a Fellow into the College of Labor and
Employment Lawyers in Philadelphia,
served as a moderator and organizer for the
Minnesota Law Review’s symposium,
“The Low Wage Worker: Legal Rights—
Legal Realities,” and delivered the William
R. Stewart lecture at Indiana University,
Bloomington: “Privatizing Labor Law:
Neutrality/Card Check Agreements and
the Role of the Arbitrator.”

THOMAS F. COTTER

Professor Cotter recently presented “Trips
and Essential Medicines” at a global policy
workshop at the Humphrey Institute of
Public Affairs and was a commenter on
junior scholars’ papers at an IP scholars
workshop at Michigan State University
College of Law. He also participated as a
Conference Fellow at the symposium on
Meurer and Bessen’s “Patent Failure: How
Judges, Bureaucrats, and Lawyers Put
Innovators at Risk” at the University of
Georgia Law School. His article “Misuse
was published in the 2008 “Copyright in
Context” symposium issue of Houston
Law Review. Three additional publications
are forthcoming in 2008: “Fair Use and
Copyright Overenforcement” in the Iowa
Law Review, “Toward a Functional Deﬁni-
tion of Publication in Copyright Law” in
the Minnesota Law Review, and the chapter
“Essential Facilities” in a book on the law
and economics of antitrust (Keith Hylton,
ed., Edward Elgar Publishing). He is
working on an article regarding the inter-
facing of antitrust and intellectual property
law for an Antitrust Bulletin volume
devoted to the Antitrust Modernization
Commission’s Report and Recommendations,
a proposal for a casebook on the law of
unfair competition and business torts,
and a paper on cognizability and reparabil-
ity in copyright and trademark law.

STEPHEN CRIBARI

Recently, Professor Cribari participated in a
program entitled “Is Justice Just Ice?
Reflections on Death and the Death
Penalty,” co-sponsored by the Criminal
Justice Working Group of the Sisters of St.
Joseph, St. Stephen’s Catholic Church, and
Federal FORUM (Females Organizing
and Restoring Unity for Mothers), Faith
Based CALL, at the College of St. Cath-
erine, St. Paul. His work as a playwright
was featured in the article “All the World’s
a Courtroom” in Minnesota Law & Politics.
His latest play, “Radio Traffic,” is scheduled
for performance in May at the Center for
Independent Artists, Minneapolis.

BARRY FELD

Professor Feld continues his studies of
how police interrogate older juveniles
charged with felony offenses, only the
second empirical study of police interro-
gation in 60 years and the first involving
juveniles. At the end of 2006, he pub-
lished two articles analyzing 66 interroga-
tions conducted in Ramsey County. Since
then he has amassed, with the cooperation
of the county attorneys, 340 interrogation
files from Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, and
Washington counties—the largest aggre-
gation of routine interrogations in crimi-
nological research. The files contain tapes
or transcripts, police reports, juvenile
court filings, pre-sentence reports, and
sentences. Professor Feld will spend the
next year coding and analyzing that data,
ascertaining how police obtain Miranda
waivers, how they question youths who
waive their rights, the effectiveness of
their tactics, and the frequency of coercive
techniques. Because some interrogations
were conducted in urban and suburban
counties or by juvenile officers or detec-
tives from other divisions, he will conduct
the first-ever comparative analyses of
police interrogation practices in different
contexts (e.g., white, black, Asian, Hispanic

Laura J. Cooper Thomas F. Cotter Stephen Cribari Barry Feld

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MARY LOUISE FELLOWS
Professor Fellows has had several opportunities to present her numerous and far-ranging scholarly projects. At the University of Iowa Law School, she talked about her work on a late tenth century Old English will written by the wealthy widow, Æthelgifu. At the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, she and co-author Gary Spitko, University of Santa Clara Law School, presented the preliminary results of an empirical study concerning public attitudes on inheritance and will substitutes (e.g., life insurance policies, retirement plans, joint tenancies with right of survivorship). At the same meeting, she presented “Eighteenth Century Moral Sentiments in Defense of the Twenty-First Century Estate Tax: What Adam Smith and Jane Austen Teach Us,” which will be published in an upcoming anthology on progressive taxation policy. Most recently, she commented on a panel on succession law and the changing family at the conference “The Law of Succession in the 21st Century,” which was sponsored by the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and hosted by UCLA.

RICHARD S. FRASE
Professor Frase recently presented two papers, one on punishment theory and one on the Eighth Amendment, at conferences held in the Netherlands’ University of Leiden and at the University of Pennsylvania. His essay on the role of the public in sentencing policy development under Minnesota’s sentencing guidelines was included in Penal Populism, Sentencing Councils and Sentencing Policy (Arie Freiberg and Karen Gelb, eds, Willan Publications, 2008). Later this year, Proportionality Principles in American Law: Controlling Excessive Government Actions co-authored with Provost Tom Sullivan, will be published by Oxford University Press. Also, three comparative law essays—on negotiated justice, the role of criminal defense attorneys in the United States, and sentencing variations in western nations—will appear in two books. Professor Frase recently completed an article on race and criminal justice in Minnesota, and he is currently working on papers examining the history of Minnesota’s sentencing guidelines and punishment theory.

THOMAS P. GALLANIS
Professor Gallanis has been active in law reform in trusts and estates, serving as reporter for the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act, which will have its first reading at the Uniform Law Commission’s 2008 annual meeting. He also serves on the Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Trust and Estate Acts, the official body monitoring all uniform legislation in the field, and was the 2007 chair of the AALS Section on Donative Transfers. He is active in legal history, serving as secretary of the American Society for Legal History, on the editorial boards of the Journal of Legal History and Law and History Review, and on the advisory board for the book series Studies in the History of Private Law, published by Brill (Netherlands). He has presented papers at the American Bar Foundation and the Minnesota Center for Medieval Studies. Among his forthcoming publications are “Victorian Reform of Civil Litigation” and “Death by Disaster: Anglo-American Presumptions” (in volumes in the Comparative Studies in Continental and Anglo-American Legal History series). His article “The Rise of Modern Evidence Law” has been translated for publication in Chinese as “Xian dai zheng ju fa de xing qi.”

DANIEL J. GIFFORD
Professor Gifford’s article, “The Emerging Outlines of a Revised Chevron Doctrine: Congressional Intent, Judicial Judgment, and Administrative Autonomy,” was recently published in Administrative Law Review; and another, “The Roberts Antitrust Court: A Transformative Beginning,” will soon appear in The Antitrust Bulletin. He and Humphrey Institute Professor Robert Kudrle are completing an
WILLIAM B. LOCKHART LECTURE

On March 25, 2008, Professor Heather K. Gerken of Yale Law School presented the William B. Lockhart Lecture, “Toward a New Vision of Minority Empowerment: Federalism All the Way Down.” She teaches election law, constitutional law, and civil procedure and is a leading expert on election law, the democratic process, and the relationship between diversity and democracy. Her proposal to establish a “Democracy Index,” a ranking of states by how well they run elections, has been incorporated into two separate bills before Congress.

Her lecture focused on ways to expand minority representation and leadership, especially at local levels. Acceptance of minority dominance does not carry down to local levels of governance, nor does it include all minority groups, she said. She urged race and federalism scholars to find vocabulary that speaks beyond the “segregation-integration paradigm,” since governance by “statistical mirroring” or “token representation” does not convey the true essence of democracy. She encouraged a harder look at the connections between constitutional structure and the rights-based approach, noting that once all governance levels and all minorities are included in the federalism discussion, “we might find we have something new to say about the deep and hard question of minority empowerment.”

Prior to her 2006 Yale appointment, Gerken graduated from Princeton with an A.B. and the University of Michigan Law School with a J.D. She joined the Harvard faculty in 2000, was the Eugene P. Beard Faculty Fellow in Ethics at the Harvard University Center for Ethics and the Profession, and was the first junior professor to receive the Sacks-Freund Award for Teaching Excellence.

This annual lecture honors William B. Lockhart, a Law School professor from 1946 to 1974 and dean from 1956 to 1972. During his tenure, he helped increase the core of excellence among the faculty and worked to establish strong bonds between the Law School and the Minnesota Bar Association.

RALPH F. HALL

Professor Hall has commenced his service on the national Board of Directors of the nonprofit Food and Drug Law Institute (FDLI), which offers education and communication on FDA law and policy. He has authored articles on the Abigail Alliance case and its impact on healthcare professionals, including an article on development and access to pediatric drugs and devices in which he assessed recent Congressional enactments intended to promote their development. Recently, he co-chaired the first-ever FDLI conference on FDA and nanotechnology, which assembled scientists, lawyers, industry leaders, public advocates, and regulators to identify and begin addressing issues relating to nanotechnology use in drugs, devices, food, and cosmetics. Topics of Professor Hall’s frequent talks at legal and industry events have included the FDA Administrative Amendment Act of 2007, new post-market FDA initiatives, clinical trial issues, FDA issues for venture capitalist and start-up companies, FDA enforcement, and interactions with FDA district offices. In addition, he is involved in research and writing on FDA and preemption issues, including the recent decision in Reigel v. Medtronic, and in educational activities with several trade associations.

CLAUDE A. HILL

In September, Professor Hill presented “Stone v. Ritter: The Expanding Duty of Loyalty” (with Professor McDonnell) and “Is a Coherent Definition of Tax Shelter Impossible?” (with Professor Hickman) at the Canadian Law and Economics Association meeting. She and Professor Hickman also presented the tax shelter paper at the Midwestern Law and Economics Association meetings held at the Law School in October. Professor Hill presented “Evolution, First Movers and Herding” at the Society for Evolutionary Analysis of Law in October. In January, she and Professor McDonnell presented Stone v. Ritter at the Law and Economics Workshop on Corporate Governance at the Law School. In February, Professor Hill spoke on intellectual property issues associated with tax shelters at the McGill Faculty of Law. Her commentary, “Tax Lawyers are People Too,” originally published in the Virginia Tax Review, was selected for inclusion in the December 2007 Monthly Digest of Tax Articles. Her review essay, “The Myth of Discovery,” will be published in the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology.

JOAN S. HOWLAND

Professor Howland continues to serve on the ABA Council of the Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar and currently is also on a Council subcommittee charged with studying the consistent application of ABA standards throughout the accreditation process. She chaired the ABA Sabbatical Accreditation team that visited the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. She co-chairs the program committee for the China-U.S. Conference on Legal Information and Law Libraries and is treasurer and a member of the Executive Board of the American Indian Library Association. She continues to work closely with several remote indigenous communities in Argentina and Uruguay in developing their libraries and technological capabilities. At the 2008 American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Professor Howland will speak on the programs “Energizing Personnel in the Library” and “How to Produce a Legal Bibliography Play.” She is co-authoring a book entitled Ethics in Libraries—A Theoretical and Practical Approach as well as an article on evolving approaches to marketing library services in the electronic age.

BRAD KARKKAINEN

In September, Professor Karkkainen wrote a chapter outlining the history of U.S.

**HEIDI KITROSSER**


**ALEXANDRA B. KLASS**

An article by Professor Klass, “Punitive Damages and Váhuing Harm,” was published in the *Minnesota Law Review* in November 2007. Another article, “The Frontier of Eminent Domain,” will be published in the *University of Colorado Law Review* in the spring of 2008, and she will present it as part of a panel at the Law and Society Association’s annual meeting in Montreal in May. She was invited to participate in the symposium “Frontiers of Tort Law” at Loyola Law School Los Angeles in January and presented her paper “State Innovation and Preemption: Lessons from Environmental Law.” It will be published in the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* later this year. At present, Professor Klass and Professor Elizabeth Wilson of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs are working on an article entitled “Climate Change and Carbon Sequestration: Assessing a Liability Regime for the Long-term Storage of Carbon Dioxide,” which they will present at a Law School faculty works-in-progress session in March 2008.

**JOHN H. MATHESON**

Professor Matheson received the 2007–08 Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education, the first law faculty member to be so honored by the University. Receipt of the award confers membership in the Academy of Distinguished Teachers and the title of “Distinguished University Teaching Professor.” Matheson’s article “A Simple Statutory Solution to Minority Oppression in the Closely Held Business,” published in the *Minnesota Law Review*, was selected for reprinting in volume 49 (2007) of *Corporate Practice Commentator*.

**WILLIAM MCGEVERAN**

This fall and winter, Professor McGeveran presented his scholarly work at Yale Law School, Fordham Law School, and Drake University Law School. In addition to continuing research on free speech and trademark law, he has begun analyzing the implications of advertising within social networking environments such as Facebook and MySpace for both data privacy law and trademark law. He also continues to blog at Info/Law (http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/infolaw). Along with the first-year civil procedure course, Professor McGeveran again taught a full course on data privacy law, in which students explore multiple topics, including National Security Agency surveillance, medical records, and supermarket bargain cards.

**FAEGRE & BENSON PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW REAPPOINTMENT LECTURE**

On April 1, 2008, Susan M. Wolf presented “Incidental Findings in Human Subjects Research: A Fundamental Challenge to the Clinician/Researcher Divide” to commemorate her reappointment as Faegre & Benson Professor of Law. She joined the Law School faculty in 1993 and is also the McKnight Presidential Professor of Law, Medicine & Public Policy; a professor at the Center for Bioethics; and founding director of the University’s Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences and Joint Degree Program in Law, Health & the Life Sciences.

In her lecture, Wolf explored the ethical duties of researchers who may discover “incidental findings” during human subjects research that are unrelated to the study but may have clinical or reproductive significance for the research participant. Incidental findings can range from a tumor or unexpected genetic mutation to misidentified parentage, she said. Citing a grave lack of ethical and procedural standards for managing such findings, Wolf urged an overhaul of the way law and ethics are addressing the duties of researchers. Rapid technological advancements in research are making this an urgent problem, she said.

Professor Wolf received her A.B. from Princeton University and her J.D. from Yale. She clerked in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, practiced at a New York law firm from 1981 to 1984, and was a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow at The Hastings Center in New York in 1984–85, then the Center’s Associate for Law. She was a Fellow at Harvard University in the Program in Ethics and the Professions in 1992–93 and has received numerous grants to support her work.

The Faegre & Benson Professorship in Law was established in 1987 by the law firm of Faegre & Benson in honor of John B. Faegre Sr. (’13) and John C. Benson (’12). The Faegre & Benson Professorship in Law enriches and expands teaching, research, and scholarship by permitting the Law School to attract and retain a legal scholar of international renown and reputation.
FACULTY NEWS

Professor Stephen F. Befort was elected to the Labor Law Group, which works to improve training and teaching materials in labor and employment law. He is collaborating with the ABA’s labor and employment section on a nationwide “capstone” course.

Professor Laura J. Cooper was honored at the annual Law Day Testimonial Dinner, co-sponsored by the Fund for the Legal Aid Society and the Hennepin County Bar Association, for her public service and contributions over her career.

Professor Prentiss Cox received the University of Minnesota’s 2008 Outstanding Community Service Award for his work to educate the public and his service as a community and national resource during the country’s recent mortgage crisis. For more on how he used his expertise in foreclosure, fraud, and predatory lending to protect the public, see the article on page 23.

Professor John H. Matheson received the University’s 2007-2008 Award for Outstanding Contributions to Postbaccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Education and the title “Distinguished University Teaching Professor” for upholding and advancing a commitment to quality education.

Professor Ruth Okediji was elected to the American Law Institute, an honor that is limited to 3,000 recipients worldwide. New members are recommended by current members on the basis of their character, ability, and professional standing.

Associate Professor Myron W. Orfield participated as an expert source in a six-part documentary on Twin Cities Public Television, produced in collaboration with the Itasca Project, that explored race, place, and class disparities in the region and potential solutions.

Professor David Weissbrodt received the annual Stefan A. Riesenfeld Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to international law from his alma mater, the University of California-Berkeley School of Law.

To read more about these stories, go to the Law School News archives at www.law.umn.edu/news/archive.html.

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MYRON W. ORFIELD
During the fall semester, Professor Orfield taught the seminar “Cities and Suburbs: Race, Taxes and Development in the American Metropolis,” and in spring 2008, he is teaching land use planning. He has completed the following articles: “When the Feds Won’t Act: School Desegregation, State Courts, and Minnesota’s ‘The Choice is Yours’ Program” (with Baris Gumus-Dawes) for the January/February issue of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council Newsletter, “Governing American Metropolitan Areas: Spatial Policy and Regional Governance” (with Institute on Race & Poverty Research Director Thomas Luce) in Metropolitan Areas, Megaregions, and Spatial Planning (Catherine Ross and Cheryl Constant, eds, MIT Press, forthcoming 2008); and the invited essay “Beyond Segregation: Toward a Shared Vision” in Building Sustainable Metropolitan Communities: Breakthrough Stories (M. Paloma Pavel, ed., MIT Press, forthcoming 2008). He continues his work on The Struggle to Grow Equitably: Sprawl, Taxes and Race in America’s Regions (with Thomas Luce), to be published by the Brookings Institution Press. The national research project compares the 150 largest U.S. metropolitan regions for racial and fiscal disparities, relative tax capacity, urban land consumption rates, diversity of community types, racial justice, geography of growth patterns, and political implications of regional fragmentation.

DANIEL SCHWARCZ
Professor Schwarcz is currently investigating alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms for consumer insurance disputes. His research explores factors that have led lawmakers to facilitate, or even mandate, ADR in particular insurance disputes, such as medical necessity determinations in health insurance and appraisal decisions in property insurance. He is comparing this “patchwork” approach to ADR in consumer insurance disputes with a “private ombudsman” scheme that has flourished in England. The private ombudsman method creates a single, public entity that relies on arbitration and mediation to resolve insurance disputes, relieving consumers of the need to hire attorneys, pay fees, or give up the right to seek legal redress in the future.

ROBERT A. STEIN
Professor Stein’s article “Causes of Popular Dissatisfaction with the Administration of Justice in the 21st Century,” which marked the centennial of the Dean Rockies Pound speech, was published recently in the Hamline Law Review. He delivered remarks at a memorial service for U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Donald P. Lay at a sitting of the Court and wrote a tribute that was published in the Iowa Law Review. He also authored a tribute to Professor Robert C. McClure that will appear in the publication of the Hennepin County Bar Association’s Bar...
Memorial Session in April. Along with Professor Ann Burkhart, he recently submitted the manuscript for the second edition of *Law School Success in a Nutshell: A Guide to Studying Law and Taking Law Exams* to Thomson/West Publishing. This year he was elected delegate-at-large to the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates and vice chair of the International Bar Association’s Professional and Public Interest Division. He was also appointed to the Executive Board of the ABA Human Rights Center and chair of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws’ Executive Committee and awarded the University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award by the Board of Regents.

**E. THOMAS SULLIVAN**


**MICHAEL TONRY**

In September, Professor Tonry presented two public lectures: “Crime and Justice in the Netherlands” in Leiden, the Netherlands, and “Crime by Legal and Illegal Immigrants in Europe” in Bologna, Italy. In November, he organized and presided over the 2007 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) in Atlanta, at which former President Jimmy Carter was a plenary-session speaker. Professor Tonry gave the public lecture “Crime and Human Rights—How Political Paranoia, Religious Fundamentalism, and Constitutional Obsolescence Combined to Devastate Black America” at the ASC meeting. He organized a meeting of the *Crime and Justice* editorial board in Minnesota in October and the conference “Crime and Criminal Justice in the Nordic Countries” in Stockholm, Sweden, in December. In January he organized two forums in Leiden: “Paradigm Shifts in the Philosophy of Punishment” and “The Effects of Imprisonment on Former Prisoners’ Later Lives, Their Families, and Their Communities.” His book, *Crime, Punishment, and Politics in Comparative Perspective*, was published by the University of Chicago Press in October, and in January he submitted a commissioned report to the government of the Netherlands titled “Deterrence: The Legal Threat in Crime Control.”

**KEVIN K. WASHBURN**

In 2007–08, Professor Washburn is visiting at Harvard Law School and taught its first-ever course in gaming law. He has recently presented faculty workshops at Harvard; Vanderbilt; Roger Williams University; the Universities of Virginia, Arizona, and Colorado; and Arizona State University. As the inaugural William C. Canby Distinguished Scholar in Residence at Arizona State, he gave a public lecture on criminal justice in Indian country. With alumnus Reid LeBeau, he also recently presented a tribal leadership development course in Minnesota for newly elected tribal leaders. Professor Washburn recently testified before the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources on federal land-into-trust issues involving off-reservation Indian lands, and he is informally advising the U.S. Senate on reform of criminal justice in Indian country. His criminal justice work was the backbone of a recent four-part series of Pulitzer-nominated articles in the *Denver Post*, and he was profiled in *High Country News*. He has an article forthcoming in the *Fordham Law Review* on grand juries and one on *Bryan v. Itasca County* in the *Minnesota Law Review*. He recently signed with Aspen Books to write a casebook on gaming and gambling law, and he will join a panel of authors of an existing casebook on American Indian law.

**DAVID WEISSBRODT**

In recent months, Professor Weissbrodt has spoken on interdisciplinary approaches to
January
31 Professor Tim Johnson
University of Minnesota Department of Political Science and Law School
Professor Jason Roberts
University of Minnesota Department of Political Science and Law School
The Will of the Minority: The Rule of 4 on the U.S. Supreme Court

February
8 Professor Rick Bascuas
University of Miami School of Law
Federal Sentencing: The American Inquisition
14 Professor Paul Schwartz
University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law
The Future of Tax Privacy
21 Professor Allan Erbsen
University of Minnesota Law School
Horizontal Federalism
28 Professor David Kennedy
Harvard Law School
The Mystery of Global Governance

March
6 Professor Alexandra B. Klass
University of Minnesota Law School
Professor Elizabeth Wilson
University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
Climate Change and Carbon Sequestration: A Consideration of Tort and Property Law
13 Professor Miranda McGowan
University of San Diego School of Law
Do as I Do, Not as I Say: An Empirical Investigation of Justice Scalia’s Ordinary Meaning Method of Statutory Interpretation
20 No FWIP – Spring Break
27 Professor Elizabeth Beaumont
University of Minnesota Department of Political Science
Reviving the Republican Face of Constitutional Rights: Abolition as a Constitutional Project

international human rights at the American Political Science Association’s annual meeting in Chicago; on human rights and tobacco at the National Conference on Tobacco and Health in Minneapolis; and on remedies for undocumented non-citizen workers at the Minnesota Law Review’s Conference on the Law and the Low-wage Worker. In Williamsburg, Virginia, he helped train defense counsel for Guantanamo detainees who are being prosecuted in the military commissions, and he put together a team of lawyers and law students to assist in their defense. The book he wrote with Professor Connie de la Vega, International Human Rights Law: An Introduction, was published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. Two articles co-authored with Amy Bergquist have been published: one on the prohibition of extraordinary rendition by the Geneva Conventions in the Virginia Journal of International Law and one on methods in the war on terror in the Minnesota Journal of International Law. He wrote a book review for the American Journal of International Law and chapters for the books Implementing Human Rights and International Migration Law: Developing Paradigms and Key Challenges.

BARBARA Y. WELKE
Professor Welke splits her teaching time between the history department and the Law School as part of an interdisciplinary initiative to build a program in legal history. In the fall semester, she taught an undergraduate survey of early American legal history. She also taught an interdisciplinary graduate course featuring distinguished guest scholars who presented legal history work-in-progress, which drew students and faculty from the Law School as well as such liberal arts departments as history, American studies, and political science. She is currently finishing the manuscript for a book titled The Borders of Belonging: Law, Personhood and Citizenship in the Long Nineteenth Century, 1789–1929 and is working on a longer-term archival project on the history of product liability.

SUSAN M. WOLF
Professor Wolf continues to direct the Joint Degree Program in Law, Health & the Life Sciences and to chair the University’s Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences. As principal investigator (PI) on the NIH-funded project “Managing Incidental Findings in Human Subjects Research,” she has led publication of various articles and preparation of a forthcoming symposium in the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics. As PI on a four-year NSF project, she co-authored “Developing Oversight Frameworks for Nanobiotechnology” (forthcoming in the Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology) and “An Integrated Approach to Oversight Assessment for Emerging Technologies.” She is PI on a new Greenwall Foundation grant on ethical, legal, and policy questions raised by neurogenomics and is collaborating on another funded project on end-of-life care with a national team based at New York’s Hastings Center. She is also participating in a Stanford University project on genomics and a national project on law and neuroscience funded by the MacArthur Foundation. Professor Wolf’s “Neurolaw: The Big Question” was published in the American Journal of Bioethics-Neuroscience, and a co-authored article on practical approaches to incidental findings in brain imaging research was published in Neurology.

JUDITH T. YOUNGER
In the fall of 2007, Professor Younger taught a large group of students in wills and trusts. She spoke to Students for Reproductive Justice on Gonzales v. Carhart. At present, she is teaching first-year property and family law, as well as supervising a group of students in independent study on reproductive rights. She is working on a course called “Choice: The Law of Reproductive Rights,” which she expects to teach for the first time in September 2008. Her piece “Across Curricular Boundaries: Searching for a Confluence Between Marital Agreements and Indian Land Transactions” is slated to appear in the spring issue of Law and Inequality.
EUGENE BORGIDA

In fall 2007, Professor Borgida co-taught (with Guy Charles) the interdisciplinary seminar “Law, Race, and Social Psychology.” He participated in the symposia “Implicit Bias Claims: How to Prove, or Defend Against, This Type of Claim” at the Labor & Employment Law Institute and “The Dynamic of Race in the Jury Selection Process” sponsored by the McGee Civil Rights Moot Court. With Professor Susan Fiske, he published the edited volume Beyond Common Sense: Psychological Science in the Courtroom (Wiley-Blackwell Publishers). An article by Professors Borgida and Charles and their graduate student colleagues, “Race and Redistricting: What the Print Media Conveys to the Public About the Role of Race,” is forthcoming in the Journal of Social Issues. He is working on “Providing Expert Knowledge for the Legal System” (with Fiske) for the Annual Review of Law and Social Science; “What Does Expert Testimony on Stereotyping Research Have to Offer Lawyers in Discrimination Cases?” (with Alice Eagly and Grace Deason) for the Hastings Law Review; and “Social Psychology and Law” (with Margaret Bull Kovera) for the updated Handbook of Social Psychology.

ELIZABETH HEGER BOYLE

Professor Boyle, who has a joint appointment in the Sociology Department, Institute for Global Studies, continues to study immigration, human rights, and international law. She co-authored “Culture, Structure, and the Refugee Experience in Somali Immigrant Family Transformation” (with Ahmed Ali) for International Migration; wrote the chapter “Refugees” for The International Handbook on Youth and Young Adulthood (Andy Furlong, ed.); and wrote encyclopedia entries on female genital cutting and legislative processes in globalization. A member of the University’s Immigration History Research Center Advisory Board, she published “Migrants Solving Global Poverty? A Nice Idea, But...” in the online series Contemporary Perspectives on Immigration, to be reprinted in Opposing Views: Poverty (V. Wagner, ed.). Chair of the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association, she published “Rethinking Election Rules” in Amici: Newsletter of the American Sociological Association Sociology of Law Section. She recently ended her four-year tenure as book review editor of Law & Society Review.

JANE E. KIRTLEY

Professor Kirtley delivered the lectures “Windows on the World: A Global Perspective on FOI” at the FOI Summit at the University of Florida in September and “Still More Threats to the First Amendment, At Home and Abroad” at the Scripps Howard Foundation’s First Amendment Center Directors Conference in Washington, D.C., in October. She was a panelist on “Applying Old-Age Laws to a New Age Internet” at the California First Amendment Coalition’s Free Speech and Open Government Assembly in Los Angeles in October. In November, she appeared on a panel discussing news-gathering and privacy at the Practising Law Institute’s Communications Law conference in New York and on a panel examining international media law developments at the Ad IDEM/Canadian Media Lawyers Association conference in Toronto. She conducted the workshop “Rights and Responsibilities Online” for the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits in November.

ROBERT T. KUDRLE

Professor Kudrle, with Professor Daniel Gifford, completed a book chapter on the possible role of the WTO in competition policy, with a focus on the stake of low-income countries. They are now writing on the law and economics of price discrimination in the United States, Canada, and Europe. Professor Kudrle is finishing a study of the OECD’s role in international tax cooperation. His article, “The OECD’s Harmful Tax Competition Initiative and the Tax Havens: From Bombshell to Damp Squib,” was published in the Global Economy Journal.
New Faculty

The following paragraphs briefly introduce the newest members of the faculty, but please welcome and get to know them personally. Each has unique abilities and concentrations that greatly strengthen the overall learning experience at the Law School.

NEW DIRECTOR OF SIMULATION PROGRAMS

Nancy Cook will put her more than 20 years of law school administrative experience to good use as Director of Simulation Programs. In this new position, she will create, teach, and oversee the Work of the Lawyer course and aid in creating and developing third-year capstone courses. Since receiving her M.F.A. in creative writing from American University and her J.D. from Georgetown University, she has taught law at Cornell, the University of New Mexico, American University, the University of Virginia, and most recently, Roger Williams University, where she also directed the Community Justice and Legal Assistance Clinic. She has also taught criminal and civil law to inmates at a correctional facility, as well as composition and creative writing at universities and youth centers.

NEW CLINICAL PROFESSORS

Perry Moriearty received her undergraduate degree from Brown in 1991, in English and American literature, but the job she found after college was as a legal assistant. By 1994, she had become a J.D. candidate at Northwestern University, and in 1997 she completed her degree at New York University. She worked as a litigation associate in Boston until 2002. During the next five years, she was an independent fact finder at Harvard, taught a summer course at Cambridge College, was a Juvenile Defense Network program associate, and instructed a Juvenile Justice Clinic at Suffolk University. She comes to the Law School from the University of Denver, where she was a visiting professor in the Civil Litigation Clinic since 2007. She will teach in the Law School’s Civil Practice and Child Advocacy Clinics.

Stephen Meili has taught civil procedure, pre-trial advocacy, and consumer and immigration law and directed the Consumer Law Clinic at the University of Wisconsin since 1991. After receiving his J.D. from New York University in 1983 and his LL.M. from Georgetown University in 1985, he worked as an associate in a New Haven, Conn., firm for a year, then was a partner at a plaintiffs’-side labor and employment firm in Hartford, Conn., before switching to academics. He received his B.A. in government from Dartmouth College in 1978 and his M.A. in inner city development at New York University in 1980. He will join Prentiss Cox in teaching the Consumer Protection Clinic.

Meghan Ryan

Meghan Ryan is a graduate of the Law School, class of 2005. As a student, she worked on the Minnesota Law Review and the Minnesota Journal of Global Trade, and received the American Law Institute-American Bar Association Scholarship and Leadership Award. She was an associate in Dorsey & Whitney’s trial group before joining the faculty in the spring semester as a visiting assistant professor teaching sales. Her undergraduate degree, received from Harvard in 2002, is in chemistry. She will teach criminal law, criminal process, and a seminar on the death penalty.

Laura Thomas

Laura Thomas has worked at the Minneapolis office of a national products liability defense firm and at Rider, Bennett in general civil litigation, insurance defense, and family law. In 2002, she started a solo family law practice. She received her B.A. from the University of St. Thomas and her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She was a visiting associate professor on the clinical faculty in 2007–08 and will continue that role for another year.

VISITING FACULTY

Amy Monahan received her B.A. in International Studies from Johns Hopkins University in 1996, after spending 1994–95 at Ireland’s University College Cork. In 1999, she completed her J.D. at Duke University. She worked at a firm in Chicago until joining the University of Notre Dame in 2003–04 as an adjunct assistant professor teaching legal writing and a visiting scholar at the University’s Center for Ethics and Culture. She has been an associate professor at the University of Missouri School of Law in Columbia since 2004, teaching employee benefits and tax law. As a visiting professor at Minnesota, she will teach Tax I, employee benefits, and partnership tax.
In ninth grade, Laura Cooper and her classmates were required to research two careers. Her choices, lawyer and teacher, could not have more accurately predicted her future. She has been a law professor for 38 years and has co-authored or co-edited six books and written numerous articles on labor law, arbitration, welfare law, and conflicts of law from historical, empirical, and analytical perspectives. With her expertise, Cooper has not only trained numerous students in labor law and workplace dispute, she has contributed to women’s presence and excellence in the legal field.

**Women and the law**
Her mother kindled Cooper’s interest in the law by searching newspapers for interesting cases and taking the family to watch them in downtown L.A. courtrooms. “I was probably an adult before I realized that other people didn’t grow up spending their vacations in court,” she says.

An interest in teaching became apparent during law school at Indiana University. Students taking a course taught by a visiting professor reported feeling ill-prepared, so she and several other students taught the subject “on the side,” Cooper says, helping the students pass.

Given her interests, law professor seems like the obvious career choice. At that point, though, few women held the position. But Cooper’s timing was perfect. She started her job search just when law schools “were deliberately looking for women,” she says. She was one of three women hired by the Law School in 1975. In 1979, she became the Law School’s first tenured female professor.

The rising number of women since then has benefited both law and women, Cooper says. (Of 64 full-time Law School faculty for 2007-2008, 42% are women). Inclusion of women in the legal field broadens perspectives and ensures fairer laws. “There’s no question that the substance of the law has changed since women have been involved as lawyers and judges and legal educators,” she says. On the personal side, as the first tenured woman professor, Cooper says she was “the woman, with everybody’s expectations.”

Having a lot of women on the faculty “makes it a lot easier for women to be lots of different things.”

Variety is important to Cooper. She comments that part of what she likes most about being a professor is “the diversity of what you’re allowed to do...what you’re encouraged and supported to do.”

In 2005, for example, she and Professor Stephen F. Befort proposed the Law School’s first concentration: Labor and Employment Law. Students demonstrating mastery in the subject receive a certificate and a notation on their transcripts.

Her newest project is chairing a committee to create the first national “capstone” course for third-year students on the realities of practicing labor and employment law. A collaboration between the Labor Law Group and the American Bar Association’s Section on Labor and Employment Law, the course will integrate the doctrinal components of labor and employment law with the clinical skills needed in practice. The committee hopes to have a test course ready by the summer of 2009.

**Making a difference**
Cooper has done vast amounts of public service over the years, including a decade enforcing a consent decree for equal opportunity for women faculty at the University, participation in state and federal court gender-fairness studies, and membership on various boards. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Legal Aid Society for 27 years; of the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis for 24 years (3 of them as president); of Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA), the umbrella organization for Legal Aid components, for 15 years (1 of them as president); and of Central Minnesota Legal Services for 3 years.

Cooper’s dedication and contributions throughout her long career have not gone unnoticed. The Fund for the Legal Aid Society honored her at its 27th Annual Law Day Testimonial Dinner on May 1, 2008. The event serves to acknowledge honorees as an example to their peers and to thank them for helping improve the world. Says MMLA Executive Director Jeremy Lane, Cooper “has been probably the best example over many years of what a law professor can do to help poor people.”

By Jenna Zakrjasek, a Law School communications assistant and an English and journalism student at the University of Minnesota.
On initial impression, David Wippman seems to be a scholarly, affable man who would be as comfortable scouring the library for legal reviews as he would be lecturing a group of fellow professors. But typically, first impressions are incomplete, and such is the case with the University of Minnesota’s new Law School dean. True, Wippman has been a well-regarded academician at Cornell University Law School for 16 years, but he has also worked on cases involving international law that had him traveling to dangerous places. For example, he recalls a 1990 flight into Monrovia on a Nigerian military helicopter because Liberia was in the midst of a civil war pitting the guerrilla warlord Charles Taylor against government forces.
“There were no commercial flights, no security, no operating hotels or restaurants, so we packed in our own food and water,” he says. “It was a fascinating experience. We were able to meet with the most-senior officials of the interim government and advise them on legal and political issues.”

And he relishes telling of representing Liberia in a case before a district court in New York City. The judge asked Wippman if his client was part of a faction that had lopped off both ears of Samuel Doe, once Liberia’s president. “I was able to respond, ‘Your honor, it was just one ear. And it wasn’t my client,’” Wippman says.

After an extensive career at D.C. law firms, and at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, the dean arrives at an important point in the Law School’s history. He replaces interim co-deans Fred L. Morrison and Guy-Uriel E. Charles and faces the task of making change happen: from implementing and further developing an innovative new curriculum to raising funds and boosting the school’s national reputation. He can’t wait to get started.

“The University of Minnesota has a terrific Law School, and in keeping with the University’s strategic plan, my goal is to raise the Law School to the next level, to make it one of the top few public law schools in the country,” he says. “I want to do it in a way that is consistent with our mission as a public law school, which will give it a little different direction than some other law schools might have.”

An A-team choice
After an international exploration for candidates that started last May, the dean search committee reached a consensus quite readily once Wippman visited. Clearly, he had come prepared. He had researched the University and arrived armed with specific ideas for improving the Law School, attracting a diverse student body, raising money, and elevating the national ranking.

“He started out by saying he enjoyed the opportunity to come to a great law school and he wanted to make it an even greater law school,” recalls Judy Oakes (class of ’69), a selection committee member. “How can you not like that?”

Jon Binks, an assistant to Provost E. Thomas Sullivan who coordinated the search committee, says Wippman brings a “trifecta” of experience as a scholar, a practitioner, and a former public servant. Plus, Wippman has managerial experience gleaned from his three-year tenure as Cornell’s vice provost for international relations and an understanding of the importance of the University’s vision for itself and the Law School, Binks says.
Wippman has a keen sense of collegiality and an ability to listen while explaining his vision for the future, Binks says. “He’s unflappable, he’s a good listener, he has a wonderful sense of humor, and he has great people skills. I think the dean has a combination of strengths that are rarely found in one individual: He’s an exceptional scholar, he’s also had experience under the Clinton Administration, he’s done some important international rights works, and he was a managing partner of a Washington law firm.”

Binks concludes, “I’m extremely positive about his selection, and that isn’t hyperbole.”

Binks’ boss is just as enthusiastic. “In this period of transformative change and high aspirations,” says University President Robert H. Bruminks, “the Law School needs an exceptional leader who cherishes the historic mission and critical contribution of a public law school in the 21st century. Dean Wippman will be that outstanding and inspiring leader.”

The training of a dean
Wippman spent his first decade in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, before his family moved to nearby Edina. His father, Harold, graduated from the Law School in 1949 but worked in the insurance industry. His mother, Gertrude, taught Latin and French in a local Catholic high school. His sister, Judy, is a clinical psychologist in Chicago.

Wippman attended the University of Minnesota for a year before applying to several Ivy League schools. Princeton accepted him and he went off to New Jersey to earn a bachelor of arts, summa cum laude, in English. He intended to pursue graduate school in English but decided to take a year off, in 1977. Half of the time he spent in the Twin Cities driving a taxi and the other half as “a ski bum” and cook in Vail, Colorado. The ski community was experiencing the worst drought in a generation, but he hit the not-very-snowy slopes as often as possible and also learned the art of making a good pancake.

With aspirations to become an English professor, Wippman traveled next to Yale, where he entered the English literature program on a fellowship. By year’s end, he joined 11 other students who dropped out of the program. “I would have loved to write the great American novel, but I knew early that wasn’t in the cards,” he says. “My plan was to get a degree and teach at the college level. Even though I thoroughly enjoyed what I was doing, I didn’t have the commitment that was required.”

Off to Washington
Just when Wippman was wondering what to do next, a friend planning to work in Washington at Arnold & Porter, one of the District’s larger and better-known law firms, suggested Wippman join him. The year-long job gave Wippman a glimpse of precisely what he was looking for: a profession where he could exercise his writing and analytical talents while pursuing his personal goal of a life in academia. It would take another decade to get there, but he was on the right track.

Accepted at Yale Law, he served as editor-in-chief of the prestigious Yale Law Journal, a responsibility that taught him to “think through the logical structure of an argument and analyze what makes for effective writing,” he says. A clerkship followed in New York with Judge Wilfred Feinberg, chief judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit.

Wippman returned to Washington to work briefly at the Washington, D.C., office of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, an office led by several Carter Administration alumni. A dullish corporate caseload had started him thinking about other employment when a serendipitous event sent him on the way to becoming an international litigator and transformed his life.

Two attorneys at the firm, Paul Reichler and Judy Appelbaum, had begun working for the Nicaraguan government in a case against the United States and its support of the Contras, a guerrilla group sponsored by the Reagan Administration. With the firm uncomfortable at the prospect of some of its top attorneys litigating against the U.S. government in the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Reichler and Appelbaum split off and started their own firm. They invited Wippman to join them, and the firm of Reichler, Appelbaum, and Wippman was born. It specialized in representing developing countries, and Nicaragua was its first client.

The firm won the jurisdictional phase of the case against the United States, which withdrew before the merits phase. It won again in The Hague, but as the damages phase wore on, Nicaragua’s president, Daniel Ortega, lost the 1990 presidential election, and the firm lost a client. Regarding the irony that Ortega is the country’s president again, the dean notes: “His politics have evolved.”

In Liberia, the firm defended the interim government against plaintiffs seeking default judgments in the United States and execution of those judgments on Liberian assets held in U.S. banks. The amount at stake was substantial. Shipping companies from around the world were registered with and paid dues to the Liberian Maritime Registry, and that money was held in the United States. Much legal wrangling ensued as the country fell into a brutal, chaotic civil war that left thousands dead and more than 200,000 displaced. But even failed states can litigate. “It was possible, even though the Liberian government had collapsed and there was no effective authority in control of the country as a whole, to have an almost ordinary litigation against Liberia go forward in the United States,” says Wippman.

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Customary billable hours were not always possible in working with developing countries. The firm had an annual retainer with Nicaragua and special arrangements with other clients, including Guatemala and the Philippines. In one instance, Wippman recalls, a client from Nigeria “sent over a guy who brought money in a brown paper bag, in cash, and said we could get all the legal work we wanted if we were prepared to inflate our invoices by 30%.” When Wippman said no, “the person saw it as a chance for a counteroffer. We had no further work from that client.”

Back to academics
A decade of practicing law did not diminish Wippman’s desire for academia. When he heard about the Cornell opening, he applied and received a professorship. The dean at the time noted that Wippman had more experience in professional practice than any other law professor at the school. But he had teaching experience, too, having been an adjunct professor at American University’s law school.

At Cornell he taught courses in international law and human rights and seminars in ethnic conflicts. Without the pressures of a law practice, he could devote time to his favorite craft, legal writing, and assisted in the authorship of three books on international law and the rule of law in the wake of military interventions. He has also written or co-written dozens of law review articles and book reviews.

A highlight of his tenure at Cornell was a one-year appointment (1998–1999) as a director in the Office of Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs at the National Security Council (NSC) in Washington. The NSC provides a channel of advice (outside the State Department) to the president and the executive staff. Wippman loved the chance to be a “policy person” and, in his year of service, to dig into the details of creating the United Nations’ International Criminal Court in Rome. One cherished memory is a visit to Kosovo with human rights advocate and author Elie Wiesel to witness the aftermath of the war between NATO and Serbian forces.

In a move that still upsets many human rights activists, the United States decided not to support the International Criminal Court, voting in Rome against its creation. Wippman says the U.S. delegation was “terrific,” but “there were some internal divisions in the policy apparatus in Washington. It made it hard for our delegation to be as effective as it could have been. If we had been more flexible early on, we might have had a different result.”

Agenda for the future
The dean expects exciting results as he and the Law School embark on a new era. He wants to continue to build on its many strengths, which include his own areas, international law and human rights, as well as criminal justice, intellectual property, science and technology, and legal history, among others. “We’re poised to make important contributions to policy debates that are ongoing and to support creative and real-world solutions to difficult social and economic problems,” he says. He also wants to continue the trend toward multidisciplinary scholarship and expand collaboration with other units of the University.

Wippman is enthusiastic about curriculum changes. “I’ve heard of other schools reforming their curricula, but few are this far along or as comprehensive in their approach as Minnesota,” he says. “Minnesota is positioned to be a leader in the revitalization of the law school curriculum.”

What are these changes? First-year students will be able to choose one of four electives (e.g., international law, corporate law), find professional responsibility topics built into a variety of courses, and benefit from greater emphasis on statutory interpretation, legal ethics, and “law as a form of problem solving,” says Wippman.

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A new course, “The Work of the Lawyer,” will continue training students to be problem solvers, and third-year “capstone” courses will feature a lead professor and faculty from other disciplines working with small groups of students for a full year on complex issues, such as global warming, healthcare, or other major social problems. The goal of the capstone program, still being created, is to give budding attorneys a chance to exercise talents other than legal analysis and to understand problems “in a larger context,” says Wippman. It will not only give students a much broader view of law, it will contribute valuable information through important debates over critical, current topics.

Wippman recognizes that the Law School faces three immediate priorities: faculty, funding, and facilities. He wants to begin building an endowment within the next five years for a possible addition to the existing Law School building, which is almost at capacity. The privately raised money would also help recruit nationally known faculty.

Ties that bind
“Minneapolis is my hometown. My mother lives here, I have other family here, so I am excited to return,” Wippman says. For now, his family will remain in Ithaca so his younger daughter, Lauren, can finish high school. His older daughter, Brianna, is a sophomore at Cornell. His wife, Meredith, an independent art consultant, will later join him in what they anticipate will be a new adventure in the region where he grew up. “As for the weather,” Wippman says, “it’s colder here than in Ithaca, but sunnier, so it balances out.”

By Frank Jossi, a freelance writer based in St. Paul.
At the Law School

Far left: Vice President Walter F. (’56), Joan, and Ted Mondale; Top: U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar; Bottom: U.S. Senator Patrick J. Leahy

Dean Fred L. Morrison with Heather Gerken, speaker at William B. Lockhart lecture

Assistant Dean Erin Keyes (’00) gives last-minute instructions before the start of the 6th Annual Race for Justice.

Dean Guy-Uriel E. Charles with Angela P. Harris, speaker at the John Dewey lecture

The Twenty-Third Annual William E. Mc Gee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition banquet

Stephen F. Befort (’74), John H. Matheson, and Ann M. Burkhart, recognized for their 25 years of teaching, with Co-Deans Charles and Morrison.
On November 2, 2007, the Minnesota Law Review hosted the empirical, interdisciplinary symposium, “The Low-Wage Worker: Legal Rights—Legal Realities.” It was co-sponsored by the Labor Law Group, an international nonprofit organization of labor and employment law scholars. Interim Co-Dean Guy-Uriel Charles welcomed guests, and professors Laura J. Cooper, Catherine L. Fisk (Duke), and Kenneth G. Dau-Schmidt (Indiana) gave introductory presentations on behalf of the Labor Law Group.

In the first panel, moderated by Professor Stephen F. Befort, economist William L. Wascher (Federal Reserve Board) and labor lawyer Paul Strauss (Miner, Barnhill & Galland) challenged two key assumptions underlying the Fair Labor Standards Act: that minimum wage laws improve low-wage workers’ economic circumstances, and the statute can effectively remedy violations.

The second panel, on the role of organizing in protecting low-wage workers’ legal rights, moderated by Professor Cooper, featured a discussion among law professors Ellen Danin (Penn State), Jennifer Gordon (Fordham), and Peggie Smith (Iowa) regarding privatization of federal government services, immigrant workers’ centers, and legal structures adopted by states to protect home care workers in the absence of a traditional employer-employee relationship.

The third panel examined special challenges in enforcing immigrant workers’ legal rights in today’s global economy. Associate Professor Lisa Stratton moderated a discussion by law professors David Weissbrodt, Scott Cummings (UCLA), and Michael Wishnie (Yale) on the intersection of labor organization, globalization, and international human rights, and the potential legal challenges once current immigration reform proposals are enacted.

The final panel, moderated by Professor Jill Hasday, explored the history of employment practices and recent state and local attempts to regulate “big-box” retailers. Renowned Wal-Mart and labor historian Nelson Lichtenstein (University of California-Santa Barbara) identified practices prompting the regulatory efforts, and professor Catherine Fisk and Michael Oswalt (Duke) offered legal and sociological critiques of the use of federal preemption to thwart state and local initiatives.

Symposium articles will be published in the May 2008 issue of the Minnesota Law Review. For archived video of the presentations, copies of the articles, and subscribing information, visit www.law.umn.edu/lawreview/symposium.html.
Law School Selected to Host Humphrey Fellows

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and Institute of International Education have selected the University of Minnesota Law School to host the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows in Law and Related Fields for the next five years.

Humphrey Fellows are accomplished mid-career professionals from designated developing countries who are hosted by U.S. universities for 10 months of professional development, non-degree academic study, and cultural exchange.

As members of the Law School community, Humphrey Fellows will have access to a focused program that takes full advantage of the Law School’s faculty, curriculum, research institutes, and connections to the Minnesota legal community. Additionally, the Law School will facilitate connections between Humphrey Fellows and other colleges and departments on campus, including the Humphrey Institute, which was also selected to host the Humphrey Program in the field of Public Policy for the next five years.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 to honor the late Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and his lifelong commitment to international cooperation and public service. Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to public service. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and is administered by the Institute of International Education.
Few recent news stories have been more pervasive than the mortgage crisis. When Minnesota decided to do something, the state looked for an expert in lending law and found Professor Prentiss Cox ('90).

Foreclosure rates in Minnesota had been relatively steady for nearly two decades, but they began to skyrocket three years ago. Rates for 2008 are projected to be five times higher than rates in 2005. Hennepin County accounts for nearly 25% of all foreclosures in Minnesota. Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson realized she needed someone with expertise in consumer and lending law to explore the crisis and appointed Prentiss Cox, Associate Professor of Clinical Law, as chair of the Predatory Lending Study Group. She charged the group with unearthing the realities of the problem and proposing possible solutions.

Cox joined the Law School in 2005 after serving as an Assistant Attorney General and manager of the Consumer Enforcement Division in the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office. He brought plenty of mortgage lending insight to the Predatory Lending Study Group—not only because of his job as a clinical law professor, but also because he was a leader in numerous national cases brought by state attorneys general against predatory lenders.

The Study Group determined that subprime lending was a key factor in the predatory lending problem. Once a small part of the mortgage loan picture, subprime lending appeared in more than 20% of new U.S. mortgage loans made in 2005 and 2006.

The Study Group also proposed key anti-predatory lending legislation, which was approved by the state legislature by an overwhelming margin and enacted into state law in 2007. The legislation made it illegal for lenders to give “negative amortization” loans—mortgage loans whose monthly payments don’t cover the interest on the loan, thus eroding the home’s equity. Since then, other states have used the Minnesota law as a model for their own legislation.

But Cox didn’t stop there. In January 2008, he and three students in his Consumer Protection Law Clinic—John Baldrica, Peter Thomas, and Mark Wagner—proposed further legislation that would give borrowers with subprime mortgages more options to avoid foreclosure. The “Minnesota Subprime Foreclosure Deferral Act” would allow qualifying homeowners to pay a percentage of their mortgages and postpone the rest for up to one year, thus fending off foreclosure. As of April 15, the bill was being discussed on the floor of both the House (HF3612) and the Senate (SF3396).

Cox has been a tireless educator and combatant against the growing subprime mortgage and foreclosure crises across Minnesota and the nation. He has invested countless hours explaining the mortgage crisis, lending practices, and foreclosure issues to local prevention counselors, attorneys, community groups, and the general public. It’s no surprise that Cox was among the 2008 recipients of the University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Award, noted Maury Landsman, who held the directorships of the clinics and lawyering skills programs at the Law School from 2003–07.

“The recipients of his service work were homeowners and more generally citizens of Minnesota and the United States,” Landsman said. “Individual homeowners benefited by having additional remedies for specific problems growing out of the housing crisis, and the citizenry generally benefited by having significant knowledge and expertise provided to officials attempting to craft solutions to the mortgage crisis.”

By Pamela Tabar, Web site assistant and freelance writer based in Cleveland.
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8:30-4:30 with Professor Oren Gross

Wednesday, May 28
The Emerging Law of Data Privacy
8:30-4:30 with Professor William McGeeveran

Thursday, May 29
Selected Topics in Unfair Competition and Business Torts
8:30-4:30 with Professor Thomas F. Cotter

Friday, May 30
Digital Evidence: Implications for Criminal Law and Civil Practice
8:30-4:30 with Professors Joan S. Howland and Michael J. Hannon

Saturday, May 31
Ethics and the Practice of Criminal Law (morning) and The Recognition and Elimination of Bias in the Legal System (afternoon)
9:00-3:00 with Professor Stephen M. Simon

Monday, June 2
The Constitution in a Conservative Court: Twenty Years On
8:30-4:30 with Professor Dale A. Carpenter

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The First Amendment: Freedom of Press, Speech, and Religion
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Wednesday, June 4
Not Just the Rules of Evidence Anymore: Doctrine and Theory as Litigation Tools
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MBA Concepts for Lawyers
8:30-4:30 with Professor Edward S. Adams

Friday, June 6
Timely Tax Issues for Non-Tax Lawyers
8:30-4:30 with Professor Morgan Holcomb

Saturday, June 7
Marital and Parental Agreement
8:30-4:30 with Professor Brian Bix

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In the Tradition of James Madison

by Lawrence R. Jacobs

Walter F. Mondale has been the small-town Minnesotan son of Gentle in 1951. He grew up under the iron rule of the United States government, and his nation’s anti-communist zeal slowed the growth of the Minnesota Historical Society and the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum. In 1960, he served as Minnesota Attorney General, and in 1964, as U.S. Senator from Minnesota. He was a close friend of former President Jimmy Carter, and his political career spanned four decades, including service as Minnesota Attorney General from 1960 to 1964, U.S. Senator from 1964 to 1977, Vice President of the United States from 1977 to 1981, and presidential nominee in 1984.

In 1960, Mondale ran for Minnesota Attorney General on the platform of a “labor-union Democrat.” In 1964, he was elected to the U.S. Senate with the support of the Minnesota Labor Federation and the Minnesota AFL-CIO. He served as Vice President of the United States from 1977 to 1981 under President Jimmy Carter.

Mondale’s deep commitment to civil liberties and democracy is evident in his support of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) of 1978, which became a cornerstone of American national security law. He was a strong advocate for the protection of individual rights and freedoms, and his record includes support for civil rights, environmental protection, and international cooperation.

Mondale was also known for his dedication to theConcept of Global Public Interest, which he described as a “moral commitment to the idea that all nations have a stake in the well-being of all other nations.” This concept has been recognized as a key element of his political thought and legacy.

In his final years, Mondale was a vocal and active advocate for issues related to the environment, civil rights, and social justice. He was a strong supporter of President Barack Obama’s efforts to address climate change, and he remained an active member of the Democratic Party until his death in 2021.

Walter F. Mondale was a man of principles and a dedicated public servant. His legacy continues to inspire those who believe in the power of democracy and the importance of civil liberties for all people.

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Walter F. Mondale was born in the small southern Minnesota town of Gaylord in 1928. He grew up amid the depression’s effects on the United States, hearing the cries of some who opposed the New Deal. These influences seeded a sense of compassion for the public welfare and a siege against repressive legislatures.

In 1964, he entered the University of Minnesota Law School, where he studied under James Rolph, a law teacher, and John Doar, a lawyer. This time he decided to continue his education. In 1964, he received a B.A. from the University of Minnesota Law School. In 1965, he began his public service career in the United States Senate. In 1966, he served a term in Congress from 1969 to 1976. Mondale was a member of the United States Senate until 1991. He was the eighth Vice President of the United States, serving from 1977 to 1981.

In 1980, Mondale ran for president as a member of the Democratic Party. He lost to Ronald Reagan and spent his final years in public service as a member of the Senate. He was a natural leader, and his contributions to American politics and government will not be forgotten.
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Walter F. Mondale was born in the small southern Minnesota town of Glynville in 1920. He grew up under the influence of the United Methodist Church and the Minnesota timber industry. These influences nourished a sense of community in public service and an eagerness of fulfilling obligations.

Mondale received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1942 after a brief career in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He then entered public service as Minnesota Attorney General from 1949 to 1953. The following year, he moved to Washington D.C. where he served as a special assistant to the President of the United States.

In 1962, Mondale ran for and won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from Minnesota’s 4th congressional district. He served in the House for two consecutive terms before challenging incumbent Senator Hubert Humphrey in the Democratic primary and losing. He then turned to the Senate, where he represented Minnesota for 20 years.

During Mondale’s tenure in the Senate, he was known as a progressive Democrat who stood up to powerful interests and fought for the common good. He was a strong advocate for civil rights, women’s rights, and environmental protection. He was also a vocal critic of the Vietnam War, calling for its termination in 1973.

In 1976, Mondale was nominated by the Democratic Party as the candidate for Vice President, running with Jimmy Carter as President. They won the election, becoming the first Democratic ticket to win the White House since 1964.

As Vice President, Mondale served on numerous committees in the Senate and was instrumental in crafting policy proposals. He was known for his integrity and honesty, and for his commitment to issues such as health care reform and the environment.

Mondale’s tenure in the Senate ended in 1994, and he retired from public office. He passed away in 2021, but his legacy lives on through his contributions to American politics and his commitment to public service.
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Mondale attended the University of Minnesota, where he took a B.S. in political science in 1956. In 1954, he received a JD from the University of Minnesota Law School. After graduating, he became a prosecutor for the Hennepin County, Minnesota, District Attorney. In 1958, he was elected attorney general of Minnesota. He served in that position until 1962, when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Representing Minnesota’s 4th District, he served until 1971, when he was elected to the U.S. Senate. In 1976, he ran for vice president on the ticket with Jimmy Carter.

Throughout his career, Mondale has been a champion of civil rights, a strong supporter of the environment, and a vocal critic of big government. He has also been an advocate for Nelson Mandela, a prominent South African anti-apartheid activist. In 1999, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to promote human rights and democracy in Africa.

In his roles as U.S. senator, vice president, and president, Mondale has worked with American foreign policy, national security, and the economy. He has been a strong voice for international cooperation and has advocated for a more aggressive approach to counterterrorism.

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ABA Moot Court
The ABA appellate advocacy team advanced to the national final eight, losing in the region championship (which determines who goes to the national final-four rounds). In the regional competition, second-year students Sean Foss and Meridith Socha had a high brief score and went 4-0 into the final championship round, where they lost in a very spirited argument. They faced six of the competition’s top ten oralists in their rounds. Third-year students Randy Hagedorn and Steve Noess were 1-1 but lost their third argument by a single point, thereby missing advancement to the final-two championship rounds. Adjunct advisor Michael Vanselow coached the teams.

Environmental Moot Court
On Feb. 20–24, the Environmental Moot Court team traveled to White Plains, N.J., for the Pace University Law School Environmental Moot Court Competition. The 2008 team of third-year students Jim Gessford and Daniel Weaver and second-year student Michael Schmidt was one of 27 teams to reach the quarter-final round out of about 70 teams overall. Schmidt won best oralist for the team’s first preliminary oral argument. Adjunct advisors Sanne Knudsen and Elizabeth Schmiesing coached the team.

Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court
Third-year students Mark Lazar, Sara Payne, Julie Strother, and Carl Tvedten competed in the Evans Constitutional Law Competition sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Law School. Team coaches were adjunct advisors Mark Thompson and Jody Ward.

Intellectual Property Moot Court
The Intellectual Property Moot Court competition team had its fourth consecutive successful year. The initial MIPLA Cup, a new annual competition between the Giles Rich Intellectual Property Moot Court teams from the four Twin Cities law schools, sponsored by the Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA), was held at William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, on March 10, 2008. Three-person panels of MIPLA members, representing both private law firms and in-house counsel, judged each argument. Six teams participated. Third-year U of M students Erik Birkeneder and Pratin Vallabhaneni won both rounds of arguments and first place in the MIPLA Cup competition, thereby earning a $5,000 scholarship graciously provided by MIPLA to promote the continued strength of intellectual property programs in area law schools. In mid-March, Birkeneder and Vallabhaneni went on to the Boston regional competition, where they finished second. They were invited to return to the national final rounds in Washington on April 15–19 to defend our 2007 national championship. Team coaches were adjunct advisors Todd Werner and Heather Kliebenstein.

International Moot Court
Third-year student Matt Ramage-White and second-year students Jared Cook, Amber Fasching, Brett Gilbert, and Monica Miller competed in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Regional Competition in Chicago. Adjunct advisor Bob DeMay coached the teams.

Maynard Pirsig Moot Court
In the Law School’s Maynard Pirsig Moot Court Competition, second-year student Grant Collins, who argued as appellant in the final championship round, won the Harold Will Cox oral argument prize. Second-year student Jeremy Jones, arguing as respondent in the final championship round, won the second place oral argument trophy. The best brief trophy and Dorothy O. Lareau Award went to second-year student Heather Robertson, and the second-place trophy went to second-year student Matt Rivard.

National Moot Court
The National Moot Court Respondent’s Team, consisting of third-year students Logan Drew, Jesse Mondry, and Ryan Myers, advanced to the quarter-finals at the final rounds of the National Moot Court Competition at the New York City Bar Association the last week of January 2008. The team’s brief received the third-highest score among the national finals teams. The top two teams from each of the country’s 14 regions advance to the National Moot Court Competition finals. Last fall, 189 teams from the nation’s law schools competed in the regional rounds. A second U of M team, consisting of third-year students Chris Amundsen, David Hansen, and Peter Shaw, also competed in the regional rounds. Clinical Professor Brad Clary and adjunct co-advisor Kristin Sankovitz coached the teams.
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Wagner Moot Court

Third-year students Bonnie Hungerford, Annie Raupp, and Reva Tevaarwerk represented the Law School at the Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition at the New York Law School. Adjunct advisor Tom Trachsel coached the team.

ACTL National Trial Competition

For the third year, a National Mock Trial Team took part in the regional competition of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) National Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association. Teams consisted of third-year students Ben Kennedy, Dan Hammer, Eric Chad, Eugene Tagle, Manish Kumar, and Sandy Roth and second-year student Mark Wagner. The team of Eric Chad, Manish Kumar, and Sandy Roth went undefeated in the preliminary rounds and ranked third going into elimination rounds. In the quarterfinal elimination round, the team was

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**ABA Negotiation Competition**

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**Dubester Bankruptcy Competition**

As a pilot project through the Bankruptcy Clinic, the Law School sent its first team to the Dubester Bankruptcy Competition this year. Third-year students Bryan Browning, Joe Bueche, and Mary Kaczorek participated. They were coached by co-advisors Megan Brennan and Steven Prince.

By Professor Brad Clary (’75).

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municipal court judge and District Judge of Anoka County for many years.

Another generous provision of $175,000 established the Edith P. Wargo and Linda I. Workman Law Library Research Technology endowment fund to support leading-edge technology tools at the library.

“Edith’s strong belief in the importance of education and her love of books came from her mother, who was a graduate of St. Cloud Teachers College [now St. Cloud State University] and a first grade teacher,” Workman explained. “Her gift reflects her wish to contribute in a personal and meaningful way to the school’s commitment to excellence in education.”

Edith Wargo was a devoted Minnesota supporter. In 1981, she founded Lex Alumnae for women graduates of the Law School—now the largest organization of its kind nationwide.

Workman grew up in Portland, Oregon, but she frequently visited Minneapolis—her mother’s former and her aunt’s lifelong hometown. The state drew her back for her undergraduate degree (from Carlton College) and her M.A. in public affairs (from the University). After earning her J.D. at Lewis & Clark in Portland, she worked in civil rights enforcement and held several top corporate positions.

Now, Workman is conscientiously overseeing her aunt’s wishes to fund significant, progressive programs. She visited the Law School in January 2008, toured the Law Library, and was delighted to see a portrait of Edith Wargo hanging in the dean’s suite.

**Sieben Family Endows Scholarship Fund**

Earlier this year, Michael R. Sieben (’72), a long-time supporter of the Law School and its clinical programs, made a lead gift to endow the Sieben Family Scholarship Fund to assist outstanding students in need of financial aid. Michael’s brothers, Harry A. Sieben Jr. (’68) and John P. Sieben (’86), and his daughter, Anne Sieben Wolsfeld (’00), also made generous contributions to the scholarship fund.

In keeping with the Sieben family’s commitment to serve society, the Sieben Family Scholarship will be preferentially awarded to students who are interested in public service and/or participating in the Law School’s clinical programs. The scholarship is awarded to first-year law students and is renewable during the second and third years. Under the President’s Scholarship Match program, the University will match the endowment payout of the scholarship fund dollar for dollar.

The Sieben family has a distinguished history of leadership in law and public service. Michael and Harry have served in the Minnesota House of Representatives (Michael, 1973–82; Harry, 1971–85, as Speaker from 1981–85). Michael and John are partners at Sieben Polk PA, and Harry practices with Sieben, Grose, Von Holtum & Carey Ltd. Harry served as a major general in the Minnesota Air National Guard, while Anne reports for duty at the Law School, where she serves on the Admissions staff.
Navigating the Career Path
From 1Ls to alumni, legal professionals find expert guidance at CPDC.

The Law School’s Career and Professional Development Center (CPDC) maintains an active programming and recruiting-events schedule, designed to engage the broadest range of students, introduce them to the opportunities available with a law degree, and equip them to successfully direct their careers.

Spring 2008 was one of the busiest semesters in CPDC history as we hosted more than 65 programs. In our Nuts & Bolts track, students met lawyers in public and private practice and in alternative careers from around the country. Our Career Exploration track included practice-related and geographic-specific programs, such as the Life in Practice series that featured representatives (including alumni) from Milwaukee, New York, California, and Chicago speaking to students about working in their firms and their cities. In our Paths to Professionalism track, a group of lawyers who thrived in the shaky economy of the early 1990s shared their advice, and other career-enhancing concepts were introduced, including managing your electronic persona and communicating across generations.

A sampling of spring and fall topics includes professional interview skills, public interest interviews, summer funding opportunities, commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, corporate transactions, small firm practice, healthcare practice, real estate practice, tax practice, family law, lobbying, alternative legal careers, second career lawyers, life in a branch office, information on the Minnesota bar exam, an introduction to clerkships, the value of mentoring, and Kimm Walton’s “Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams.” Resume workshops, 3L job search strategy sessions, and mock interview opportunities were also presented.

Our program supporting students, through federal and state work study funds, who are interested in public service careers has increased—in both the number of students and the range of public service employers participating. Started in the summer of 2006, the program has enabled more than 35 students to gain experience with such organizations as the Ramsey County Public Defender’s Office and Legal Aid of Minneapolis.

Alumni support is a vital component of our programming and our employer outreach efforts. Alumni are the core of Career Options Night, an annual November event allowing 1Ls to explore career paths and opportunities during an evening of conversation with alumni and others. Alumni have offered to host 23 Spring Break Shadows programs this year in law firms, public agencies, human resources offices, and courts in Minnesota, Michigan, California, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

Alumni also helped expand the number and range of employers recruiting in our on-campus interview program in the fall of 2007. (On-campus interviews for fall 2008 begin Aug. 25.) This summer, CPDC will host off-campus interview programs in Los Angeles (Aug. 15); Chicago (Aug. 18); Washington, D.C. (Aug. 20); and New York (Aug. 22). CPDC will host an alumni-student happy hour the evening before the interview program in each city except Chicago.

We value alumni participation in our programs and alumni efforts to raise awareness of the Law School with employers. For information on any of our programs or to post a job with our office, please contact the CPDC at (612) 625-1866 or cpdc@umn.edu.

By Susan Gainen and Steve Marchese, co-directors, Career & Professional Development Center.

Staff News

Nora Klaphake (’94) is chief of staff at the dean’s office, effective March 31, 2008, and will work closely with Deans Guy Charles, Fred Morrison, and David Wippman as a member of the Law School’s senior leadership team to develop and implement administrative policies. She was director of employer relations and outreach and assistant director in career services at the Law School before going to work with Maslon Edelman Borman and Brand as director of recruiting and professional development. An active and engaged alumna, Nora brings experience in legal practice, higher education administration, legal instruction, student development, and legal recruiting back to her school.

Patrice Schaus is assistant dean for administration and finance, effective March 17, 2008, and will be responsible for coordinating management of budget and financial affairs and overseeing the non-academic/administrative activities of the Law School, including facilities and human resources. She has worked at the University since 1980 in various finance and administrative positions, for the past ten years as finance manager in the medicine, emergency medicine, neurology, and dermatology departments. Patrice brings, in addition to her extensive finance background, experience in managing sponsored projects and supervising human resources, payroll, and space management.
Professor Landsman Retires

Professor Maury Landsman joined the clinical faculty of the University of Minnesota Law School in 1986. He became the first director of the lawyering skills program in 1997 and served as director of the clinical and lawyering skills programs from 2003–2007. He has taught the Workers’ Rights Clinic, the Civil Practice Clinic, courses on pre-trial skills and professional responsibility, and more. Now he is ready to take some time for himself. Following are the thoughts of some of Professor Landsman’s many friends and colleagues on the occasion of his retirement.

“My husband, Bill Kampf, was a partner of Maury Landsman’s and was about to try the case of Mueller vs. Ellen at the U.S. Supreme Court. The national TV people had called Bill, and Maury looked at Bill and said, ‘You’re not really important until Nina Totenberg calls,’ at which point she did.”

— Janet Kampf

“Maury and I worked together in the Law Clinics for about 15 years. When I was doing the background reference check that led to his initial appointment, one of people I spoke with said we would be lucky to hire him because ‘everyone loves Maury.’ And she was right. One of Maury’s talents is his ability to get along with people of different opinions and temperaments. In fact, that is why I recommended to Dean Johnson that Maury should succeed me as clinic director. His ability to interact with others helped him to be a good leader within the clinic and a good cheerleader for the clinic with the rest of the Law School community.”

— Stephen F. Befort (’74): Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty, & Bennett; Professor of Law

“Maury Landsman gave his students not only the skill to do things but also an understanding of why they were doing them.”

— Fred L. Morrison: Popham, Haik, Lindquist & Vennum Professor of Law and Interim Co-dean

“Maury has been on the board of directors for the Innocence Project of Minnesota since 2004, and I have been honored to work with him. His strong commitment to issues of fairness and justice shows through his hard work on behalf of the organization. He has been a tireless advocate for our cause by speaking at numerous events involving members of the legal profession and the public at large. He was also instrumental in helping the Innocence Project give law students the opportunity to work on potential innocence cases and to educating them about wrongful convictions. By his words and actions, he has been a significant force in our organization.”

— Julie Ann Jonas: Managing Attorney, Innocence Project of Minnesota

“The Clinic has a friendly, open, and supportive feel to it, and Maury Landsman is the most important reason for that. He makes people feel good about themselves, accepted, and appreciated.”

— Prentiss Cox (’90): Associate Clinical Professor of Law

“Maury epitomizes the concepts of collegiality, inclusiveness, intellectual dialogue, and commitment to the professionalism of the practice of law. He literally roamed the halls of the Law School seeking out students and faculty members to engage in conversation about the Law School and the practice of law. He brought positive energy to the clinical program here as well as to the entire Law School.”

— Stephen M. Simon (’71): Professor of Clinical Instruction

“Professor Maury Landsman’s teachings on law in public service constantly infuse my work and remain a stellar example of the joining of avocation with vocation. His personal commitment to the Law School Clinics Program, highlighted while I was a student by his support in creating and maintaining the new Workers’ Rights Clinic, is just one measure of his influence. He shared his knowledge both within and outside of the classroom, and his generosity with his time extended from his support of student organizations to individual advice and mentoring. I take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to Professor Landsman. He educated with patience and humor and inspired us to achieve more than we thought possible. He will remain an influence and his actions will remain a great standard of commitment and service for us all.”

— Tovah Flygare (’06)
Student Perspective

U.S. Congressman Keith Ellison (’90) speaks with Sarah Corris Riskin (’08), Rishi Gupta (’08), Yeerik Moy (’09) prior to MLK Raise the Bar lecture.

Picnic luncheon at the Student Legal Writing Award event

TORT heroes present Robin Hood, Esq.

Participating in the 2008 Race for Justice

Winners of 2008 Student Legal Writing Award
What Do a Disc Jockey, Two Literature Students, and a Firefighter Have in Common?

**Ziad Kays**  
**CLASS OF 2008**

Like Prince or Duke, “el Cheikh” is a title of nobility. His family earned it hundreds of years ago through service in conflicts with the Ottoman Empire, explains LL.M. student Ziad Kays. Every member of the Kays family is a Cheikh.

The former officer at the military court in Lebanon earned his LL.B. from Sagesse University and his M.B.A. from the Lebanese American School of Business, both in Beirut. Kays has been a consultant, taught university-level business courses, and admits to being something of a jack-of-all-trades. Fluent in Arabic, French, and English, he worked as a disc jockey for 14 years at Lebanon’s top five radio stations, playing ’90s-era American and European music.

A lawyer since 2002, Kays is fascinated by the differences between U.S. and European jurisprudence. “Our legal system in Lebanon is based on the Napoleonic codes,” he says. “Here I believe that judges and lawyers interpret the laws, while we rely more on law codes.” He is presently doing an externship in federal court with Judge Susan Nelson. She is “a great judge,” he says. “I am observing the court and really enjoying this because I can see the differences between your trials and ours.”

He’s not sure what he will do next year. “I don’t know whether I will continue my studies here to get an S.J.D. or Ph.D. in international business law, or go back to Beirut to work in my family’s law practice, or find a position in an international or multinational law firm,” he says. “The political situation is not good in Lebanon, so perhaps I would work in Dubai or Qatar.”

Kays hopes to enter politics and become a member of the Lebanese parliament eventually. Or he may pursue other options: “I adore music. I have this dream one day to start my own radio station.”

**Leaf Dilts McGregor**  
**CLASS OF 2008**

An English major as an undergraduate, Leaf McGregor is used to doing a lot of reading and writing. “Professor Cribari is fond of saying that the law is all about words,” he says. “So is English. Both disciplines involve analysis and debate.”

McGregor chose the Law School for several reasons. “When I called my then-girlfriend, now-wife after my interview here, she could tell by the tone of my voice that this was the school for me,” he says. “I was impressed with the clinic program, and like everyone else, I paid attention to the U.S. News & World Report ranking” of the Law School. Plus, he says, “I happened to see a copy of the Minnesota Bar Review that day I was here to interview. That, combined with TORT, convinced me that people here manage not to take themselves too terribly seriously.”

McGregor was also excited about “the culture among students here,” he says. “Former Dean Alex M. Johnson Jr. said in the orientation session that “one of the best advantages of attending this school was the quality of your classmates. That struck me.”

Location was another draw. McGregor moved from Chicago and says he loves “the greenness and livability of Minneapolis.” He also liked the job market. “I knew that I could live here, and I liked the idea of going to the only first-tier school in the region. I wanted to be located in a decently sized city, but not a megalopolis.”

He has enjoyed volunteering through the Legal Rights Center and Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services. After the bar exam, he will work for Fulbright & Jaworski, a large private firm with offices around the world. “They have a strong tradition of doing pro bono work,” McGregor says, “and I plan to continue volunteering throughout my legal career.”
Student Perspective

KYLE HAWKINS
CLASS OF 2009

The newly elected editor-in-chief of the Minnesota Law Review grew up in Edina, Minnesota, and graduated from Edina High School in 1998. He spent the next eight years away: four years at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts; two years in Chicago, where he worked in management consulting; and two years teaching English in Hiroshima, Japan.

Hawkins says, “I came to the Law School partly to reconnect with family and friends after living abroad, but mainly because I loved the atmosphere here. The Minnesota professors and students I met were friendly and collegial. I knew I would have a great experience.” And so far, he has, Hawkins says.

As an undergraduate, Hawkins chose very reading- and writing-intensive majors: history and literature. “That definitely helped me with the thousands of pages of law school reading,” he says. “However, I think what prepared me best for law school was actually working for a few years after college. I became more disciplined and really understood why I wanted to go to law school. When I started out as a 1L, I was really excited to go back to school, and I think I studied harder as a result.”

Starting in May, Hawkins will be working as a summer associate at the international law firm of Latham & Watkins, splitting his time between the firm’s Los Angeles and Singapore offices. He expects the experience to give him a better sense of the area of law he wants to go into: litigation or international law. “After graduation,” he says, “I hope to clerk for a judge for a year before I start working for a firm.”

JEN CORNELL
CLASS OF 2010

Jen Cornell is probably the only entry in the Vassar College Alumni Directory under the occupation “firefighter.” She joined the Minneapolis Fire Department in 1994 and advanced to the rank of battalion chief before leaving to attend the Law School. “I loved firefighting. There’s an adrenaline, emotional, physical thrill to it,” she says. “But the day-to-day work environment lacks a certain intellectual component that I crave.”

She turned down offers from several east coast schools and chose the Law School for many reasons, she says: academic reputation, convenience, cost, “but mainly because it’s such a collaborative environment. The students are helpful. If you have to miss a class, they’ll share their notes.” She says, citing 1L and The Paper Chase as examples. “People here are so much more civilized.”

Scholarships were another factor. Cornell was awarded scholarships from the Vincent L. Hawkison Foundation for Peace and Justice, the gay and lesbian graduate programs office at the University, and the Law School. “Scholarships make all the difference; they’ve been really helpful,” she says.

Plus, by staying here she could avoid uprooting her family (her partner, 13-year-old daughter, and 9-year-old son). “I was ready to move, but Minneapolis combines all the benefits of a cosmopolitan city with a nice, easy pace of living.”

As for using her law degree, Cornell says, “I have an affinity for labor and employment because I have a master’s in labor policy as well as being a member of a union and working in labor circles. It’s a natural fit, but I find myself really drawn toward international human rights as well.” One big concern, though, is the lack of physical activity. “I need to find an employer who will let me have a treadmill in my office. I don’t want to sit all day. It’s not in my blood.”

By Kit Naylor, principal, Kittridge Communications, Minneapolis.

Student Journal News

The following students will serve as 2008–2009 editors-in-chief of the Law School’s student-run journals:
Journal of Law and Inequality, Joseph W. Steinberg
Journal of Law, Science & Technology, Caroline Crenshaw
Minnesota Journal of International Law, Brian Clark and Yaffa Epstein
Minnesota Law Review, Kyle Hawkins

Emily C. Melvin, lead articles editor for Volume 92 of Minnesota Law Review, won a 2008 Burton Award for her article “An Unacceptable Exception: The Ramifications of Physician Immunity from Medical Procedure Patent Infringement Liability,” published in the April 2007 issue. She was one of only 15 students from law schools across the country to receive the award, given for concise, effective writing skills. Melvin’s selection marks the third consecutive year that Minnesota Law Review student writers have won a Burton Award. Dan Robinson won in 2007 and David Leishman won in 2006.
Seeking truth, justice, and free appetizers, nearly 1,400 Law School alumni, students, and friends attended the March 7 and 8 performances of the Theatre of the Relatively Talentless (TORT). This year’s musical, Robin Hood, Esq., depicted the gallant folk hero and his “Persons of Merriment” battling the rogue Interim Dean John and his nefarious henchmen, the Fighting Mondales Hockey Team, in their efforts to raise tuition and dominate students of the Sherwood Rare Books Room.

Continuing its tradition, the musical featured Law School staff, professors, and distinguished guests, including Mike Ciresi (’71), Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justices Paul H. Anderson (’68) and Lorie Skjerven Gildea, and Chief Federal District Court Judge James M. Rosenbaum (’69). New this year were appearances by TORT alumni: Trevor Helmers (’07) and Kirby Petersen (’07).

Productions of the student-run group are generously sponsored by Twin Cities and Chicago law firms. About 100 students participated on stage and behind the scenes to write and produce the original show, TORT’s sixth production. Georges Tippens (’10) and Mike Pangborn (’10) are in charge of 2009’s spectacular.
Bitzan on Sweden’s Team in International Moot Court

When Catherine M. Bitzan ('08) left to spend last fall semester at Sweden’s University of Uppsala on the study abroad exchange program, she didn’t know it would lead to a trip to The Hague, Netherlands. But in late November, Uppsala’s faculty of law invited her to be on its student team at the 31st annual Telders International Law Moot Court Competition April 10–12, 2008. Arguments take place in the International Court of Justice (ICJ)—the principal judicial body of the United Nations housed in the impressive Peace Palace.

“Only four students from Uppsala were invited to participate, so it was a great honor that Catie was chosen,” says Muria Kruger, Director of International and Graduate Programs at the Law School.

For the competition, a fictitious dispute between two nations or governments is created, and teams composed of four students must defend and represent the two entities through both written and oral arguments. Cases are presented before three-judge panels composed of ICJ judges, international law scholars and adjudicators, and other experts. Sweden’s team placed sixth among the 31 countries participating this year.

“We had the best time interacting with the judges, delivering our pleadings, and meeting teams from across Europe and Asia,” says Bitzan. “It is something I will always remember.” Funding from the Minnesota Bar Association’s International Business Law Section helped her attend the event.

The Telders Competition is considered the most prestigious international moot court competition in Europe. It is named for Benjamin Marius Telders, a professor of international law at Leiden University, Netherlands, who died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945.

Raise the Bar’s Day of Service

The winter 2008 Weekend of Service was a satisfying, productive experience for the 100 volunteers who reported ready to work, say student co-organizers Yeerk Moy ('09) and Rishi Gupta ('08). The event, held February 2–4 this year, is sponsored by the Law School’s Raise the Bar, an organization founded by Law School students to commemorate Martin Luther King and his legacy through community volunteerism.

The Law School students, faculty, staff, family, and friends who volunteered their time and service worked on projects at eight nonprofit organizations across the Twin Cities: Blastoff to Kindergarten, Feed My Starving Children, Family & Children Services, Genesis II, Habitat for Humanity, Our Savior’s Housing, St. Paul Public Library, and Value Village.

Among the tasks accomplished at this year’s Day of Service were cleaning and painting rooms at some of the organizations’ facilities, packing supplies in backpacks for kindergarteners, preparing craft activities for children, organizing shipments of dried foods, providing tax assistance online, and sorting donated clothing and other materials.

Sweden’s Telders Moot Court team (left to right): Catie Bitzan, Anna Smitt, Ola Hjerpe, and Fiona Lord.

Student News

Jared Shepherd ('08) was selected to attend the International Humanitarian Law Conference Feb. 15–18, 2008, at Santa Clara University School of Law, sponsored by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Abderrahim Alem ('09) and Angela Lam ('09) sort donations at Value Village.
The Law School’s Sixth Annual Race for Justice, a 5K Run and Walk, saw members of the Law School and local legal communities, as well as the general public, enjoy an event to the utmost. The Race for Justice benefits the Loan Repayment Assistance Program of Minnesota (LRAP). Thanks to the wonderful efforts of nearly 1,000 registrants, donors, sponsors, and volunteers, an estimated $20,000 was raised for LRAP.

By subsidizing education loan payments, LRAP helps dedicated graduates of the University of Minnesota and other local law schools provide much-needed representation to low-income litigants.

Race Day, April 13, was a chilly but sunny spring day, a welcome relief following three days of cold and snow in the Twin Cities. Participants ran, walked, and meandered around Nicollet Island, across the Mississippi on the Hennepin Avenue bridge, back over the Stone Arch Bridge, and down the home stretch past St. Anthony Main. Incoming Dean David Wippman served as ceremonial race starter. Also, a new Kids Dash let little ones join in the fun, with Goldy Gopher appearing as a cheerleader.

All race participants and volunteers received Race for Justice race packets. The program had great support from 23 sponsors, including Westlaw, an underwriter for several years, and Dorsey & Whitney, which also convened the largest team. After years of high participation, Meagher & Geer joined as Champion sponsor.

The Dean of Students Office wishes to thank the many race volunteers, participants, donors, and sponsors, who helped make the Race for Justice a great success, thus ensuring that a public-interest lawyer will be available when low-income Minnesotans need legal services.

Special thanks to sponsor Giant Squid Industries for designing the new Race for Justice Web site. Visit www.raceforjustice.org to view results and photos of the race.

1. Incoming Dean David Wippman, who will join the Law School in July, begins his duties early as the Ceremonial Starter of the 6th Annual Race for Justice.
2. A triumphant Professor Robert Stein (’61) celebrates as he cruises into the finish line.
3. Participants in the first-ever Race for Justice Kids Dash are cheered on by the University of Minnesota’s Goldy Gopher.
4. Members of the Law School Cross Country Club. From left: Ben Ho (medical student), Matt Gehring (’06), Kristin Zinsmaster (1L), Ross Rankin (1L), Dan Church (Hamline teaching program grad school), Chris Lundberg (3L). Not pictured is Betsy Flanagan (3L).
Ellen Anderson, Steven Anderson ('88), Sarah Ledoux ('88), and Andrea Walsh ('88) share some memories at the class of 1988 Reunion held at the Guthrie Theater.

Professor Linda K. Keber (center) with Kristine S. and Ronald A. Erickson, namesakes of the new Legal History lecture.

Warren Spannaus ('63) talking with Former Minnesota Secretary of State Joan Growe and others.

Mary Ellen Hennessey, Bob Hennessey ('68), Honorable James Blanchard ('68), and Janet Blanchard at the class of 1968 Reunion held at The Minneapolis Club.

The Meagher & Geer team enjoys some refreshments at the Nicollet Island Pavilion Alumni Breakfast after the Race for Justice.

Marcelle Leahy and others at the Mondale celebration.

Kenneth Levitt ('93), Bard Borkon ('93), and Eric Rucker ('93) trade stories at the class of 1993 Reunion held at M&S Grill in downtown Minneapolis.
The Women of Section E
Law School friendships still strong in class of 1983

They met as first-year Law School students, assigned that fall of 1980 to Section E. Over the 28 years that followed, they’ve gathered each month or so for dinner and conversation.

“We’re a diverse group of great friends who happen to have met at law school and have been with each other ever since, from the early days when we didn’t know anything to today when new lawyers ask us how it all works, and everything in between,” explains Tammy Pust, an employment and education law attorney with Parker Rosen.

Marcia Kimball was pregnant on the first day of law school, but Deb Page remembers her saying, “No problem. I’m going to have this baby over Thanksgiving weekend.” Page, today a partner at Lindquist & Vennum focusing on real estate, went home and told her husband, “You are not going to believe this.”

Sure enough, Kimball, who represents the BIA for the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of the Solicitor, went into labor the day before Thanksgiving and missed only six days of class. She recalls former Professor David P. Bryden joking that everyone in class had been “laboring” with their studies, some more than others.

During law school, the friends discussed classes and finding jobs. As their lives changed, so did the topics: to work and partnerships, pregnancy and childcare, health and aging parents. And they kept talking.

Pust remembers when seven members were pregnant at the same time. Kimball recalls everyone sharing maternity clothes and old outfits, because they all “needed professional clothes.” All the women laughed about pumping breast milk at the office.

Elizabeth Thompson, co-founder of Minneapolis immigration law practice Myers Thompson, recounts participating in a board meeting via her home phone—while cooking and holding a baby on her hip. “I decided to go to the grocery store with the baby and continue the call in the car... I was sure I could fit that in.”

“We didn’t feel like we were blazing a trail,” Pust says of the group’s drive and commitment. “We did it because we were women and moms and lawyers, and we did what we had to do to be all those things.”

They did what had to be done in the bad times, too. “My Mom died when I was only 30,” says Marikay Canaga Litzau, a due process specialist in student discipline and special education compliance at Minnesota’s Department of Education. “This group was very helpful through that.”

Two of the group had infertility problems, another became pregnant and was reluctant to tell her partners, two faced cancer. They all found support among Section E friends.

Section E is also the first place they turn with professional questions. All types of legal practice are represented.
Alumni Perspective

in the group. Laura Fretland practices family law at the firm now called Anderson, Dove, Fretland and Van Valkenburg. Barb Shiel practices in research regulation, health law, data privacy, faculty employment, and student affairs issues at the University of Minnesota. Susan Vandenberg focuses on business law and complex commercial transactions at Henson & Efron. Sharon Freier, a partner at Fredrikson & Byron, specializes in commercial, corporate, and international areas.

“Over the years,” says Pust, “we’ve traded resumes of people looking for jobs, helped each other craft draft firm policies by sharing templates, and compared partnership compensation structures.” They’ve offered each other information and advice on mentoring, recruiting, growth and development—and changing career paths when that was the only way to accommodate all the responsibilities these women hold important.

The kinship formed in law school has supported them throughout their professional and personal lives, Litzau says. “Besides our shared history of being women lawyers during that time period, this group has been a very special community for us.”

A little thing like relocating has no effect on Section E bonds, says Dorian (Sanskari) Jordan. Despite moving to Appleton, Wis., where her husband runs Air Wisconsin and both are aviation gurus, her friendships remain as close as ever.

Pust sums it up: “Our friendships have helped each of us in different ways through all the phases we’ve traveled, which is what good friends do for each other.”

By Kit Naylor, principal, Kittridge Communications, Minneapolis.

Law School Celebrates Women in Law

The Law School’s first Women in Law Celebration to honor the strengths and achievements of women in the legal profession drew nearly 100 alumna, women students, and women faculty. The January 31, 2008, event also kicked off a new initiative designed to present programs of professional interest to women; provide networking opportunities for women law students, graduates, and faculty; and build support and engagement among participants and with the Law School.

After a lively reception, Professor Carol Chomsky opened the elimination-of-bias CLE credit portion of the evening with a historical overview of women in law—at the University of Minnesota and beyond. A panel of leading Law School alumna then discussed their career paths, including challenges and high points as women lawyers, and offered advice for enjoying and succeeding in professional life. Panel members were Jeanette Bazis (’92), Sara Peterson (’00), Michelle Miller (’86), Amy Seidel (’98), and Judge Natalie Hudson (’82).

Special thanks go to Dorsey & Whitney for hosting the celebration and to the planning committee: Professor Carol Chomsky, Barbara D’Aquila (’79), Brita Johnson De Malignon (’07), Kathleen DiGiorno (’88), Judith Oakes (’69), Nena Street (’06), Susan Thomas (’85), and students Erin Hooper (’09) and Meghan Moriarty (’08).

The Law School is eager to expand this initiative and offer future programs and events that address the range of practice areas, sectors, and experiences of women in the legal community. If you would like to become a member of the planning committee or offer ideas for future programming, please contact Sara Jones (’88) at 612-626-1888 or shj@umn.edu.

By Sara Jones (’88), senior major giftsofficer, Law School.

1. Honorable Natalie Hudson (’82), Michelle Miller (’86), and Professor Carol Chomsky
2. Cathy Gorlin (’78) and Kitty Taylor (’78)
3. L-R, Lindsay Eastman (’10), Laurie Bardenwerper (’10), Audrey Lin (’10), Becca Stark (’10), Deirdre Baskin (’10)
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Alumni: 46
Participation: 23%
Total Giving: $2,351

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Alumni: 51
Participation: 12%
Total Giving: $800

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Alumni: 78
Participation: 14%
Total Giving: $3,500

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Alumni: 66
Participation: 23%
Total Giving: $7,720

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Alumni: 79
Participation: 15%
Total Giving: $17,494

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Alumni: 46
Participation: 26%
Total Giving: $17,849

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Alumni: 54
Participation: 19%
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Alumni: 66
Participation: 19%
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Alumni: 55
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Participation: 36%
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Alumni: 59
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Total Giving: $23,351

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Alumni: 77
Donors: 8
Participation: 10%
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Participation: 6%
Total Giving: $270

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Alumni: 57
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Participation: 14%
Total Giving: $18,925

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Alumni: 66
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Participation: 24%
Total Giving: $6,150

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Alumni: 47
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Participation: 19%
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Alumni: 82
Donors: 17
Participation: 21%
Total Giving: $24,343

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Alumni: 91
Donors: 17
Participation: 19%
Total Giving: $5,147

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Alumni: 117
Donors: 23
Participation: 20%
Total Giving: $111,005

CLASS OF 1966
Alumni: 150
Donors: 23
Participation: 15%
Total Giving: $5,025

CLASS OF 1967
Alumni: 155
Donors: 38
Participation: 25%
Total Giving: $36,211

CLASS OF 1968
40TH REUNION
Alumni: 141
Donors: 36
Participation: 26%
Total Giving: $35,185

CLASS OF 1969
Alumni: 155
Donors: 43
Participation: 28%
Total Giving: $120,625

CLASS OF 1970
Alumni: 121
Donors: 20
Participation: 17%
Total Giving: $14,590

CLASS OF 1971
Alumni: 136
Donors: 26
Participation: 19%
Total Giving: $43,025

CLASS OF 1972
Alumni: 202
Donors: 32
Participation: 16%
Total Giving: $13,400

CLASS OF 1973
35TH REUNION
Alumni: 249
Donors: 40
Participation: 16%
Total Giving: $47,963

CLASS OF 1974
Alumni: 191
Donors: 35
Participation: 18%
Total Giving: $46,445

CLASS OF 1975
Alumni: 202
Donors: 34
Participation: 17%
Total Giving: $6,555

CLASS OF 1976
Alumni: 215
Donors: 37
Participation: 17%
Total Giving: $17,725

CLASS OF 1977
Alumni: 199
Donors: 27
Participation: 14%
Total Giving: $11,713

CLASS OF 1978
30TH REUNION
Alumni: 205
Donors: 61
Participation: 30%
Total Giving: $27,814

CLASS OF 1979
Alumni: 218
Donors: 39
Participation: 18%
Total Giving: $15,290

CLASS OF 1980
Alumni: 191
Donors: 38
Participation: 20%
Total Giving: $31,905

CLASS OF 1981
Alumni: 220
Donors: 35
Participation: 16%
Total Giving: $33,325

CLASS OF 1982
Alumni: 215
Donors: 34
Participation: 16%
Total Giving: $7,148

CLASS OF 1983
25TH REUNION
Alumni: 222
Donors: 32
Participation: 14%
Total Giving: $9,190

CLASS OF 1984
Alumni: 211
Donors: 22
Participation: 10%
Total Giving: $9,205

CLASS OF 1985
Alumni: 222
Donors: 37
Participation: 17%
Total Giving: $8,769

CLASS OF 1986
Alumni: 223
Donors: 35
Participation: 16%
Total Giving: $9,620

CLASS OF 1987
Alumni: 230
Donors: 21
Participation: 9%
Total Giving: $3,410

CLASS OF 1988
20TH REUNION
Alumni: 237
Donors: 37
Participation: 16%
Total Giving: $28,724

CLASS OF 1989
Alumni: 221
Donors: 35
Participation: 16%
Total Giving: $6,631

CLASS OF 1990
Alumni: 249
Donors: 29
Participation: 12%
Total Giving: $4,349

CLASS OF 1991
Alumni: 219
Donors: 17
Participation: 8%
Total Giving: $1,145

CLASS OF 1992
Alumni: 260
Donors: 33
Participation: 13%
Total Giving: $13,820

CLASS OF 1993
15TH REUNION
Alumni: 246
Donors: 22
Participation: 9%
Total Giving: $6,090

CLASS OF 1994
Alumni: 221
Donors: 16
Participation: 7%
Total Giving: $1,835

CLASS OF 1995
Alumni: 251
Donors: 16
Participation: 6%
Total Giving: $3,075

CLASS OF 1996
Alumni: 278
Donors: 29
Participation: 10%
Total Giving: $6,265

CLASS OF 1997
Alumni: 265
Donors: 27
Participation: 10%
Total Giving: $3,675

CLASS OF 1998
10TH REUNION
Alumni: 267
Donors: 33
Participation: 12%
Total Giving: $12,080

CLASS OF 1999
Alumni: 247
Donors: 23
Participation: 9%
Total Giving: $2,795

CLASS OF 2000
Alumni: 249
Donors: 18
Participation: 7%
Total Giving: $3,250

CLASS OF 2001
Alumni: 256
Donors: 17
Participation: 7%
Total Giving: $6,655

CLASS OF 2002
Alumni: 219
Donors: 17
Participation: 8%
Total Giving: $1,145

CLASS OF 2003
5TH REUNION
Alumni: 240
Donors: 29
Participation: 12%
Total Giving: $2,960

CLASS OF 2004
Alumni: 221
Donors: 23
Participation: 10%
Total Giving: $3,751

CLASS OF 2005
Alumni: 264
Donors: 23
Participation: 9%
Total Giving: $3,001

CLASS OF 2006
Alumni: 271
Donors: 16
Participation: 6%
Total Giving: $5,975

CLASS OF 2007
Alumni: 278
Donors: 14
Participation: 5%
Total Giving: $1,140

July 1, 2007–April 20, 2008
Many trial lawyers see themselves as righteous warriors battling for the little guy against the giant corporation and slaying the powerful beast using evidence of its evil ways. The idea, says civil litigator Charles S. “Bucky” Zimmerman ('72), is that if companies believe plaintiffs’ lawyers are going to destroy them, “they will pay us money to go away.”

A partner at Zimmerman Reed, the Minneapolis firm he opened with Barry G. Reed and another attorney, Zimmerman is one of the most successful trial lawyers in the country. He has been named a Super Lawyer by Minnesota Law & Politics five times since 2003 and has wrangled big settlements from gigantic companies.

But there’s more to winning cases than intimidating the opposition, he says. Plaintiffs’ lawyers should be making better use of one simple, underrated tool: listening. Representing plaintiffs is “not all about how smart you are and what you’re going to tell them,” Zimmerman says. “It’s about what they are going to tell you. That’s really where the connection is.”

Taking class action
Zimmerman made good use of his listening skills while serving as lead counsel against Guidant, a company accused of making defective heart defibrillators. Although many technical issues were under debate, Guidant seemed most concerned with preserving its reputation as an honorable manufacturer of life-saving devices.

Guidant viewed itself as “good people trying to do the right thing,” Zimmerman says. “If they had to give up their reputation, the money meant nothing.”

With that in mind, Zimmerman says he explained to Guidant that “People will continue to believe in you if you step up...and do the right thing.” Now part of Boston Scientific, the company eventually agreed to pay $240 million in damages.

Zimmerman also won huge awards in recent years against Medtronic ($114 million for faulty defibrillators) and Bayer AG ($1.36 million for a cholesterol drug with severe side effects). In 2006, Thomson/West published his discussion of strategies and techniques Protecting Ordinary Americans
Bucky Zimmerman sees that corporations are held accountable.
in *Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation*. 

For decades, Zimmerman was so prolific that Jonathan Lebedoff (’63), a former Minnesota judge and U.S. magistrate, says, “It was an unusual class action suit that didn’t have [Zimmerman] involved in it.” Now a mediator, Lebedoff has seen Zimmerman’s negotiating skills up close. “Bucky is a very genial, friendly person,” Lebedoff says. “He’s more interested in settling cases than other class action attorneys.”

While that is true when Zimmerman believes a product helps people, it isn’t always the case. Big Tobacco, for example, marketed cigarettes to children and deserved a tougher approach. Zimmerman was on the Castano Tobacco Settlement Negotiating Team (private attorneys representing injured smokers) that worked with attorneys general from several states in lawsuits against cigarette manufacturers in the 1990s. He was one of six negotiators who hammered out the final settlement.

“With tobacco, you had to show the villainous act,” he says. “They produced a product that, when used the way it was intended to be used, kills people.”

**Following a passion**

A tennis state champion in high school and team captain as an undergraduate at Minnesota, Zimmerman wasn’t sure what to do with his life after finishing a B.A. in history and political science. So, in the late 1960s, he took to the pro tennis circuit. “I was good enough to play, but not good enough to win,” he says.

He needed an alternative but didn’t like accounting, business, or finance. Just before the deadline, he applied to the Law School. It turned out to be the right decision.

Zimmerman enjoyed a criminal law and civil procedure course taught by the late Frank Remington, and the two often played tennis together. “He was just OK, but he was passionate about it,” Zimmerman says. “And I became passionate about criminal law and civil procedure.”

He honed his listening skills in a third-year course on divorce counseling. Professor Robert J. Levy taught students the importance of relating to people. “He showed me the softer side of law, the people side,” Zimmerman says. “He believed you could make a difference in one person’s life. It had a profound impact on me.”

**Entering the legal ring**

Just weeks after Zimmerman passed the bar, a high school friend asked him to handle her divorce. He suggested a meeting the following week, then asked the name of her spouse. “George Foreman,” she replied. Said Zimmerman: “I’ll be right over.”

Foreman, heavyweight boxing champion at the time, had recently signed a $5 million contract to fight Muhammad Ali. At issue was whether Zimmerman’s client should receive proceeds from the upcoming match. He secured a percentage of the purse for his client, achieved a small degree of fame, and launched a legal career.

Zimmerman’s first major success was his 1981–1982 challenge of a Minnesota law allowing strip searches in misdemeanor arrests. A couple years earlier, he had begun dating Minneapolis TV news anchor Pat Miles. “Between George Foreman, Pat Miles, and my tennis, I became kind of a person that people knew by reputation or face or something,” he says. “My career became sort of that.”

**Law firm with a heart**

When working on a complex case, many lawyers get bogged down in details. But not Zimmerman, says Gordon Rudd, a partner at Zimmerman Reed. “Bucky can look at a case from a 360-degree perspective. He can step back and look at things from the opponent’s point of view.” At the same time, he’s focused and competitive, adds Rudd. “He can drive at people’s weaknesses. He’s a very formidable adversary.”

This year marks Zimmerman Reed’s 25th anniversary. On its first anniversary, the tiny firm celebrated with White Castle hamburgers. This time, refreshments will be fancier. But it’s unlikely that a firm quoting Margaret Mead on its home page (“Never doubt, that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.”) will forget its underdog roots.

Says Zimmerman, “The thing I’m most proud of is this law firm. We do important things that matter for people.”

By Todd Melby, a freelance writer and radio producer based in Minneapolis.
3rd Annual Spring Alumni Weekend

Alumni of different generations and places celebrate together.

- Members of the Class of 1998 at Solera
- Members of the Class of 1957 and earlier at the Half Century Club Luncheon at Mondale Hall
- Members of the Class of 1968 at The Minneapolis Club
- Members of the Class of 1973 at the Campus Club
More than 850 alumni and guests attended the Law School’s third annual Spring Alumni Weekend April 11–13, 2008, which was kicked off with a cocktail reception generously sponsored and catered by the Saint Paul Hotel. A cocktail reception for the class of 1993 at M&S Grill, Minneapolis, led off the reunions, and a reception for the class of 2003 at Brit’s soon followed. All alumni graduating more than 50 years ago gathered for the Half Century Club Luncheon at Mondale Hall. The class of 1958, poised to join that august club next year, held its 50th reunion at the University of Minnesota’s Campus Club.

In addition, the classes of 1968, 1978, 1983, 1988, and 1998 held individual reunions at venues throughout the Twin Cities, and endowed scholarships in honor of their graduation year. Members of the class of 1978 created the George O. Ludcke Public Service Fellowship to memorialize the life of a classmate. The class of 1973 also held its own reunion.


By Marc Peña, assistant director of alumni relations and annual giving, Law School.
Dianne Heins didn’t become an attorney for prestige or money. She’s a 60s-generation idealist who wanted to make a difference in the world. “It seemed like I could play a role in bringing about social change by becoming a lawyer,” she says.

When Heins entered the Law School in 1970, she was one of just 20 women in her class—double the number from the previous year but still a tiny fraction of the student body. After graduation, she was hired by the Minnesota Legislature’s Office of Senate Counsel, its first female staffer.

Between 1988 and 1998, Heins stayed home to care for her kids, but she found time to volunteer: as a guardian ad litem for abused and neglected children in Hennepin County Juvenile Court. What she discovered surprised her. “The cases were heartbreaking,” she says. “I was home raising children in prosperity and safety. Yet many of the kids I saw in court suffered grim outcomes.”

Soon, she found a niche. In 1998, Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis hired her as a consultant on JUSTice for KIDS, a project encouraging firm attorneys to provide pro bono representation of children in similar cases. Two years later, Heins became the firm’s first pro bono counsel.

She has led several additional pro bono initiatives at the firm, including the 2006 report documenting the needs of displaced New Orleans citizens, “Continuing Storm: The Ongoing Struggles of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees.” The firm leads the Liberian Truth & Reconciliation Commission Pro Bono Project to document human rights violations during Liberia’s violent conflict, and Heins organized training so firm attorneys could take refugees’ statements.

“What happened there was so unjust,” she says, referring to the thousands killed in 1979–2003. “Without volunteer lawyers, the experiences of Liberians living in Minnesota wouldn’t be included.”

Cliff Warlawn, an assistant U.S. attorney in Minneapolis, stayed home. But he didn’t miss a second chance to go to Iraq. In 2004, he trained judges and helped improve Iraq’s legal system while on special assignment for the Department of Justice. “I volunteered for Iraq because of my personal support of the president’s decision,” he says. “I thought I had missed everything in 1991.”

Wardlaw’s wanderlust started at a young age. Both of his parents were U.S. Marines, so he grew up in the Panama Canal Zone, both Carolinas, Virginia, Colorado, and Iowa. For college, he stuck close to his last home, earning a bachelor’s degree in history from Iowa’s Warburg College in 1982.

For the next two years he stayed in Iowa, teaching special education classes and working as a public assistance case-worker. After graduating from the Law School, he worked as a Hennepin County assistant prosecutor for 10 years before landing a job at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in 1997.

He credits the Law School with helping launch his career. Internships at the local public defender’s office and county attorney’s office helped him land his first job. And a professor, Philip Frickey, sparked an interest in American Indian law. At Hennepin County, Wardlaw specialized in juvenile and child protection cases involving American Indians, and as an assistant U.S. attorney, he continues working on cases in Indian Country, including prosecuting crimes on reservations.

Today, Wardlaw is far from home again, working on another special assignment for the justice department. He’s in Islamabad, attempting to modernize the Pakistani judiciary and teaching lawyers how to improve prosecutions of suspected terrorists. Despite the dangers, Wardlaw doesn’t hesitate to volunteer for unusual legal duties. “People who know me understand why I’m here,” he says.

Yolanda Redero, an 18-year-old daughter was killed in a car accident, Yolanda Redero questioned everything in her life. She shuttered the construction firm she owned, worked as a second-grade teacher, and mulled over the possibility of law school. But she worried that she might be too old. “Once you get into middle age, you think it’s not possible,” says the Cuban-American, who grew up in Miami. Then she read about a man in his 60s who had just embarked on a
legal career. "Whoa," she thought. "OK. We're going."

By the time she started at the Law School, Redero was 45. Trained as a civil engineer and still interested in construction, she favored real estate and commercial law courses until a course taught by Jean Sanderson, a child advocacy professor, altered her plan. Redero loved the course's clinical work and spent a summer as student director of the Civil Practice Clinic, sweating out the details of about 60 cases.

After graduation Redero returned to Miami to take a job as an assistant prosecutor with the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office. She soon developed a specialty in domestic violence cases and had a real passion for the work, in part because a friend's mother had been killed by an abusive husband. Soon she was promoted to assistant chief of the domestic violence misdemeanor unit, supervising more than a dozen attorneys. "It was the most exciting job," she says.

Today, Redero directs the Domestic Violence Clinic at Vanderbilt University Law School. She tries to give her students independence in their work but admits, "I like to keep my finger on cases." She recently directed her expertise beyond U.S. borders and co-wrote an academic paper on battling domestic violence among Ecuador's indigenous population.

**MICHAEL KAPLAN**
**CLASS OF 2007**

When Michael Kaplan was an undergraduate at Colby College majoring in philosophy and economics, he considered becoming a philosophy professor. A philosophy professor talked him out of that notion. After graduation, he hung out in Boston with his brother, making lattes at a coffee shop on Cambridge Square. Next he hit the road southbound, judging BBQ in Memphis, then working a dead-end job in Atlanta. He wasn't sure what to do next.

His epiphany came as he waited in an airport. He noticed a woman, hauling boxes of corporate documents, talking on her cell phone while typing furiously on a laptop. "I didn't want to go that route," Kaplan says. "I didn't want the two car payments, the 2.5 children, the dog, the house in the suburbs."

To avoid that fate, he decided to become an entrepreneur. Rather than business school, he chose law school because it offered critical thinking skills and practical courses. "It made sense," he says. "I didn't want to be stuck in a class learning how to write an effective marketing plan."

Just before his third year at the Law School, an opportunity popped up. Zerorez, an enviro-carpet cleaning company in Minneapolis, went on the market. He and two other investors bought it. Sales jumped 128% in the first year, and the firm now has 13 employees and four trucks. As for running a business during the third year of law school, Kaplan says, "I don't recommend it."

He hasn't taken the bar exam and doesn't plan to, because practicing law was never in his business plan. You have to have a passion for the law to practice it, he says. "I'd probably go back to being a BBQ judge before I did that."

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

Send us your news

Tell us about the important things that happen in your life! We welcome your submission for the Class Notes section of Perspectives. To be included in the next issue, your submission must reach us by October 1, 2008.

Submit your news via our Web site at www.law.umn.edu/alumni/updates.html; via e-mail 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.

Anyone interested in serving as a class reporter, please contact Anita Foster. Thank you for keeping in touch!

1944

John W. Mooty, a senior partner with Gray Plant Mooty, was recently honored with the Marty Baskerville Philanthropy Award from the Minneapolis Rotary Community Service Foundation.

1950

Kenneth E. Tilsen received a lifetime achievement award from the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota.

1952

Roger G. Kennedy, director emeritus of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, is being honored with the 2008 Henry Hope Reed Award.

1953

Stanley Efron was selected for inclusion in the 2008 edition of the referral guide, The Best Lawyers in America.

1962

In 2007, the Honorable Allen Oleisky received the Golden Gavel Award for District Court Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, given by Minnesota District Judges Association for outstanding contributions to improvement of the judicial system. He also received the Sidney Barrows Lifetime Commitment Award from the Twin Cities Cardozo Society, created in memory of a founding chair of the Society, Sidney Barrows. It is given annually to a senior attorney or judge in the Twin Cities who exemplifies excellence in practice, service to the Jewish and general community, and life-long learning.

1963

Jerome J. Segal recently retired after practicing law for 44 years, including service as Assistant City Attorney for St. Paul.

1965

James Krieger was named a 2007 Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer for his assistance to the poor and disadvantaged in the Hennepin County Public Defender’s Office over the past four decades.

1966

Richard P. Moe was awarded the Vincent J. Scully prize by the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., for his leadership in educating the public on the importance of protecting and celebrating America’s heritage and in moving historic preservation into mainstream American life. The award recognizes exemplary practice, scholarship, or criticism in architecture, historic preservation, and urban design. Moe has been president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation since 1993.

1967

Thomas R. Thibodeau was selected for inclusion in the referral guide, The Best Lawyers in America, in the personal injury litigation specialty.

1968

Bruce W. Burton and his son, Jeffery Burton, have co-authored a murder mystery, Shadow Play. Bruce is a semiretired visiting professor at several law schools and a former partner at Dorsey & Whitney.

1969

James R. Schwebel has been named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Robert J. Tennessen has founded a solo practice, Tennessen Law PLC, focusing on representing clients before the state legislature, state agencies, cities, and counties. He previously served as DFL State Senator from Minneapolis and as a partner at Gray Plant Mooty.

1970

Edward L. Winer was named one of the country’s “Top 100 Attorneys” by the editors of Worth magazine in its December 2007 issue. The listing focuses on attorneys who specialize in trusts and estates, philanthropy, elder care,
matrimonial, and other private practice areas. He is currently co-chair of Moss & Barnett’s family law practice group.

1969

Bruce Beneke was named a 2007 Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer for his 30-year leadership as executive director of Southern Minnesota Legal Regional Services.

Thomas E. Chomicz has been re-elected to a two-year term as board chair of St. Xavier University in Chicago. He is also a partner at Quarles & Brady LLP in the tax-exempt organizations practice.

1970

Michael A. Wolff was selected as this year’s lecturer for the New York University School of Law and the Dwight D. Opperman Institute of Judicial Administration’s Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Lecture Series on State Courts and Social Justice. He is Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court.

1971

Michael R. Dean was awarded the Douglas K. Amdahl Public Attorney Career Achievement Award by the Minnesota State Bar Association. He joined the St. Louis County Attorney’s Office in 1971 and served until retiring in 2006.

William F. Forsyth was selected for inclusion in the referral guide, The Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner at Henson & Efron PA.

1973

Alan C. Eidsness was selected for inclusion in the referral guide, The Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner at Henson & Efron PA.

John Kaul has joined WayPoint Inc., a group of retired FBI and IRS agents specializing in white collar crime and fraud investigations, due diligence, corporate investigations, and criminal defense work. Previously, he had formed Gold Shield Associates, an investigative and consulting firm, and for 27 years had conducted and supervised many complex investigations in the FBI.

Jeffrey R. Schmidt joined Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg PA in Minneapolis, where he focuses his practice on representing injured railroad employees.

1974

James B. Wieland was appointed by Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich, and subsequently designated lead person, to the Task Force to Study Electronic Health Records, a blue-ribbon panel reporting directly to the Maryland legislature on electronic health records, e-prescribing, and regional health information organizations. He is a shareholder in the health law group at the Baltimore law firm of Ober|Kaler.

1975

Randy Abbott was recently named Sam Walton Fellow of the Year at the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) National Competition for his time and service commitments to SIFE participants at Southwest Minnesota State University, where he spent 25 years as a professor, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, and University provost. He is currently president of Schwans University, a division of the Schwans Food Company.

Douglas P. Anderson was appointed by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty as a Morrison County judge. Previously, he was a partner with Rosenmeier, Anderson and Vogel since 1975.

**Alumni Receptions**

Los Angeles: November 5, 2007

Dean Guy Charles with host Maura O’Connor (’88) at a reception generously hosted by McKenna Long & Aldridge

Milwaukee: December 3, 2007

Top row: Paul E. Benson (’90) and K. Thor Lundgren (’74); Bottom row: Mitchell W. Quick (’90) and Grant C. Killoran (’89) at a reception generously hosted by Michael Best & Friedrich
1976

Robert Bennett was named a 2007 Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer for obtaining a $4.5 million settlement against the Minneapolis Police Department.

1977

The Honorable Pamela Alexander, the first African-American female and the youngest judge in Hennepin County when Governor Rudy Perpich appointed her 25 years ago, continues a career of commitment to equality and justice. Recently, the U.S. Sentencing Commission took a position similar to her 1990 ruling, upheld by the Minnesota Supreme Court, to dismiss a defendant’s crack-possession charges because of unfair and racially biased sentencing. As a result, sentences will be reduced for some 19,000 federal inmates.

1978

Kevin C. Jones has been named Director of Investor Relations at Hormel Foods, where he has been senior attorney and assistant secretary since 1990.

1980

Catherine A. Polasky was named Director of Economic Development for the city of Minneapolis’ Community Planning and Economic Development Department. Previously, she was senior vice president at Bank of America.

1981

Kevin M. Busch was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Moss & Barnett PA. A member of the business and banking and commercial transactions practice groups, he also chairs the commercial department.

Darrell J. Davis has been named Assistant Dean of Hamline University School of Law. Previously, he was a senior attorney at Honeywell Inc., Assistant Attorney General for the state of Minnesota, and a professor at William Mitchell College of Law.

1982

Ronald D. Ousky was recently named President of the International Academy of Collaborative Law, a professional organization composed of attorneys, financial experts, and mental health professionals. He also co-authored The Collaborative Way to Divorce, published by Hudson Street Press in 2006.

Naomi Williamson recently opened the Sanctuary Restaurant, which is located between the Guthrie Theater and the Metrodome; the restaurant was named one of “The Hot Five” in January 2008 by the Star Tribune’s Rick Nelson.

1983

Gretchen Hurr has joined the American Red Cross as its regional disaster specialist and will be responsible for maintaining relationships with its partner agencies in the Twin Cities, Central Minnesota, and the St. Croix Valley and for coordinating disaster planning activities. Previously, she was deputy fire chief for the city of Plymouth, Minnesota.

1984

Debra A. Baker was nominated for the 2007 Media and Entertainment Counsel of the Year Award. She is currently executive vice president and general counsel of Warner Brothers Entertainment Inc.

1985

Elizabeth K. Bransdorfer was selected a Michigan 2007 Super Lawyer by Michigan Law & Politics.

Richard Gibson has become a shareholder at Leonard Street and Deinard, where he focuses on corporate and tax law.

Robert C. Long has joined Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP as a partner practicing in the area of commercial litigation.

David Ryden is professor and chair, Department of Political Science, Hope College, and specializes in religion and politics, American constitutionalism, and parties and elections. He has been speaking on the dynamics of the 2008 political election.

Timothy Scallen was named a 2007 Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer for managing more than a dozen substantial merger and acquisition transactions.

1986

Sheila A. Engelmeier was elected shareholder at Moss & Barnett PA.

1987

Cynthia A. Adamson Boeh joined USA Baby Inc. as its general counsel.
James Gallegos was recognized by *Hispanic Business Magazine* as one of its “100 Most Influential Hispanics” for 2007. He is vice president and general counsel of BNSF Railway.

Jack Y. Perry has been elected director at Briggs and Morgan PA.

Pieter Teeuwissen has been reappointed by the Mississippi Supreme Court to the nine-member Mississippi Board of Bar Admissions, where he continues to serve as vice-chair. He was recently elected to the board of directors of the Jackson Capitol Club.

Chad Baruch was named a partner at Warmbrodt Baruch Ray, Plano, Texas, where he focuses on appellate law. He is the assistant principal and basketball coach at Yavneh Academy of Dallas.

Brian D. Johnson has been appointed corporate secretary at Hormel Foods, where he has served as a corporate attorney, then senior legal counsel, since 1995. Previously, he practiced at Doherty, Rumble & Butler PA in St. Paul.

Carolyn K. Gerwin is vying for an elected seat on the Livingston County Board in Illinois.

Clifford Wardlaw is the resident legal advisor to the U.S. Embassy-Islamabad, Pakistan, after serving at the U.S. Embassy-Baghdad, Iraq.

1988

Alaska resident Sarah Armstrong died on December 24, 2007 when her truck skittered off an icy road. She was a lawyer, setnetter and dog musher, much loved by her husband Dean Osner and her family. Donations in Sarah’s memory may be made to the Foundation for Minneapolis Parks.

Renee Brown has been named a 2007 Top Woman in Finance by *Finance & Commerce*, a daily financial newspaper. She is a principal in Wildwood Wealth Management LLC of Minneapolis, a co-founder of FactRight LLC, and serves on the board of directors of the national Tenant-in-Common Association.

Jay L. Kim has joined Dorsey & Whitney LLP as a partner. He will focus on banks, trust companies, and specialty lenders, such as commercial and residential mortgage brokers and asset-based lenders.

1989

A. Robert D. Bailey has been named corporate vice president and general counsel at Bausch & Lomb.

Carl P. Luckadoo has joined Patrick Harper & Dixon LLP.

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Sarah L. Brew has been elected to the American Law Institute.

Prentiss Cox is now an associate professor at the Law School teaching a Consumer Protection Clinic, consumer laws, and pretrial skills. In 2008–2009 he will be teaching first year civil procedure. He has drafted laws enacted by the Minnesota legislature in the area of predatory lending and mortgage foreclosure that have become national models for state legislation. This year he drafted and has been testifying on behalf of a bill to provide foreclosure deferments to as many as 15,000 Minnesota homeowners.

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To RSVP or for questions, contact Marc Peña at marcp@umn.edu (612-624-2176).
1992

Kimberly Hewitt Boyd has joined the University of Minnesota as director of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

Patricia A. Huna-Jines recently started working for the state of Alaska as a Medicaid rate review and public assistance administrative hearings examiner.

Daniel Oberdorfer was named a 2007 Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer for his participation on the team that successfully represented the Pioneer Press in its confidentiality and non-compete case against the Star Tribune and its former publisher, Par Riddler.

Dan Simon has become Minnesota’s first certified transformative mediator. He mediates divorces and business disputes and conducts training in Minneapolis on the new conflict-management approach, selected by the U.S. Postal Service and the Transportation Security Administration as the exclusive method of mediating employment discrimination claims.

Kenneth N. Sortedahl is vying for an elected seat on the St. Croix County circuit court bench.

1993

Ann M. Anaya is a finalist for the First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy, as announced by Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. She is currently an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Alya Kayal was promoted to vice president at investment management firm Calvert Asset Management Company and will direct overall company research and analysis on environmental, social, and governance issues. She joined Calvert in 1994 and has focused on human rights and labor rights in the global supply chains of key retail sectors and on corporate impact on the rights of indigenous peoples around the world. Her expertise has earned her a reputation as a foremost human rights practitioner in the socially responsible investing community. She currently serves on the steering committee of the International Working Group of the Social Investment Forum.

Dev Kayal was named a “Top Lawyer” in Washington, D.C., in the Washingtonian magazine. Dev is a partner with Kayal & Ghosal in Silver Springs, Maryland, and focuses primarily on immigration and civil litigation.

Vanya S. Hogen recently joined Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogen PC, where she represents tribal governments and their business partners, focusing primarily on Indian gaming and tribal financing.

Meredith Manning was named a “Top Lawyer” in Washington, D.C., in the Washingtonian magazine. Meredith is a partner with Hogan Hartson and primarily counsels pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry companies and trade associations on issues surrounding the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s review, approval, and oversight.

Lisa A. Atty was named a partner at McGuireWoods LLP focusing on commercial leasing and the acquisition and disposition of commercial properties.

1994

Michele Brandt is director of the Constitution Building Project, working to prepare the first guidebook and Web site on constitution building processes in post-conflict and conflict settings, at Interpeace. An international peace-building alliance, Interpeace works with local peoples in divided societies to help build lasting peace.

Sarnata Reynolds recently joined Amnesty International as its refugee program director and has been conducting fact-finding missions and providing briefings and reports to the United Nations, the U.S. government, media organizations, and other groups.

1996


In January 2008, Nate Bjerke and Robert Roe created Champion Law LLC, which will focus on plaintiffs’ product liability cases, personal injury, and business litigation. Nate has handled product liability cases for the past ten years, and Robert has run his own personal injury firm since 2001.

Mary Alice Fleming has opened The Law Office of Mary Alice Fleming. Previously, she was a member of the estate planning departments at Lindquist & Vennum and Winthrop & Weinstine.

Nadeem A. Siddiq has completed Women and Gender Equality in Islam, which is due for publication in 2008. He received his Master of Law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School of York University in 2007 and currently is senior legal counsel for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto.

Keiko Sugisaka joined Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand LLP.

1997

Amy Erskine, recently married, is now Amy Mitchell. She is a shareholder at Briggs and Morgan.

Neil K. Fulton has been appointed chief of staff for South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds. Previously, he was a partner at May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson in Pierre, South Dakota.

Joseph F. Henderson has started his own firm, J.F. Henderson Law PLLC. Previously, he worked at the financial services company Moneygram International. In the fall of 2007, he and Jill Rackiewicz were married.

Elizabeth Hwang has co-founded the woman-and minority-owned real estate law firm of Timken Johnson Hwang LLP in northern California. Previously, she and the co-founders practiced at California’s pioneering real estate law firm, Miller Starr Regalia.

William J. Otteson recently joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Stephen P. Safranski has been named a partner at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi LLP.
1998

Andrew Baese was named a 2008 Up and Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer.

Robert J. Pechman recently joined Crawford Maunu PLLC, an intellectual property firm located in Mendota Heights, Minnesota. Previously, he worked in the 3M legal department.

Yolanda L. Ricks is an adjunct professor at John Marshall Law School and teaches in the legal writing program. She is a frequent judge for Moot Court and ABA Client Counseling competitions at John Marshall and Loyola Law School, Chicago. In 2007, she was appointed a commissioner of the Illinois Supreme Court, to serve on the hearing board and oversight board of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

Marya P. Robben recently joined Lindquist & Vennum, where she practices in the areas of estate planning, guardianship and conservatorship law, probate administration, and trust law.

Patrick D. Robben recently joined Morrison Fenske & Sund, where he practices in the areas of commercial disputes, trade secrets and intellectual property law, and employment law.

Shane Swanson was named a shareholder at Parsinen Kaplan Rosberg & Gotlieb PA, where he practices on the personal legal and estate planning team.

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Aaron J. Crandall was named a 2008 Rising Star by Minnesota Law & Politics. He is a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard PA.

Ryan G. Miest has been named a partner at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi LLP.

Meghan L. Riley has accepted the position of assistant city attorney with the City of Austin, Texas, Legal Department.

Anie K. Roche has been elected partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in the San Francisco Bay area.

Brian C. Stegeman was named a 2008 Rising Star by Minnesota Law & Politics. He is with Henson & Efron PA, where he represents clients before the Internal Revenue Service and advises individuals and businesses on a variety of tax matters.

Omar A. Syed has joined the University of Texas Office of General Counsel in Austin, where he will practice employment, civil rights, and higher education law.

2000

Elizabeth M. Brama was elected assistant treasurer at Briggs and Morgan PA.

Rebecca A. Chaffee was elected a partner at Best & Flanagan LLP.

Robert L. Schumann has been elected a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard PA.

Adam K. Simpson has been named vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Verus Pharmaceuticals, which was founded in 2002. Previously, he was counsel at Latham & Watkins LLP in San Diego.

Tracey Holmes Donesky was elected a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard PA and was named a 2008 Up and Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer.
Alumni Perspective

Alumni Receptions

Anchorage: February 29, 2008

The Honorable Peter Michalski (’71), Dean Fred Morrison, host Matthew Peterson (’79), and Marilyn May (’84) at a reception generously hosted by Clapp, Peterson, Van Flein, Tiemessen & Thorsness

Chicago: March 12, 2008

Left: Patrick Stura (’05), host Ross Docksey (’81), and Dean Fred Morrison at a reception generously hosted by Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP
Right: Hosts Ethan Rii (’02) and Mark Hanover (’93)

Timothy M. Kelley
was elected a shareholder
at Leonard, Street and Deinard PA.

Theodore A. Kittila has joined Morris Nichols Arslt & Tunnell LLP. Previously, he was an associate with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP in New York City.

Elizabeth A. Larsen
was elected a shareholder
at Leonard, Street and Deinard PA.

Ryan Nilsen was named a 2008 Up and Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer.

Tara C. Norgard was named a partner at Carlson, Caspers, Vandenburgh & Lindquist.

Jill R. Radloff was elected a shareholder at Leonard, Street and Deinard PA.

Christopher Stall was elected a shareholder at Moss & Barnett PA.

Ryan M. Vandewiele
was elected a shareholder
at Leonard, Street and Deinard PA.

2001

Benjamin Butler was named a 2008 Up and Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer.

Saleh M. Nobani has joined Arab Bank Group as legal counsel.

Mike Skoglund has accepted a position in the law department at Cargill Inc.

2002

Marisa Hesse, a standout basketball player as an undergraduate at Austin College, is returning to the school as an assistant coach for the women’s basketball team.

Saumil S. Mehta has joined Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he will focus on intellectual property and technology issues that arise in mergers, acquisitions, private equity and venture capital financing, and other forms of corporate and financing transactions.

Brittney L. Turner has joined the business litigation team at Parsinen Kaplan Rosberg & Gotlieb.

2003

Kathleen Austin was named a 2008 Up and Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer.

Melanie Kleiss Boerger accepted a position as a fellow and staff attorney with the Institute for Public Representation at the Georgetown University Law Center. Previously, she was a clerk for Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Robert R. Beezer.
Rachel Hughey was named a 2008 Up and Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer.

Kristi A. Nielsen is an Assistant County Attorney for Wadena County, Minnesota.

Joseph Anthony Rotondi is a Republican candidate for District 56B of the Minnesota House of Representatives, with a focus on stemming the tide of state government and maximizing individual freedom and free markets.

Todd S. Werner has joined Carlson, Caspers, Vandenberg & Lindquist in its new pharmaceutical practice.

2004

Lori A. Buchheim and Chad Luze recently became engaged. She is employed with Quarnstrom & Doering PA.

Jeffrey C. DeBruin joined the corporate and securities group at DLA Piper.

Intesar A. Elder recently joined Butzel Long at its Bloomfield Hills office, focusing on real estate law, corporate law, and banking. Previously, she was assistant vice president and associate counsel for Comerica Bank.

Daniel J. Herber has joined Faegre & Benson LLP, where he will practice environmental and agribusiness litigation.

Laura E. Meyer joined Faegre & Benson LLP in its finance and restructuring practice. She advises banks and other organizations on issues related to regulatory compliance and legal matters affecting financial products and services.

2005

Anne L. Bjerken has been named a 2008 Up and Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer. She is an associate in the trust, estate, and charitable planning group at Gray Plant Mooty, Minneapolis.

Katharine Woomer Deters was named the 2007 Outstanding Victim Advocate by the North Carolina Advocate Network. She is an attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina.

2006

Ian Alexander has accepted an assignment as deputy director at the 2008 Republican National Convention.

Nicola K. Kieves has joined Excelsior Energy as counsel, focusing on local, state, and federal legislative affairs; regulatory work before the Public Utilities Commission; and the company’s policy on carbon capture and sequestration.

Bryan J. Lazarski recently joined Greenberg Traurig LLP in its labor and employment department.

Ivory L. Ruud recently joined Thomsen & Nybeck PA and will focus on estate planning, real estate law, business law, and taxation.

John L. Steele founded Steele Law Firm LLC, a boutique Chicago-area firm that focuses on estate planning and family law.

Amy S. York has joined Nichols Kaster & Anderson PLLP in Minneapolis, where she practices plaintiff-side employment law.

2007

Scott J. Bukstein joined Faegre & Benson LLP, where he practices corporate transactional matters, including public and private mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and securities, and general corporate counseling.

Joshua Colburn joined Faegre & Benson LLP, where he will focus his practice on corporate law.

Calvin Ding has joined Baker & Daniels LLP as an associate lawyer and practices international law.

Monica M. Downs joined Faegre & Benson LLP.

Christopher Grecian accepted a position as an associate with Foley & Mansfield PLLP. He will practice in the commercial litigation and product liability groups.
Patrick Diamo nd (‘86) and Benjamin Butler (‘01) shared their U.S. Supreme Court case experience with the Law School.

On March 11, Deputy Hennepin County Attorney Patrick Diamo nd (‘86) and Assistant State Public Defender Benjamin Butler (‘01) returned to the Law School to present the opposing sides of a case they had argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in October. It involved the appeal of a man convicted in 1996 of first-degree criminal sexual conduct against a 6-year-old boy, whose testimony was presented via videotape. In 2004, the U.S. Supreme Court placed restrictions on out-of-court statements. State courts differ on whether federal rules on retroactivity must be followed. Diamond contended that all states should go by the same federal rule. Butler cited the right of the accused to cross-examine the accuser. On Feb. 21, 2008, the U.S. Supreme court ruled that states may apply its 2004 ruling retroactively.

Joshua M. Greenfield has joined Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP in its real estate group. Sarah A. Horstmann has joined Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand LLP as an associate in its litigation group.

Tara M. Iversen has joined Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP as a new associate.

Peihuan B. Kao has been appointed by the Taiwanese government to serve as the legal advisor to the Permanent Mission of Taiwan to the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Irina Palchuk joined Faegre & Benson LLP.

Amanda B. Parker joined Briggs and Morgan, where she practices franchising, financing, general commercial and corporate law, and corporate restructuring.

Ajmel Quereshi has received a Skadden Fellowship for his public-interest work at the ACLU of Maryland to combat initiatives depriving undocumented immigrants of social services and job opportunities.

Lindsey D. Saunders recently became a member of Briggs and Morgan’s trade regulation section, where she primarily practices trade regulation and intellectual property law.

Annie O’Neill joined Faegre & Benson LLP.

Zeviel T. Simper joined Briggs and Morgan in its business litigation section and energy law group, where he practices energy law and litigation, and business litigation.

Marie van Uiter has joined Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP as a new associate.

Denis Volkov has accepted a position as an associate with McNair Attorneys in its Charlotte office.

Danforth v. Minnesota

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Excellence in Legal Education luncheon with Arthur Miller, made possible by the Jim and Sharon Hale Excellence in Legal Education fund. Left to right, back row: Tom King (‘65), James Hale (‘65), Jack Windhort (‘65), NYU University Professor Arthur Miller, Law School Professor Emeritus John Cound, Jon Albrightson (‘65). Front row: Kent Gemander (‘66), Tom MacIntosh (‘65), Barry Lazarus (‘65), Bill Beadie (‘65).
In Memoriam

ALUMNI TRIBUTES

Henry Northrup Somsen
CLASS OF 1934

Henry Northrup Somsen, formerly of New Ulm, died Jan. 22, 2008, at Charter House in Rochester, Minn. He was 98.

A dedicated supporter of the Law School, Somsen served terms on both the Law School’s Board of Visitors and the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors. In addition to giving his time and energy to the Law School, he was a generous supporter of the Partners in Excellence Annual Fund. Somsen received a B.A. from the College of Liberal Arts in 1932 and a J.D. from the Law School in 1934.

The son of Henry N. Somsen Sr. and Meta (Koch) Somsen, Somsen was born at his parents’ home in New Ulm on Aug. 12, 1909. His first job came at age 16, at the automobile service garage across the street from his home. He graduated from New Ulm High School and attended Shattuck School in Faribault before entering the University, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon. He married Anne Elizabeth Duncan Sept. 12, 1936, in Encino, Calif. Somsen joined the Army Air Force as a Private during World War II, and was eventually honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. He served as secretary to U.S. Senator Joe Ball of Minnesota for three years prior to returning to New Ulm to join his father’s law practice.

Although he had a long career in the law, Somsen was also a well-known outdoorsman and conservationist who enjoyed fishing on Minnesota lakes. He was an avid duck hunter, especially at Swan Lake near New Ulm and at Rock Lake near Detroit Lakes. He had a lifelong interest in preserving wetlands and acquiring parks for Minnesota, and many individuals as well as organizations benefited from his generosity.

In their 50 years together, the Som sens traveled to six continents. Anne died June 14, 1987. Somsen is survived by his daughter Anne Somsen of New York, NY; son Stephen Duncan Somsen of Edmonds, Washington; grandchildren Sara Diel, Brendan Huhn, Vanessa Cooney, Kelsey Somsen, and Jay Somsen; and great grandchildren Duncan Diel and Grace Diel.

The Law School is grateful to Somsen for his service and generosity and for setting an example through his enduring contributions to his community and Minnesota.

Frederick L. Thorson
CLASS OF 1943

Frederick L. Thorson died March 15, 2008, in Minneapolis, at age 89 after battling Parkinson’s disease for many years. Thorson, born in Minneapolis in 1918, was a self-described “city boy.” He received his bachelor of law in 1941 and his J.D. in 1943. He joined the Army at the beginning of World War II and served until he suffered a collapsed lung. He worked for Minneapolis Abstract Company (later Minnesota Title), where his outstanding work in real estate title examination brought him to the attention of Robert Crounse (’16). Thorson joined Mackall, Crounse & Moore in 1950, when the firm had only 11 members, and Crounse became Thorson’s mentor.

Thorson developed into a mentor himself, and was regarded as the “dean of real estate specialists.” In his distinguished career he chaired the Minnesota State Bar Association Real Estate Section, Minnesota Title Standards Committee, and Hennepin County Bar Association and created the Annual Institute on Real Estate Law.

In 2003 Thorson expressed his support for current law students and his gratitude to Mackall, Crounse & Moore by establishing a scholarship in the firm’s name at the Law School. At the time, Thorson recalled that “It gets so tough sometimes, working your way through school,” and he was delighted to be able to assist law students with their education. Initially intending to make his gift anonymously, Thorson was persuaded that by sharing his name his gift would help to inspire others. The Mackall, Crounse & Moore Scholarship benefits high-achieving students with financial need.

Thorson was a longtime supporter of Courage Center, where he served as president, and Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, where he served as a trustee and member of the foundation board. He contributed the church’s chapel organ in honor of Robert Crounse. At the time of his gift to the Law School, he referred to his participation in Republican politics as an all-consuming passion and “great sport.”

The Law School is proud of Thorson’s exemplary career in the law and grateful for his generosity to current and future students.

C. Blaine Harstad
CLASS OF 1956

C. Blaine Harstad passed away at his home in Minneapolis on April 19, 2008, after a brave fight with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Born at home on a farm near Harmony, Minn., on Dec. 27, 1928, he attended a one-room school in Fillmore County and Harmony High School. He attended Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, graduating in 1948. Harstad taught high school in Granite Falls before a stint as a radio announcer, disc jockey, and “everything else” at radio station.
He began his career with Mackall, Crounse & Moore. He later formed MacLaughlin & Harstad (formerly MacLaughlin & Mondale) and the Minneapolis law firm of Harstad and Rainbow. In 1991, that firm merged into Gray Plant Mooty, where he practiced law until his death.

Harstad served on the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, was a class representative, and was a supporter of the Partners in Excellence Annual Fund and various endowed funds at the Law School. He was also a founding member of the Minnesota Law Review Alumni Advisory Board. In addition to his service to the Law School, Harstad served as president of the Hennepin County Bar Association and the Hennepin County Historical Society; as a trustee of the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa; and in leadership roles in many other organizations. He was a member of Central Lutheran Church.

Harstad is survived by his wife of 46 years, Karyne Quast Harstad, two daughters—Margaret Marie Harstad (Hans Peter Johnson, i.e. “Hansi”) of Carlton, Minn., and Kathryn Kristin Harstad (Mike Elgren) of Salt Lake City, Utah— and many other family members and friends.

Harstad will be remembered as a great father, husband, and friend. The Law School is proud of his successful life, and we will miss his leadership, service, and wonderful sense of humor.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE C. Blaine Harstad Scholarship Fund, the Mackall, Crounse & Moore Scholarship, or other scholarships, contact Scotty Mann at the University of Minnesota Law School, Development Office, 229 19th Ave. So, Mn, 55455; (612) 626-5899; or smann@umn.edu.

CLASS OF 1942
Frank T. Knox
Feb. 7, 2007
Fargo, ND

CLASS OF 1954
Thomas E. Wolf
March 24, 2007
Rochester, Minn.

CLASS OF 1961
William F. Brooks, Jr.
January 2, 2008
Minneapolis, Minn.

CLASS OF 1988
Sarah J. Armstrong
Dec. 24, 2007
Kenai Peninsula, AK

FACULTY TRIBUTES

Duncan E. Haynes, age 74, died Oct. 26, 2007, at his home near Calistoga, Calif. He taught tax law at the Law School from 1967 to 1970, then returned to a law practice in San Francisco, his beloved Napa Valley, and a vineyard he had started in the 60s. In 1983, he and his wife, Pat, founded Whitford Cellars, which produced award-winning wines. He is survived by his wife of 52 years; three children, Barney and Geoffrey Haynes and Lori Bode; and four grandchildren.

Stephen Elmer Gottschalk, an adjunct professor who taught Introduction to Employee Benefits at the Law School, died March 6, 2008, at age 60. He graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law and was a partner at Dorsey & Whitney for 31 years. Among the numerous recipients of his volunteer work are Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota and AMICUS. He is survived by his wife, Lorilyn; children Andrew, Stephanie, Lorissa, and Michael; five grandchildren; his parents; two brothers; and a sister.
To make a gift to the Law School
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