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Message from The Dean

Another fall is upon us and again the law school campus vibrates with new energy and excitement. From the long list of reasons for this enthusiasm, here are a few examples:

- First, and at the risk of bragging again, I am pleased to tell you that this fall's entering class is the best-credentialed class in the law school's history. Our credentials continue to rise along with the law school's reputation and despite the tough economy and fewer applications nationwide.
- Second, the national reputation of both Pacific McGeorge's Advocacy and International programs continues to grow. *US News & World Report* ranks our Advocacy Program No. 5 in the nation – tied with Georgetown – and our International Program No. 15. This is the second time both of these programs have earned Top 20 recognition in the same year. The law school was again recognized among the Top 100 law schools nationally for the fifth time in the last six years. US News rankings leave much to be desired, but specialty rankings represent the judgment of peers and so we are committed to keeping them moving forward.
- Last spring, the law school introduced a new Environmental Law concentration, announced at an event featuring “environmental rock star” Michael Pollan (author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* and *Food Rules*, among other best-sellers). The shape and content of the new concentration benefited enormously from the thoughtful input of several alumni, who provided guidance and real-world expertise in its development. Not surprisingly, with faculty such as Steve McCaffrey, Greg Weber, Rachael Salcido and Professor Emeritus George Gould, water will be a serious emphasis.

- The continued engagement of alumni – not just as noted above but in so many respects has been critical to the law school's achievements. I find alums ready and willing to assist at every turn – nearly every page of this magazine shows their remarkable professional accomplishments, as well as their willingness to “give back” through affiliation with, and support of, Pacific McGeorge.
- While this list could go on for some time, let me conclude with a most recent highlight – on September 24, Professor and Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy visited the campus and lectured to a packed house of students, faculty and a few fortunate guests on “Painting the Law.” The justice did a multi-media presentation featuring works of art by some of history's greatest artists, and drew parallels between their artistic and creative advances and the advances in the development and interpretation of American law by particular justices through several landmark decisions. Of course, the opening of the new Crocker Art Museum was the inspiration for this talk and a number of its works were noted as well. To see a photo montage from the event, as well as the cases Justice Kennedy highlighted in his presentation, see the law school's homepage (www.mcgeorge.edu) and select “Campus Event Spotlight.” Per Justice Kennedy's request, this page will be available through the end of the year – so be sure to take a look soon.

I am pleased to be in my ninth year as dean of Pacific McGeorge, and my pride in our law school's accomplishments and my admiration for the good works of our community – faculty, students, alumni and friends, only grows. I hope you share that pride and I look forward to seeing you when you're on campus, or when I visit your area. As always, if you have comments, questions, or if I may assist you in any way, I invite you to contact me at elizabeth@pacific.edu.

With warm regards,

Elizabeth
Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker



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The Year *in* Review

PROSPERING IN DIFFICULT TIMES

In spite of the unprecedented economic hardships afflicting the state and country, Pacific McGeorge continued its upward trajectory during the 2009-10 year. The law school is on solid academic, reputational and financial footing, thanks to the efforts of its alumni, administration, faculty, staff and students.

The 2011 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Graduate Schools ranks Pacific McGeorge's Trial Advocacy and International Programs 5th and 15th in the country, respectively. Those ratings are based on the informed assessment of peer law schools that compete in those categories. In addition, the magazine again ranked Pacific McGeorge in its top 100 law schools, noting that the makeup of its student enrollment places it among the most diverse law schools in the country.

On the following pages, we invite you to take a look at some of the facts, events and people behind Pacific McGeorge's continued emergence as one of the leading law schools in the nation.

2009 - 2010



July 2009

Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy teaches in Pacific McGeorge's International Legal Studies Program in July 2009 in Salzburg for the 20th consecutive year. The Sacramento native, who joined the high court in 1988, returns to Austria each summer.



August 2009

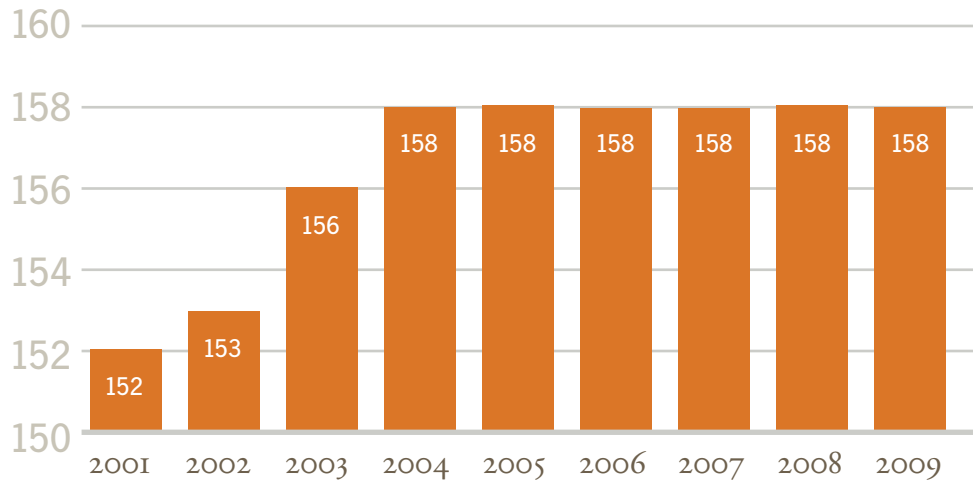
Professor Steve McCaffrey wins another International Court of Justice victory in Uruguay's river dispute with Argentina. Maria Milanes-Murcia, LL.M. '09, right, also works on the Uruguayan legal team.

Admissions

Pacific McGeorge continues to attract students with outstanding undergraduate academic credentials. The median fall entering class LSAT for the combined Day and Evening Division Classes has grown from 152 in 2001 to 158 in 2010, while overall law school J.D. enrollment has remained in the 1,050 range. Pacific McGeorge receives more than 3,000 applications each year. That's almost double the size of applications a decade ago, as the reputations of the law school and its parent, the University of the Pacific, have grown nationally.

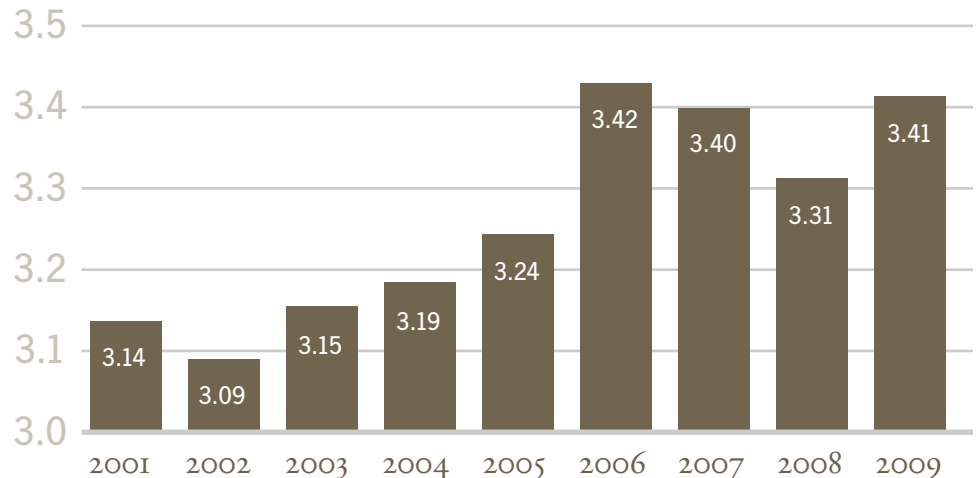
Law School Aptitude Test (LSAT)

Scores Can Range From 120 To 180



Grade Point Average

Graduate Scores Can Range From 2.0 To 4.0





September 2009

Justice Kennedy returns to Sacramento in September to take part in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Legal Studies Center that will house the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library and greatly expand the study and research facilities for students and alumni.

October 2009

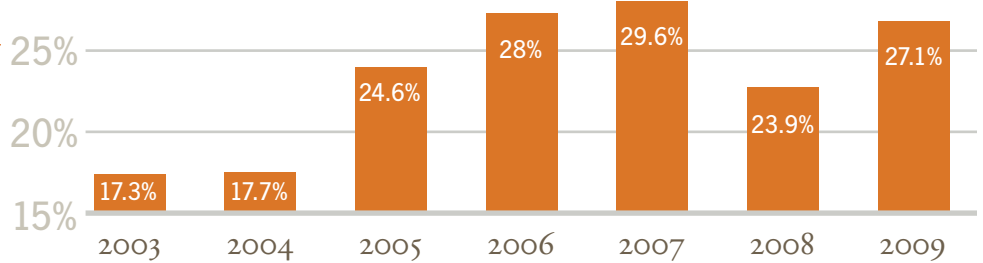
The beginning of the academic year in August brings another outstanding first-year class to Pacific McGeorge. The incoming Class of 2012 boasts a median LSAT of 158 (75th percentile) and an average GPA (grade-point average) of 3.41.

Campus Diversity

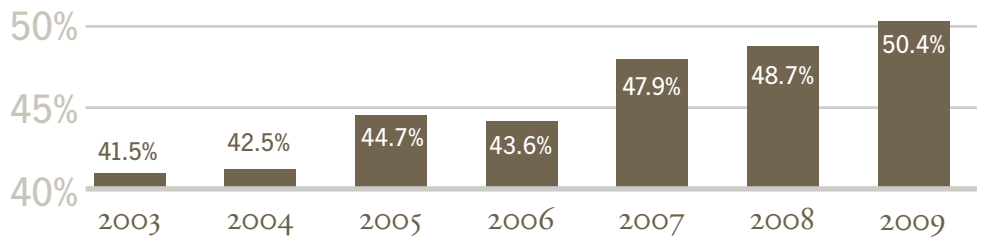
Pacific McGeorge is proud of its outreach efforts to attract bright young minority students into the legal profession, as many ethnic groups are underrepresented. The law school ranks 40th in the country in campus diversity among 200 ABA-accredited institutions. Pacific McGeorge also has been a leader in a national pipeline program to instill in bright inner-city youth a desire for legal careers and the academic ability to achieve that goal.



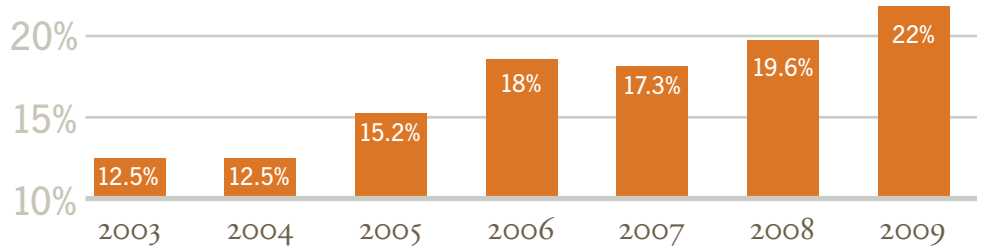
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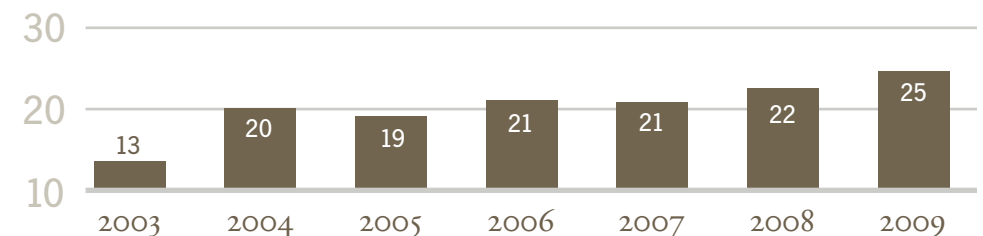
Female Students



Faculty Members of Minority Designation



Female Faculty Members





November 2009

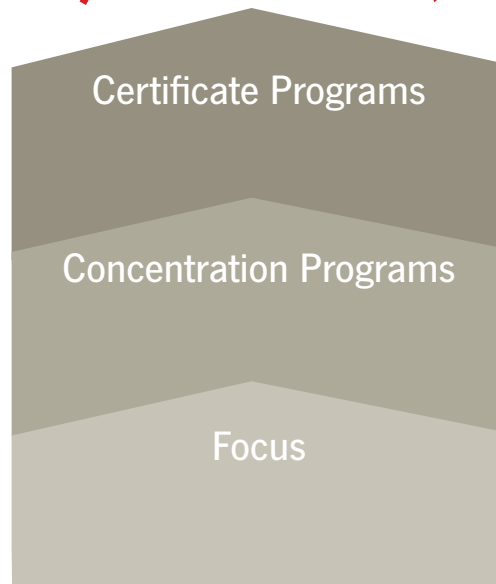
Pacific McGeorge's inaugural Citizenship Fair exceeds all expectations, helping 290 immigrant attendees with a five-hour program on a November day that includes one-on-one assistance with paperwork, civics classes, USCIS mock interviews and a variety of workshops.

December 2009

Alice Thomas, age 79, becomes the oldest-ever Pacific McGeorge graduate in December. Six months later, **Zachary Powell**, age 19, becomes the youngest-ever graduate of the law school. Both took the July 2010 state bar exam.

McGeorge Academic Program

Pacific McGeorge's academic program leans heavily on the Socratic method, experiential learning and relevant courses. It features three certificate programs and five concentration programs designed to enable its graduates to hit the ground running when they enter practice. Its mandatory two-year program in Global Lawyering Skills bolsters the legal writing abilities of all students. In the most recent State Bar of California July examination, Pacific McGeorge graduates outperformed their counterparts from other California ABA-accredited law schools with a passage rate of 81 percent for first-time takers.





January 2010

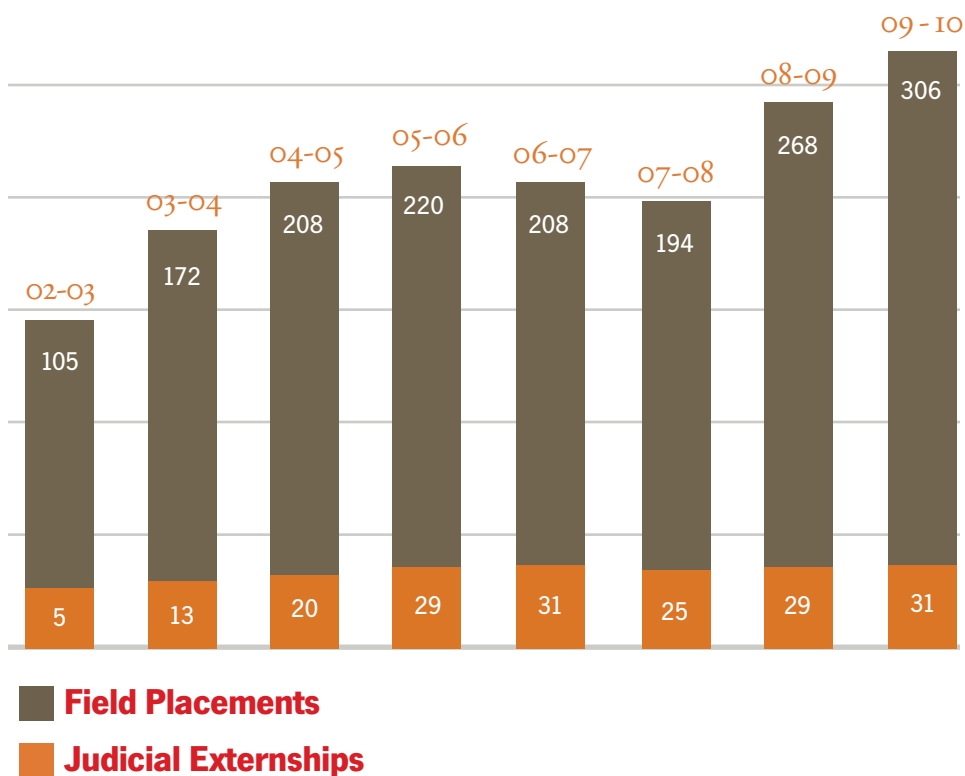
Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker welcomes an array of special guests to the campus during the academic year, including former CIA Director James Woolsey, nutrition author Michael Pollan, TV legal analyst Susan Estrich, and distinguished jurists from around the globe.

February 2010

More than 250 people crowd into the lecture hall to participate in a half-day California water conference that features political, economic, scientific and legal experts discussing the controversial issue of state water allocation in the next decade.

Judicial Externships & Field Placement Enrollment

Pacific McGeorge students earn law school credit performing supervised legal work at nearly 100 approved government agencies, courts and non-profit entities. Last year, more than 300 students took advantage of this extensive job network in California's capital city to get real practice experience and begin the networking process that often leads to employment. Another 31 students landed coveted judicial externships while continuing their studies.





March 2010

David Wiksell, '10, raises a toast (as **Professor Jay Leach** ducks) to all the outstanding students who competed on Pacific McGeorge's mock trial and moot court teams that have brought the law school to a No. 5 ranking in the country in its Advocacy programs.



April 2010

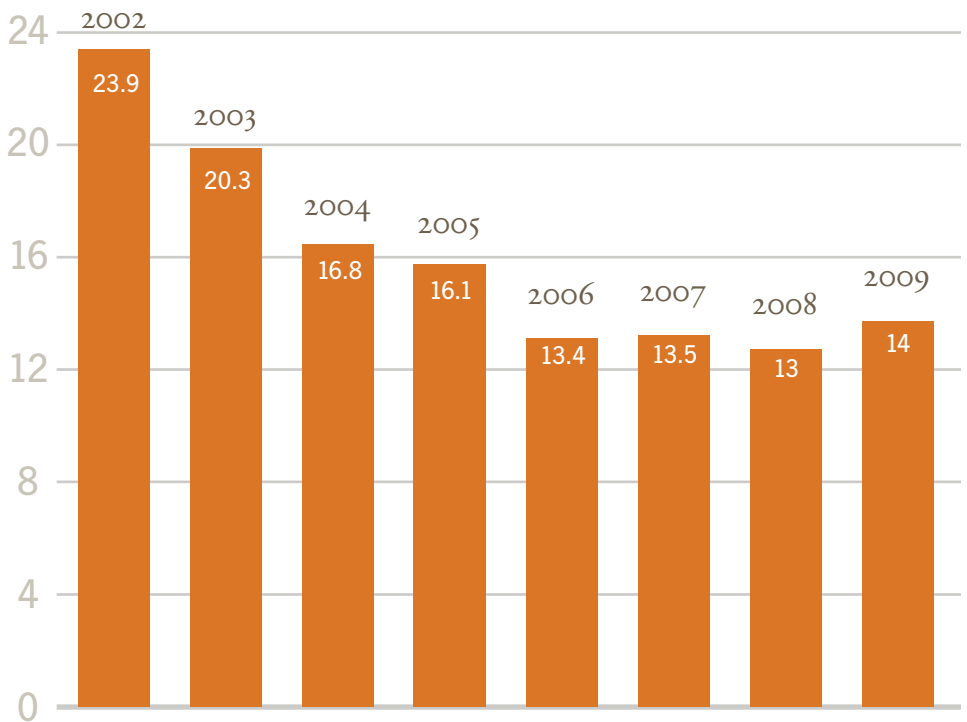
Professor Emeritus Claude Rohwer reluctantly turns in his chalk at his last class in April. His official retirement came in 2006, but just like the fictional Michael Corleone, every time the veteran professor thought he was out, they pulled him back in.

Student-to-Faculty Ratio

Pacific McGeorge's faculty is recognized as one of the best teaching faculties in the country. Its legal scholarship has propelled the law school to national rankings in Advocacy (No. 5 in the country) and International Law (No. 15 in the country). The faculty is young, talented and diverse. The law school has grown its faculty ranks to create more one-on-one teaching situations. In turn, the infusion of teaching resources has helped reduce the academic disqualification percentage from 13 percent of the first-year class in 2002 to 2 percent of the first-year class this past June.

Student-to-Faculty Ratio

A smaller number is better





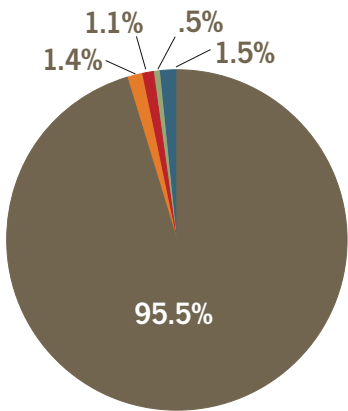
May 2010

Graduation day brings high hopes for every student, and being handed that Pacific McGeorge diploma represents the fruit of three or four long years of hard study.

June 2010

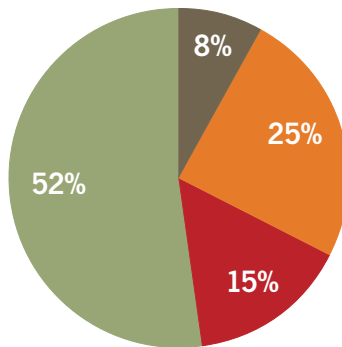
Professor Ed Telfeyan, center, makes it three years in a row that a Pacific McGeorge professor has won the Podesto Award, a University-wide honor that recognizes one outstanding educator who has touched and enriched the lives of Pacific students. **Professor Thom Main**, left, and **Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Julie Davies** won it the previous two years.

Financial Summary



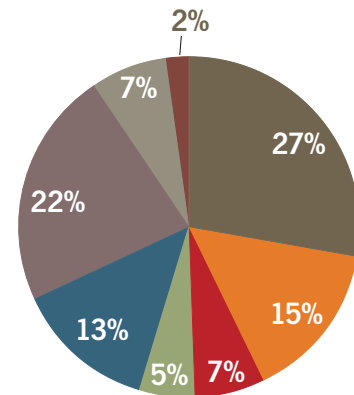
Revenue

- Tuition **\$37,886,348**
- Endowment Income - Scholarships **\$539,279**
- Endowment Income - Other **\$468,145**
- Other Sources **\$217,454**
- Auxiliaries **\$620,704**



Gift Income Received

- Endowments **\$76,995**
- McGeorge Fund **\$234,102**
- Other **\$145,305**
- Capital Improvements **\$494,814**
- Total Gifts Income Received **\$951,217**



Expense

- Instructional **\$9,069,966**
- Academic Support **\$4,889,804**
- Student Services **\$2,150,761**
- General Administrative **\$1,776,880**
- Staff Benefits **\$4,355,239**
- General Institutional **\$7,291,606**
- Physical Plant **\$2,386,292**
- Debt Service **\$659,978**

School News



Photography: Steve Yealer

The old central nerve center of the law library was gutted this summer as construction continued on the new Legal Studies Center that will house the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library and include space for symposia, events, and legal training. Please see *The Last Word* (page 40) for new renderings.

Advocacy, International Programs Rank High

Pacific McGeorge's advocacy program earned a No. 5 ranking in the nation in the 2011 *US News & World Report* annual guide to "America's Best Graduate Schools," which was published in late April.

The law school is tied for fifth with Georgetown University and ranks first among law schools in the West in the magazine's Trial Advocacy specialty ratings. The law school's international law program was ranked 15th and among the top three in the West.

The specialty rankings are voted on by experts in those specialties at all 200 ABA-accredited law schools. The only other law schools to earn top 20 rankings in both advocacy and international law were Georgetown, Northwestern, Temple and Washington University in St. Louis.

Pacific McGeorge was ranked in the magazine's top 100 overall law schools for the fifth time in six years. The law school was also recognized for student diversity at No. 40 among ABA-accredited law schools.

Construction, Gift Keep Project Rolling

Construction on the final phase of the Legal Studies Center began in mid-summer. The expected completion date is June 2011.

The \$10 million renovation project will house the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library, greatly expand research and study areas for students and alumni alike, and add needed office space and conference rooms.

Charlene Mattison, the Assistant Dean for Advancement, announced the receipt of a \$100,000

grant from the Reno-based E. L. Cord Foundation that will fund, in part, a Nevada Room to honor the law school's long-time association with that state's legal profession. Cord Foundation trustees Joseph Bradley, '83, and Bill Bradley, '81, partners at Bradley Drendel & Jeanney in Reno, were instrumental in obtaining the grant.

Pat Lundvall, '89, and John Hawkins, '74, are leading the ambitious fund-raising campaign in the Silver State. A \$100,000 legacy gift left by the late Bob Butler, '74, several years ago will also go toward the Nevada Room's creation.

The Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation, the Fletcher Jones Foundation and the Arata Bros. Foundation had made previous six- and seven-figure gifts for the LSC project.

Judicial Ethics Forum Draws Large Crowds

The fourth Ethics Across the Professions symposium drew large crowds to campus in April. “Judicial Ethics and Accountability: At Home and Abroad” featured an impressive array of legal experts and attracted an audience of attorneys and judges to view panels exploring ethical questions facing jurists, domestic and foreign alike.

“Coming on the day of the announcement of Justice John Paul Stevens’ resignation, it was a fascinating opportunity to reflect on our expectations of jurists in domestic and international settings,” says **Professor Paul Paton**, director of the Pacific McGeorge Ethics Across the Professions Initiative.

“We brought together the leading judicial ethics experts, both judges and academicians, from throughout the country and literally around the world. Their ideas and exchanges were simply extraordinary. The energy in the room, and in the symposia throughout the conference, was everything I anticipated. Having so many students in attendance throughout the event is a wonderful reflection on the importance that Pacific McGeorge places on ethics education for our entire community.”

Environmental Law Concentration A Natural for Pacific McGeorge

Pacific McGeorge rolls out a new concentration in environmental law this fall, rounding out an already robust array of courses and options for students interested in “environmental responsibility and society’s use of and impact on the natural world.”

The academic concentration, which includes a capstone seminar, is one of five offered at Pacific McGeorge along with three certificate programs. Professor Rachael Salcido, who practiced environmental law before joining the Pacific McGeorge faculty in 2003, is the new program’s director.

“We have such strength in environmental law. We have very accomplished faculty and there’s a real demand on the part of students to concentrate in this area,” Salcido explains.

The new concentration requires enrollment in Administrative Law and Environmental Law core courses, completion of at least five elective units and a seminar during students’ final year. The latter will include a weighty research and writing component. Professor John Sprankling, who chaired the environmental law department at Miller Starr & Regalia before coming to Pacific McGeorge, will teach the capstone course, Climate Change Law and Policy.

“Climate change is the biggest environmental challenge that the world must confront,” Sprankling says. “That’s why it was selected as the subject for our first capstone seminar.”

Students are also encouraged, though not required, to do some sort of field study in environmental law. Given Pacific McGeorge’s location in the capital, with its wealth of government regulatory agencies

and non-profits, there are ample internship opportunities.

“We are highly encouraging (students) to make sure they have that opportunity to learn the common language lawyers speak in this area,” Salcido says. “We have fantastic alumni practicing in this field, many of them right here just 10 minutes away, who are excited to mentor our students.”

Pacific McGeorge has distinguished itself in water law, both on the domestic and

international fronts, and offers an LL.M. and a J.S.D. in International Water Resources Law. The school is continuing to explore new programs to benefit students, says Professor Steve McCaffrey, a prominent figure in international water law. The new concentration in environmental law is particularly relevant these days, he believes.

“As our concentration becomes better known, I

think potential employers and potential hosts for internships will be more likely to look very carefully at McGeorge students and graduates for positions in the field of environmental law,” he says.

Prominent water law attorney Stuart Somach, ’79, was involved in the talks that led to the new concentration. He is pleased with the “big picture” approach. “It can only provide a much more rounded professional at the end of the day,” says Somach, whose firm—Somach Simmons & Dunn—is based in Sacramento.

“One of the things McGeorge does is to provide a very practical-based look at all of this stuff,” Somach continues. “That doesn’t mean it’s not as academic, but there’s just a real world quality . . . that’s very helpful.”



Professor Rachael Salcido

Faculty NEWS

Negotiation, Mediation Programs Hit the Mark

Professors Michael Colatrella and Gregory Weber organized and taught negotiation and mediation courses for practicing attorneys this summer that received rave reviews.

In May, Colatrella and Weber directed an intensive, two-day negotiation workshop that was approved for 14 hours of State Bar of California MCLE credit. “The evaluations were glowing,” says Weber. “It was definitely a successful launch for a program that we plan to repeat in the future.”

The first-day negotiation program featured one-on-one exercises along with segments on negotiation theory, style and fundamentals. In role-playing exercises, participants practiced the “pattern of concessions,” and team preparation. Second-day sessions included negotiation ethics, role play, video feedback, more role play, and a review of the most effective, scientifically tested negotiation tactics.

In June, 18 lawyers and administrative law judges completed a six-day mediation training seminar, which was approved for 40 hours of MCLE credit. Participants were taught a step-by-step approach to assist parties in managing and resolving their differences in legal and organizational settings.



Lava flows from the erupting Pacaya volcano in Villa Canales, Guatemala, on June 4, 2010.

“It was excellent,” says Sacramento attorney **Bret Rossi**, ’84. “I felt informed, educated and entertained. I was very impressed by the knowledge and techniques used by the teachers – it was well-worth the time and money invested.”

Global Issues Series Reaches 21 Volumes

Ever wonder why the international law program at Pacific McGeorge is repeatedly ranked among the top in the United States?

One reason is the unusual depth and breadth of the law school’s faculty scholarship and expertise in international and comparative law. A good example is the Global Issues series published by Thomson West. Sixteen Pacific McGeorge faculty members are contributing authors.

Professor Frank Gevurtz, director of the Pacific McGeorge Global Center for Business & Development, originated and serves as editor for the series, which facilitates the introduction of international and comparative law into core

law school courses in schools across the United States.

Several additions to the 21-book series are due out this fall including *Global Issues in Wills & Trusts*, written by Professor Ray Coletta, and *Global Issues in Evidence*, written by **Professor Fred Galves**. In addition, **Professor Amy Landers** is co-author of *Global Issues in Patent Law* and *Global Issues in Intellectual Property*. Among her co-authors on the latter work is **Professor Mike Mireles**, ’98. Finally, **Professors Thom Main** and **Jarrod Wong** are co-authors of *Global Issues in Remedies*.

Students Bear Witness To Guatemala Disaster

Pacific McGeorge’s second annual Inter-American Summer Program in Guatemala delivered more than anyone bargained for when a series of natural disasters struck the densely populated Central American country during the May 22–June 12 session.

Just days into their three-week courses, 11



Professor John Myers with his national award from APSAC

The project has been very successful in the eyes of USAID officials who commissioned a Phase II program last year. The program has also spawned an LL.M. in the Teaching and Practice of Advocacy, which has attracted young attorneys and law professors from several countries.

APSAC Honors Myers With Friedrich Award

Pacific McGeorge Distinguished Professor and Scholar John E.B. Myers received one of the highest honors bestowed by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children this summer.

Myers accepted the organization's 2009 William Friedrich Memorial Award in June in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also delivered an honorary lecture at the group's annual convention, speaking on "The American Child Protection System: A Historical Examination from the Year 2060," a futuristic look back at what may transpire in that field in the next half-century.

Myers, one of the country's foremost authorities on child abuse, was honored for "a career that exemplifies the achievements and character" of Friedrich, a world-renowned Mayo Clinic psychologist whose research in the area of child sexual abuse pioneered several forms of treatment.

students and two professors witnessed destruction that threw the everyday lives of millions of people into turmoil and tragedy.

First, there was a volcanic eruption that left much of the capital, Guatemala City, covered in ash. The Pacific McGeorge program in nearby Antigua was unaffected by that event, but several days later a tropical storm hit much of the country, killing nearly 200 people and wiping out roads and bridges. The torrential rains opened a huge sink hole in Guatemala City.

"All our students were fine," says **Professor Raquel Aldana**, who directed and taught in the program along with **Professor Marjorie Florestal**. "We all realized that we had to take action to help as many people as possible while completing our studies," she adds.

In addition to helping out with cleanup and relief efforts, the students sent a letter to President Obama urging that Guatemalans in the United States be granted temporary protected status to avoid deportation into a disaster zone.

China USAID Program Continues

The law school's USAID Rule of Law in China Initiative heads into its fifth year this fall. A group of 11 Chinese law professors will be on campus from October 30 to November 10 this year to study experiential programs at Pacific McGeorge.

In late July, **Professor Michael Colatrella** and **Professor Brian Landsberg** traveled to Chengdu, China, to direct training on experiential legal education. Their trip followed a

December 2009, Landsberg-directed workshop in Wuhan, China.

The week-long workshop was a continuation of the \$2 million grant program first begun in October 2006. Pacific McGeorge is the leader of a four-school consortium whose mission is to bolster practical legal skills training in Chinese law schools.

USAID, the U.S. Agency for International Development originally commissioned a 28-month project involving Pacific McGeorge and American University's Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. Faculty members from both schools train young Chinese law school professors early in their careers in the teaching of professional skills with an emphasis on negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation, and in clinical education.

Professor of Law

B.A., Wesleyan University
J.D., University of Michigan

Courses Taught

Constitutional Law, Remedies,
Bioterrorism and Public Health Law

Clerkships

Lewis F. Powell Jr., Associate Justice,
United States Supreme Court

Louis F. Oberdorfer, Judge, United
States District Court for the District of
Columbia

Recent Scholarship

"Bush, Obama and Beyond –
Observations on the Prospect for Fact
Checking Executive Department Threat
Claims Before the Use of Force,"
Const. Comment. (forthcoming 2010)

"What the Abortion Disclosure Cases
Say About the Constitutionality of
Persuasive Government Speech on
Product Labels," 87 Univ. Denver L.
Rev. 855 (2010)

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A professional headshot of Professor Leslie Gielow Jacobs. She is a middle-aged woman with short, wavy, light brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a dark grey, textured blazer over a dark top, with a pearl necklace and small earrings. Her hands are clasped in her lap. The background is a dark, neutral grey.

Professor Leslie Gielow Jacobs

Sharing an Experienced Vantage Point on Constitutional Law

THE PACIFIC McGEORGE PROFILE

By Joanna Corman

Photography: John Bauslein

As a Supreme Court law clerk, **Professor Leslie Gielow Jacobs** contributed to the development of the nation's law in a way that few can. It was an experience, combined with a year's clerkship for a federal district court judge, which has shaped her legal scholarship and teaching career.

A Michigan native, Jacobs graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, then spent a year clerking for Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The following year, she landed a coveted clerkship with Justice Lewis Powell Jr. of the Supreme Court of the United States.

As a young Supreme Court law clerk, Jacobs put in long hours advising on whether to grant judicial review, reading appellate briefs, listening to oral arguments, and helping to formulate written opinions for Justice Powell. "It's a situation in which junior lawyers get instant and up-close experience working on high-profile cases that change the law," she says.

Jacobs practiced law as an associate for two prominent San Francisco law firms before turning to academia. She joined the Pacific McGeorge faculty in 1993 and has taught constitutional law almost every year since. She also serves as director of Pacific McGeorge's Capital Center for Public Law & Policy and has become a sought-after media commentator on hot-button issues such as Supreme Court nominations, the legal battle over Proposition 8, and individual rights at issue in the federal courts.

Jacobs finds each of her roles rewarding and stimulating. "It's very exciting to teach constitutional law because it involves a number of hard questions that students often first confront emotionally. But it's interesting then to look at how the Supreme Court reasons about those issues and how the students begin to think as attorneys," says Jacobs. She enjoys seeing students move from "frustration to understanding."

"I like to expose students to constitutional law even though most of them won't practice it, because I think it adds depth to their understanding of the country and the political system. It solidifies their place in this country as citizens," she says.

In 2008, Jacobs was appointed the second director of the Capital Center for Public Law & Policy. Started nearly 15 years ago by a team that included then-Dean Gerald Caplan and Professor J. Clark Kelso, who served as its first director, the Center leverages its position in the state capital to introduce students to public service careers.

"Pacific McGeorge has as much to offer students in the area of public policy as any law school in the country," Jacobs says. In addition to a large curricular array, students are introduced to public interest law through speakers, career panels, alumni luncheons, externships, and participation in the McGeorge Law Review's annual "Greensheets" production that analyses new state legislation and the California Initiative Review.

"The point is to make clear to students how great a career in public service can be," says Jacobs. "The Capitol building is swarming with Pacific McGeorge grads who are determining what the public policy is in the nation's biggest state."

Jacobs also has found time to produce an impressive body of scholarship on constitutional doctrine, governance and national security, and particularly on government speech. Her articles have appeared in many of the country's leading law journals.

In the past decade, Jacobs' interest in constitutional law has gone international. She has co-written two books for the school's Global Issues series, which introduces international and comparative law issues into core law school classes. The books are used at more than four dozen of the leading law schools nationwide.

"The law school courses used to rely exclusively upon American law," says

Jacobs. "Our philosophy at Pacific McGeorge is that that focus is outdated. Any law student, no matter where they plan to practice, will be confronted by global issues so each needs to understand that global issues exist in many different subject areas."

Jacobs' ease at explaining the complex to the public has made her legal expertise much in demand to the television, radio and newspaper media. She regularly fields media calls on front-page stories about the Supreme Court, constitutional law and government law. When the Proposition 8 decision came out in early August overturning the ban on gay marriage, reporters wanted to know how one federal judge can say a state constitutional amendment approved by a majority of California voters is unlawful.

"As a professor who knows about the Constitution, I'm called to explain how that works, why our system of government is that way, and also then to explain the judge's reasoning. Where is it in the Constitution that it says what the judge says it says?"

This is the fourteenth in a series of Pacific Law articles on Pacific McGeorge faculty members who pursue excellence inside and outside the classroom.



Professor Leslie Gielow Jacobs in class

Message from The Alumni Board President



Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends,
In my previous message, I encouraged you to look for ways to help our recent graduates during our recent extraordinary times of economic downturn. I am happy to say that you stepped up to help. Thank you! Thank you for your offers to

take calls, support, volunteer and help in other ways. I am also pleased to tell you about the initiatives your alumni board has advanced with the law school and how you can participate in creating even more opportunities for your alumni and our graduating students.

Pacific McGeorge is committed to helping the next generation of lawyers better understand and develop their practical skills, professional values and relationships that will improve their lives, the legal profession as a whole and our community. The Informal Alumni Mentor Network is an easy and worthwhile way for alumni to provide support to our students and recent graduates. Informal Alumni Mentors are available by phone, e-mail or in person to:

- Discuss career goals and career planning strategies.
- Explore practice area and practice setting options.
- Offer practical advice for the job search process.
- Encourage networking and communication within the legal community.

As an Informal Mentor, in addition to helping current students avoid some of the pitfalls and perils commonly faced by new lawyers, you stay connected to McGeorge and develop a chain of contact with students and alumni that can be both personally and professionally rewarding. This program is managed by the Career Development Office.

Pacific McGeorge Alumni Association members and its board are also assisting the law school with fall and spring workshops designed to broaden student employment horizons and ensure a successful start to their legal careers.

The third annual Career Search Saturday is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., October 9, at the Gary V. Schaber Student Center and will focus on networking and leadership skills. It will feature concurrent panel sessions on topics such as “The Internet Killed My Social Skills: How to Work a Room, a Job Fair or a Conversation” “Start Your Professional Network with a Sure Thing: Mentoring,” and “Go Where Lawyers Are: Using Bar Association Activities to Learn and Connect.” Can you help?

Last February, the board also worked with the Student Bar Association, Office of the Dean of Students and CDO to put on a leadership and development workshop, “Beyond Grades: Cultivating a Successful Legal Career,” which was well-received by third-year students and recent graduates. This seminar delved deeply into the interpersonal skills that are necessary to finding that first or second job, building up your practice, and meeting and exceeding the goals of your clients and partners.

Transition-to-practice breakout sessions included “Using Social and Emotional Factors to be a Successful Leader,” “2010 Office Rules of Etiquette,” and “Managing Written Assignments.” Again, it was seasoned, successful alumni who made this workshop a success. We will do it again this year. Do you want to participate?

These sessions are open to any and all alums. We can all learn something new that helps us in this challenging profession. Please feel free to contact the law school for more details on upcoming events.

Finally, we are not just asking you to help – we want you to come to one of the many alumni chapter events held throughout the year. In the past three years, the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Association has more than tripled its number of events. We sponsored 64 events during the 2009-10 year!

And we’ve got more networking events and programs planned for this year. They range from regional MCLEs to drop-in receptions. Please take a look at the alumni calendar on the inside back cover of this magazine. And please consult the alumni section of the McGeorge website for more information. I guarantee you’ll meet some old friends – and make a few new ones.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Day".

Jim Day '73

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It's Receptions, Campus Events Galore

Nearly 70 alumni events were held last year, and this year's schedule promises to be just as busy with campus events and chapter meetings already under way.

The 2010 Welcome Back BBQ in late August kicked off a series of six alumni-student mixers designed to give future attorneys direction in their career paths and the mature attorneys some insight into the increasingly high value that young people place on a law degree today.

In September, scheduled chapter events included a reception at Best, Best & Krieger's office in San Diego, a combined San Jose/Silicon Valley gathering at Perkins Coie's office in Menlo Park, and two events in Southern California. Several faculty members attended an Orange County chapter reception on September 22 in Irvine and a Los Angeles chapter reception the next day in Beverly Hills.

There are nearly a dozen events scheduled for October, November and December, starting with the 33rd Annual Women's

Caucus Wine-Tasting on Saturday, October 1 in the California Museum's Constitutional Courtyard in Old Sacramento. The event has actually dropped the words "wine tasting" from its title because of a little-known law, but you can bet there will be good food and wine in abundance at the live and silent auction that will benefit St. John's Shelter for Women and Children.

Please consult the calendar on the back inside cover of this magazine to see which event dates and locales have been finalized. The Alumni Association's second annual Bay Area MCLE will be held on October 30, and the dates for the Southern California and Sacramento seminars are set for January 22 and January 29, respectively.

The spring 2010 season highlights included the 10th Pacific McGeorge Alumni Reunion Conference in Paris, France that attracted alumni from 12 countries and a Young Alumni Chapter event in Sacramento that attracted more than 100 recent graduates.



Hundreds of students turned out for the annual Alumni/Student Welcome Back Barbecue mixer on August 26.

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1960s

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Roy Levin, '62

Levin was elected to the ranks of *Stanford's Who's Who*. The veteran attorney has been an active member of the State Bar of California for more than 47 years. (Sacramento)

Martin Jennings, '67

Jennings was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a multi-million dollar jury verdict in Sacramento Superior Court in a case where the defense's new trial motion was later granted by the court. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Martin F. Jennings Jr. (Granite Bay, CA)

Richard L. Paquette, '67

I am retired but doing occasional arbitrations and settlement conferences. (Sacramento)

Chuck P. Selden, '67

I have been playing ice hockey in Eugene, Oregon, for the past 13 years. This takes me up to Canada three times a year for senior tournaments. We live on the Alsea River near Newport. I owned a book/gift store in Florence for 23 years with my first wife, Loretta, who died in 2005. I remarried in September 2004 to Sylvia Makinster, a friend of 60 years ago. (Tidewater, OR)

Jo Anne M. Bernhard, '69

I am still active in real estate practice. I was recently appointed the Northern California Government Relations Committee Chair for the International Council of Shopping Centers. I still serve on the Board of Directors as legal counsel for the California Business Properties Association. (Sacramento)

Michael Petersen, '69

Petersen won a \$1.438 million bench decision in El Dorado Superior Court in a contracts case involving a breach of a mining lease that resulted in lost gold and contaminated aggregates for a plaintiff company. (Placerville, CA)

1970

Class Representatives
Raul A. Ramirez
Terence B. Smith

Raul A. Ramirez

Forty years sure passed quickly. Nonetheless, I am still hitting the mediation trail and handling high-profile civil rights cases (Oakland shooting, multiple class-action strip search cases, etc.) as well as discrimination and personal injury matters. I want to decrease my workload gradually over the next five years. (Sacramento)

Cary B. Weiss

In 2007, I retired from the L.A. County Alternate Public Defender's Office. Sarah is married and living in Washington D.C. and Mya, my first granddaughter, is 28 months old. I am doing appearances and consulting for criminal defense attorneys. I surf daily off Malibu. Life is good. (Los Angeles, CA)

Paul H. Werner

Mrs. Sheila Carrigan Werner died March 2, 2009, and she is sorely missed! (Kerrville, TX)

DeWayne Zinkin

Zinkin has been appointed to the state Athletic Commission by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He is the owner of Zinkin Development and a principal in the Law Office of DeWayne Zinkin. (Fresno, CA)

1971

Class Representative
Phil Hiroshima

Larry L. Baumbach

I set standards for the use of firearm impact weapons in the 9th Circuit – *Deorle v. Butte County* (Rutherford) 272F3d1272. I achieved a \$1.4 million verdict in *O. Quinn v. Raley's* in the Eastern District for racial discrimination. I also achieved a \$321,000 judgment in *McClure v. California Department of Corrections*. (Chico, CA)

Donald Carper

Carper is the co-author of the fifth edition of *Understanding the Law*, recently published by Thomson West. A former adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge, he serves as an arbitrator and mediator to resolve public and private disputes. (Fair Oaks, CA)

H. Vincent Jacobs

I am of counsel with Hiroshima, Jacobs, Roth & Lewis. Phil Hiroshima and all the McGeorge partners provide a great place to have a solo part-time practice limited to mediation, collaborative and private judging – family law only. I am enjoying lots of travel. Cecelia and I have five grandchildren all over the world. Take care. (Carmichael, CA)

Nancy B. Reardan

Jack and I are still here enjoying five adult children and nine grandchildren. We're entering our third career – old age. Stay adaptable. Keep moving. (Elk Grove, CA)

David Whitman

Whitman was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a landlord-tenant breach of lease case in San Mateo Superior Court, which was decided by a bench decision that included the granting of defense motions for attorney fees. He also won a bench decision for a defendant family partnership company in the same court in a case involving charges of breach of a purchase agreement. He is a principal in the Law Offices of David B. Whitman. (Oakland, CA)

1972

Class Representative
Gordon P. Adelman

Gordon P. Adelman

Judge Darrell Lewis, Jeff Marschner and I tried to get class interest in a scholarship fund in the name of Professor Donald Prinz. The response was less than overwhelming. The funds received will be used for a memorial to the late fine professor. (Sacramento)

John F. Bowman

My wife Patricia and I retired from our criminal defense law practice in Sacramento a few years ago. I have also retired from teaching art and art history at American River College. We have nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. We are both 80 this year and still kicking. (Sacramento)

John A. DeRonde, Jr.

I met with Bob and Carol Pastore in Creede, CO – population 134, elevation 8,834. Bob is a retired DA and state senator, now participating in a thinking man's pursuit – fishing! Like me, his kids are all out of school and back home. Bob says 'Howdy' to the Nevada Bunch – you know who you are. (Davis, CA)

Leonard LaCasse

LaCasse announced his retirement, effective January 2011, from the Mendocino County Superior Court bench. He has served as a judge for eight-and-a-half years, most recently in juvenile court. (Ukiah, CA)

Darrel W. Lewis

I am still mediating all general civil cases. I particularly enjoy the ones with some emotion or personality clashes, but I can do the "easy" ones too. I pride myself in being able to communicate with people from all walks of life, and to know when to "push" for a quick resolution, or to take time to listen to people and ease them into a resolution. My website, www.MediatorJudge.com, has plenty more information about my practice, firewalking and other interesting tidbits. (Sacramento)

1973

**Class Representatives
Rudy Nolen
George F. Wolcott****Richard H. Cochran**

I continue to monitor the activities of fellow classmate, Dick Edwards, whose principal contribution to society at present is working as a ski instructor at Mt. Rose. (Visalia, CA)

Richard D. Edwards

I am still in active law practice in Nevada. I teach classes at a private college a couple of nights a week. Both of my children are McGeorge graduates and practice law in Nevada and California. See you on the ski hill this winter. (Reno, NV)

David P. Mastagni

Our practice underwent a positive reorganization in summer 2009, developing and implementing an online case management system to accommodate the firm's expansion in international practice. In February 2010, we opened a San Francisco office, and in May, the firm expanded to 40 attorneys. The international practice expanded, which includes captive/insurance, re-insurance and insurance/captive layering, representing parties to achieve compliance with federal health care mandates. The firm has developed relationships with alien insurers and alien entities over the last year, which has been the most exciting and innovating advance in the firm's history. (Carmichael, CA)

Philip S. Setrakian

I am still working hard after 35 years. My three daughters have all been married within 24 months. I'll still be working for the next 35 years – send me cases... (Fresno, CA)

George Soares

Soares was No. 9 in the *Capitol Weekly* newspaper's Top 100 list of the most powerful non-elected movers and shakers in California political circles. A principal in the firm of Kahn Soares & Conway LLP, he is considered the premier agricultural lobbyist in the state. (Sacramento)

James Spagnole

My private practice in adoptions is growing, but slowly. All else is great! Traveling & tormenting three grandsons – all of whom deserve it! (Sacramento)

Phil Wyman

Wyman narrowly lost in the Republican primary for Senate District 16 by a 52-48 percent margin. The former California legislator is a rancher and lobbyist. (Tehachapi, CA)

1974

**Class Representative
Gay L. Vinson****Betty Carter Irwin**

Jim, my husband of 63 years, died and Nancy, my daughter, died a few months later. I have two wonderful new great grandchildren. (Lakeport, CA)

John Cochran

Cochran wrote an article, "Child Support Enforcement: Then & Now," which appeared in the May/June 2010 edition of the *Sacramento Lawyer*. He is the principal attorney at the Sacramento County Department of Child Support Services. (Sacramento)

Ronald W. Collett

I am still here in Phoenix, the new capital of illegal immigration controversy. I am still working and will be for the foreseeable future. At least one of the parties here, NFL referee Ed Hochuli, keeps things interesting with a controversial call once in a while. (Tempe, AZ)

James M. Fallman

I'm very busy with two murder cases, a vehicular homicide and multiple Pelican Bay inmate clients. (Crescent City, CA)

Donald E. Faubus

My wife Pam and I now have eight grandchildren with more hopefully on the way. Brock will begin law school at the University of Utah in August. (He said he would never be an attorney.) I am still playing basketball... but can't find anyone my age to play with, so I'm playing with the 20 somethings. Very humbling! (Hacienda Heights, CA)

Steve Martini

Martini has written a new novel, *The Rule of Nine*, which features his protagonist Paul Madriani trying to stop an extremist who's bent on killing the entire Supreme Court. (Bellingham, WA)

D. Gino Menchetti

I am pleased to announce that after 31 years in private practice, I have merged my firm with Porter Simon Shadek. The merger gives me a graceful entry into retirement and provides my clients with continued professional representation. (Incline Village, NV)

Stephen Taber

Taber has joined Myers Nave where his practice will focus on representing public agencies and non-profit organizations in financing projects. He was previously a partner at Holland & Knight LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

1975

**Class Representatives
Ervin A. DeSmet, Jr.
Ira Rubinoff****Ron J. Bath**

I retired after 39 years of military service in 2007. At the time of retirement, I was director, Air Force Strategic Planning, deputy chief of staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters USAF, the Pentagon and retired at the rank of Major General. I am now doing defense consulting at the classified and unclassified levels. (Reno, NV)

Ronald E. Blubaugh

After I retired from state service in 2003, I began working with homeless people at Loaves & Fishes. Ultimately, this led me to the legal clinic for the homeless, operated by LSNC at Loaves & Fishes. I never would have expected my legal career to conclude as a pro bono lawyer for the homeless, but it has been some of the most rewarding legal work of my career. (Sacramento)

Connie Callahan

Callahan was the keynote speaker at an on-campus Leadership & Professional Development Workshop. She is a judge of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. (Sacramento)

Michael Campos

Campos was selected to the 2010 Northern California Super Lawyers in the environmental law category. As a past executive director of the California State Water Resources Control Board, the Stoel Rives LLP partner played a key role in resolving several major statewide water issues. (Sacramento)

Roxanne Daneri

Daneri spoke on "Motion Practice" at an on-campus Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum conference. She is a business law and bankruptcy specialist. (Sacramento)

David C. Fitzpatrick

After 29 years, I have achieved solo practice. My ex-partner semi-retired last August. We are enjoying three grandchildren with another on the way. (Santa Margarita, CA)

Tod Fogarty

Fogarty has joined Boutin Gibson Di Giusto Hodell Inc. as a shareholder following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Kim E. Gilbert

My ex-husband, Herb Gross, and I remarried on Valentine's Day 2009 after 19 years apart and nine years back together. (As a family law specialist, now is this really a good move?) Herb is a forensic neuropsychiatrist specializing in mild/moderate brain injury due to trauma, lead paint or (toxic) mold exposure, and is on the faculty at UCI Brain Imaging Center. We're spending quite a lot of time traveling the US celebrating family/friends special events. (Note: Always encourage one child to live in Hawaii. Also encourage them to plan for retirement there.) We are happy and relatively healthy. Life is good! (Fair Oaks, CA)

Bruce A. Kilday

I'm still chugging along representing downtrodden public entities. I'm keeping busy and mostly out of trouble. Elisabeth is Daily Program Coordinator at the Smithsonian, and Patrick is in his last year at med school. Sue is still teaching - high school psychology students and me. (Sacramento)

Steve Merksamer

Merksamer was No. 5 on the *Capitol Weekly* newspaper's Top 100 list of the most powerful non-elected movers and shakers in California political circles. He is a senior partner at Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Mueller & Naylor. (Sacramento)

Hayne R. Moyer

I am still working at KMTG and represent only banking clients. Susan and I have increased our traveling time and take a 10-day vacation every two months. (Fair Oaks, CA)

Michael Schneider

My practice is going well. I was named "Anchorage Personal Injury Litigator for 2010" by Best Lawyers in America. Jane and I are celebrating our fifth year of marriage and trying to keep the moose out of the flower garden. (Anchorage, AK)

Jerry Spolter

I was voted the No. 1 Bay Area Neutral," in a poll of Bay Area attorneys by the *San Francisco Recorder*. (Sausalito, CA)

1976

**Class Representative
R. Steven Corbitt****Mark Church**

Church won election as San Mateo County Assessor Clerk Recorder in the June primary. He has served as a member of the county's Board of Supervisors since 2000. He is a principal in the law firm of Church & Associates. (Millbrae)

Michael Crow

Crow was on a defense team that won a motion to dismiss an environmental law case in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. He is an assistant state attorney general. (Sacramento)

Daniel M. Dooley

As senior vice president to the University of California, I am responsible for all communications, media relations, government relations, alumni affairs, agricultural experiment station and cooperative extension activities. (Sacramento)

Timothy Frawley

Frawley ordered the state AG's office to change its wording of a November ballot initiative, Proposition 23, to roll back the state's landmark climate change law. He is a judge of the Sacramento Superior Court. (Sacramento)

Richard H. Halladay

Ricky is in his third year of law school. Heather is pregnant with a Christmas baby. Justin is engaged to be married in September 2011. Taylor is 8 years old. Patty is trying to keep up with all of this. Rick is bringing home the paycheck. (Sacramento)

Geoff Hutcheson

Hutcheson finished fourth among a field of six candidates in a race for an open seat on the Stanislaus County Superior Court bench. He is a principal in the Law Office of Geoffrey C. Hutcheson. (Modesto, CA)

William Magrath

Magrath obtained a \$1.75 million verdict in a Washoe County District Court shareholders' dispute case involving a corporate merger. He is a partner with McDonald Carano Wilson LLP. (Reno, NV)

Robert Packer

Packer pitched two shutouts for the defense, winning 12-0 jury verdicts in a pair of Los Angeles Superior Court medical malpractice cases. A former managing shareholder of the Los Angeles office of LaFollette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames, he recently joined Law, Brandmeyer + Packer. (Pasadena, CA)

William P. Wood

I started a publishing company, Willowbank Books. We will publish three books in 2010-11, two novels and one non-fiction volume. Emmy award winner Cokie Roberts wrote the introduction for *The First of Hearts: Letters of Mrs. Henry Adams*. (Sacramento)

1977

**Class Representatives
R. Marilyn Lee
Gary F. Zilaff****David Anderson**

Anderson has joined Hefner Stark & Marois where he practices primarily in the area of business and commercial litigation. He was previously with Hauser and Mouzes in Woodbridge. (Sacramento)

Dinah Bear

Bear co-taught a course on The Law of National Environmental Protection Agency at Duke University School of Law. She served for 25 years as deputy general counsel and then general counsel to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the environmental agency in the Executive Office of the President. (Washington, DC)

Stephen F. Clayton

After more than 21 years at Sun Microsystems, I took the severance package and left when Oracle bought Sun. It was a sad decline and end to a great American company. I have opened a practice, focusing on consulting and legal services related to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act/International Anti-corruption Programs. Call me if you have FCPA issues. (Piedmont, CA)

James A. Harley

I retired on December 31, 2009, after 37 years with the U.S. Air Force. This included 20 years of active duty, first as a navigator then as a judge advocate, and 17 years as a civilian attorney. My last position was chief, Contract & Patent Law Division at Space & Missile Systems Center (a subordinate unit of Air Force Space Command). As chief of the division, I headed an office of seven civilian attorneys and was responsible for providing professional legal support for the full range of legal issues arising in the procurement, on-orbit performance and sustainment of military satellite constellations, such as Global Positions Systems satellites (GPS), as well as related launch vehicles and ground systems, for the Department of Defense. (Redondo Beach, CA)

David Karabinus

I'm still doing family law, volunteering pro bono and raising children. I intend to keep at it for another 10 years. (Sacramento)

Philip W. Kell

I assumed the office of president of California Baptist Foundation on January 1, 2010. Our foundation is the trust agency for the California Southern Baptist Convention. We work to house and manage resources for Baptist causes. The more than 2,200 churches that are affiliated with the convention are from a wide variety of ethnic groups and speak more than 70 different languages and dialects each Sunday. (Fresno, CA)

Danny Lang

Lang has made an \$800,000 gift to the Southern Oregon Wine Institute at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon. Lang's legal specialties include aviation law. (Sutherlin, OR)

Dorothy Nash Holmes

I am running for Municipal Court judge for the city of Reno, Department 3 (www.dorothyforjudge.com and on Facebook @ DorothyNashHolmes for Judge). My son Zach (25) is attending culinary school in Sacramento. My daughter, Victoria (40) lives in Reno, works at New York Life, is married and has two children, Jade (9) & Quin (8). My husband, Mike, is a professor teaching construction management at our community college. I also teach at the University of Nevada and University of Phoenix. (Reno, NV)

Mike Ramsey

Ramsey won his seventh term as Butte County District Attorney, defeating Sacramento attorney Lance Daniel, '88, and another challenger. (Oroville, CA)

Stan Taylor

Taylor has been named the chair of the Lane Peace Center. He is a professor at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon, where he teaches classes in peace and conflict, environmental politics, and civil rights and liberties. (Eugene, OR)

Gerald D. Waite

In July 2010, I was appointed to a second term as Municipal Court judge for the city of Lebanon, OR. (Corvallis, OR)

1978

**Class Representatives
Thomas O. Freeburger
Peggy Chater-Turner****Richard P. Bertolino**

Bertolino was elected by his peers to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) in 2006. He is a partner with Sacino, Bertolino & Hallissy PC. (Sacramento)

Deborah M. DeBow

Our son, Ben, is off to Haverford College (his first choice) this fall with plans to study neurosciences/psychology and music. We are looking forward to visiting the East Coast more often. (Rancho Santa Fe, CA)

Kristen Sudhoff Door

My daughter, Katy, graduated from American University in D.C. and plans to attend law school in the fall of 2011. My son, Eric, is a senior at Gonzaga University and is looking forward to a business/marketing career. Bob and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary – looking forward to another 25. I am planning to retire in early 2012 – then open my own office. (Gold River, CA)

David W. Ebben

I have not practiced law in over 20 years. For a long time, real estate development was fun – not any more! (Rhineland, WI)

Steve Malcoun

Malcoun has been named to the Stockton Metropolitan Airport Advisory Committee. He is a partner with Mayall, Hurley, Knutsen, Smith & Green. (Stockton, CA)

Patrick Marlette

Marlette denied Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's petition for a temporary restraining order to force the state controller to pay some 200,000 state government workers the federal minimum wage. He is a judge of the Sacramento Superior Court, who had been drawn into the state budget battle earlier in the spring. (Sacramento)

DeVon L. Workman

I am now a fellow with the Society of Actuaries. I enjoy spending time with my grandson. (Spring, TX)

Steve Worthley

Worthley was the leading vote-getter in a Tulare County Board of Supervisors race, but faces a November runoff in the 4th District where the civil attorney is the incumbent. (Dinuba, CA)

Allan Zaremborg

Zaremborg was the featured speaker at a Pacific McGeorge Capital Alumni Chapter reception. Ranked No. 11 on the *Capitol Weekly* newspaper's Top 100 list of the most powerful non-elected movers and shakers in California political circles, he is the CalChamber president and CEO. (Sacramento)



Roberts Rides To the Rescue For USC Trojans

By Gary Libman

The National Collegiate Athletic Association's sanctions against the University of Southern California that reverberated through the sports world and were reported across the nation also changed **David Roberts' life.**

The NCAA put USC on four years probation, banned the football team from bowl games for two years, and reduced football scholarships by 30 over three years, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. The NCAA's report cited numerous improper benefits for former USC football and basketball stars Reggie Bush and O. J. Mayo.

After the NCAA announced the sanctions in June, then incoming USC president Max Nikias recruited Roberts to become USC's first vice president for athletic compliance. Roberts, '76, had been a litigator for more than 30 years, but resigned as managing partner of his Los Angeles law firm to take the job.

"I had a long background in athletics in high school and college and always had a

fondness for sports," says Roberts, a former Kodak small college All-American football player at the University of California, Davis. "This job provides an opportunity late in my career for a challenge. It's athletics-related and draws upon legal skills and problem solving that have been a part of my life for 35 years."

Roberts' firm represented the USC athletics' department for 12 years, so he understands how the department works. Another feature of the new job is that the former managing editor of the *Pacific Law Journal* won't need to learn a new field of law.

"The office of compliance basically insures that USC and its athletic department comply with NCAA, Pacific 10 Conference and other rules governing athletics," Roberts says. "So although there's a legal aspect [to the job], you are analyzing rules of these governing bodies. It's not a position in the general counsels' office at the University. It's not a practice of law per se."

While he may not be practicing law, the six-foot, four-inch, 225-pound Roberts will ensure that the university develops a more "enhanced relationship with the NCAA to assist in compliance matters."

He also promises that he will evaluate "the structure and size of our compliance staff. The compliance office, including myself, is seven people. We anticipate it will probably get closer to 10."

That's about the size of a nice law firm.

1979

Class Representatives

Barbara L. Haukedalen
Judith A. Smith

Patrick J. Arata

I am board-certified in criminal trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. (Fort Wayne, IN)

J. Douglas Clark

Clark is completing his term as chairman of the State Bar of Nevada Probate and Trust Section. The founding president of the Probate Bar Association of Washoe County and a past president of the Estate Planning Council of Northern Nevada, he is a sole practitioner. (Reno, NV)

Ronald J. Cassells

Classmates Barry Fadem, Debra Kazanjian and I were sworn in to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar Association in November 2009 in Washington D.C., by Justice Kennedy and the entire U.S. Supreme Court. We also had the privilege of meeting with Justice Kennedy after the ceremony to discuss our careers and our "Con Law" course with him. Finally, we had the opportunity to have photos taken with Justice Kennedy. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Margaret Garnand Venturi

I am now in my 10th year of retirement and I am busier than ever. Roger and I travel several times a year (South America, Sicily, Italy, Paris). The rest of the time, our six children, 12 grandchildren and 12 grand nieces and nephews keep us busy. We have our own dock on the lake amongst 19 oak trees and numerous pines. The lake fish are plentiful and the water skiing is great. We are loving it! (Auburn, CA)

James Kirby

Kirby won a defense verdict in Sacramento Superior Court in an unfair competition misappropriation of trade secrets case. He is a senior partner in the law firm of Segal & Kirby. (Sacramento)

Kathleen M. McCade

I'm loving retirement – travel, camping, skiing, socializing with friends, home remodeling and so forth. (Gold River, CA)

Allan J. Owen

Who would ever have guessed that Mark Doughty (founder of the Christian Legal Society) and I (co-founder of the Moonie Legal Society) would play in a three-day golf tournament together? Chris, we miss you every day. (Sacramento)

J. Brian Powers

We will celebrate our eighth anniversary at Powers & Miller. Visit our website at www.powersmiller.com. (Sacramento)

Michael Rowe

Rowe negotiated a \$53,000 settlement for a child bitten by a dog in a Clark County District Court case. He is a partner in the Riddle & McOsker Law Offices. (Las Vegas, NV)

Mark H. Tansil

In December 2010, I will be finishing 24 years on the trial court, becoming the senior judge on my bench. I am currently presiding over a civil trial department. Having thoroughly enjoyed handling the varied and challenging disputes presented by criminal, family, juvenile and civil case loads, I plan to retire in about two years. My judicial career has been a wonderful experience, and I am thankful that McGeorge School of Law prepared me well for this legal role, my life's work. I look forward to more actively monitoring young lawyers, firmly believing that the legal profession remains a noble calling. (Sebastopol, CA)

Jerry White

White spoke on "Pre-Filing Meetings with the Client" at the Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum's summer conference. A bankruptcy law specialist, he operates the Law Office of Gerald L. White. (Folsom, CA)

David L. Winter

I'm in my second year of a return to Sacramento, after 29 years in Los Angeles. Some places seem vaguely familiar, while others are brand new. I am still doing civil litigation defense. Both boys (26 and 29) are gainfully employed in Seattle. Jo Kath and I are exploring Northern California again on our own – only this time with money. (Rocklin, CA)

1980

Class Representatives

Richard A. Harris
Paul Richardson

Steve Alm

Alm continues to receive professional praise for his Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) program, which was the subject of a lengthy feature in June 2010 issue of *Honolulu* magazine. A judge of the Hawaii First Circuit Court, he met with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. in May to discuss the feasibility of a similar nationwide program. (Honolulu, HI)

Col. William D. Benton

I do volunteer work for the Bureau of Land Management, Valles Caldera National Preserve and the U.S. Forest Service. (Albuquerque, NM)

Col. James M. Coyne

I was selected to be chief counsel for DLA Overseas Operations by the Department of Defense general counsel. After living 25 of the last 30 years outside continental US, we will experience some culture shock in Northern Virginia. We are looking forward to being closer to family and friends after so many years abroad. (Ft. Belvoir, VA)

Larry Gaddis

Gaddis won re-election to the Placer County Superior Court. The veteran judge defeated private attorney and classmate, Robert Litchfield, '80, by a 73-27 percent margin. (Auburn, CA)

Stephen S. Kent

In January 2010, I opened my own law office. I continue to do primarily civil defense work, aviation and premises liability, with some business litigation. I am enjoying having my own law firm after practicing with large firms for 30 years. My wife, Mayla, and I just about have our youngest graduated and our other two children are doing well. (Reno, NV)

Craig A. Paul

Same wife for 35 years; same law partner for 21 years; same kids... stability is good although I do have some new ties. We have a 2 ½ year-old granddaughter who rocks. (Sacramento)

J. David Petrie

After 25 years with my former law firm, I broke off in 2007 and formed a new law firm with six attorneys. The practice is civil litigation, business litigation, agriculture litigation and insurance defense. (Fresno, CA)

Linda Roodhouse

I continue as a full-time trusts and estates lawyer. Thirty years on, I still like what I do. I am of counsel with a litigation firm 12 minutes from my home. I am the vice president of East Bay Trusts & Estates Lawyers, a 300 person group that recently recognized itself and seceded from the County Bar Association for better services at lower cost. I have been happily married for 28 years and our son is a 3L at Hastings. My daughter is content in rural Oregon. (Piedmont, CA)

R. Craig Settlemire

I was appointed to a four-year term as the Plumas County Counsel in Quincy, beginning August 1, 2010. (Westwood, CA)

Sim von Kalinowsky

Von Kalinowsky was profiled in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. The former San Diego chief deputy city attorney is a family law judge for the Superior Court. (San Diego, CA)

1981

Class Representatives

Fritz-Howard R. Clapp
Jennifer J. Tachera

James Bradshaw

Bradshaw was selected by his peers for the 2010 *Super Lawyers – Corporate Counsel Edition*. He is a partner with McDonald Carano Wilson LLP. (Las Vegas, NV)

Terry Cassidy

Cassidy won a U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision that found a school district's policy of having teachers lead willing students in daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance does not violate the Establishment Clause of the Constitution. The court also upheld the Pledge's words "Under God" as constitutional. Cassidy, a senior partner at Porter Scott, represented the Rio Linda Unified School District in the case, which was heard on December 4, 2007. (Sacramento)

Rocky K. Copley

Our twin daughters, Erin and Caitlin, graduated from the University of Arizona in May 2009 and finally found jobs. Patty and I celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary on July 14. She's still as cute as ever. Patrick is doing well at Qualcomm. I really enjoy my solo practice. I actually have a life. I am still playing basketball and the guitar. (La Jolla, CA)

Noreen Evans

I have served in the California State Assembly since 2004, representing Sonoma, Napa and Solano Counties. I am currently running for State Senate District 2. My oldest daughter just completed her first year at McGeorge. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Mark Gorton

Gorton has joined Boutin Gibson Di Giusto Hodell Inc. as a shareholder following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Ronald R. Lamb

I am a partner at Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney LLP. (Sacramento)

Patricia A. Lynch

I am continuing to defend school districts from the onslaught of individuals who see them as deep pockets. (Santa Ana, CA)

Stephen Koonce

Koonce spoke on "Motion Practice" at the Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum's conference. He is consumer bankruptcy practitioner. (Sacramento)

Craig Manson

Manson has joined Westlands Water District, the nation's largest agricultural water district, as general counsel. The former assistant secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks has been a full-time member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty for the past four years. (Sacramento)

Edward G. Schloss

My third son is entering his last year at UC Berkeley. My second son started at the University of Oregon Law School this fall, and my first son is teaching youngsters in Culver City. The practice is quite busy. I would welcome some vacation time. For now, I have to settle for short trips. (Los Angeles, CA)



Drobny Provides Legal Safety Net For Many Families

By Joanna Corman

Mark S. Drobny, '80, is surrounded by sharks at work – and they're not the other lawyers in the office. They include a tribal printed shark, one crafted in hand-blown glass from Murano, Italy, and a variety of knick-knacks. All are souvenirs he's picked up from his scuba diving travels with his wife.

The tradition was sparked by his son, 19 years ago. The then-kindergartner asked Drobny why lawyers are called sharks. In response, Drobny bought one. "That was just the beginning," he says.

Lawyers-as-sharks have reputations for exploiting others. But for Drobny, the shark metaphor stops at the collectibles. He loves that he can use his job to help. He often becomes his clients' counselor and adviser, his role extending beyond his job description.

Drobny entered Pacific McGeorge intent on becoming a criminal defense attorney. He had dropped out of his college accounting

class three times and didn't want to take income tax law. But he was unable to convince the law school otherwise.

His Pacific McGeorge tax professor was enthusiastic, and he ended up getting the highest grade in the class. So he took every tax class possible and received an LL.M. in Taxation in 1981.

He calls the story a "great tribute to McGeorge. If I hadn't gone to McGeorge and I hadn't had that teacher, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today," he says.

In 1989, he founded Drobny Law Offices Inc. The Sacramento-based firm specializes in estate planning and wills, and business law and business plans. It also runs satellite offices in San Ramon, Stockton and Modesto. Drobny also writes an estate planning column for the *Sacramento Bee* and is a pro tem judge in Sacramento County Superior Court's probate division.

Drobny believes that drafting a will or an estate plan is more than just about divvying up property and possessions. The documents must consider a family's dynamics. A well-drafted will or estate plan can unify a family during their grief. A poorly written one can divide it.

"We help 300 families a year deal with the loss of a parent, spouse or their child, and we help them get through a really tough part of their life," Drobny says. "We can go home every day and say we did something good for somebody."

Donald E. Shaver

I will be retiring on August 10, 2010, after 20 years on the bench. (Modesto, CA)

Jennifer J. Tachera

I am curating art shows with Susan Z'Berg, as TZ Productions. (Sacramento)

John Tiernan

Tiernan was honored by the Colusa County Board of Supervisors for his service on the bench. First elected in 1992, he retires as presiding judge of Colusa Superior Court on June 30, 2010. (Colusa, CA)

William J. Trinkle

Trinkle has joined Timothy M. Cary & Associates as a senior associate and litigation manager. His new firm primarily represents school district clients within the state. (Cameron Park, CA)

1982

**Class Representative
Debra Steel Sturmer****Denice E. Brue-Clopton**

I have returned to practicing law after four years of retirement. (Atlanta, GA)

Steve Geringer

Geringer won a \$330,000 verdict in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for an off-duty sheriff's deputy who a jury found to be the victim of police misconduct and an unlawful arrest. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Steven A. Geringer. (Madera, CA)

Paul E. Gold

Daughter #1 has been accepted to Georgetown University. Daughter #2 is a junior in high school – Dog #2 weighs 140 – Wife is great, hitting our 25th anniversary – Me, tired but have own hair and teeth. (Redondo Beach, CA)

Bridget G. Hammerquist

If one starts law school later in life, one retires sooner. At least that was my experience. Hello to all classmates. Come and see us on Kauai. It's a lovely island and moving home was always my dream. Closing the office on a financial uptick was an accomplishment. It is great to know that my law degree helped me to make a difference in the lives of more than 200 families. (Koloa, HI)

Nancy Hotchkiss

Thirty years later, I'm still at the same firm where I started clerking in law school. I was lucky to find what I love doing (commercial real estate litigation) early on in my career and have stayed put. I have three daughters, the youngest of which graduates from high school this year. I would love to hear from fellow classmates. (Sacramento)

Michael B. Mattingley

I am moving to Trestles and then to Costa Rica, and I'll be surfing as long as these bony little legs will stand. Thank you, God. (Surfside, CA)

George Miram

Miram struck down the California Coastal Commission's claim for a 140-acre agricultural easement against a property owner who sought to build a home on their rural property. He is a judge of the San Mateo County Superior Court. (Redwood City, CA)

B. Kent Morgan

I have retired from public service in the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office. I am now employed by a firm that wanted to expand its criminal defense practice. Making the switch is easier than I anticipated. (West Jordan, UT)

Steven P. O'Connor

I retired from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2008. I now have my own office, a general practice. I have five grandchildren and life is good. (Madison, WI)

Richard G. Schwab

I left Hawaii and returned to California when my elderly mother broke her hip. I took care of my folks and returned to prison, as a corrections officer, which is how I paid for McGeorge. I went through the academy again at 60 years old and retired from corrections in 2006. My parents passed away this year, and now my daughter and I are moving to the beach in Costa Rica to live. I have also retired from flying a helicopter. (Napa, CA)

William Slaughter

Slaughter won a bench decision and a bench dismissal on two contracts cases involving allegations of fraud and misrepresentation in Ventura Superior Court in defense of a large condominium homeowners' association. He is a principal in the firm of Procter Slaughter & Reagan LLP. (Ventura, CA)

Scott A. Thompson

I continue to practice law and live in Three Rivers with my wife, Vera, who is a registered nurse and paralegal. We welcome anyone visiting Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks to give us a call if you are in this area. It is always great to reconnect with old acquaintances. (Three Rivers, CA)

Robert Vaage

Vaage won a \$5 million arbitration award in a medical malpractice case in which a man suffered a below-the-knee amputation, paralysis and stroke following unsuccessful eye surgery. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Robert F. Vagge. (San Diego)

1983

**Class Representatives
Paula G. Tripp
Susan H. Hollingshead****Mark Amodei**

Amodei dropped out of the Republican primary race for U.S. Senate in Nevada because of fund-raising challenges. The Reno attorney is completing his last term in the Nevada State Senate. (Carson City, NV)

Alexander Bannon

Bannon won a \$1.3 million verdict for a company in an Alameda Superior Court trial in which the jury found several defendant companies guilty of breach of contract negligence. He is a partner with McInerney & Dillon. (Oakland, CA)

Albert P. Barsocchini

I am the senior director & assistant general counsel for Guidance Software, dealing with international data protection laws, international investigations and cybersecurity. (San Anselmo, CA)

Timothy Bittle

Bittle won injunctive relief in Orange Superior Court against the Orange County Employees Retirement System's refusal to release public pension records. He is a senior counsel with the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. (Sacramento, CA)

Phil Bonotto

Bonotto was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a Sacramento County Superior Court case in which a plaintiff sought damages of \$400,000 in a slip and fall at a Roseville shopping mall. He is a principal in the firm of Rushford & Bonotto. (Sacramento)

Bob Buccola

Buccola was the lead attorney for a plaintiff who won a \$24.3 judgment against a trucking company for a girl whose father accidentally ran over her in his big rig. He is a partner at Dreyer Babich Buccola Callahan Wood LLP. (Sacramento)

Steve Campora

Campora was the second chair in a record-setting Sacramento County Superior \$24.3 million jury award. It was scaled back to a settlement to \$22.5 million, but remains the largest single personal-injury award in county history. He is a partner at Dreyer Babich Buccola Callahan Wood LLP. (Sacramento)

Brian Kunzi

Kunzi won the Democratic primary nomination for Nye County District Attorney. The assistant state attorney general and former Mineral County DA will face a Republican opponent in the general election. (Las Vegas, NV)

Sean McNally

McNally was named to the State Board of Food and Agriculture by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He has worked for Grimmway Farms as vice president of human resources and corporate and government affairs since 1997. He is a member of the Garces Memorial High School Board of Trustees and Self Insurers' Securities Fund, president of the Kern Adult Literacy Council and commissioner of the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers Compensation. (Bakersfield, CA)

David M. Parker

December will mark the 20th anniversary my own law firm. My wife and partner, Royda Crosland, have also notched our 22nd wedding anniversary. We now have offices in Larkspur and San Diego, CA. (Mill Valley, CA)

Daryl A. Roberts

I am now in my 24th year at the Napa DA's office, fighting environmental crimes, and prosecuting unfair competition and false advertising cases. I am still very happily married to my wife, Erin, and enjoy life with her and three felines in beautiful Napa. I am also still active with local community theatre, having recently played Mr. Saunders in "Lend Me a Tenor." (Napa, CA)

Christopher P. Rugaard

My twin boys are going into their senior year of high school. I'm looking forward to college applications and hoping they get into college somewhere. I'm still married to Sharon; we had our 23rd anniversary last May. I am working primarily in family law. Hope all my classmates are healthy and doing well. (Danville, CA)

Nancy J. Sheehan

I was very honored to be inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers this year. My sponsor was Noel Ferris, '79. I served as the president of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. In between all these lawyer activities, I continue to enjoy time with my husband Rich, and granddaughters Meg & Katy. (Sacramento)

Katharine Spaniac

Spaniac was co-counsel for a successful defense in a premises liability slip-and-fall Los Angeles Superior Court case in which the plaintiff demanded \$400,000 prior to trial. She is a partner with Grossberg & Clouse. (Rancho Cucamonga, CA)

Paul Starkey

Starkey was elected vice president of the St. Thomas More Society, Sacramento. He is a senior counsel for the state Department of Personnel Administration. (Sacramento)

David W. Thompson

I am a federal administrative law judge for the Office of Disability Adjudications and Review. (Peoria, IL)

Paula G. Tripp

I just tried two cases this year and won both. My oldest son has just joined the U.S. Army, and the youngest graduated high school. (Long Beach, CA)

1984

**Class Representative
Patricia A. Day**

Theodore E. Bacon

I am the chairman of the National Adorno & Yoss Employment Practice Group, working in downtown Los Angeles. I'm spending too much time in traffic and not enough on the golf course. (Glendora, CA)



**Malchow Metamorphosis:
From Quirky Cartoonist
To Sage Political Guru**

By David Graulich

Hal Malchow, '81, was in his early 20's, with a fresh undergraduate degree in political science, when he managed two political campaigns in his home state of Mississippi. The candidates lost, but Malchow discovered his professional calling.

Today, Malchow is chairman of MSHC Partners, the Washington, D.C., firm he founded. MSHC conducts direct-mail fundraising and other election services for Democratic candidates and liberal non-profits. His book, *Political Targeting*, is a standard reference for campaign managers and candidates in both parties. "Malchow," says the *Washington Post*, "is a direct-mail expert who has been a pioneer in targeting techniques."

McGeorge attracted Malchow because of its presence in California's political nucleus. A self-taught artist, he drew cartoons for Pacific McGeorge's student newspaper. His favorite subject: humorous sketches of faculty members, including Constitutional Law professor Anthony Kennedy. "I had an easy ride through law school." Malchow jokes,

"Because the professors were afraid I'd make them look bad in a cartoon."

Malchow remembers Kennedy as an impressive and approachable teacher. Malchow and a few classmates worked up the nerve to invite Professor Kennedy and his wife to meet them for dinner. Not only did the future Supreme Court justice accept, Malchow recalls, "he warmly thanked us and said no students had ever invited him to dinner before."

After graduating, Malchow returned to Jackson, Mississippi, and joined the corporate practice of a large law firm, but grew restless.

He briefly entertained the idea of becoming a professional cartoonist. He created a comic strip, "Loopholes," featuring the adventures of Loophole Lonigan, a prospective super-lawyer. Then he received an invitation to join another Mississippi political campaign. This candidate also lost, but the job led to another campaign that finally yielded a winner. Malchow traveled to Tennessee in 1984 to help Albert Gore, Jr., prevail in his first election to the U.S. Senate.

Malchow followed Gore to Washington, D.C., and launched MSHC, one of the first firms to apply principles of statistical modeling and data mining to political campaigns. Recent clients include Senators Ron Wyden (Oregon) and Al Franken (Minnesota), Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, the National Education Association and the AFL-CIO.

In his spare time, Malchow enjoys gardening and is working on a novel with his teenage son.

Raneene Belisle

It's been quite a year. I finished a year on the State Board of Education, retired for the second time and started a consulting business. Our oldest graduated from McGeorge and just took the California Bar...now the wait. My middle daughter got married and our youngest is finishing up at Sac State. (Mount Aukum, CA)

Carl J. Calnero III

My daughter, Lauren, made the first-year Dean's List at McGeorge. She is currently clerking at Porter Scott. (Sacramento)

Steven R. Cranfill

Dana and I are the legal guardians of our 5 year-old granddaughter Macey. I just turned 60 and life is pretty good. Cody is a great place and you are all welcome to visit – just not at the same time (Cody, WY)

Mary Bacon Darling

Darling was the subject of a major feature story in *Inside Tucson Business*. She is the owner and CEO of Darling Environmental and Surveying Ltd, an Arizona company that measures and documents buildings, bridges, piping, terrain and other features that are difficult to measure. (Tucson, AZ)

Bob Egelko

Egelko was the subject of a feature story carried by the Online News Association. A long-time writer for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, he is considered among the elite legal journalists in the country. (San Francisco, CA)

William R. Fishman

After spending half my time for seven years, building affordable housing for seniors, I am again working full time in my practice. I am very busy doing estate and trust work for mom and pop clients in my home town. I'm doing less litigation and more mediation (as the neutral) – a good fit after 25 years of mixing it up. Life is good in Sonoma County. (Penngrove, CA)

Mark Hofstad

Hofstad was appointed to the 10th Judicial Circuit Court bench in Bartow, Florida, by Governor Charlie Crist. A former staff counsel to Fireman's Fund Insurance, he has served as a judge of compensation claims since 2000. (Bartow, FL)

Harry E. Hudson, Jr.

My father passed away after a valiant year-long battle with lung cancer. (Stockton, CA)

Eric T. Lamhofer

I will soon complete my seventh year at Wolfe & Wyman LLP, practicing mortgage banking law and insurance defense. My oldest daughter, Ashley, is attending UCLA this fall, and her younger sister will be a sophomore in high school. Time flies, but life is good, and we are truly blessed. (Irvine, CA)

Michael Phalen

Phalen was the co-host of a reception for the Phoenix Alumni Chapter of the McGeorge Alumni Association. He is a partner at Fennemore Craig PC. (Phoenix, AZ)

Nichole P. L. Poleselli

For the past seven years, I have worked in the family business, a 50-year old distributor of chemical products and ingredients. My position allows me the flexibility I need to raise my four daughters. I keep current in the profession through my MCLE courses and I do collections work on behalf of the company. Needless to say, my children are much more rewarding than the law ever has been. So for the foreseeable future, I will remain at Vivion Inc. (San Mateo, CA)

Stephen Talt

Talt won a \$995,300 arbitration hearing decision for a claimant in FINRA, Los Angeles, in a securities case involving a breach of modification to written joint venture projects. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Stephen S. Talt. (San Marino, CA)

Steven Toschi

Toschi won a defense verdict in Alameda Superior Court in an accident case involving an injured bicyclist. He is a principal in the firm of Toschi, Sidran, Collins & Doyle. (Oakland, CA)

1985

**Class Representative
Cheryl L. Van Steenwyk****Thomas P. Aplin**

In 2009, my firm marked its 15th anniversary, and I got to celebrate with two complex trials involving major development disputes in the Bay area. One involved the historic town center in Hercules, and the other a large parcel of land in Antioch. It was a little strange to be back up north but a lot of fun as well. On the personal side, I just returned from a great trip to the Galapagos Islands with my kid. I plan to celebrate my 50th in October by scuba diving in Indonesia. I would love to hear from my friends and colleagues from McGeorge. (Dana Point, CA)

Michael Bernstein

Bernstein has taken over as CEO of METI, a maker of human patient simulators, in July 2010. He has served as president of the Florida-based company since July 2009. (Sarasota, FL)

Donna Marie Beumler

After three years on the Superior Court bench, I've been appointed as the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, handling a caseload consisting of delinquency and dependency matters. (Bisbee, AZ)

Mark T. Boehme

I recently retired after working for the city of Concord as its senior assistant city attorney for 23 years. I continue to dabble in various public law matters such as public work contracting, annexation and land use. (Benicia, CA)

Brent Boger

Boger finished second in the Washington state primary election for the office of Clark County Prosecutor. He is the underdog in the November general election. A senior assistant Vancouver city attorney, he advises city officials on issues such as land development, planning and finance. (Washougal, WA)

Sharon Browne

Browne was sworn in as one of six new members of the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation by her former Constitutional Law professor, Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States, in a ceremony in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C. She is a principal attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation. (Sacramento)

Jack Clarke

Clarke was co-counsel for a defendant school district in a disabilities education act case decided in favor of the defense by the Office of Administrative Hearings. He is a partner with Best, Best & Krieger. (Riverside, CA)

Sally J. Coghlan McDonald

I have been working on my own for several years. My 16 year-old daughter, Maggie, has severe disabilities and medical problems. She is my main client, as advocating for her needs in this economy is more than a full-time job. Pay stinks but the rewards are there. Our two older boys are in college, so it's just Steve (McDonald, '85), Maggie and me at home. You can follow Maggie on her blog at www.stmaggie.blogspot.com. (San Francisco, CA)

Ellen Corbett

Corbett received the 2010 Consumer Excellence Award from Consumer Action, a public interest organization. The California state senator was honored for legislative efforts involving gift card reform and bottled water labeling. (Orinda, CA)

Eileen Diepenbrock

Diepenbrock was a member of a defense team that won a motion to dismiss an environmental law case in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. She is a partner in the firm of Diepenbrock Harrison. (Sacramento)

Jennifer L. Elliott

I have been a district court judge for the Nevada 8th Judicial District Court (family division) since 2003. (Las Vegas, NV)

Dana Fox

Fox was co-counsel for a successful defense team in an excessive force civil rights trial in U.S. District Court, Central District of California. He is a senior partner with Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith. (Los Angeles, CA)

Joseph C. George

George secured a \$1.35 million bench decision in Sacramento County Superior Court for an adult plaintiff who was sexually abused as a child by her stepfather. He is a principal in the Law Office of Joseph C. George, PhD. (Sacramento)

Terence Kilpatrick

I am general counsel for New Face Development, Inc. (Carmichael, CA)

Katherine J. MacKenzie

I'm still living outside Denver, enjoying the city attorney's office and my life in Colorado. State law allows jury trials in dependency and neglect cases so this makes my practice very exciting every few months. The outdoor opportunities in the area ensure that work/life balance stays even most of the time. (Louisville, CO)

Julie Oelsner

Oelsner has joined Weintraub Genshlea Chediak in an of counsel role. She was previously in solo private practice. (Sacramento)

Thomas R. Parker

I was appointed to a four-year term as the Colusa County Counsel in July. My practice embraces all aspects of a county government law practice, rather than the tax and land use emphasis I had in Sacramento County. (Folsom, CA)

Thomas J. Polis

I am still practicing bankruptcy law in southern California, which looks like job security for the foreseeable future. I see a few McGeorge grads here and there. I am having a great time with my wife and two boys. We work hard, but also vacation hard. I skied 25 days this year with my wife and kids. (Monarch Beach, CA)

Sharon K. Sandeen

In August, I started a three-year term as the chair of the IP Committee of the Business Law Section of the ABA. (Maplewood, MN)

John Zelezny

Zelezny has authored the 6th edition of his textbook, *Communications Law: Liberties, Restraints, and the Modern Media*, along with a companion casebook, *Cases in Communications Law*. The books are used at 70 colleges and universities. (Fresno, CA)

1986

**Class Representative
Andrea C. Nelson**

Doreen Altman

Altman was co-counsel for the defense in a Sacramento Superior Court product liability case in which the plaintiff sought \$600,000 in damages. The jury found in favor of the defendant company on five of six causes, awarding only \$40,375 on a negligence claim. She is a partner at The Costa Law Firm. (Gold River, CA)



Buccola Credits Strong Supporting Cast For Big Victories

By Joanna Corman

Most personal-injury cases are settled and never make it to trial. Regardless, **Robert Buccola, '83**, prepares each case as if a jury will decide it. That means a thorough investigation, which has been a key to the success of Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood LLP in Sacramento.

Buccola has seen the cost of preparing cases triple in the last decade. "That's why most law firms will not work them up to be trial-ready," he says. "They'll resolve them well before the cases are trial-ready because it's just too expensive."

Buccola and his colleagues have broken records for verdicts across Northern California. He won a \$9.3 million personal-injury verdict for a client in 1998, the largest in Sacramento County, and recently eclipsed that with a \$24.3 million award in March for compensatory damages in a personal-injury case. The jury ruled in favor of a girl who was severely injured when her father accidentally ran over her with his big-rig.

"Our big victories are a collective effort," he says. "We couldn't win verdicts without the

hard work of other attorneys in our office and a tremendous support staff."

His classmate **Steve Campora, '83**, one of several Pacific McGeorge alums at Dreyer Babich, was Buccola's second chair on the huge trucking trial.

Buccola and his team of more than 100 often go up against companies with deep pockets, whose legal defense is practiced in throwing up obstacles. While personal-injury victims who win large verdicts grab headlines, those wins are infinitesimal compared to the number of cases insurance companies win, Buccola says.

His firm, which he co-founded in 1987, mostly represents personal-injury victims but covers the whole spectrum of tort litigation, except medical malpractice. Buccola decided to be a lawyer in high school, influenced by a neighbor who was a high-profile P.I. attorney and his parents. They emphasized fairness and justice, and harbored skepticism of those in power. "You just can't trust the representation made by those who have profit motives," Buccola says. "That shaped my earlier thinking."

While at Pacific McGeorge, he attended a symposium during which several lawyers spoke about a product liability case they recently won, demonstrating the product's danger, how they obtained a judgment and how the prosecution of the case forced the company to make the product differently.

"It was fascinating to me," Buccola says. "It was a riveting eight-hour Saturday. That helped to confirm what I believed I wanted to do."

Stephen Baker

Baker was appointed by state Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George to the Judicial Council of California. He is the presiding judge of the Shasta County Superior Court. (Redding, CA)

Mark Borrell

Borrell has been elevated from commissioner to judge of the Ventura County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He practiced with Benton Orr Duval & Buckingham before joining the court as a commissioner in 2005. (Ventura, CA)

Tamara C. Falor

I was honored to receive the Humboldt Heroes Good Samaritan's Award for animal assistance for 2010. (Eureka, CA)

Birgit Fladager

Fladager was the co-counsel of record in a Stanislaus County Superior Court environmental law case that resulted in a \$1.25 settlement being paid by a hair care products company charged with air pollution. She later won re-election as district attorney in the county. (Modesto, CA)

Marshall Frasher

Frasher has joined the law firm of Chain, Cohn, Stiles as a personal injury lawyer. He previously operated as the Law Offices of Marshall Frasher, and served as staff counsel for Allstate Insurance Co. and Encompass Insurance. (Bakersfield, CA)

Kimber B. Goddard

I am approaching 25 years of trust practice in a three-attorney firm with over 5,000 trusts drafted. I enjoy teaching LDS Institute students weekly on the McGeorge campus and mentoring for career resources at McGeorge. It's time to give back. (Sacramento)

Dan Healy

Healy won an open seat on the Solano County Superior Court bench with a 52.47 percent primary election victory. Best known as a criminal defense attorney, he is a principal in the Law Office of Daniel J. Healy. (Vallejo, CA)

Jeffrey Jones

Jones has joined Boutin Gibson Di Giusto Hodell Inc. a shareholder following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Richard A. Kolber

I continue to practice business and real estate litigation in Los Angeles. I recovered in excess of \$1 million for my clients in the last year and also fended off numerous claims. I have two kids in college, one in high school and one starting first grade. I love L.A., and the Lakers are going to three-peat. (Los Angeles, CA)

J. Patrick McNicholas

McNicholas was co-counsel for an injured plaintiff who secured an \$88,725 award in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a railroad accident case. He is a partner in the firm of McNicholas & McNicholas. (Los Angeles, CA)

William Papazian

Papazian is a founding partner in a new law firm, Papazian, Mead & Johnson PLC. The firm will focus on providing selective representation on gaming, business, transactional, litigation, and environmental matters. (Phoenix, AZ)

Paul J. Pimentel

I'm headed to New Orleans on Halloween weekend. Why? The Steelers play the Saints. I will enjoy the game and the pre-game festivities with Dave Doyle. Go Steelers! Oh, that's right – I should mention work. We are busy. I would be filthy rich if my clients would pay their bills. They haven't, so I am not. Family-wise, I have one getting back from Iraq, two in college, and one a junior in high school. In two years, my wife and I will finally be empty-nesters. (Fresno, CA)

Bradley Post

Post won a jury defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for a police officer who was charged with a civil rights excessive force violation. He is a partner at Borton Petrini. (Modesto, CA)

Sara S. Trask

Scott and I hit 21 years married this year. Our oldest, Rachel, graduated high school and is headed off to college. Daniel (15) is getting his driver's license soon. David (13) is looking forward to playing high school football. Scott is intellectual property director at Newport Corp in Irvine Public Schools Foundation, helping to raise money for art, science and music programs for our Irvine schools. (Irvine, CA)

1987

**Class Representative
Megan Halvonik****Frank S. Bacik**

After managing a thriving land use and environmental practice for 22 years, I took the position of vice president and general counsel for the Pacific Lumber Company, where I had the opportunity to help establish ecological preserves of acres of old growth redwood forests, and implemented landmark Habitat Conservation Plans for commercial forestry. The company successfully went through a Chapter 11 Reorganization, and essentially I have the same role with one of the successor entities, the Town of Nova Scotia Company. If any of my McGeorge community classmates are ever in the Northern California Redwoods of Humboldt County, please look me up in Scotia, and I will gladly arrange a tour of our forests, our community and discuss our unique land use, legal environmental issues and activities. (Scotia, CA)

Donne Brownsey

Brownsey was No. 87 in the *Capitol Weekly* newspaper's Top 100 list of the most powerful non-elected movers and shakers in California political circles. She is a co-owner of Sacramento Advocates, one of the leading lobbying firms in the state. (Sacramento)

Dr. Walter D. Herbert

I took the Montana bar in July 2009 and was sworn in October 2009. I am currently helping Montana lawyers become proficient at impeaching physicians in criminal trials. I am following my malpractice activities on cases involving the ankle. Many total ankles are being implanted with disastrous results. (Billings, MT)

Tom Hiltachk

Hiltachk was No. 75 in the *Capitol Weekly* newspaper's Top 100 list of the most powerful non-elected movers and shakers in California political circles. He is the managing partner of Bell McAndrews & Hiltachk. (Sacramento)

Lori-Ann C. Jones

Jones retired as a commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court. She served as a deputy district attorney for 17 years before the court's judges elected her a commissioner. (Los Angeles, CA)

Margaret Masunaga

Masunaga was recently elected by the Hawaii Bar to the ABA House of Delegates. She is the deputy director of the County of Hawaii's Planning Department. (Kona, HI)

Larry D. Morse II

I was re-elected without opposition to a second term as Merced County District Attorney. (Merced, CA)

Ren Nosky

Nosky has joined Downey Brand LLP as an associate. He had served as the Stockton City Attorney since 2004. (Stockton, CA)

Jeffrey H. Ochrach

With my latest trial, my record has moved to 29 wins and 2 losses. This year I wrote a legal thriller novel – now the task is to get it published. My family still gives me great joy, and golf continues to be a source of frustration and fun. (Rocklin, CA)

Ted Poppinga

Poppinga was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a Placer Superior Court medical malpractice case alleging negligent surgery. He is a partner with the Sacramento firm of Schuering, Zimmerman & Doyle LLP. (Sacramento)

Kenneth W. Ralidis

My firm is expanding from general litigation, employment & labor law, real estate fraud, venue security, assault/battery/false imprisonment, construction defect litigation and entertainment law, to also include substantial consumer protection & fraud and Proposition 65 litigation. (Los Angeles, CA)

Steven Spears

Spears was appointed executive director of the California Housing Finance Agency by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He had served as acting executive director of the agency since December 2008 after a legal career that included service as legal counsel to a Board of Equalization member and as deputy state treasurer for public finance. (Sacramento)

Frank Zumwalt

Zumwalt won a defense verdict on breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty claims in Stanislaus Superior Court for a tomato-processing company that faced \$1 million in potential damages. He also won a defense verdict and counterclaim for damages in a Stanislaus Superior Court employment law case involving alleged fraud and age and gender discrimination. He is a principal in The Zumwalt Law Firm. (Modesto, CA)

1988

**Class Representative
Lisa A. Specchio****Robert R. Aguilar**

I am currently serving as a world history and U.S. history teacher at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, CA. I'm entering my 5th year as the head varsity boy's basketball coach. The practice of law is now a secondary occupation. (Visalia, CA)

Lance Daniel

I ran for Butte County District Attorney, but lost in the primary. I will be going back to talk radio on the weekends so listen to "Lance the Lawyer." (Sacramento)

James V. DeMera, III

I started a new sole practitioner practice in December 1988. (Woodbridge, CA)

Robert Eglet

Eglet won a \$500 million punitive damages award against two drug companies in Clark County District Court for a man who contracted a disease following a routine colonoscopy exam. He is the managing partner of the Las Vegas firm of Mainor Eglet Cottle. The award is the first in hundreds of civil cases stemming from a hepatitis C outbreak two years ago in Las Vegas. The punitive damages came on top of \$5 million already awarded to the man and his wife in compensatory damages. Both companies vow to appeal. (Las Vegas, NV)

Gayle Holderer

Holderer finished fourth in a large field of candidates in a race for a seat on the Incline Village General Improvement District Board of Trustees. A trial and transactional attorney, he serves as a judge pro tem in the Incline Village and Sparks justice courts. (Incline Village, NV)

Peter Kapetan

Kapetan was co-counsel for plaintiffs who won a \$1.7 million excessive force case against the Fresno City Police Department in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. Two related cases previously settled for \$1.5 million. (Fresno, CA)

George Ogilvie

Ogilvie was reappointed to the Colorado River Commission by Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons. The chairman of the commission and a recent selection to the *2010 Super Lawyers – Corporate Counsel Edition*, he is the managing partner of McDonald Carrano Wilson's office. (Las Vegas, NV)

Robert Sellards

Sellards negotiated a \$325,000 settlement in San Francisco Superior Court in a fraud and misrepresentation case involving breach of fiduciary duty charges against an insurance agency. He also won a \$40,857 bench decision in San Francisco Superior Court in a landlord and tenant commercial lease case. He is a partner with Stuhr & Miller. (San Francisco, CA)

Michael Sidley

Sidley ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Malibu City Council, but the civil litigator and member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Parcel Tax Advisory Committee did finish in the top half of a 10-person field. He is a principal in the Sidley Law Group. (Malibu)

Lawrence E. Skidmore

I am a partner at Aronowitz & Skidmore, Inc. (Rocklin, CA)

Lisa A. Specchio

I hope all are doing well, healthy and happy. I love my new home where the redwoods meet the ocean. I'm so glad I went back to criminal law, which is what I always wanted to do. (Crescent City, CA)

1989

**Class Representatives
William W. Palmer
Billie B. Line, Jr.****Lisa Aguiar**

Aguiar has joined Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley as a partner in its south bay office. A veteran civil defense attorney, she was formerly chair of the employment group at Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel. (San Jose, CA)

Eugene Blackard

Blackard was a member of a large defense team that successfully defended an asbestos exposure case in San Francisco Superior Court. He is a senior partner with Archer Norris. (Walnut Creek, CA)

John Gezelius

I returned to McGeorge last year to get an LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice and finished it up by doing an internship portion at H & Y law firm in Shanghai. (Tustin, CA)

Richard M. Glovin

I recently took the excellent mediation seminar at McGeorge. It has proved valuable as I transition into a mediation practice. (Sacramento)

Barbara Kronlund

Kronlund was honored by the San Joaquin County Bar Association with its 2010 Law Day Award. The Superior Court jurist has served on numerous community committees in the Stockton area during her 15 years as a court commissioner and judge. She began her legal career as a deputy district attorney. (Stockton, CA)

Alan M. Laskin

I was elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates in August 2008. (Elk Grove, CA)

Stuart List

List has joined Boutin Gibson Di Giusto Hodell Inc. as a shareholder following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Pat Lundvall

Lundvall was selected by her peers for *2010 Super Lawyers – Corporate Counsel Edition* honors. She is a partner at McDonald Carano Wilson LLP. (Las Vegas, NV)

Cliff Marcek

Marcek won a \$39,000 verdict for a plaintiff against a dentist in a dental negligence case in Clark County District Court. He is a principal in the firm of Cliff W. Marcek PC. (Las Vegas, NV)

Kyle Memmott

Memmott won a defense verdict in El Dorado Superior Court in an automobile motorcycle intersection collision case in which the plaintiff sought \$500,000 in damages. He is a partner with MacMorris & Carbone. (Sacramento)

Ronald Owens

Owens ran unopposed in the June primary election and will assume the title of Placer County District Attorney upon the retirement of the current DA at the end of this year. A veteran prosecutor, he has served as a deputy district attorney in the office since 1990. (Auburn, CA)

R. Scott Owens

I won the June primary and am the DA-elect of Placer County. (Meadow Vista, CA)

Simone C. Polak

After serving for six years as a district court judge, I decided to return to the Maui County Prosecutor's Office, specializing in the prosecution of sexual assault crimes and other serious felonies. (Wailuku, HI)

Curtis D. Rindlisbacher

Our firm has grown from four attorneys to eight in the past 18 months. I recently helped with a successful school band campaign. My wife and I stay very busy raising five sons and three daughters. I continue to assist with teaching and training church leaders in nine congregations. (Fresno, CA)

Herbert M. Sampson

I closed my private tax practice in October 2008 to travel. From November 2009 to April 2009, I drove my BMW motorcycle from Omaha to Tierra del Fuego, an 18,000-mile trip. Thereafter, I found my current position at Terra Sond, a company engaged in terrestrial and marine survey services with U.S., Caribbean, African and South American offices. (Omaha, NE)

Alice C. Sessamen

I am now associate counsel at DDI Global Corporation. (Laguna Woods, CA)

Rhonda W. Skipper-Dotta

I was promoted to chief deputy of field operations for the Board of Parole Hearings this summer. All three of my children are nearly grown. Doug graduated from UCSB this June, Kenny is a sophomore at UCSB, and Allison is starting her senior year. Ron and I have been in Galt for 19 years and are looking forward to retirement in the near future. (Galt, CA)

Michelle M. Stofan

I am vice president of, and house counsel to, Garner Products, Inc., a data security equipment manufacturer. The kids are in high school, one graduating this year. My husband and I spend our free time mountain bike riding, running and swimming. (Roseville, CA)

Molly Stuart

As usual, I am stirring up adventures here and there. I have many joyous moments in my garden, studio, and on the job – wherever that may be. (Sacramento)

William S. Yee

I'm still plugging away and working towards retirement since I haven't won the lottery yet. Best regards to everyone. (Culver City, CA)

1990

Class Representatives

Derek R. Longstaff
John R. Brownlee

Susan D. Blake

I essentially have two full-time jobs. By day, I am senior counsel for the State Board of Equalization, where I focus on property and special taxes. In the evenings, and at the weekend, I am chair of the Sacramento Republican Party. I used to think that lawyering was the most challenging profession out there. Now I know that pleasing local elected officials and candidates while circumventing Democrat operatives is the trickiest job in the world. (Sacramento)

John R. Brownlee

I got together with Javan, Lillard and Tenorio for a weekend this past summer. It's hard to believe it has been 20 years since we graduated. All of the above are still Adam Henrys. The Vikings have still not delivered me a Super Bowl, and I'm still here. Nothing has changed. (Bakersfield, CA)

Marc C. Forsythe

Forsythe won a \$187,000 bench decision in an alter ego case in Orange County superior Court, plus fees and costs. The case settled for \$366,000 before a decision on the memorandum of costs and judgment was entered. Goe & Forsythe, LLP celebrated their 12th year anniversary in June 2010 and specialize in bankruptcy and business litigation. (Irvine, CA)
Note: This is a correction of an item published in the Spring 2010 edition of Pacific Law that did not come from the alumnus.

Catherine Koshkin

I am the president of the Humboldt County Bar Association. (McKinleyville, CA)

Larry Marks

Marks won a \$135,000 verdict in Riverside Superior Court in a low-speed automobile accident in which the defendant claimed that God told him to commit suicide by causing a head-on collision. He is a partner with Mardirosian & Associates. (Los Angeles, CA)

Paul J. Pascuzzi

This year, I was honored to be inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy as a fellow, joining two other partners at my firm. I continue to enjoy practicing bankruptcy law with my firm, working on large business cases for debtors and creditors. My family continues to present many joys and challenges, as my 4 and 2 year old boys grow up, and my teenage daughter works her way through 10th grade this year. As I conclude my term as president of the California Bankruptcy Forum and chair of the State Bar Business Law Section Executive Committee, I look forward to having more free time to enjoy my family and my practice. (Elk Grove, CA)

Lindy T. Yovanovich

I was named Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the judges of Minnesota's 10th Judicial District for my work in founding Cancer Legal Line – a Minnesota non-profit organization that provides free cancer-related legal help. (Bayport, MN)

1991

Class Representatives

Gregg S. Garfinkel
Mark J. Reichel

Il-Han Paul Bae

I am senior vice president and general counsel to St. Jude Medical SC, Inc. (Austin, TX)

Allison Bates

Bates plans to go into private practice after leaving the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Jackson County, Michigan. She was a long-time assistant prosecutor in that office and plans to run for the top job in 2012. (Waterloo Township, MI)

Sean Beatty

Beatty won a defense verdict for Mazda Motor of America Inc. in San Diego Superior Court in a case in which a plaintiff claimed a defective suspension. He also won a defense verdict for Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc. in Orange Superior Court in a "Lemon Law" case. He is a senior partner with Beatty & Myers LLP. (Long Beach, CA)

Amy Dobberteen

Dobberteen was co-counsel for the plaintiff team that negotiated a \$1.2 million settlement from an HMO in an Orange Superior Court case involving allegations of emergency-room overcharges to 3,700 Kaiser patients. The former senior counsel for the California Department of Managed Health Care recently joined Molina Healthcare as in-house counsel. (Sacramento)

Anna L. Locke

I have nine grandchildren (6-15 years old). I am trying to make up for lost time with Raisin Farms in the family – rented for more than 50 years to a tenant, who after many good years, ran the production down. I am also helping a friend with a medical malpractice case. All three are interesting challenges. (Sacramento)

Jeanne Loftis

Loftis has been admitted to the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). She is chair of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC's products liability practice. A veteran of more than 30 cases tried through to verdict as first chair, she represents companies in the Pacific Northwest in a wide variety of commercial and casualty cases. (Portland, OR)

Kendis Muscheid

Muscheid was the co-host of a reception for the Phoenix Alumni Chapter of the McGeorge Alumni Association. She is a partner at Fennemore Craig PC. (Phoenix, AZ)

Herbert J. Santos, Jr.

Wow, coming up on 20 years! I have been busy with work, family and my involvement with the Reno Bighorns, an NBA Development League team. I was one of the founding owners. The experience has been great. Hope everyone is doing well. If you are ever in Reno, please look me up. (Reno, NV)

Mikey Weinstein

Weinstein has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for a second time. An attorney, businessman and former Air Force officer, he is the founder and president of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, an organization that opposes Christian proselytizing in the military. (Albuquerque, NM)

1992

Class Representatives

David M. Miller
Lt. Col. Fred Cavese

Gary G. Branton

I opened my own practice in October 2009, so that I could concentrate on labor and employment law, and spend more time with my family. My wife, Karen, still works for the school district, Kaitie will be a senior in high school, and the twins, T.J. and Betsy, will be starting 7th grade this Fall. All of us love golf and taekwondo. (Las Vegas, NV)

Jason Cale

Cale helped a plaintiff earn an equitable agreement settlement from the Fair Employment and Housing Commission in a case involving an LSAT taker with a disability. He is an attorney with the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing. (Elk Grove, CA)

Brooks M. Larsen

It's been fun to launch the HTC brand, launch great selling products and build significant markets here. It feels good to be growing significantly, thanks especially to our Android portfolio, while others are faltering. It's hard to believe it's been almost 20 years since McGeorge. (Sammamish, WA)

Maureen Meehan Aplin

Aplin has had two new Mary MacIntosh novels, *Poisoned by Proxy* and *The Five*, published. Both are also available on Kindle Books. She is a principal in Law Offices of Maureen Meehan Aplin where her work includes serving the mental health community as a Riese hearing Officer for the Probate Court. (Laguna Niguel, CA)

Kenneth K. Tanji, Jr.

I am now practicing intellectual property, employment and real estate law with LT Pacific Law Group in City of Industry- LTpacifclaw.com. (North Hollywood, CA)

Thomas J. Tarkoff

I recently became a trial attorney at Foley & Mansfield in Oakland. (Orinda, CA)



Kolokotronis Keeps NBA Kings' Eyes On the Money Ball

By Jan Ferris-Heenan

1993

Class Representatives

Violet R. Radosta

Traci F. Lee

Greg Aghazarian

Aghazarian has joined the California Department of Food & Agriculture as general counsel. The former assemblyman was previously with the Workers' Comp Appeals Board. (Stockton, CA)

Caglar M. Caglayan

Caglar retired as assistant chief counsel at the Franchise Tax Board last year. Her classmate from McGeorge, Teresa Wignall, '93, was promoted to her position. So far, her retirement has been full of rest, relaxation and lots of travel. (Fair Oaks, CA) *Note: This is a correction of an item published in the Spring 2010 Pacific Law magazine.*

Carolyn Cottrell

Cottrell was co-counsel for the plaintiff and helped secure a \$1.8 million settlement in a wage-and-hour employment law case in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. She is a partner with Schneider, Wallace, Cottrell, Brayton & Konecky LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

Chris Delfino

Delfino has been retained as external general counsel by the University of the Pacific. He is a partner with Downey Brand LLP. (Sacramento)

Fourteen years ago, Matina Kolokotronis, '89, was an attorney for a local law firm when she got a call from the top brass of the Sacramento Kings. The team was courting overseas sensation Peja Stojakovic. Kolokotronis—herself the daughter of Greek immigrants—traveled to Greece with Kings officials to help with the legalities.

When the Maloof family became minority owners of the Kings two years later, Kolokotronis was hired as the chief independent counsel for Maloof Sports and Entertainment, overseeing fund development and strategy for the group's foundation and other projects. In the next two years, the Maloofs would become majority owners, and Kolokotronis would help secure both Stojakovic and Hedu Turkoglu for the Sacramento Kings. She would also become a trusted family advisor.

This spring, the Chicago native and

mother of three opened a new chapter in her career with the National Basketball Association franchise. The Maloofs—who, like Kolokotronis, share Mediterranean roots—named her president of the Kings' business operations in March. She is now the highest-ranking female official in the NBA.

The new position is steeped in responsibilities, from overseeing sales and marketing to public relations, merchandising and arena operations. "It's definitely more work, travel and responsibilities," Kolokotronis says. "But it has been something that I have been transitioning towards and am really excited to undertake."

There are challenges, to be sure. The Kings made the NBA playoffs several years running, but the past four seasons have been losing ones for the Sacramento team and ticket sales are off. Kolokotronis is optimistic the situation will turn around.

"In the last year, we've done a lot of dynamic things to enhance the fan experience," she says. "Clearly, the team was not in a great position a few years ago, and last year, we saw a rise. I believe this year will be even better."

Kolokotronis' boss, Joe Maloof, is confident that the Kings have picked a winner. In June, he told the *Sacramento Bee*, "She's smart, but more than that, she's street-smart. She knows how to get along with people. You can hire anybody who knows numbers, but we wanted someone with personality, compassion, someone people like."

Kim Delfino

Delfino has been appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Water Commission. She has served as California program director for Defenders of Wildlife since 2000. (Sacramento)

William D. Harn

Harn will become the president of the Southern California Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel on October 1. He is a senior corporate counsel with Southern California Edison. (Rosemead, CA)

Christopher D. Lonn

I am fighting for truth, justice and the American way each day. I keep my sanity by playing guitar and keeping physically fit. (Scottsdale, AZ)

Sherrie Lowenstein

Lowenstein was promoted to assistant chief counsel of the California Department of Managed Care. She was previously a staff counsel for the state agency. (Sacramento)

Mark Potter

Potter won a bench decision ADA failure-to-accommodate case in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, for a wheelchair-bound plaintiff. He is an attorney with the Center for Disability Access. (San Marcos, CA)

James C. Reinhart

I have joined the Real Estate Group in the Portland, OR office of Davis, Wright Tremaine LLP. The practice will continue to focus on purchase and sales, financing and leasing. I married Natasha Demyash Kevich on March 17, 2010, and we continue to live in Portland, OR. (Washougal, WA)

Adam D. Schneir

I am working hard and enjoying life with my kids. (Los Angeles, CA)

Torene L.M. Schwab

I hope all my fellow alums are doing well. I keep busy with work and raising active children. At a recent management training, the instructor stated that having a teenager can rock an employee's world – agreed. (Sacramento)

Vida Thomas

Thomas was a speaker on the topic of "Mastering the Art of Employment Investigations" at an MCLE program presented by the Bar Association of San Francisco at its conference center. She is a partner in the firm of Carlsen Thomas and a member of the McGeorge Alumni Association board. (Sacramento)

John W. Wallace, Jr.

I'm working as a film producer and director in Los Angeles and our latest releases are "Rock Slyde", "Clear Lake, WI" and "Flatland: an Imax Experience," starring Martin Sheen and Kristen Bell. Sara and I have three boys, Wilkins (6), Hunter (2) and Austin (7 months). We are hoping for a baby girl next. (Simi Valley, CA)

1994

**Class Representatives
Captain Laura H. Heller
Guy E. Ortoleva****Paul Baleria**

Baleria won a defense verdict in Sacramento Superior Court in a medical malpractice failure-to-monitor-and-treat case. He is a senior partner with Low, McKinley, Baleria, Weber & Salenko. (Sacramento)

Michelle A. Ball

My law office is still going strong after 15 years of service to parents and students. Education law and helping with special education, expulsion, college issues and a variety of public and private school matters is very rewarding. Check out my website at www.edlaw4students.com for more information. (Auburn, CA)

Bruce Berman

In a July 19, 2010 opinion certified for publication, the California Court of Appeals affirmed in full the \$22.4 million judgment, our firm, Goodstein & Berman LLP, obtained after trial in 2006, in the case of Hub City Solid Waste Services, Inc. v. City of Compton, Court of Appeals Case No. B196639. Compton was also awarded its costs on appeal. This case presented complex issues of first impression under California Government Code § 1090. My partner, Gary Goodstein, and I represented the City of Compton at trial and on appeal. This is thought to be largest civil judgment ever awarded under Section 1090. (Los Angeles, CA)

Paul C. Clauss

After 15 years of private practice in Northern California, I joined the Sacramento Superior Court as a research attorney. I assist the judges in the law and motion departments. (Sacramento)

James H. Cordes

I'm still in solo practice. My practice is now primarily employee side wage and hour law, for individuals, groups and class actions. In my free time, I'm a crossfitter. (Santa Barbara, CA)

Susan Flores Fisher

I am a director on the Texas State Bar Board of Directors (2008-2012) and a member of the local rules advisory committee for the Eastern District of Texas. (Sherman, TX)

Robert Gibson

Gibson won an \$867,489 verdict in San Bernardino Superior Court for a motorcyclist injured in a failure to yield case. He is a senior partner with Gibson & Hughes. (Santa Ana, CA)

Valli Israels Mendlin

I completed my 16th year as a district attorney. I have been prosecuting murder cases for the last five years. I still enjoy my job immensely. (Modesto, CA)

Sonia Maager Taggart

I am a shareholder of Taggart & Taggart Ltd. (Carson City, NV)

Steven J. Oshins

I was voted into the NAEPC Estate Planning Hall of Fame. I will be inducted into the hall in San Antonio in November 2011. I was also listed in the Best Lawyers in America book for the sixth straight year. (Las Vegas, NV)

James Walter

Walter was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a property owner's dangerous condition of public property case in Sutter Superior Court. He is a deputy attorney general with the state AG's office. (Sacramento)

Philip Weltin

Weltin negotiated a \$1.825 million settlement for an injured plaintiff in maritime law accident case that was mediated by Jerry Spolter, '77. He is a senior partner with Weltin Streb & Weltin LLP. (Oakland, CA)

Patrick Whalen

Whalen was co-counsel for a group of state employees that won an Alameda Superior Court bench decision over Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Furlough Fridays" policy that resulted in a temporary cease and desist order against further furloughs of all employees at special-fund agencies. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Brooks Ellison. (Sacramento)

Jerry Wiese

Wiese advanced to a runoff for a seat on the Nevada Eighth Judicial District Court, losing by less than a half-percentage point to the winner of a four-person race. He is a civil litigator with Williams & Wiese. (Las Vegas, NV)

1995

**Class Representatives
Ryan J. Raftery
Christopher J. Kaeser****Robert L.S. Angres**

I continue to represent parolees before the board of parole hearings, as well as indigent criminal defendants before the state appellate courts. One of my appeals, a medical marijuana case, garnered some media attention (People v. McRet - 2009 180CA4839). I lost but the 29-page dissent gives me hope for the future. My spouse, Michele, and our 6 year-old twins are all well and thriving. (Clovis, CA)

Hubert O. Bower

Our firm specializes in representing the interests of municipalities and redevelopment agencies before the legislator, the governor's office and administrative agencies. This year, despite difficult state budget conditions, I was able to get the governor's signature on a bill to ensure funding to keep roadways clear of snow for cities and towns above the snow line. (Carmichael, CA)

Kelly C. Brown

I am running for District Attorney of White Pine County in Nevada. I am getting married to Melissa A. Faber, '08 on October 9, 2010 in Las Vegas. (Ely, NV)

Marion T. Hack

I am a new adjunct professor at Loyola Law School, teaching construction law as of spring 2010. (Los Angeles, CA)

Scott Hervey

Hervey has moved to a new Los Angeles office of Weintraub Genshlea Chediak on Wilshire Boulevard as the Sacramento law firm moves to solidify a toehold in the intellectual property, employment and entertainment markets in Southern California. Former McDermott Will & Emery shareholder Laurence Berman has joined him in that office. Hervey, who represents a variety of entertainment and media interests, including pro wrestler Hulk Hogan and various television and motion picture production companies, will split his time between the Sacramento and LA. (Los Angeles, CA)

Scott Isherwood

Isherwood was co-counsel for a defense team that received a bench decision in a Contra Costa Superior Court trial. The case involved a breach of contract specific performance issue and resulted in an award of \$858,000 in fees and costs to the defense. He is an associate in the Law Offices of Steven B. Piser. (Oakland, CA)

Kenneth Morrisette, Jr.

I relocated to Asia to work for a Swedish import and export company, responsible for social and environmental compliance in China, Bangladesh and India. (Shanghai, China)

Daniel O'Donnell

O'Donnell, as co-counsel for the state, helped California investors reach a \$1.4 billion settlement with Wells Fargo Investments in a securities fraud case heard in San Francisco Superior Court. He is a deputy attorney general with the state. (Sacramento)

Jesse Ortiz

Ortiz won a defense verdict in a Sacramento Superior Court murder trial in a case where the defendant was accused of killing the 3-year-old child of his girlfriend. He is a principal in the Law Office of Jesse S. Ortiz III. (Sacramento)

Erik S. Schimmelbursch

I recently left Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, where I was a partner, and started my own firm, Schimmelbursch Law Group. I continue to focus my practice on estate planning, estate and trust administration, business succession planning and charitable planned giving. (Lake Oswego, OR)

Beau Sterling

Sterling wrote an article, "Recent Changes in the Federal Courts," which appeared in the April 2010 issue of *Nevada Lawyer* magazine. He is a managing member of Sterling Law LLP, an appellate practice firm. (Las Vegas, NV)

Peg Toledo

Toledo has been elected to the partnership at Mennemeier, Glassman & Stroud LLP. She is also a regular contributing columnist with *The Daily Recorder*. (Sacramento)

Robert B. Wareham

I continue to volunteer my time with the Colorado Division of Emergency Management in its communication support group. I was recently appointed emergency coordinator, overseeing a team of amateur radio operators, who provide disaster response communications during declared disasters, statewide events and other emergencies. (Highlands Ranch, CO)

Richard M. Wilner

Our firm became of counsel for matters relating to immigration law to Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo. (Cerritos, CA)

1996

Class Representatives Jane Greaves Sargent Theresa A. Dunham

Scott Belden

Belden has been elected managing partner of Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball LLP. He is responsible for managing KDG's Bakersfield, Fresno and San Diego operations and continues to lead the firm's bankruptcy practice group. (Bakersfield, CA)

Darren Cottriel

Cottriel was co-counsel for a defense team that won a bench dismissal in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, for homebuilder Lennar Corporation in a fraud, negligent misrepresentation case. He is a partner at Jones Day. (Irvine, CA)

Jonathan Hobbs

Hobbs was a member of a defense team that won a dismissal of an environmental law case in which the plaintiff sought to prevent or delay the building of a shopping center. He is a shareholder with Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard. (Sacramento)

Donna Holtz

Holtz joined Weintraub Genshlea Chediak as a shareholder. A specialist in real estate and acquisition, she was previously a partner at McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Daniel Imber

Imber has started a new law firm, Imber & Bershin, LLP, where he will continue his civil litigation practice while utilizing experience gained as a deputy district attorney to practice criminal defense. (Beverly Hills, CA)

Mitchell Kaylor

Kaylor won a defense verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court in a dental malpractice case. He is a partner in the firm of Ford, Walker, Haggerty & Behar. (Long Beach, CA)

Adam I. Knowlton

I am senior vice president and general counsel for Younan Properties, Inc. (Los Angeles, CA)

Paul G. Lane

I am assistant general counsel for the Bank of America. (Woodland Hills, CA)

Janice Magdich

Magdich was a member of a defense team that won a dismissal of an environmental law case in which the plaintiff sought to prevent or delay the building of a shopping center. She is the Lodi City Attorney. (Lodi, CA)

Laura P. Moritz

In January 2010, I was married to Dr. Burt E. Moritz IV, and we are enjoying our new home together on the north shore of Oahu, Hawaii. (Haleiwa, HI)

1997

Class Representatives

**Molly J. Mrowka
Katherine J. Hart
Gary S. Winuk**

Lenore L. Albert

I have authored three legal articles which have been published. Economically Obtaining Jurors Declarations – The Gavel (OCTLA) 2010; Turn Those Judicial Admissions into Special Jury Instruction – The Gavel (OCTLA) 2008; What Plaintiff Lawyers Need to Know About the SLAPP Statutes – Advocate 2007. (Westminster, CA)

Timothy B. Balcom

I am engaged to Lindsey Phillips, '08. We are getting married on October. Ms. Phillips left the Sacramento District Attorney's Office in July to join my firm. (Roseville, CA)

Katy Breckenridge

Breckenridge completed her term as president of the Western Nevada Cutting Horse Association. She is a principal in the law firm of Kathleen T. Breckenridge Ltd. (Reno, NV)

June Coleman

Coleman has joined Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard as of counsel in its business services group. A founding partner at Ellie Coleman Poirier LaVoie & Steinheimer, she is the second vice president of the Sacramento County Bar Association. (Sacramento)

Tad Devlin

Devlin was co-counsel for a defense team that won a bench dismissal of a breach of fiduciary duty claim for a hospital in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. He is a partner with Gordon & Rees. (San Francisco, CA)

Peggy Huang

I am one of 120 remaining candidates for the California Citizen Redistricting Commission. I had my interview on August 6, 2010. (Los Angeles, CA)

Joseph Low

Low is a member of the defense team representing Dr. Conrad Murray against a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the 2009 death of singer Michael Jackson. He is a principal in the Law Office Firm of Joseph H. Low IV. (Long Beach, CA)

Jason Meyer

Meyer co-wrote an article, "Clean Up That Mess," that appears in the August 2010 issue of the *California Lawyer* magazine. He is a partner with Gordon & Rees and directs the firm's Southern California environmental and toxic tort practice group. (San Diego, CA)

Natasha Sherwood Page

Evan and I were very pleased to accept a second daughter into our family in December. We now have two daughters (10 and 11) and a son (8). Our children are birth siblings and we are blessed to all be together. I would be happy to talk about fostering/adoption, if anyone is interested. (Placerville, CA)

Wendy A. Taylor

I opened my own practice in June 1, 2009. My practice focuses on civil litigation and appeals. I am adding simple estate planning and non profit formation. I am available for contract work, and all referrals are appreciated. My little boys and I are living in the Elk Grove area. Give me a call and let's have lunch. (Sacramento)

Todd Vlaanderen

Vlaanderen is serving as the president of the Sacramento County Bar Association this year. A senior staff counsel with the Secretary of State's Office, he was featured in a profile article in the January/February issue of *Sacramento Lawyer*. (Sacramento)

1998

Class Representatives Kara L. La Bella-Parker Emily L. Randon

David Boyers

Boyers was a co-counsel for the plaintiff in a State Water Resources contamination suit against the city of Long Beach that resulted in a \$6.2 million consent judgment in Los Angeles Superior Court. He also helped the state obtain a \$1.1 million settlement and injunction against an automotive service company charged with leaking underground storage tank EPA violations. He is a senior counsel with the State Water Resources Control Board. (Sacramento)

Joseph W. Carroll

I was elected as president of the California Western Manufactured Housing Association, River City Chapter president, for a second term in November 2009. (Sacramento)

Christine Foster-Alire

I am a certified specialist in workers' compensation law. (Sacramento)

Joseph C. George Jr.

George helped secure a \$1.35 million bench decision in Sacramento County Superior Court for an adult plaintiff who was sexually abused as a child by her stepfather. He is a partner in the Law Office of Joseph C. George, PhD. (Sacramento)

Andrew Glendon

Glendon co-wrote an article, "Cancellation of Indebtedness Income and the Related Bad Debt Deduction," which appeared in the March issue of the *Communique*, the Clark County Bar Association magazine. He is a shareholder with Santoro, Driggs, Walch, Kearney, Holley & Thompson. (Las Vegas, NV)

Kara La Bella Parker

I received Masters Club Life Member achievement award from the Sacramento Association of Realtors in March 2010 and earned National Association of Realtors SFR certification (short sale and foreclosure certified). (Sacramento)

Christine H. Long

I had a great year reconnecting with McGeorge alums. (Campbell, CA)

Matthew S. McCormick

I just recently got married to Cheryl Lyon-McCormick. I successfully completed the procurement of the California Medicaid Management Information System – a \$1.6 billion contract – and defeated the protest to the award of the contract. (Elk Grove, CA)

Jennifer S. Rouse

I am enjoying my year as president of Women Lawyers of Sacramento. My husband and I had our first child, Liam, in June. It is great to visit with classmates when I get a chance. (Sacramento)

Bruce Timm

Timm joined Boutin Gibson in an "of counsel" capacity following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Douglas White

White has joined Weintraub Genshlea Chediak as an associate. A real estate, land use and environmental attorney, he was previously with the Santa Monica office of Greenberg Traurig. (Sacramento)

1999

Class Representative Kathryn M. Davis

Paul Bauer

Bauer was named a "Rising Star" by the *Northern California Super Lawyers* magazine. An insolvency law specialist, he is senior counsel for Walter & Wilhelm Law Group. (Fresno, CA)

Robert Bicego

I am enjoying life with my family. I initiated the first collaborative family law case in Siskiyou County and was elected to the City Council. I continue to serve as a volunteer firefighter and a member of several service organizations. (Yreka, CA)

Denise Brown Antoon

I have been working as a private investigator with Butler & Associates, as a "PI Mom". We have been featured on several shows such as the Today Show, View From the Bay, Fox & Friends, and Dr. Phil. It has been an exciting adventure working undercover, doing surveillance and more. I am also an adjunct professor at five universities, teaching criminal justice courses at graduate and under graduate levels. (Dublin, CA)

Nikki E. Dell'Ara

I was elected chair-elect for the business section of San Diego County Bar Association, and obtained my LL.M taxation in 2002. (Del Mar, CA)

Justin M. Gingery

Gemma Grace Gingery was born on March 17, 2010 to elated parents Justin and Louisa Gingery. (Elk Grove, CA)

Jeff Gorell

Gorell won nearly 90 percent of the vote in California's 37th Assembly District Republican primary. The Anderson Kill Wood & Bender partner is favored to win a seat in the state legislature in the general election. (Ventura, CA)

Doug Haubert

Haubert was sworn in to the office of Long Beach City Prosecutor after winning election in April. He is a partner with the Orange County law firm of Aleshire & Wynder that does civil prosecutorial work for several cities. (Long Beach, CA)

Gina Leguria

Leguria has been named the campus compliance office at California State University, Stanislaus. Serving directly under the university president, she will be independently free to conduct research, interview persons when needed, and provide legal perspectives and supervision on a broad scope of issues involving the college. (Turlock, CA)

Gregory G. Paul

I currently serve as the advocacy director for the American Diabetes Association in Pittsburgh. I am also a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, a reward for a trial and appellate victory in a racial harassment case in Louisiana. (Sewickley, PA)

Sabrina Schneweis-Coe

Schneweis-Coe has joined Downey Brand LLP in Stockton in an "of counsel" capacity. An estate planning, trust and probate specialist, she previously was a principal at Schneweis-Coe & Bakken in Lodi. (Stockton, CA)

2000

Class Representatives Samantha Tali James S. Overman

Sheila Blackford

I have worked with the OSBPLF in loss prevention since 2005. I am active in the ABA Law Practice Management Section, currently serving as a member of the LPM Council, member of the LPM Law Practice Magazine Editorial Board, and as a member of the LPM State and Local Bar Outreach Committee. I have been appointed as an adjunct instructor of the University of Oregon's School of Law to teach a law practice management courses for students wanting to set up their own office. (Marylhurst, OR)

Judith Carlson

I am a deputy attorney III at Caltrans. (Sacramento)

Eric Feller

Feller was elected president of the Sacramento County Bar Association's Administrative Law Section. He is a senior counsel for the Commission on State Mandates. (Sacramento)

John Feser

Feser won a defense verdict in a prisoner's rights medical malpractice case in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California. He is a deputy attorney general with the Office of the Attorney General. (Sacramento)

Michael Infuso

Infuso set up his own law firm, Greene Infuso LLP. He was previously named a Mountain States Rising Star litigator when he was with Rice Silbey Reuther & Sullivan. (Las Vegas, NV)

Douglas Johnson

Johnson was co-counsel for the plaintiff and negotiated a \$1.75 million settlement in an intellectual property case in U.S. District Court, Central District of California. A partner with Johnson & Johnson LLP, he also hosted a reception for the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter. (Beverly Hills, CA)

Brett Jolley

Jolley was a member of a defense team that won a dismissal of an environmental law case in which the plaintiff sought to prevent or delay the building of a shopping center. Recently named a "rising star" by *Super Lawyers* magazine, he is partner with Herum Crabtree & Brown. (Stockton, CA)

Michael Kuzmich

Kuzmich has joined Boutin Gibson Di Giusto Hodell Inc. as a shareholder following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Pauli S. Larsen

In September 2008, I went into private practice. I continue to represent injured workers before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board and specialize in child custody and dissolutions as well. (Sausalito, CA)

Mario Lovato

Lovato has opened Lovato Law Firm. His previous career includes working as an associate at Lionel Sawyer & Collins. (Las Vegas, NV)

Mark Maclear

Maclear was one of the many attorneys of record as the state obtained a \$27.7 million settlement in San Diego Superior Court against Wal-Mart for improper disposal of hazardous waste. As counsel for the California District Attorneys Association, he represented several counties in the case. (Sacramento)

Mark Posard

Posard has been named a partner at Gordon & Rees LLP in the San Francisco and Sacramento offices, where he specializes in employment law, commercial litigation, and green technology and climate change. (San Francisco, CA)

Sandeep J. Shah

I was recently recognized as a "Rising Star for 2010" by the *Super Lawyers* magazine. I got married on May 30, 2010 to my girlfriend of 4 years, Astha Ghai. She is also an attorney in Newport Beach. Our firm and practice is growing rapidly. We just hired our first associate and hope to hire another at the end of this year. (Irvine, CA)

Debra H. Stoll

The last two years have been busy, both personally and professionally. On the professional side, I completed my masters in taxation program at Golden Gate University and was named a shareholder at Chang, Ruthenberg & Long. CRL is one of the largest employee benefits/ERISA/tax focused law firms on the West Coast. On the personal side, we celebrated our daughter's wedding in St. Helena in early June. My husband, Pat Stoll, '93, left his firm a few years ago and is continuing to grow his construction law practice. Our schedules are busy, but after the wedding, we managed to fit in a rest and recovery vacation in Hawaii, which is one of our favorite spots. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Kerrie D. Webb

I am continuing to enjoy my work as an attorney, focusing on medical malpractice and personal injury cases. My partner, Angela, and I have a little boy, who just turned 3. (Sacramento)

2001

Class Representatives**Lisa V. Ryan****Rajinder Rai-Nielsen****John Barnes**

Barnes joined DLA Piper where his practice focuses on complex managed care litigation, including risk contracting. Previously, he was a partner at McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Penny Brown

Brown joined Boutin Gibson in an "of counsel" capacity following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Matthew Clark

Clark has become a partner with the law firm of Chain Cohn Stiles. Clark joined the firm in 2006 as an associate attorney in its personal injury litigation department. (Bakersfield, CA)

Claire Crowson

Crowson was promoted to senior counsel at the California Housing Finance Agency. (Sacramento)

Sharon Garske

Garske was co-chair for the plaintiff in an Alameda Superior Court property line case that resulted in a \$47,250 verdict. She is an associate with McNamara, Ney, Beatty, Slattery, Borges & Brothers LLP. (Walnut Creek, CA)

Duncan McFetridge

McFetridge has joined the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck as counsel and legislative advocate. He previously was a solo lobbyist. (Sacramento)

Sarju Naran

Naran has returned to Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel as of counsel in its employment law group and will be based in the firm's Silicon Valley office. After spending the first five years of his practice with Hoge Fenton, he was an associate at Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP in Palo Alto for four years. (San Jose, CA)

Shannon Nordstrom

Nordstrom has been named a partner with Lipson, Neilson, Cole, Seltzer & Garin. She practices in the firm's litigation department in the areas of professional liability defense, complex commercial litigation, and employment defense. (Las Vegas, NV)

Emma Suarez Pawlicki

I was a panelist at a major MCLE program on California water law and policy in April in San Francisco. (Redding, CA)

Jeanne M. Sibert

After eight amazing years at the Franchise Tax Board, I have returned to my passion - motivating individuals, families, and small businesses, to take control of their surroundings and achieve their goals, from creating a monthly family budget to transforming an office into a success center. To celebrate this move, my mom and I have established Jeanne M. Sibert & MaryAnne Sullivan, LLC. For more info, please visit our blogs and website at www.HowToClean.com, www.ClearPathHomekeeping.com, www.SimplifyAt65.com and www.HomeEcWithJeanne.com. (Sacramento)

Matthew R. Stall

I was recently able to help my client, a single mother and school teacher, obtain recovery from her insurance company, Farmers Insurance, after her home in the Richmond area sustained a devastating fire. Fire Insurance Exchange initially denied coverage completely. I successfully forced them to pay for the damages to fix my client's home (and relocation) that they initially refused to pay. Then I sued for bad faith and obtained a recovery of \$225,000 for my client. (Oakland, CA)

Brian Taylor

Taylor has joined DLA Piper. He advises hospitals, health systems, medical foundations, IPAs and physician groups on a variety of business and litigation issues. Previously, he was a partner at McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

David Wilgus

Wilgus was co-counsel for a defense team that won a bench verdict in Sonoma County Superior Court in a two-month, unfair competition trial. He is an associate with Burnham Brown. (Oakland, CA)

2002

Class Representatives

Lan Li

Andre Batson

Tyrus Cobb

Cobb lost his bid for a Nevada State Senate seat in Washoe District 4. He is a current member of the Nevada State Assembly. (Reno, NV)

Danesha Galbreith Nichols

I continue to work at UC Davis in employee and labor relations, where I represent the university in arbitration. My family is doing well. My husband and I celebrate our 7th anniversary in August. We have four children; a 4-year old and 2-year old triplets. (Sacramento)

Scott Hoffman

Hoffman has been named a partner at Lewis & Roca LLP. He is a member of the firm's commercial litigation, construction, labor and employment, and pharmaceutical and medical device practice groups. (Reno, NV)

Kelley S. Kern

My husband and I celebrated the birth of our second daughter in October 2009. (Sacramento)

Kelley Lincoln

Lincoln joined Boutin Gibson in an "of counsel" capacity following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Erin Riley

Riley joined Boutin Gibson in an "of counsel" capacity following the breakup of McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Rodney C. Waterbury

I joined Placer Summit Financial Group LLC, an independent investment and financial advisory firm in Roseville, in October 2009. In 2010, I became a member of the Sacramento Estate Planning Council. (Roseville, CA)

2003

Class Representatives

Kristin A. Odom

Shawn M. Krogh

Kristen Arah Koo

Arah Koo spoke on "Preparing the Bankruptcy Paperwork," at the Sacramento Valley Bankruptcy Forum's conference. She is a staff attorney for a Chapter 13 Trustee. (Sacramento)

Rebecca Armstrong

Armstrong was promoted to senior deputy attorney general by the California state Office of the Attorney General. (Sacramento)

Angelique Ashby

Ashby defeated a three-term incumbent, 51-41 percent, to win the District 1 seat on the Sacramento City Council. She is a co-founder of The Ashby Consulting Group LLC, which advises on child welfare, foster care, and adoption matters. (Sacramento)

W. Scott Cameron

Cameron wrote a column, "What Does 'Copyright Registration' Mean, And Why Does It Matter?" which appeared in *The Daily Recorder*. He is an associate with Weintraub Genshlea Chediak. (Sacramento)

Krista Dunzweiler

Dunzweiler was co-counsel for a defense team that won a jury verdict in a Kern Superior Court trial in which the plaintiff charged retaliation and wrongful termination while demanding \$1 million in damages. She is an associate with Bullivant Houser & Bailey PC. (Sacramento)

Sarah Farhat

Farhat was promoted to senior deputy attorney general by the California state Office of the Attorney General. (Los Angeles, CA)

Lindsay S. Harrington

In April 2010, I welcomed my first child, Elizabeth Charlotte. I obtained a defense verdict, in a matter involving a property dispute, on behalf of a client in Placer County in February 2010. (West Sacramento, CA)

Kristy G. Hernandez

Hernandez opened her third California law office location. A debt settlement specialist who has filed hundreds of successful bankruptcy cases in recent years, she operates the Law Office of Kristy Hernandez. (Orangevale, CA)

James W. Mallonee

I opened a second office at 458 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229. (Osprey, FL)

Mhare Mouradian

My wife, Talin, and I are the proud parents of twin girls, Alexie Isabelli and Milla Carla Mouradian, who were born on November 25, 2009. I recently joined Enterprise Counsel Group, a premier business litigation firm after being named among the top attorneys, 40 years old or younger or practicing law for 10 years or less, in the "rising stars" section of the *Southern California Super Lawyers* magazine. (Irvine, CA)

Edward Randolph

Randolph has been appointed director of the office of governmental affairs and senior policy adviser for the California Public Utilities Commission by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Since 2003, he has served as chief consultant for the Assembly Utilities Commerce Committee. (Sacramento)

2004

Class Representatives

Carolyn Kubish

Ryan E. Fillmore

Brian Azemika

Azemika was co-counsel for the plaintiff in a Los Angeles Superior Court minor auto accident case that settled for \$27,813. He is an associate with Stawicki and Maples. (Sacramento)

Amanda N. Bailey

I am expecting my third child in January 2011. (Walnut Creek, CA)

Monrae English

English won a \$33,153 verdict for a victim of a car wash accident in Fresno Superior Court. She is an associate with Wild, Carter & Tipton. (Fresno, CA)

Justin M. Franklin

In April 2008, I was married to Stacey Moreno. After four years with the Yuma County Public Defender's Office in Yuma, Arizona, I am moving to Phoenix to join the Municipal County Legal Defender's Office. (Phoenix, AZ)

Lori A. Hunt

I was made a partner at Gaw Van Male Smith Meyers & Reynolds this year. (Napa, CA)

Aaron S. Ralph

After working in Germany for the U.A. Army JAG Corps for four years, my wife and I moved to Virginia last year so I could work at the Pentagon. We celebrated the birth of our first child, Amelia Grace, on February 26, 2010. (Arlington, VA)

Casie M. Roussas

My husband, John Roussas, '03, and I will welcome the birth of our second child in October 2010. Our daughter, Sophia, will be the proud sister to a baby brother. John has been named as a rising star by Northern California Super Lawyers two years in a row. (Granite Bay, CA)

Rochelle Swanson

Swanson was sworn-in as a member of the Davis City Council after winning election to the office in June. She is the owner of RHS Consulting, which provides a range of contracting and consulting for land use entitlements. (Davis, CA)

Allison Wenograd

Wenograd has been promoted to vice president, members services, at the American Road & Transportation Builders Association. Prior to joining the organization, she was an in-house counsel for Watsonville-based Granite Construction. (Washington, DC)

Claire M. Yazigi

I am staff counsel at the California Department of Consumer Affairs where I represent the California physical therapy board, the physician assistant committee and the bureau of electronic and appliance repair, home furnishings and insulation. (Carmichael, CA)

2005

Class Representatives

Sarah M. Lightbody
Michal Meciar

David Boehrer

Boehrer negotiated a \$100,000 settlement in Clark County District Court for a plaintiff injured by a falling garage door. He is an associate with the Richard Harris Law Firm. (Las Vegas, NV)

Trenton M. Diehl

The law firm of Mullen, Sullivan & Newton, which was established in 1940, recently underwent a re-organization. It's now Snider, Diehl & Rasmussen LLP, named after its current partners Stephen C. Snider, '81, Craig Rasmussen, '78, and me. The firm continues to serve clients throughout the state. (Lodi, CA)

Van Irion

Irion finished fourth among a field of 11 candidates in the race for the Republican nomination in Tennessee's 3rd Congressional District. He is a patent and constitutional law attorney. (Knoxville TN)

Kimberly Lewellen

Lewellen has joined Downey Brand LLP as an associate in its family law practice. Previously, she was an associate with Ellis, Coleman, Poirier, LaVoie & Steinheimer. She is a board member and past president of the Sacramento Law Foundation. (Sacramento)

Reuben L. Nocos

I recently opened Nocos & Kudiya LLP with partner Najeeb Kudiya. We are currently involved in mortgage and real estate litigation, as well as consumer protection and bankruptcy. (Sunnyvale, CA)

Chris Oswald

I have accepted a new position with Reed Elsevier Inc. as director of State Government Affairs, Western Region. He was previously with the Mortgage Bankers Association. (Washington, DC)

Ryan Seeley

Seeley has joined the California Department of Housing & Community Development as a staff counsel. (Sacramento)

Theresa Stein

Stein has joined the state Department of Health Care Services as a staff counsel. (Sacramento)

Heidi M. Timmons

My husband and I enjoy seeing the sights on the East Coast, especially Washington D.C. and New York City. I am writing my first novel. (Martinsburg, WV)

Laurie A. Wong

I have relocated from Sacramento to Honolulu where I practice commercial litigation as an associate at the law firm of Bays Deaver Lung Rose & Holma. On February 15, 2009, my family and I welcomed the birth of my son, Gavin Philip. (Kailua, HI)

2006

Class Representatives

Richard N. Asfar
Channone Marie Smith

Alison Boutillier

I am deputy district attorney for Sutter County. (Sacramento)

Christy M. Carlisle

My solo practice has grown into a professional corporation with a two-attorney staff. The firm has expanded its areas of practice to include bankruptcy and criminal defense, with an emphasis on DUI defense. I continue to focus primarily on family law and have been appointed as a special advocate for abused children in Placer County. (Roseville, CA)

Meredith Felde

Felde joined E Trade Financial as an in-house counsel in Roseville. She was previously with McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Craig Henderson

Henderson wrote an article, "Ethics and Social Networking," which appeared in the May 2010 issue of the *Communique*, the magazine of the Clark County Bar Association. He is an associate with Bailey Kennedy LLP. (Las Vegas, NV)

Matthew R. Silver

I am an associate at Best Best & Krieger. (Irvine, CA)

Channone Smith Sheller

My husband, Eric Sheller, and I welcomed our son, Noah Andrew, into the world on February 3, 2010. (Visalia, CA)

Catherine Wheeler Koss

I recently married Adam Koss, '06. He is a professional liability defense associate with Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney in San Francisco. I am an associate with Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP in San Francisco and practice in the areas of employment and general liability defense. I successfully defended appeals to the Ninth Circuit, including my latest appellate case, *Burke v. County of Alameda*, 586 F.3d 725 (9th Cir. 2009). (San Francisco, CA)

2007

Class Representatives

Amyann Rupp
Michelle Laidlaw

Jessica L. Koster

I was hired by Green & Hall through the on-campus interviewing process in spring 2007. I just celebrated my three-year work anniversary and couldn't be happier. Green & Hall is a rapidly growing young law firm that I am proud to be a part of. I was recently married, and my husband and I are expecting our first child on February 15, 2011. (Roseville, CA)

Nikki Mozdyniewicz

I am proud to announce the birth of my daughter, Alexis Viktoria Mozdyniewicz-Kebelis, on February 15, 2010 (8lb.14oz – 20.75 inches). (Sacramento)

David B. Nitka

I partnered with McGeorge alums John Ramirez, '99, and Richard Alpers, '07, to form Ramirez, Alpers & Nitka LLP. The partnership officially began operations in August. The firm offers litigation support in personal injury, industrial accidents, workers' compensation, employment law, wage and hour claims, and criminal defense matters. The firm is focusing primarily on representing individuals. I am in charge of the workers' compensation and industrial accidents division of the firm and also active in personal injury and labor dispute litigation. The firm is looking to develop a strong referral network in Southern California among McGeorge alumni. I am still active in endurance competitions, including triathlons and running events. (Hermosa Beach, CA)

Christopher Powell

Powell has joined Downey Brand LLP as an associate in the firm's land use and mining practice. He was previously with Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden. (Sacramento)

Garrett R. Rogers

I joined Songstad & Randall LLP as a real estate litigation associate in January 2010. (Corona Del Mar, CA)

Kerry St. Clair Doyle

Doyle has joined McDonald Carano Wilson LLP as an associate. Previously, she served as a deputy attorney general for the Nevada Attorney General, Bureau of Public Affairs, Public Safety Division. (Reno, NV)

Brian Sudano

Sudano was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a \$1.5 million verdict in Yolo County Superior Court in a case involving a 2004 automobile/tractor-trailer accident on I-505 in Woodland. It is one of the largest personal-injury verdicts ever in that county. He is a principal in the Sudano Law Firm. (Walnut Creek, CA)

Keith Van Wagner

Van Wagner has joined Nossaman LLP in Sacramento as an associate in the firm's public finance and infrastructure practices. He was previously with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth where he advised public agency clients on energy and finance matters. (Sacramento)

Christian Wellisch

Wellisch has retired from the UFC to devote full-time to his law practice, which includes contractual work for mixed-martial arts fighters. (Campbell, CA)

Grant Winter

Grant Winter has joined Ellis LaVoie Poirier & McGee LLP as an associate where his practice will focus on litigation in matters of commercial and consumer law.

2008

Class Representatives

Kimberly L. Kakavas

John P. Oglesby

Marshall Cook

Cook has joined California Rangeland Trust in Sacramento as in-house counsel. He was previously with McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Melissa A. Faber

I am getting married to Kelly C. Brown, '95, on October 9, 2010 in Las Vegas. (Ely, NV)

David C. Garner

Since January 2010, I have been an adjunct professor at Butte College. (Gridley, CA)

Ognian Gavrilov

Gavrilov was appointed to the city of Sacramento's Small Business Development & Employment Advisory Board. He is also the principal of Gavrilov Law Corporation and vice-president and general counsel of the Slavic-American Chamber of Commerce. (Sacramento)

Amanda Gimbel

Gimbel was named Barrister of the Month by the Barristers' Club of the Sacramento County Bar Association. An associate with Palmer Kazanjian Wohl Hodson LLP, she is the media chair of the young lawyers' group. (Sacramento)

Sarah E. Hendrickson

My husband recently began his job as assistant vice president, trial counsel for Fidelity National Title. I recently began working as a deputy public defender in Santa Barbara. We just celebrated our seventh wedding anniversary. (Foothill Ranch, CA)

Luke A. Homen

I just finished a four-day bench trial for breach of contract. A decision is expected in October 2010. (Redwood City, CA)

Twa' Lea Jordan

Twa' Lea Jordan had a hand in drafting legislation (AB 2426), which assures that non-attorney surrogacy facilitators direct their client to place unearned funds into trust or bonded escrow accounts. The bill by Assembly member Steven Bradford was recently signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She is a principal in The Center for Family Foundation – The Law Offices of Twa'Lea Jordan. (Sacramento)

Patrick Kolasinski

Kolasinski has established a new practice. The Law Office of Patrick Kolasinski assists clients in Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Merced, and Sacramento counties on matters of bankruptcy, immigration, and historic preservation. (Modesto, CA)

Donald J. Miller

I am now general counsel for the American Region of Conergy AG, a German solar company. (Vacaville, CA)

Laura E. Murray

I gave birth to my son, Duncan Reginald Murray (aka Reggie) at home on April 10, 2010. My first child, Violet Claire Murray, was also born at home, during law school, on November 12, 2005. From 2008 to 2009, I practiced property rights litigation under Ronald Zumbrun. I now practice from home, and I advocate for homebirth and midwifery as well. (Sacramento)

Veronica Philipp

Philipp has joined Muro & Lampe as an associate. The firm specializes in civil trial practice, with an emphasis on professional negligence, personal injury and construction litigation. (Folsom, CA)

Jennifer Plescia

Plescia has joined the Legal Division of the California State Teachers' Retirement System as staff counsel. (Sacramento)

Will Ramey

Ramey has joined the Morris Law Group as an associate. He specializes in family law, predatory lending, personal and business bankruptcies and creditor negotiations. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Ben Reynolds

Reynolds has joined Gavrilov Law Corporation where he will handle bankruptcy and civil litigation matters. Previously, he was an associate at Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld LLP. (Sacramento)

Virginia G. Rogers

On November 6, 2010, I will be marrying Jason Cale, '06, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. I am currently in my second year with Goodman & Associates, practicing civil litigation. Jason is currently practicing family law with a local solo practitioner. Since graduating, Jason and I have proudly adopted Kitty and Max (a Pomeranian). (Sacramento)

Carsen P. Smith

I am pleased to announce the opening of Gold River Family Law, a 100-percent litigation firm practicing in the areas of divorce, child custody, juvenile dependency defense and adoption.. (Rancho Cordova, CA)

2009

Class Representatives

Sandeep S. Vishwa

Andrew O. Meditz

Chad T. Bacchus

I am tax counsel for the State Board of Equalization. (Sacramento)

Isaac Bacher

Bacher has joined Muro & Lampe as an associate. The firm specializes in civil trial practice, with an emphasis on professional negligence, personal injury and construction litigation. (Folsom, CA)

Regina Cabral Jones

In April 2010, I joined DLA Piper's Sacramento office, in the litigation practice group, where I work to help build DLA's national healthcare practice. (Davis, CA)

Miranda R. Carroll

I am the assistant deputy appointments secretary, for the Office of the Governor. (Sacramento)

Samson Elsbernd

Elsbernd was appointed to a term on the board of the California Young Lawyers Association, which is a wing of the State Bar of California. He is an associate with Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney. (Sacramento)

Jake Fathy

Fathy has joined Anderson & Kriger in its Sacramento office as an associate. His practice will focus on construction defect and real estate transaction issues. (Sacramento)

R. Matthew Feller

I welcomed the birth of my son, Jesse Rex Feller, on May 21, 2009. My daughter, Audrey Jo Feller, is now 3 years old. I started a firm in August 2009 and have more than 200 active clients. I have facilitated a six-figure settlement, argued many civil dispute/commercial litigation cases, conducted three bench trials and am currently representing multi-million dollar corporations. (Kaysville, UT)

Lindsey Heaton

Lindsey has joined Ellis LaVoie Poirier & McGee LLP as an associate where her practice will focus on business, commercial and intellectual property law. She is a registered patent agent with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. (Sacramento)

Audrey Kelm

I have joined The Law Office of David A. Martin & Associates as an associate attorney. I will be practicing primarily family law with lead attorney David Martin, '95, and their associate, Craig Weaver. This is a great opportunity and I am looking forward to building a solid client base. (Sacramento)

Christopher Moenig

Moenig has joined the Sacramento office of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC as a member of its commercial litigation and intellectual property practice groups. (Sacramento)

Omid Shabani

I am an associate attorney at Roni Deutch. (Sacramento)

Ashley Wisniewski

Wisniewski joined Porter Scott as an associate where her practice will focus on entity liability. (Sacramento)

Jacqueline Zee

Zee has joined Porter Scott as an associate in its health care law practice. (Sacramento)

LL.M. TAXATION

Plauche Villere '91

Villere was elected president and vice president, respectively, of the St. Thomas More Society, Sacramento. He is an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration. (Sacramento)

Scott G. Beattie '97

Beattie answered calls regarding estate planning, wills and trust law, and property tax issues at a telethon sponsored by the Stockton Record. He is a partner at Calone Law Group LLP. (Stockton, CA)

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James Reinhart '93

Reinhart has joined the firm of Davis Wright Trumaine in its real estate practice group. He is a former corporate counsel for First American Title and Chicago Title. (Portland, OR)

Richard Wilner '96

Wilner wrote an article, "The Buyer's Market: Investment-Based Immigration for Employers," which appeared in the *Asian Journal*. A former commissioner for the State Bar's Immigration and Nationality Law Advisory Commission, he is a principal in the firm of Wilner & O'Reilly APLC. (Cerritos, CA)

Volodymyr Sayenko '97

Sayenko was named one of the top 10 lawyers in the Ukraine in a poll of his peers by the *Kyiv Post*. A principal at Sayenko Kharenko, he was cited for his work in the fields of mergers and acquisition, and corporate law. (Kiev, Ukraine)

IN MEMORIAM

The University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law expresses sympathy to the families and friends of the following law school alumni:

Paul L. Ross Jr., '37

Ross died on June 14, 2010, at the age of 97 in Bellingham, Washington. He was a retired staff counsel for the California State Controller's Office, Inheritance & Gift Tax Division, who lived in Lynden, Washington. A former Nevada City resident, he attended evening classes at McGeorge as he began his 42-year career with the state. He also served as an officer in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Frank Dillon, '50

Dillon died on September 24, 2010, at the age of 88 in Sacramento. An active member of the State Bar of California for nearly 50 years, he was a principal in the Law Office of Francis B. Dillon in downtown Sacramento. A past member of the McGeorge Alumni Association, he was a longtime benefactor of the law school and involved in numerous events on campus over the years.

Robert G. Harvey, '50

Harvey died on June 11, 2010, at the age of 91 from congestive heart failure in Palo Alto. He was a tax counsel for more than 30 years with the state Office of the Controller and the head of that agency's Inheritance and Gift Tax Department in Sacramento before its closure. In his retirement, he lived in Arizona and the south Bay Area.

Joel Pegg, '63

Pegg died on August 1, 2010, at the age of 75 of cancer in Sacramento. A former pro baseball player and U.S. Army veteran, he was a trial attorney and practiced banking law for 27 years in Sacramento until his retirement in 1992. He is survived by his wife, Faye, two daughters and a son, Grant Pegg, '89, who is also a law school alumnus.

Norman Roberts, '63

Roberts died on June 12, 2010, at the age of 92 in Menomonie, Wisconsin. The former El Dorado Hills resident practiced personal injury and workers' comp law for 20 years with two firms, Roberts & Perdue and Staiger, Santana, Yank, Molinelli & Preston, in Sacramento before retiring in 1985.

Pete Donoghue, '71

Donoghue died on August 19, 2010, at the age of 66 in Sacramento. He was a workers' compensation law and personal injury solo practitioner for 25 years in downtown Sacramento after starting his career with the Crow Law Firm.

Jeffrey E. Tuttle, '76

Tuttle died on April 18, 2010, at the age of 59 of a heart attack in San Andreas, California. He served as Calaveras County District Attorney for 10 years and was running unopposed for another term in the June election. He had previously served as Calaveras County counsel, assistant DA, and contract public defender.

Alexis Foote-Jones, '77

Foote-Jones died on March 5, 2010, at the age of 68 in Anchorage, Alaska. She practiced family law for more than three decades in Anchorage.

Vince Consul, '80

Consul died on July 1, 2010, at the age of 57 while jogging in Las Vegas, Nevada. He began his career as a prosecutor in the Clark County District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office then spent 20 years in private practice with Beckley Singleton DeLanoy & List. He later formed Dickerson Dickerson Lieberman & Consul. In 2005, he became a partner with the national firm of Boies Schiller & Flexner. Active in numerous community and national legal organizations, he served four terms on the board of governors for the State Bar of Nevada and was its president in 2005-06.

Susanne M. Shelley, '80

Shelley died on September 23, 2010, at the age of 82 in Sacramento. A former teacher, she practiced law with Johnson Schlacter & Lewis and was the chief legal counsel for the Los Rios Community College District until her retirement in 1993. She also served as a judge pro tem in small claims court.

John K. Springmeyer, '80

Springmeyer died on April 10, 2010, at the age of 59 of esophageal cancer in Carson City, Nevada. He practiced law for many years in Carson City, later joining Reiser & Associates Insurance.

Carol Bremer Simon, '81

Bremer Simon died on July 18, 2010, at the age of 58 at a hospital in Torrance. A long-time family law attorney in Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach, she was active in the local PTA and a summer camp for children.

Robert J. Burke, '82

Burke died on May 24, 2010, at the age of 61 in Briceland, California. A native of Pennsylvania, who was active in the Humboldt County Bar Association and community, he operated a law office in Redway for 25 years where he assisted many local residents with their legal needs, especially with medical and Social Security matters.

Kaye Krumenacker, '82

Krumenacker died on April 3, 2010, of lymphoma at the age of 60 in El Dorado Hills. She began her legal career as a prosecutor in the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, later serving as a senior staff counsel for the DMV in Sacramento for 19 years.

Bernard McMonigle, '85

McMonigle died on September 4, 2010, at the age of 62 in Sacramento. He had served as the chief administrative law judge for the Public Employment Relations Board since 2007. Previously, he was counsel for the California Labor Relations Board and a senior regional attorney for the PERB Office of General Counsel.

Robert E. Patterson, '86

Patterson died at the age of 55 on September 1, 2009, in San Francisco. He practiced civil litigation and personal injury law for more than two decades in the Bay Area.

Allison Smith Irle, '94

Irle died on March 28, 2010, at the age of 52 in Carmichael. An Order of the Coif graduate of the Evening Division, she practiced insurance law and workers' comp law for 15 years. The Rancho Murieta resident also served as an expert witness in the area of insurance law. She is survived by her husband, Wesley Irle, '93.

Alyssa C. Joyce, '98

Joyce died on March 15, 2009, at the age of 38 of complications from a brain aneurysm in San Diego. She practiced estate planning law with the Law Office of Nancy Kaupp Ewin in La Mesa.

Gabriele Alger-Greulich, LL.M. '85

Alger-Greulich died on July 13, 2009, at the age of 53 in Fresno. The wife of Matthew Alger, '87, she was a partner in the Clovis law firm of Alger & Alger. She was also a Fresno Superior Court ADR-approved mediator.

Legal Studies Opening Only Months Away



The new Legal Studies Center, which will house the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library, is set for completion

in early June. The \$10 million building expansion and renovation represents the largest construction project ever undertaken on Pacific McGeorge's 13-acre Oak Park campus. These renderings from Pfau Long Architecture give a glimpse of the new look and feel that this crown jewel will bring to the law school.

Calendar of Events

For details on these and other events, please see the Alumni and News & Events sections on the Pacific McGeorge website www.mcgeorge.edu or call 916.739.7141

October 1, 2010

33rd Annual Women's Caucus Wine Tasting & Silent Auction
California Museum, Sacramento

October 13, 2010

Capital Center for Public Law & Policy Witkin Schaber Lecture
The Sutter Club, Sacramento

October 20, 2010

Sacramento Alumni Chapter Reception
Il Fornaio, Sacramento

October 29, 2010

LGBT Alumni Reception
San Francisco

October 30, 2010

Alumni Association Bay Area MCLE
University of the Pacific, Dugoni School of Dentistry, San Francisco

November 15, 2010

New York Alumni Chapter Reception
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP, New York City

November 18, 2010

University of the Pacific Three-Campus Young Alumni Reception
Pacific McGeorge

November 30, 2010

Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter Reception
The America Restaurant, Washington D.C.

December 1, 2010

State Bar of California Swearing-In Ceremony
Pacific McGeorge

December 8, 2010

Fresno Alumni Chapter Reception
The Elbow Room, Fresno

December 10, 2010

Hawaii Alumni Reception
Honolulu, Hawaii

January 22, 2011

Alumni Association's Southern California MCLE
The Grand, Long Beach

January 29, 2011

Alumni Association's Sacramento MCLE
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