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**October 13, 2004**

**High Tea at the U.S. Supreme Court**

Washington, D.C.

**October 16, 2004**

**80th Anniversary/All-Alumni Reunion  
with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy**

Pacific/McGeorge

**October 23, 2004**

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on Tribal Lands and Gaming Venues in California**

Pacific/McGeorge

**November 5, 2004**

**International Financial Services Symposium**

Pacific/McGeorge

**November 12, 2004**

**California Water Rights Law Symposium**

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**Association of American Law Schools Breakfast**

San Francisco

**January 6, 2005**

**Association of American Law Schools Breakfast**

San Francisco

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The Queen Mary, Long Beach

**January 29, 2005**

**Alumni Association's Sacramento MCLE**

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**February 20 – 21, 2005**

**24th Annual International Law Symposium**

Pacific/McGeorge

**June 20, 2005**

**U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony**

Washington, D.C.

# Message from The Dean

**N**ow, more than ever, as our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events move into full swing, serving as Pacific/McGeorge's dean is a wonderful challenge. I think you'll understand why as you read this edition of *Pacific Law*. Just keeping track of the activities—past, present and future—of our community of students, faculty, and alumni is a daunting task. And describing the excitement in just a few words here is a problem that defies solution!

If you're reading this column at our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on October 16—or have recently visited the campus—you probably know what I mean. Frankly, words can't do justice to the excitement and energy this anniversary, and all that is going on at Pacific/McGeorge, is generating. So, if you haven't visited recently, I hope you'll do so soon. You will find a truly beautiful campus and a faculty and students actively engaged in legal education and scholarship that are making a difference here in Sacramento, around the state, the nation—and the world.

Better yet, think about planning a visit when classes are in session so that you'll have the chance to (re)experience legal education at its best. Even a few minutes with one of our "master teachers" will raise inviting thoughts about returning to law school. If you're like me, you're likely to be left with the thought, "I wish today's Pacific/McGeorge had existed when I went to law school!"

But whenever you visit, you'll see four recently remodeled classrooms, as well as our Wall of Judicial Honor just renamed in honor of Justice Kennedy, in recognition of his 40 years of teaching at Pacific/McGeorge—our longest-serving, active faculty member.

Other changes are underway, as well. As one example, visit the library and you'll see designs for our planned renovation displayed. This remodel is long overdue and something our students badly need. As you may remember, many students spend most of their waking hours there. They deserve a study

and research environment that helps, not hinders, them in their work.

Less visible but every bit as important is a new range of programmatic initiatives, from a remarkable new summer school program in China to the all-new Career Development Office. And we're doing more to reach out to alumni and members of the bench and bar. To the *cognoscenti*, Pacific/McGeorge graduates are the best prepared of any law students anywhere, ready to assume their role as well-prepared and ethical members of our profession. I want the world to know about this reputation—the reason behind our dramatically enhanced communications efforts. Finally, I want to be sure that we are doing what we say. This is why we are beginning an outreach effort to members of the bench and bar asking this question: is Pacific/McGeorge maintaining its reputation for graduating the best-prepared legal practitioners? So far, I'm proud to say, the answer has been a resounding "yes!" And I intend to keep it that way.

80 years of success, with another 80 coming into focus. The hard work, commitment and vision that are the foundation of your law school's success are the same elements that will build its future. Your continued guidance and support will be essential—I rely on your input. And, at this time of celebration, I thank you for your relationship with Pacific/McGeorge, and for the role you will play in building its future.

Regards,

**Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker**

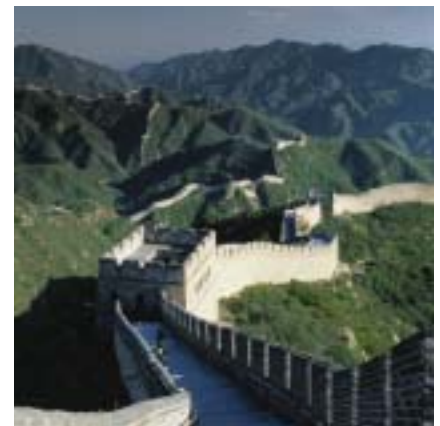


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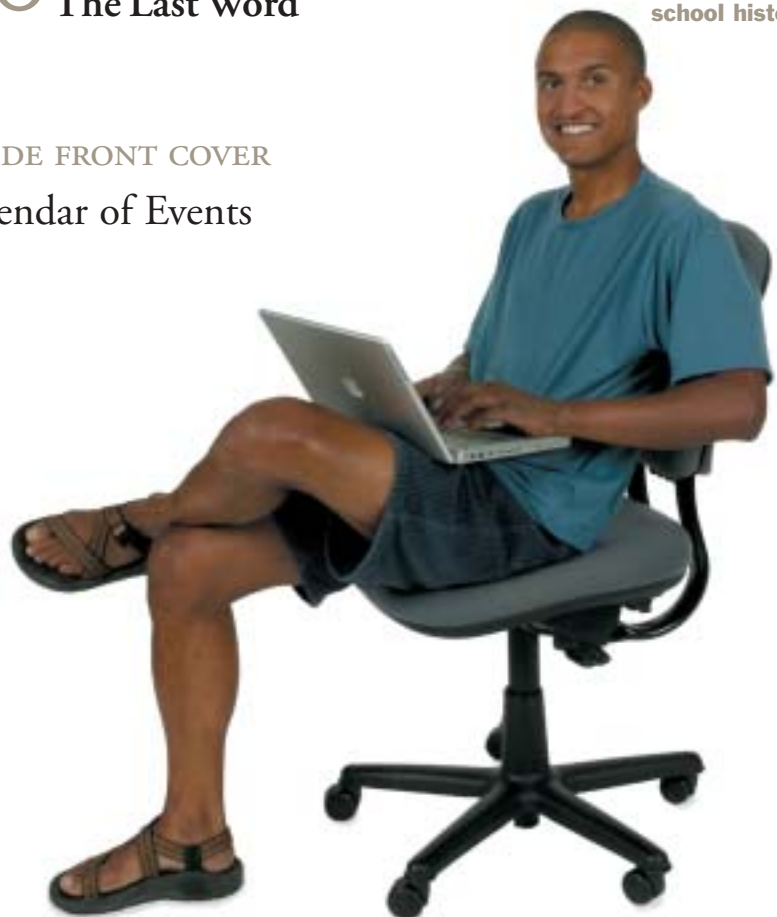
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# Eighty for 80

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1924  
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- Robert Dams
- Donald V. DeLoach
- Glenn Fait
- Clark Kelso
- V. J. Adams
- Adrian McGeorge
- Ann Bell
- Elizabeth F. Fildes
- Gordon S. Haber
- Gary Schaefer
- John H. Swain
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- Loren Dahl
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- Judge Sherrill Halbert
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- Alice J. Murray
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- Jim Adams
- Tom Coyne
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- Dan Angus
- Irving ...
- John ...
- Raymond ...
- Loren ...
- Max ...
- Sam ...
- Archie ...
- The ...
- Angelo ...
- B. ...
- Mark ...
- R. ...
- Earl ...
- John ...
- Richard ...
- Bill ...
- Patricia ...
- Deborah ...
- David ...
- Thomas ...
- Sam ...
- Fern ...
- H. Craig ...
- Hayne Moyer
- Carol ...
- Glee Scully

As part of Pacific/McGeorge's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the law school salutes all of our nearly 11,000 alumni and recognizes the many individuals who have helped build the school into an internationally known center of legal education. Pacific/McGeorge has many stars in its galaxy, alums and non-alums who helped shape the law school. We've selected 80 individuals among the thousands whose accomplishments reflect glory on the institution. They are builders, pioneers, educators and benefactors. They are attorneys, jurists, elected officials and prominent citizens in their communities.

Picking only 80 is no mean task. In selecting 80 names, we leaned toward longevity of service in some categories, influence and effect of contributions in others. Our leading practitioners, a list that proved the most difficult to narrow, is weighted heavily toward trial lawyers.

Without a doubt, hundreds of alums and non-alums merit inclusion in this listing. With apologies to all the other deserving men and women who have contributed significantly to Pacific/McGeorge during eight decades, here are "Eighty for 80."

# The Builders

Judge Peter J. Shields

Judge Peter Shields was one of the most influential figures in the history of California higher education and he played a key role in keeping McGeorge alive as a law school in its early days.

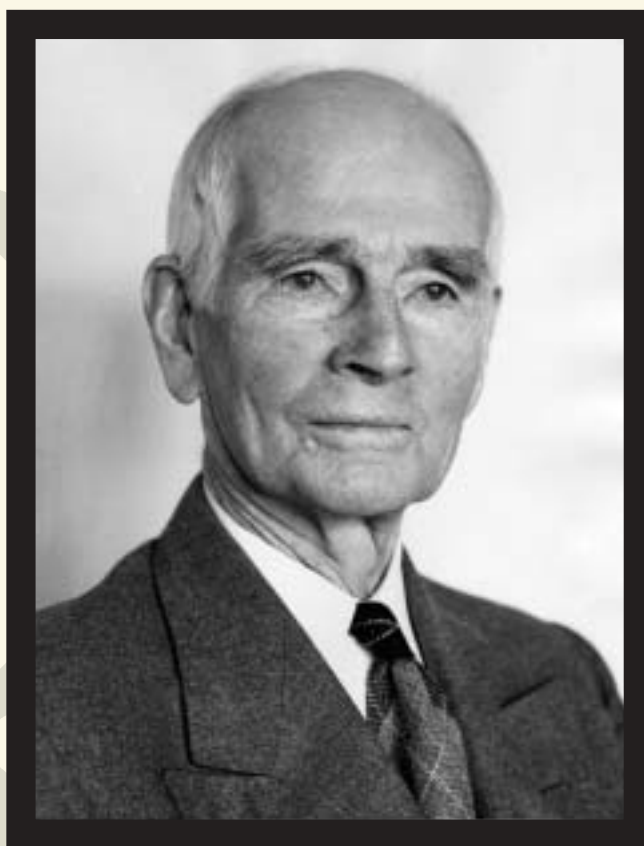
Shields, who was born in 1862 and lived to be 100, is best known as the father of the University of California, Davis. One of seven children born to a pioneer family in Hangtown Crossing (present-day Rancho Cordova), Shields had a life-long interest in agriculture. As secretary of the State Agricultural Society and law partner to Hiram Johnson (future governor and U.S. senator), he pushed for a University Farm in Davis that opened in 1909 with 40 students from UC Berkeley. Today the library at the 30,000-student university bears his name.

Shields studied law by reading for three years in the courtroom chambers of a local judge. At the age of 38, he was elected to the Sacramento County Superior Court and he served on the bench a record 57 years.

Sacramento was a small town in 1923 when Verne Adrian McGeorge began teaching law classes. One of the first people McGeorge brought on board when he founded the Sacramento College of Law in 1924 was Judge Shields. The latter ended up serving as the law school's Board of Trustees president from 1925-1962. Shields gave the commencement speaker at the law school's graduation ceremony in 1925 and he reprised that role in 1929, 1931, 1932 and 1938.

Shields brought credibility to McGeorge. His leadership enabled the tiny law school to survive the death of its founder, the Depression, World War II and the untimely death of Dean John Harold Swan in 1957. In each crisis, Judge Shields' decisions helped McGeorge College of Law survive and move forward. He was the kingmaker who sought out a succession of Sacramento County Bar and state bar of leaders and talked them into becoming dean of the little-known school. He was the one who pushed to have a young lawyer, Gordon Schaber, named dean in 1957. That decision set in motion the law school's move toward accreditation from the State Bar, merger with the University of Pacific and ABA accreditation.

Shields was remarkably active in his 80's and 90's. He was one of the law school's first honorary doctorate recipients in 1949. Almost until his death in 1962, there were two annual events he never missed—Jersey Day at the State Fair and the McGeorge College of Law commencement.



## The Builders

Robert E. Burns	President, University of the Pacific, 1946-71
Donald V. DeRosa	President, University of the Pacific, 1995-
Glenn A. Fait, 1971D	Director, Institute for Administrative Justice
J. Clark Kelso	Director, Capital Center for Government Law & Policy
Verne Adrian McGeorge	Founder, Sacramento College of Law
Annabelle McGeorge	Registrar, McGeorge College of Law, 1924-1959
Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker	Dean, Pacific/McGeorge, 2002-
Gordon D. Schaber	Dean, Pacific/McGeorge, 1957-1991
Gary V. Schaber	Associate Dean for Administration, 1957-1981
Judge Peter J. Shields	Chairman, Board of Trustees, 1924-1961

# The Pioneers

Rosalie Asher '40

The Death Penalty case of the “Red Light Bandit” was the most notorious of its time, a 12-year legal battle pitting San Quentin convict Caryl Chessman against the State of California and prompting outcries from the Rev. Billy Graham, Eleanor Roosevelt and countless other luminaries.

Who guided Chessman through the drawn-out appellate process as it wended its way through eight stays of execution? —Sacramento attorney Rosalie Asher, '40E, one of the first women to attend Pacific/McGeorge.

Asher, who died in 2000, was a practicing attorney and the Sacramento County law librarian when she took on the Chessman case, which involved multiple counts of kidnapping, two alleged sexual assaults and robbery. The “Red Light Bandit” moniker came from the robber’s “m.o.” of placing a blinking red police light atop his car during a series of lovers’ lane hold-ups.

The convictions led to the death penalty under the state’s now-defunct “Little Lindbergh” law. Chessman spent much of his time on Death Row writing about his case and other legal issues. His books, smuggled from prison, became bestsellers and were translated into several languages.

Chessman died in the gas chamber in May 1960. His last words, according to reports from the time: “Tell Rosalie I said goodbye.” Asher drew attention for the case again when Talia Shire portrayed her in *Kill Me If You Can*, a 1977 TV movie starring Alan Alda as Chessman.

“(Chessman’s) case became such a political football that the legal issues became secondary,” Asher told the *Sacramento Bee* in the mid-1990s.

Asher entered law school directly from Sacramento High. She graduated from law school with distinction and at the age of 21 was the youngest person to pass the State Bar of California’s exam in 1940.

Asher practiced law with Devlin & Devlin & Diepenbrock and the firm of Fontaine Johnson and worked for the person-

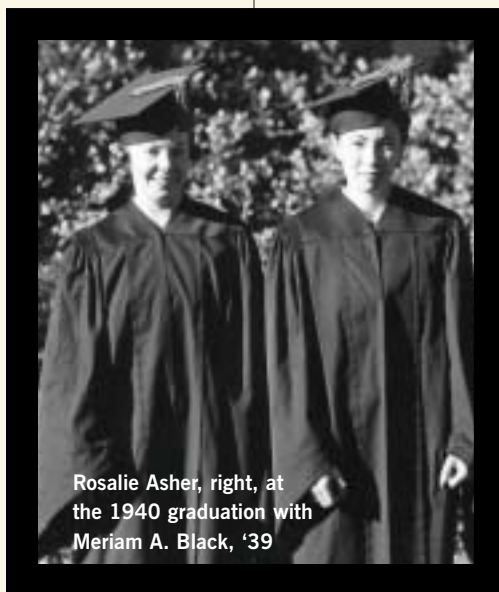
nel affairs section at McClellan Army Air Base during World War II. As the county law librarian, she was the primary research attorney for Sacramento Superior Court judges.

“One famous case does not make a career, but 12 years devoted to any litigation can seem like a career in itself,” Asher said.

Did being a woman have any affect on defending an accused rapist? “I always regarded myself as an attorney,” Asher said, “without seeing any necessity for reference to sex. Certainly, no distinction was ever made at McGeorge. And it is a tribute to the staff and faculty that such a small school as it was then, with exceedingly limited facilities, provided such a solid, basic legal education.”

Through the years, Asher was grateful to Pacific/McGeorge for the education she received. She left \$100,000 bequest to the law school to endow a scholarship in honor of her father whose own dreams of becoming an attorney went unrealized.

“McGeorge certainly played a role in shaping my life and attitude about the law,” she said in 1994. With the Asher Endowed Scholarship, she returned the favor—annually helping the law school shape future students’ lives and attitudes about the law.



Rosalie Asher, right, at the 1940 graduation with Meriam A. Black, '39

## The Pioneers

Rosalie Asher	1940	Early Female Alum Who Took Death-Row Case
Harry E. Dong	1929	First Asian-American Graduate
Anna Rose Fischer		Registrar and Comptroller, 1938-1982
Samuel W. Green	1925	First Graduate to Pass State Bar Exam
Judge Sherrill Halbert		Chairman, Board of Trustees; University Regent
Florence Luther	1963	First Pacific/McGeorge Female Faculty Member
Judge William Morgan	1959	First African-American Graduate on Bench
Rose Sheehan	1927	First Female Graduate
Judge Elvin F. Sheehy	1930	Founder, Sacramento Public Defender’s Office
Judge William A. White	1937	First Graduate Appointed to the Bench

# The Educators

Glee Scully '72D

Glendalee Scully was only four years out of Pacific/McGeorge when her alma mater came calling. Dean Gordon Schaber was looking for the right person to launch the school's community clinic and Scully—valedictorian of her law school class—was the ideal candidate.

But Scully wasn't so sure. "I was a modest, beginning lawyer," she recalls. "But I was sure having a lot of fun." Schaber was determined. "I remember that he said to someone, 'What do we have to do to get that girl to come back? Buy her a fur coat?'"

Scully finally took the job. When the first day arrived, however, it became apparent it was no glamour job. "It was a miserable place," Scully says of the clinic's initial quarters. The walls were dingy. The couches sagged. The desks were government cast-offs. Scully lobbied for new carpeting and some cans of paint. She and a student, Sam Jackson (now Sacramento City Attorney), did the painting themselves.

Then Scully and her student staff got down to work. The cases began to roll in, first from Oak Park's overburdened Legal Aid Society, then from the community at large as the clinic's reputation spread. As it does now, Pacific/McGeorge's Community Legal Services specialized in family law, landlord-tenant disputes and debtor/creditor issues. The clinic was a major asset to the neighborhood—and the law school's reputation.

"Gordon and I had a philosophy that this was the way the law school deepened its roots in the community and strengthened alliances with the local judiciary," Scully says. Above all, she notes, the clinic provided essential on-the-job training for Pacific/McGeorge's own students. And it was from there that Scully drew much of her own job satisfaction. "It was such a pleasure—then and now—to be with a student who gets it," she says. "The light dawns. The self-confidence comes."

In addition to the clinics' operation, Scully was one of the chief fundraisers for the program for many years.

In fact, Scully and Schaber successfully lobbied the State Legislature to allow law schools to use IOLTA or Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts funds to help run their legal clinics.

Scully has worn many other hats over the years, both at Pacific/McGeorge and in the community. In 1978, she was named director of the school's Community Legal Services. A tenured professor since 1982, she left "the Clinic" for the class-

room several years ago and currently teaches Family Law and Community Property. She has served as a judge pro tem to the Sacramento Superior Court since 1984, and is a former chair of the Sacramento County Project Planning Commission. One of the first California attorneys designated a Certified Family Law Specialist, Scully also spent four years on the executive committee of the State Bar of California's Family Law Section. She is married to Professor Jed Scully, himself a 25-year member of the Pacific/McGeorge faculty.

"Maybe one of the greatest treasures has been the substantial number of personal friendships I've made with the students," she says. They're the kind of people you can always call on...It has been a wonderful experience."



## The Educators

Jim Adams	Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1975-2000
Tom Coyne	Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1979-1999
Jerry Curtis	Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1974-1997
Charles Kelso	Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1978-
Charles Luther	Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1965-1989
Steve McCaffrey	Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1977-
Don Prinz	Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1970-
Claude Rohwer	Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1961-2003
Glee Scully	1972D Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1976-
Tony Skrocki	1968 Pacific/McGeorge Faculty, 1973-2003



# The Benefactors

Raymond Burr

Pacific/McGeorge has been blessed with many generous and dedicated benefactors over the years, but none more colorful than Raymond Burr. The late actor is best known for his dramatic portrayal of criminal defense attorney Perry Mason—both in the long-running television series of the 1950s and 1960s and in the reprised role for some 25 made-for-TV-movies years later.

But at Pacific/McGeorge, the burly, dark-eyed actor is also warmly remembered as the celebrity who flew in as a last-minute commencement speaker only to become a major donor and spokesman who helped shape the campus' expansion *and* added a touch of glamour to the evolving institution.

"He was just a charming, gracious person," recalls longtime Pacific/McGeorge Professor Anthony Skrocki. "He contributed name recognition, financial support and behind-the-scenes contacts."

The original "Perry Mason" series was one of TV's all-time mega-hits. It ran from 1957 to 1966 and was selected in 1976 by television executives as the top show during the quarter century, 1950 to 1975. Its Bay area creator, Erle Stanley Gardner, was the scheduled 1960 McGeorge commencement speaker, but he was felled by appendicitis a week before the scheduled event. Gardner told Dean Gordon Schaber not to worry. He had a replacement in mind, Raymond Burr.

The audience Burr addressed at the 1960 ceremony outside in Old Sacramento, 16 graduates and their parents and well-wishers, wasn't a normal-sized gathering for the TV superstar. Nevertheless, he launched into a prepared address in a booming theatrical voice. Then a train engine at an adjacent rail yard started switching cars, noisily moving them from one track to another. Burr cranked it up a notch, but there was no overcoming the iron horse. Afterwards, Burr laughed it off, claimed he had given the best commencement address of the year "and no one could prove otherwise." He and Dean Schaber became fast friends.

Burr, in turn, gave generously to Pacific/McGeorge over the years, from donations of original Perry Mason scripts and rare antique Bibles to narrated training films for classroom use. He auctioned off parts of his own art collection to help fund expansion of the school's law library and other buildings. He also spoke at the 1973 opening of the "Courtroom of

the Future," which received a write-up in the *New York Times* thanks to the actor's presence.

Once the new library was complete, Burr—a wine connoisseur and gourmet—cooked up dinner for the \$1,000 contributors. "If Gordon had said, 'Come up. We want to get a picture of you cutting the grass,' he would have come up," says Claude Rohwer, Pacific/McGeorge Associate Dean for International Affairs and a faculty member since 1961.

Burr, who lived on a vineyard in Geyserville, came up to Sacramento on many other occasions, including commencement ceremonies and fundraising events. None of his visits were more memorable than his last trip in 1992. Burr's health was failing but he insisted on being part of Schaber's retirement dinner despite his need for a wheelchair to get around. He looked every bit the part of his other famous TV character, Chief Robert Ironside, when he showed up at the Radisson Hotel for the event. Sharing the stage with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States and other luminaries, he was wheeled in through the kitchen. He stood upright with the aid of crutches and charmed the large audience with jabs at his old friend.

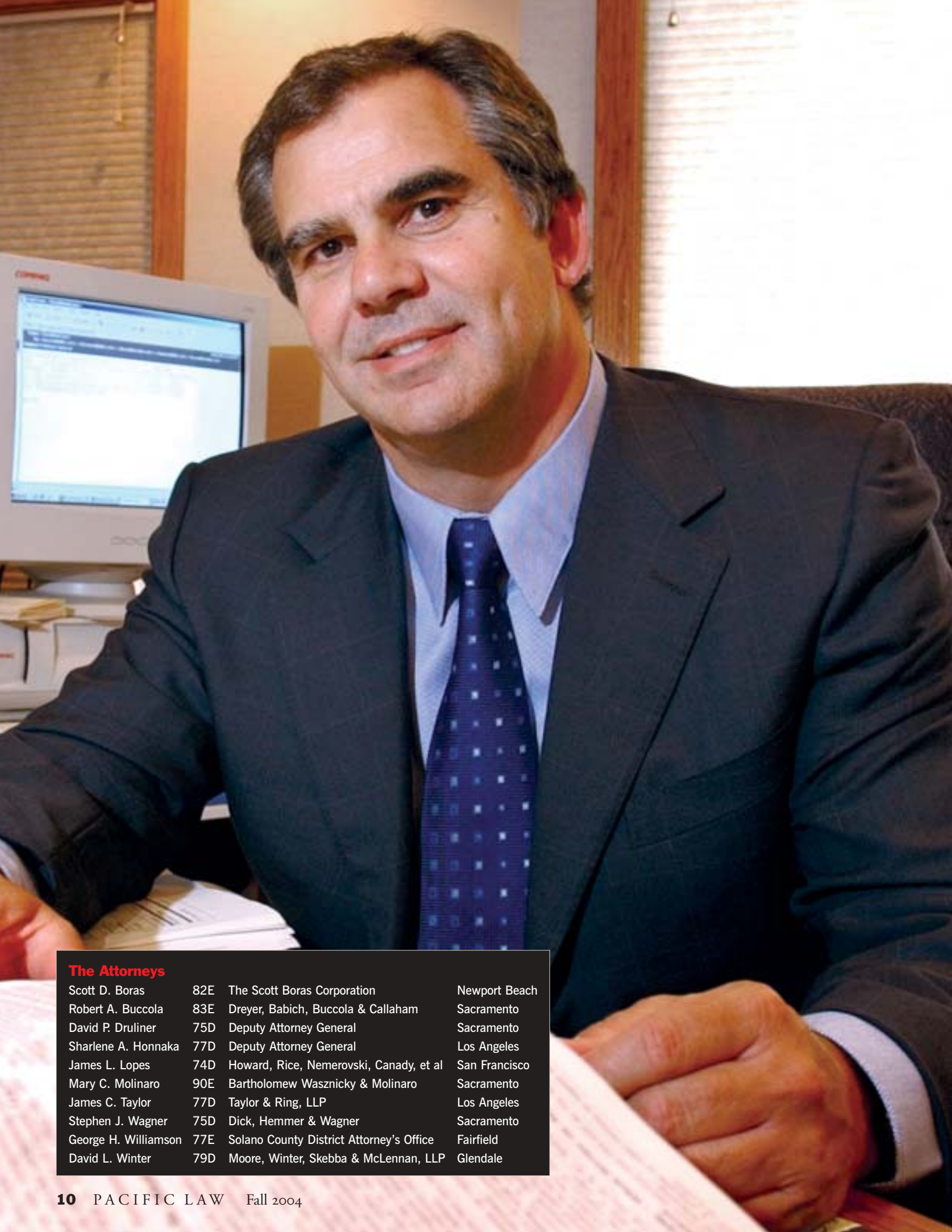
"I have never met man or woman whom I admire more than Gordon Schaber," Burr said. "I must also tell you I have never met a man or woman who could so deftly charm you out of every dollar in your pocket."

Burr died 10 months later of liver cancer at the age of 76 in Sonoma, but signs of his affiliation with the school and gifts remain—including the grand piano on the second floor of the Community Legal Services building and the scripts in the Schaber Library that still echo daily on cable TV reruns.

## The Benefactors

Dorothy Adams  
Irving Biele  
John Brownston, 1961  
Raymond Burr  
Loren Dahl  
Max Fleischman  
Roberta Kierney, 1979D  
Betty Knudson  
Enlow Ose  
Angelo Tsakopoulos

James and Dorothy Adams Scholarship  
Raymond H. Biele II Memorial Scholarship  
John Brownston Charitable Remainder Trust  
Actor, Donor, Law School Spokesman  
University Regent; Judge Loren Dahl Award  
Foundation Funded Silveracre Construction  
Kierney Family Scholarship  
William R. Knudson Memorial Scholarship  
Sacramento Philanthropist  
Sacramento Developer, Philanthropist



### **The Attorneys**

Scott D. Boras	82E	The Scott Boras Corporation	Newport Beach
Robert A. Buccola	83E	Dreyer, Babich, Buccola & Callahan	Sacramento
David P. Druliner	75D	Deputy Attorney General	Sacramento
Sharlene A. Honnaka	77D	Deputy Attorney General	Los Angeles
James L. Lopes	74D	Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, et al	San Francisco
Mary C. Molinaro	90E	Bartholomew Wasznicky & Molinaro	Sacramento
James C. Taylor	77D	Taylor & Ring, LLP	Los Angeles
Stephen J. Wagner	75D	Dick, Hemmer & Wagner	Sacramento
George H. Williamson	77E	Solano County District Attorney's Office	Fairfield
David L. Winter	79D	Moore, Winter, Skebba & McLennan, LLP	Glendale

# The Attorneys

Robert Buccola, '83E

Interaction with an attorney neighbor during childhood as well as learning the virtues of hard work and compassion led Robert Buccola on the path to becoming one of California's most successful trial lawyers.

Although his early life suggested he might pursue a career in dentistry, it was the debates with next-door neighbor Morton Friedman and that famous Sacramento attorney's work with injury victims that inculcated a passion in Buccola.

"I was reared in a family that was compassionate: do what you can for your neighbor," Buccola says. "By the time I was in high school, I wanted to be a lawyer. I wanted to be a trial lawyer and I wanted to represent 'the have-nots' in society."

Buccola is quick to credit University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law with a tough curriculum that instilled the discipline needed in the legal field. Because of the school's strong reputation, he selected Pacific/McGeorge after graduating in 1978 with a B.A. in political science from University of California, Berkeley.

"The word on the street was Pacific/McGeorge had consistent bar passage rates and if you wanted to practice law, you go there," he explains. "Other programs tend to stress a lot more theory and Pacific/McGeorge stresses the three R's of a legal practice."

The stringent curriculum apparently works: Buccola's career as a partner with Dreyer, Babich, Buccola & Callahan includes three of the highest general damage verdicts ever recorded in the history of three individual counties: Sacramento, Marin and Tehama.

His fan club is prominent among all players in the courtroom. Retired Sacramento Superior Court Judge Michael Virga says there are not enough superlatives to describe Buccola. "In my 45-year judicial and legal career, I have had the privilege to observe in action some of the finest trial attorneys in the state and nation. None were better than Bob, who is at the top of my list of outstanding trial attorneys," Virga says. "What sets Bob above other trial attorneys is not only how he relates to the jury, but his exceptional skill as a cross-examiner and his masterful opening statements and closing arguments."

In 1998, Buccola received the Sacramento County Advocate of the Year from the Consumer Attorneys Association in Sacramento. In 2001, he was unanimously

voted the Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Sacramento Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

ABOTA Sacramento's jurisdiction stretches from Stockton to Redding. Each year, the executive board selects one attorney to be trial lawyer of the year, using the previous two years' trial results and settlements as the criteria, says Bradley Thomas, ABOTA president. "You can imagine, we have a number of excellent, excellent trial lawyers in our large jurisdiction," Thomas said. "I remember at the time there was no debate about who our trial lawyer [of the year] would be."

Buccola attributes much of his success to support from family and friends. He often discusses cases with his parents and confidante Diane Buccola, who says personal convictions are key to Robert's success. "He's driven by wanting to help the little guy beat the big guy. It's not just facts and figures, it's people," says Diane, a certified court reporter. "That's why he gets so involved."

"I have the great luxury of practicing law with fabulous lawyers and an incredibly devoted staff," Buccola says.

But he's not all work. When it comes to his son, Nick, 10, Buccola is a hands-on father. "He'll walk out of a deposition if there's a Christmas play to go to. 'Gotta go,'" she says.

Buccola has been called a "gentleman" and a "lawyer's lawyer" by his colleagues. He confesses he loves being in the courtroom best. "I like the interaction; I like the challenge. There are unique issues that come up in every case so litigation is a perpetual learning experience," he says.

Some of Buccola's more notable work includes the Nicolas Contreras wrongful death case against the Arizona Boys Ranch, settled under a covenant of confidentiality, and a \$6 million construction-death case in which a construction elevator door buckled sending two men working on the Sheraton Grand hotel plunging to their death. A current case involves a lawsuit against Ford Motor Co. and Enterprise Rent-a-Car in which Ford's 15-passenger vans are alleged to be unstable when fully loaded and a failure to inform rental drivers of that problem.

Vows Buccola, "One day, I hope we'll do away with confidential settlements. There's no need for them. The public, unfortunately, has no idea of the extent of the corporate-level cover-ups that never hit the press."



### The Jurists

Judge Connie M. Callahan	1975D	U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2003-
Judge Thomas M. Cecil	1975D	Sacramento Superior Court, 1989-
Judge Morrison C. England	1983E	U.S. District Court, 2002-
Judge Edmund J. Garcia	1958	U.S. District Court, 1972-
Justice John M. Gerrard	1981D	Nebraska Supreme Court, 1995-
Justice Anthony M. Kennedy		U.S. Supreme Court, 1988-
Judge Carol J. Miller	1965	Sacramento Municipal, Superior Courts, 1976-91
Judge Johnnie B. Rawlinson	1979D	U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2000-
Judge William R. Ridgeway	1963	Sacramento Superior Court, 1985-1997
Justice Arthur G. Scotland	1974D	Court of Appeal, Third District, 1989-

# The Jurists

Judge Thomas M. Cecil, '75D

It wasn't exactly quill pen and parchment, but the court system in Sacramento County 10 years ago was a little belated merging onto the Information Superhighway.

Typically, information was logged into a system at the trial level when arraignments occur, and then entered into a new system once the case went to Superior Court. The case was recorded and if it went to the Appellate Court, well, it was entered into a new system there, too. And that doesn't include the other agencies that access information and save it into their own systems, such as parole, probation and corrections.

When a group of attorneys organized a forum to focus people on justice and technology, Sacramento Superior Court Judge Thomas M. Cecil became the lead advocate for that discussion. "I think it was difficult coming from the private sector and finding there weren't PCs available to the bench and the court was still doing things by hand," says Cecil.

"Tom knew we needed to get cross communication between the different justice agencies so they didn't reinvent the wheel at every stage," says Tom Gede, executive director of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. The timing proved fruitful: as the state was assuming the funding of technology for the courts, it was an appropriate time to build a new system.

Fast forward 10 years and with a team that includes such legal talent as Professor Clark Kelso, he's set the framework for a system that now works almost entirely digitally and electronically. And, because it is a state-funded effort, the system is becoming standard throughout California counties.

Under the chairmanship of Cecil for the past two years, the Judicial Council's Court Technology Committee has drawn accolades from colleagues. "Together, they are a Renaissance team," says Justice George Nicholson, Third District Court of Appeal, remarking on the dedication of the group to an infrastructure that is largely invisible to those outside the court system.

But it wasn't just this work that earned Nicholson's respect: The collegial relationship between the two began 30 years ago and is one that Nicholson calls "inspiring." "He's honorable, ethical and hardworking and he's an exceptional student of the law," he says. I always read his work. I'm very impressed."

Cecil's path to the bench was not a direct route. His experience includes legislative, corporate, private practice, private sector and government posts.

A native of Orange County, he graduated from California State University, Fullerton having taken a couple extra years to earn his bachelor's degree. A business major, he took a business law class, "which I liked, loved and thoroughly enjoyed. I began to think about law as a career."

His classmate, Sacramento attorney Dave Perrault, '75E, enticed him to come up to Sacramento and to Pacific/McGeorge. He came.

"My peers in Sacramento were in law school while my peers in Orange County were floundering around, not finding work," Cecil says. "McGeorge has been exactly what I hoped it would be. You'd have to be a complete idiot if you didn't emerge with ... opportunity."

And opportunities appeared: a third-year internship with the attorney general; as an attorney for the Republican members of the state Assembly; working with Assemblymember Robert Beverly; a stint with Nielsen, Merksamer's Sacramento office; and work with a startup company in Santa Barbara. His curriculum vitae also features campaign work for Robbie Waters as he unseated a 12-year incumbent sheriff, and with former Gov. George Deukmejian, where he held various posts over six years, including chief counsel for the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Cecil was appointed to the Municipal Court in March 1989 by Deukmejian and to the Superior Court by former Gov. Pete Wilson in 1992. He served as the presiding judge of the latter for more than two years.

"It's nice to have varied experience," Cecil says. "It gives you a different perspective as opposed to being a trial lawyer where I might have had a more narrow view."

Cecil's achievements in law have inspired his entire family. His wife of 27 years, Peggy, graduated from Pacific/McGeorge in 1991; his son, Kevin, is in his third year in the Evening program; daughter Jennifer is in her second Day year.

Now, with retirement not too many years away, Cecil says he is constantly looking for what to do next. "I've survived 16 years on the bench," he says. "My goal is to plot out what I can do when I retire. I can't picture myself not working."

# The Elected Officials

John T. Doolittle '78D

Congressman John Doolittle (R-Roseville) represents California's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, an area that stretches from the eastern end of Sacramento County to Lake Tahoe and northward to the Oregon border.

First elected to Congress in 1990, Doolittle, 53, is serving his seventh term. The conservative Republican holds the sixth-highest ranking position in House leadership and is a member of the powerful Appropriations Committee.

Doolittle's power is secure because he is one of the most popular members of the House of Representatives with his own constituents. He regularly rings up the highest vote totals in the California congressional delegation and has captured more than 62 percent of the vote in each of his seven victories. He faces only token Democratic opposition in November.

Doolittle pursued a law degree with the intent to enter politics. At age 30, after working as an aide to a state legislator, Doolittle ran for the California Senate. His 1980 defeat of a 22-year incumbent was one of the biggest upsets in northern California political history. Doolittle served in California Senate from 1981 to 1990 before heading to Washington, D.C.

Doolittle is not afraid to take unpopular stands. He opposed the McCain-Feingold campaign reform bill that was eventually signed into law and correctly predicted its failure to control special-interest "soft money."

He also has forged alliances with members on the other side of the aisle and sought unorthodox answers to problems. He and a Democrat are co-sponsoring a bill to legalize the limited, noncommercial reproduction of copyright materials from CDs and DVDs. The bid to weaken copyright law has incensed the motion picture and recording industries, but Doolittle contends the bill balances the strict protections of copyright law with consumer rights.

The construction of the proposed Auburn Dam has been Doolittle's top priority for more than two decades. He still believes it is the best approach to American River flood protection.

"The Sacramento region has the unusual distinction of suffering from both the threat of severe flooding and drought in the very same year. The Auburn Dam is the

only project that would solve both of these water management needs. Without it, Sacramento will inevitably suffer from catastrophic flooding, and our region will continue to suffer from the effects of depleting water supply," he says.

Although the completion of a multi-purpose dam at Auburn remains his goal, Doolittle reached agreement with Representative Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento) on an interim Sacramento region water and flood control plan last year that calls for a 7-foot raise to the Folsom Dam and downstream levy improvements.

In recognition of Pacific/McGeorge's expertise in international legal training, Doolittle recently helped the law school secure a \$250,000 federal grant. The law school will lead a cross-disciplinary education initiative to create a summer program involving foreign law students and attorneys that will focus on current issues in trade, law and policy.



U.S. Representative John Doolittle with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

## The Elected Officials

Mark Amodei	1983D	Nevada Legislature, 1997, 1999-2003
R. Mark Asmundson	1980D	Mayor, Bellingham, Washington, 1996-
Earl Desmond	1931	California Legislature, 1935-43, 1945-58
John Doolittle	1978D	U.S. Representative, 1991-
Richard Gammick	1982E	Washoe County District Attorney, 1995-
Bill Lockyer	1986E	California Attorney General, 1999-
Patricia Lynch	1973D	Reno City Attorney, 1988-
Deborah Ortiz	1987E	California Legislature, 1997-
Lloyd Connelly	1977E	California Assembly, 1983-1992
David Henderson	1975D	Yolo County District Attorney, 1984-

# The Citizens

Sam Jackson has served in the Sacramento City Attorney's office for a quarter century and directed the office for more than 10 years, earning respect from all corners for his deft oversight of the city's diverse and seemingly unending docket of legal matters.

But when it comes to handing out praise, the Pacific/McGeorge alum reserves his own kudos for the milieu where he gained the training that has helped him achieve so much in his professional career: the campus' own legal clinic.

As a student, Jackson helped launch the Community Legal Services clinic in the mid-1970s. "It was a very nurturing and calm environment, a safe place to venture, to make errors and learn," Jackson recalls, for which he largely credits veteran professor Glee Scully. "If it weren't for that clinic experience, we wouldn't be the lawyers we are today."

By the time Jackson graduated from Pacific/McGeorge, he was not only adept at working with legal files but was comfortable and practiced in the courtroom—an advantage, he says, that many of his newly graduated peers from other law schools didn't share.

Jackson's exposure to a diversity of legal issues while at Pacific/McGeorge put him in good stead when he arrived at Sacramento City Hall in 1979.

He was hired by the City Attorney's office as a junior deputy, rose through civil service ranks and became the senior deputy city attorney, specializing in police cases.

When he became a city attorney, Jackson says, he assumed the bulk of his caseload would revolve around municipal and other government laws. To his surprise, he quickly learned that a more apt job description would be that of legal generalist.

In his tenure with the city, Jackson has dealt with most areas of the law, from health and corporate matters to probate, tax and property concerns.

"It's been a challenging and rewarding experience," Jackson says. "I had no idea I would remain with the city this long.

There's never a dull moment."

Over the years, Jackson has balanced his public work with a community ethic all but unparalleled in scope. Over the years, Jackson has served on dozens of boards, from the California State Bar and Pacific/McGeorge's own Alumni Association (over which he presided in the early 1980s) to a host of non-profit groups.

Affectionately nicknamed "The Joiner" by his colleagues, Jackson is currently involved with the Committee of Bar Examiner's "Project HELP," a public-private collaboration to eliminate drug abuse in urban areas.

He is passionate about the cause: "The economic devastation and human destruction that occur as a result of the use and abuse of illicit drugs is unimaginable," Jackson says.

"Some people join boards just to see what's going on. I try to join those efforts where my service nets something . . . to make a difference."

Jackson is equally passionate about his alma mater. He constantly crosses paths with other Pacific/McGeorge alumni. Whether they are working in tandem on a case, or representing opposite sides, a sense of camaraderie and higher ethics prevails.

"There is a bond that was inculcated in us while we were in school," Jackson explains. "Professionalism must shine through at all times."



**The Citizens**

David Abbott	1973D	Alumni Leader, Jurist, Community Leader
Robert Best	1970E	Co-Founder, Pacific Legal Foundation
Thomas Eres	1972D	Commander, California National Guard
Sam Jackson	1977D	Sacramento City Attorney, 1994-
Fern Laethem	1976D	California State Public Defender, 1989-1999
H. Craig Manson	1981D	Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior
Hayne Moyer	1975E	Community Leader, University Regent
Carl Poirot	1984E	Founder, San Diego Volunteer Lawyers
Willard Weddell	1960E	Kern County Public Defender, 1969-1995
Allan Zarembeg	1978D	CEO, California Chamber of Commerce

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# *Growing* IN NATIONAL STATURE

*A growing national reputation and a record avalanche of applications make this year's incoming Day class the strongest academically in Pacific/McGeorge's history.*

Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions Adam Barrett and his staff traveled to more than 160 undergraduate colleges and universities throughout the country and the result is a bumper crop of highly credentialed students.

Applications for the entering class totaled a record 3,489 (3,077 Day and 412 Evening). That's up 134 percent from just four years ago. There are 259 new Day Division students and 111 in the incoming Evening Division.

The median LSAT score for the incoming Day students is 158, the 77th percentile, highest in the school's history. The median undergraduate GPA is 3.19.

"The strength of this class is a reflection of Pacific/McGeorge's growing national reputation for delivering an excellent legal education," Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker says.

Indeed, the first-year class includes the usual bevy of top-notch UC graduates, but also a sprinkling of students with degrees from some of the country's leading liberal arts institutions such as Harvard, Brown, Stanford, Georgetown, Amherst, Williams, Wellesley, Brandeis and Claremont-McKenna.

Here's a look at some of the new Pacific/McGeorge students:

**By Jan Ferris-Heenan; Photography Kit Morris**



## Theresa Esquerra (Evening)

Hometown:  
**Sacramento**  
Undergraduate:  
**Harvard University '97,**  
**Philosophy**

When Theresa Esquerra graduated from Harvard in the late 1990s, she headed to Hollywood, joining scores of other Ivy League alum working in the entertainment industry.

“It was the thing to do instead of going to law school,” said Esquerra, part of a Harvard-to-Hollywood trend that has been tracked by the *New York Times* and other media outlets over the years.

While in Hollywood, Esquerra worked in film development, helping scout out new projects for the likes of producer Roger Corman—roundly known as the king of the B movie. Many of the people with whom she worked have law or MBA degrees. It made sense, she says, for her to follow suit. “Law is such a versatile degree,” Esquerra said. “Given the complex society we live in, you almost have to be a lawyer to function.”

Esquerra attended Sacramento’s St. Francis High School, then transferred into Mira Loma High School’s International Baccalaureate program. She says the region has changed for the better—culturally and gastronomically—in the decade since she left.

But even as she settles into her studies at Pacific/McGeorge, Hollywood hasn’t entirely fallen off Esquerra’s radar: She and her writing partner are shopping around a screenplay the two wrote together. Stay tuned.

Zelda Kristen Evans discovered from personal experience how crucial a good attorney is to “getting done what you want done,” as she puts it when her boyfriend was involved in a custody dispute.

“That was my first encounter with the job of guardian *ad litem*,” Evans recalls, “and knowing how integral a good attorney is.”

But even as a child, when her own cousins were placed temporarily into foster care, Evans says she knew she would become an advocate of some sort to give thanks for the way her young relatives were treated. She plans to take in foster children herself in the years ahead.

“I may or may not become an attorney,” says Evans. “But with foster care kids . . . it will help to have this knowledge.”

Evans paid her own way through college. While enrolled at San Francisco State University, she worked as a behavior modification specialist with autistic kids. When she transferred to the University of Colorado, Evans took a job as a legal secretary.

While the avid snow-boarder and white-water rafter enjoyed her time in Colorado, she is happy to be back in her native Golden State. “I had a slight problem with winter,” she says.

## Zelda Kristen Evans (Day)

Hometown:  
**Fremont, California**  
Undergraduate:  
**University of Colorado,**  
**Boulder '03,**  
**Sociology**



In some respects, **Victor Pippins** isn't too different from many of his classmates: He honed his love of debate at the family dinner table as an adolescent, has always been a good reader and possesses an analytical mind.

But it's pretty safe to say he is the only one in his first-year class to be fluent in Nepalese *and* to have conducted research into Himalayan yaks while trekking at 20,000 feet around Mt. Everest. Pippins also lived with a Nepalese family on the outskirts of Kathmandu as part of his Amherst study program.

His years between college and Pacific/McGeorge were no less adventurous. First, Pippins served in the AmeriCorps, teaching high-risk middle school students in Greenfield, Mass. Then he backpacked his way across the U.S. and settled in Lake Tahoe, holding a variety of "ski bum" jobs, from construction to valet parking.

While in Tahoe, Pippins became interested in land use, resource management and other property issues. It's too early, he says, to decide if he'll pursue those areas once he completes his law degree, but he is eager to learn more.

"I'm excited to be back in school," Pippins said. "I've had a lot of world experience. I've worked. I've paid taxes."

## Victor Pippins (Day)

Hometown:

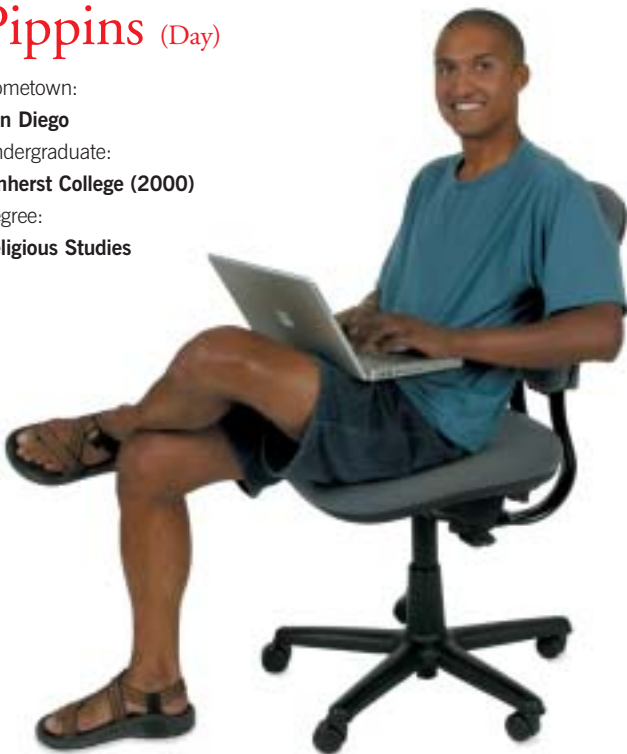
**San Diego**

Undergraduate:

**Amherst College (2000)**

Degree:

**Religious Studies**



## Julia Tsai (Day)

Hometown:

**Arcadia, California**

Undergraduate:

**Wellesley College**

Degree:

**Political Science (2004)**

**Julia Tsai's** parents emigrated from Taiwan shortly before her birth—her father was at Harvard School of Dental Medicine when she was born, in fact. But she has always been drawn back to the Asian nation.

Tsai visits her grandparents and other family in Taiwan just about every year, and is fluent in Taiwanese, a Chinese dialect. And she graduated from Wellesley early, in part to be back in Taiwan this past March to take part in the country's presidential elections.

"I wanted to see the voting process," explains Tsai, who specialized in comparative politics while at Wellesley. "I've always liked debating and talking Taiwanese politics."

Those passions were behind Tsai's decision to switch from biochemistry to political science while pursuing her bachelor's degree. The move came as a surprise to her father and pharmacist mother, she says.

Tsai is not sure at this point whether she will teach, practice law or pursue both. She is pleasantly surprised, however, by how much she has gotten out of her first weeks at Pacific/McGeorge. "I knew that I was going to have to work very hard, and I've been putting in seven or eight hours a day," she says. "The only thing I didn't expect was that I really enjoy doing this stuff."

John Woo's family applauded his decision to enter law school, largely out of concern for his safety. For the two years after UC Berkeley, Woo served as a police officer in Alameda County, working the swing shift for the Fremont Police Department.

My family is relieved and excited for me," says Woo, who moved to the U.S. from Taiwan when he was 3 years old. "Going into law is a great opportunity."

Woo calls both professions "socially impacting," and says he looks forward to learning types of conflict resolution other than those practiced on the street. He is enjoying his return to the classroom after a couple of years in the working world. "It's been very rewarding. You actually get a new appreciation of the classroom," he says. "Five years ago, I wouldn't have said that."

Several friends recommended Pacific/McGeorge. All held the teaching staff in high esteem. "You can learn what you can learn anywhere," explains Woo, an avid basketball player and comic book collector. "But the faculty adds the dimension that puts you over the top."



## John Woo (Day)

Hometown:  
**Arcadia, California**  
Undergraduate:  
**UC Berkeley (2002)**  
Degree:  
**Rhetoric**



## Beau Daniel Weiner (Evening)

Hometown:  
**El Dorado County**  
Undergraduate:  
**Stanford University**  
Degree:  
**Earth Science (2000)**

For Beau Daniel Weiner, the legal profession is a true family affair. His dad graduated from Pacific/McGeorge, as did his sister and one of his brothers. His other brother is also an attorney, as is his sister-in-law.

As he was growing up, Weiner accompanied his dad, David—a criminal defense attorney who graduated in the Class of 1972E—to court. He spent time with one of his brothers at the law school at University of California, Davis, when the latter was enrolled there.

And when it came time to select his vocation, the choice was a no-brainer. "I've just always been around it," Weiner explains.

As he attends classes at night, Weiner works in the family's Cameron Park law firm by day, gaining practical on-the-job experience. In the four years between Stanford and Pacific/McGeorge, Weiner also pursued another passion: environmental studies and resource management.

He worked for the California Department of Fish and Game, helping conduct studies of riparian ecosystems along the Yuba and Cosumnes rivers. He also helped manage a game preserve straddling El Dorado and Amador counties, restoring habitats for several species. Weiner mentored youth through a Bay Area non-profit agency.

"I just wanted to get some real world experience in different fields. I felt that it would benefit me down the road," he says.

Weiner—also an avid kayaker and climber who has traveled to Mexico, New Zealand and South America—may combine his love of the outdoors with environmental advocacy, resource protection or other related areas of the law.

# LOOKING BACK LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS

*Brown v.  
the Board of Education*



The Importance of *Brown* in  
the Civil Rights Movement

By Thomas Clark 3D

**F**ifty years ago, in *Brown v. the Board of Education*, the Supreme Court declared that racially segregated schools violated the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. To some historians and legal scholars, the *Brown* ruling threw the whole system of segregation into question and sparked the modern civil rights movement, which in turn profoundly transformed race relations in the United States. To others, *Brown* was nothing more than a “hollow hope,” asserting lofty principles but failing in its primary objective of school desegregation. Ten years after *Brown*, over ninety percent of southern blacks still attended segregated schools, while in the urban North and West, residential patterns created an equally apparent de facto segregation. To the extent that schools have been desegregated, *Brown’s* detractors claim, it is due to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which empowered the Attorney General to bring suits on behalf of African-American students and permitted the federal government to withhold federal funds from school districts that unduly delayed implementation of desegregation orders . . . >

## *About the Author*



**I**n observance of the May 2004 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision,

Pacific/McGeorge students were invited to enter an essay contest addressing legal and social consequences of the *Brown* decision sponsored by the law school. Professors Ruth Jones and Brian Landsberg selected the winning essay by Thomas Clark, who will graduate in May 2005.

Clark is no stranger to American history. He holds a Ph.D. in History from UCLA, in addition to a B.A. and an M.A. from San Francisco State University. Clark teaches as a lecturer at the University of California, Davis, and California State University, Sacramento. Previously, he was an associate professor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The accompanying article is excerpted from that essay. It argues that the *Brown* decision reflected changing ideas and values in the decade brought on, in particular, by World War II. *Brown* ratified those changes and set the stage for the civil rights struggle of the 1960s.

Clark, who has written a book and several articles on the labor movement, is particularly interested in employment and administrative law. He has worked for the Institute for Administrative Justice while a law student.



New classmates meet in a classroom the year after the decision.

[However] we cannot evaluate *Brown* by only looking to its “consequences,” for a large part of *Brown’s* significance lies in the legitimacy it gave to social and intellectual currents already underway. . . . This is not to diminish the importance of *Brown*; rather, it is to suggest that *Brown* was only significant because of the changes that preceded it. What this history tells us, I believe, is that the Supreme Court acts as an instrument of social change only to the extent that it affects an already-existing social movement. Court rulings can encourage or frustrate social movements, but they cannot create them.

[To begin with], the intellectual assault on segregation long pre-dated *Brown*. Beginning with the work of cultural anthropologists in the early twentieth century, most social scientists rejected racial and biological explanations of human behavior in favor of cultural explanations. As historian Harvard Sitkoff observed, by the 1930s many social scientists had “rejected the notion of innate black inferiority” and introduced the concept of “prejudice” as a form of social “maladjustment” and even “sickness.” In 1934, two decades before the *Brown* ruling, the United States Office of Education convened a “National Conference on Fundamental Problems in the Education of Negroes.” Conference participants unanimously concluded that “enforced segregation, whether by law or local pressure, in local education as in the general life of the people is undemocratic.” Moreover, as Sitkoff observed, the reasons for opposing school desegregation bore a striking resemblance to the reasoning in *Brown*. “Separate schools,” one participant noted, “stigmatize the Negro and give his children a sense of inferiority . . . which can never be outgrown in later life.”

While the intellectual developments of the 1930s anticipated the *Brown* ruling, the profound domestic and foreign consequences of American participation in World War II laid the foundations for the postwar Civil Rights movement. Although *Brown* provided an important degree of legitimacy and encouragement to the Civil Rights movement, World War II played a much greater role in triggering that movement. Two developments in particular, I contend, played a key role in launching the modern civil rights movement: the massive wartime migration of African-Americans out of the South, and the ideological contradictions created by the contribution of African-American soldiers in defeating Nazism

and Fascism. These two developments in turn established the political, institutional and ideological foundations of the post-war Civil Rights movement.

It is difficult to overstate the political consequences of African-American migrations during World War II. Although smaller migrations had occurred before, the Second World War initiated a demographic revolution in the United States. As late as 1940, about eight of every ten African-Americans still lived in the one of the eleven states of the old Confederacy. However, World War II launched a population movement that continued into the immediate postwar years, so that by 1960 a majority of African-Americans lived outside of the South. According to historians who have traced these wartime migrations, World War II created a “culture of expectation” among those African Americans who moved North or West during the war. Although reality rarely matched expectations, African-Americans who escaped the Jim Crow South hoped not only for greater economic and educational opportunities, but also for more respect and escape from the psychological burdens of forced segregation.

While wartime migration provided the political foundations, black military participation, and the nature of our enemy, provided an essential ideological foundation for the modern Civil Rights movement. Black soldiers created contradictions that could not be easily ignored: they fought in a unifying national cause, but in segregated units; they fought on the side of democracy, but were denied democracy at home; they fought against a Nazi regime that espoused an explicitly racist ideology, but an ideology not unlike that which justified Jim Crow laws in the South. African-American newspapers skillfully used these contradictions to call for a “double V”



African-American sailors during World War II.



A mom sits with her daughter on the Supreme Court steps the morning after the decision

campaign: a victory against Nazism abroad, and a victory for democracy at home. As the African-American journalist George Schuyler put it, “Our war is not against Hitler in Europe, but against Hitler in America. Our war is not to defend democracy, but to get democracy we never had.”

Many of the African-American soldiers who served in the war played important roles in the postwar Civil Rights movement. One of these black veterans, James Hicks, returned home to become a journalist for the New York-based *Amsterdam News*. From that vantage point, Hicks covered the momentous events of the postwar Civil Rights movement. In an interview several years later, Hicks recalled “there was an extreme resentment among black veterans when they came back, because they felt ‘I paid my dues over there and I’m not going to take this anymore over here.’” Bayard Rustin, first field secretary for CORE, similarly observed that the Civil Rights movement had “its roots in returning soldiers after 1945. There was a great feeling on the part of many of these youngsters that they had been away, that they had fought in the war—that they were not getting what they should have.” The experience of serving in the war and then returning to a segregated South, Rustin concluded, led to “a building up of militancy, not so much by going out into the streets as by a feeling of ‘We are not going to put up with this anymore.’” Constance Baker Motley, an attorney for the NAACP, also pointed to the role of “black servicemen” in changing the nation’s “whole attitude . . . about the race relations problem.” The wartime experience “gave the momentum, especially to the black

community, for what became the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.”

To trace the origins of the Civil Rights movement and the assault on the segregation to World War II . . . is not to diminish the importance of *Brown* as an agent of social change. It is, however, to place its significance in historical perspective. By the time Earl Warren delivered his famous opinion, segregation had been challenged from many quarters and African-Americans had already mobilized to combat segregation through a combination of litigation and mass protest. However, while the *Brown* ruling did not create this movement for social change, it granted it legitimacy and made the federal government an important, if at times reluctant, ally.

Yet, however much *Brown* served as a source of encouragement, a potent symbol, or a precedent for other forms of federal action, the true agent of social change was not the Supreme Court, but the changing intellectual currents and the social movements that *Brown* affirmed and legitimated. Perhaps the grudging pace of social change makes us wish that a Supreme Court could bring about progressive changes by simply delivering an opinion. But while the Supreme Court can lend its considerable moral, as well as legal, authority to movements for reform and social change, it cannot do the hard work of making a social movement. The history of *Brown* and the Civil Rights movement suggests that progressive social change depends upon the commitment of lawyers, clergymen and politicians, and upon the uncommon bravery of ordinary men and women.

## **U.S. Justice Department Selects Pacific/McGeorge For New Victims' Clinic**

The University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law has been chosen as one of six sites nationally for a new crime victims' rights program to begin in January 2005. A renewable planning grant from the U.S. Department of Justice will allow the school to create a new legal clinic providing direct representation to victims of crime.

The National Crime Victim Law Institute, based in Portland, Oregon, will oversee funding nationally. At Pacific/McGeorge the program will be overseen by the Capital Center for Government Law and Policy, directed by Professor Clark Kelso. Other clinics will be located in Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico and South Carolina. There is an existing clinic in Arizona.

According to Doug Beloof, executive director of the NCVLI, "Pacific/McGeorge was chosen because the applicant organizations have demonstrated dedication to victims' issues, their state laws provide strong rights for crime victims, and, taken together, the clinics present a geographic distribution that will help victims nationally."

Currently, 33 states, including California, have state constitutional amendments and all states have statutes guaranteeing victims of crime specific rights during the criminal justice process. However, many of



**Julise Johanson**

these rights are not actively enforced. As a victim, "you can lose your rights and not even know that you had them," says **Julise Johanson**, the project director and supervising attorney at Pacific/McGeorge, who also runs the law school's 30 year-old Victims of Crime Resource Center.

Under the new program, clinical students at Pacific/McGeorge will actually represent crime victims in court, beginning with misdemeanor crimes where representation of victims is typically nonexistent. Johanson hopes to develop a close relationship with the Sacramento D.A.'s office, while bringing in attorneys, parole and corrections officers to educate students on the law.

"These clinics will begin to fill the gap in the criminal justice system by providing free legal representation to victims of crime to ensure enforcement of their rights," Beloof says. If the grant is renewed, part of the program in its second and third years will include the recruitment and training of pro bono attorneys to represent victims' rights in court.

The ultimate goal of the program is a change in the

way the legal system views victims' rights and how those rights are incorporated into the process. "We are looking at this as a long-term goal," Johanson explains, "so that 10 years from now, it will be natural for victims to have an attorney appear in court on their behalf."

## **Certificate in Advocacy Now Being Offered**

The Pacific/McGeorge faculty approved the addition of Certificate in Advocacy program to the current Advocacy Concentration.

"A Certificate in Advocacy will help our students market themselves to employers and reflects the exceptional faculty and facility resources our law school brings to bear in this field," says **Professor Jay Leach**, the director of the school's Advocacy Program. "We will certify that students who complete our program have competencies in writing, oral argument, evidentiary knowledge, trial prep and all the other areas that go into making an effective legal advocate."

To earn a certificate, a student must fulfill all concentration requirements, demonstrate all necessary competencies, and achieve an overall minimum GPA of 2.7 in all courses submitted for certificate qualification.

Pacific/McGeorge's trial advocacy program was ranked "Best in the West" and 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation last spring by *U.S. News & World Report*. Its intercolle-



Andrea Tavenier, '04D

giate teams have done well against the best competition in the country in moot court, as well as mock trial, tournaments.

**Tavenier Takes National Title**

Andrea Tavenier, '04D, beat out more than 100 other competitors to win the Top Oralist prize in an ABA National Appellate

Advocacy Competition regional held last March in New York City.

Both Pacific/McGeorge teams advanced to the semi-final round before dropping close decisions to the University of Richmond and South Texas, both of which advanced to the April national finals in Chicago.

Tavenier teamed up with classmates Nirav Desai and

Trent Diehl while Byron Beebe, Tom Swett and Daniel Del Rio formed another entry.

“Many of the coaches from the other schools that competed in New York told me that our teams were terrific, both as to the written briefs they prepared and their oral arguments,” says Professor Ed Telfeyan, '75D the team’s coach. “Our

reputation was assuredly enhanced by our performance, especially by Andrea’s accomplishment.

Tavenier was the winner of Pacific/McGeorge’s Appellate Advocacy Final Four competition as a second-year student in spring 2003.

**Vis Team’s Vienna Run Ends with Harvard Loss**

Pacific/McGeorge team advanced to the match-play round of the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (April 3-8 in Vienna, Austria) before losing to the Harvard Law School.

The team of 2004 graduates Saira Din, Jaime Pacheco, Lowell Powell and Jessica Wise 3D was one of only 32 teams to reach the elimination round out of more than 140 teams from 40 countries. In the preliminary rounds, Pacific/McGeorge bested teams from Austria, Germany, Russia and Turkey.

Pacheco received Top Advocate honorable mention for her individual performance in the competition, making her one of only 20 persons so honored in the 560-participant field.

“Our team was superb,” said Professor Eric McElwain, the Pacific/McGeorge coach. “It was the first time we reached the elimination-round which expanded to 32 teams a couple of years ago.”

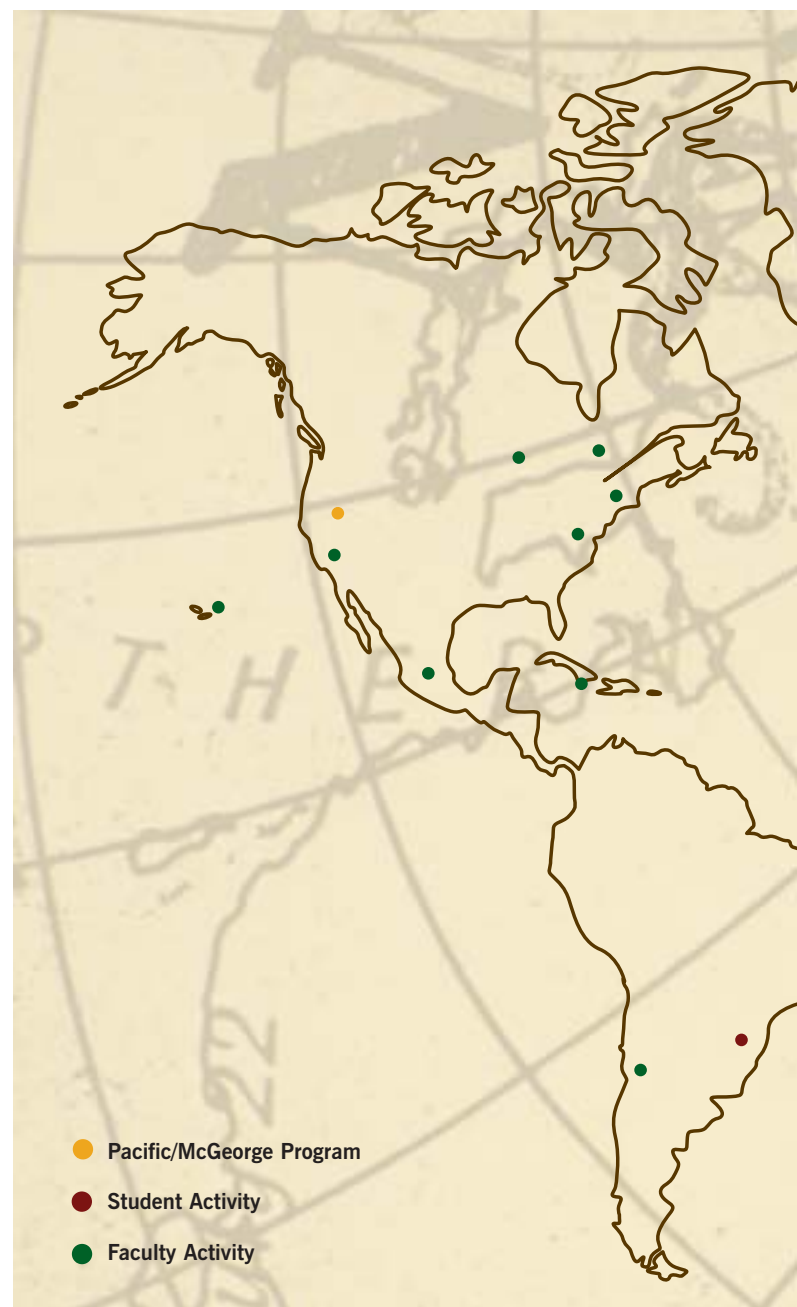
# EXTENDING

By Robert T. Wazeka

## McGeorge's International Presence

A NEW CENTER FOR GLOBAL BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

How well American law schools respond to globalization, to the dynamics of international trade, and to the emergence of developing countries will help determine the quality of the lawyers they graduate over the next several generations. “Our goal is to make lawyers realize that in the globalized environment they can’t be fully effective without a knowledge and awareness of international law,” says Distinguished Professor and Scholar Michael P. Malloy, the Center’s new Director. (For a profile of Prof. Malloy, see page 36 in this issue of *Pacific Law*.)

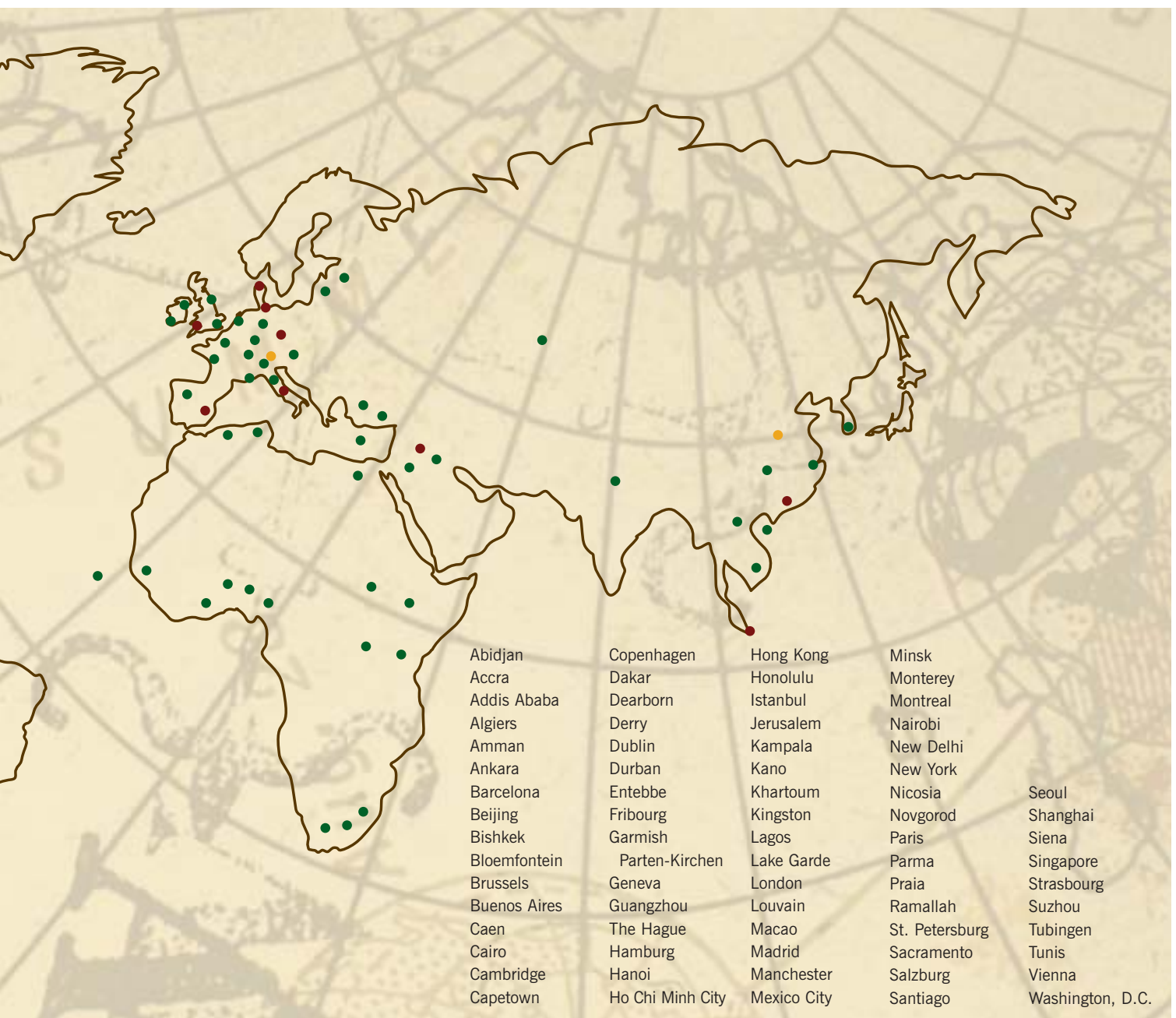


Pacific/McGeorge's new Center for Global Business & Development is a significant part of the school's response to these challenges. Already a pioneer in international law through its international studies programs, McGeorge envisions the Global Business Center as a place that will offer wide opportunities for student enrichment at the same time it substantially increases the school's partnerships and collaboration with international agencies and with law schools both foreign and domestic. It's also a major building block in the strategic plan approved by McGeorge's International Studies Committee to rationalize and optimize international activities on campus.

The strategic plan calls for a strong affiliation between the international studies programs and the Global Business

Center. International program administrators will work with the Director of the Global Business Center, who is appointed from the law school's full-time faculty. "Our working relationship so far has been extremely productive," says Director Malloy, "and I consider myself fortunate to be working with such a talented and experienced group of administrators."

Three institutes will operate under the Center's umbrella: the Institute for Global Business, directed by Professor Franklin Gevurtz; the Institute for Sustainable Development, directed by Professor Gregory Weber with Professor Stephen McCaffrey acting as a senior Counselor; and the Institute for Development of Legal Infrastructure, co-directed by Malloy and Professor Clark Kelso, the Director of Pacific/McGeorge's Capital Center for Government Law and Policy. >





Professor Steve McCaffrey, top middle, is a consultant to the Senegal River Basin Commission whose members met in 2003 to approve a new charter at The World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C.

### The Institute for Global Business

Broadly speaking, the primary goal of the Institute for Global Business is to provide resources to prepare lawyers for work in the global economy. Its initial efforts will concentrate on three areas: (1) curriculum innovation designed to help incorporate international issues and themes into core law school classes; (2) the creation of strategic alliances with other law schools around the world; and (3) the exploration of current global business issues through conferences, symposia and guest lectures. As part of its work on global business issues, McGeorge hosted major symposia on international project finance in February, 2004 and on “International Financial Services: Diverse Approaches in a Globalized Environment” in November.

### The Institute for Sustainable Development

The initial focus for the Institute for Sustainable Development is to educate leaders in two areas: sustainable development and mediation of claims on global resources. The Institute will host a major symposium on February 18-19, 2005 entitled “Transboundary Freshwater Ecosystem Restoration: The Role of Law, Process and Lawyers.” Other efforts underway include a contract with the United Nations Environmental Programme in Nairobi, Kenya to develop a legal drafter’s guide for sustainable water resources legislation. It will also perform a collaborative review and revision of the Forest Stewardship Council’s dispute resolution protocols.

### The Institute for Development of Legal Infrastructure

The Institute for the Development of Legal Infrastructure, Malloy says, will be “opportunistic and inter-disciplinary.” Its major goal is to strengthen the rule of law in developing and transition economies and to seek alliances with law schools.

“International development theory,” Malloy contends, “has placed emphasis on physical infrastructure: roads, ports, power lines, communication systems and the like. Legal infrastructure has generally been neglected. We need to make sure that the legal infrastructure is also considered as essential to development. Issues about the most effective laws governing areas such as contracts, investment, torts, social welfare, finance and foreign exchange need to be addressed in the development context.”



Professor Claude Rohwer with officials of Viet Nam’s Ministry of Trade during a 2003 working mission to Hanoi.

One of Malloy’s goals for the Center as a whole is to extend McGeorge’s existing international programs in Asia and Europe into new areas: Latin America, Africa and eventually Australia. “I want to see an orange dot on every continent,” Malloy said, referring to the markers on his map that indicate current Pacific/McGeorge programs in operation. As part of this effort, he taught a course in October entitled “Legal Issues in e-Commerce” at the International Law Institute-Uganda, based in Kampala, Uganda, and he is actively encouraging other McGeorge faculty to offer courses there.

By the end of 2004, the Center’s website will contain a gateway to the “Center Online,” a virtual center that will house all papers and proceedings from recent conferences as well as materials related to courses. “There are great long-term possibilities for the Center Online,” Malloy says. Meanwhile, the Center has begun planning for the establishment of an international consortium of law schools to respond to the challenges of the globalized legal environment.

Like a boat exploring unknown seas, the Center will undoubtedly change course over time, but it promises to be one of the first to reach the distant shores.

Law students from Pacific/McGeorge, Stanford, Cornell and UC Hastings went on an academic adventure last summer. It was a learning experience in more ways than one as told by Quyen Tu 3D.

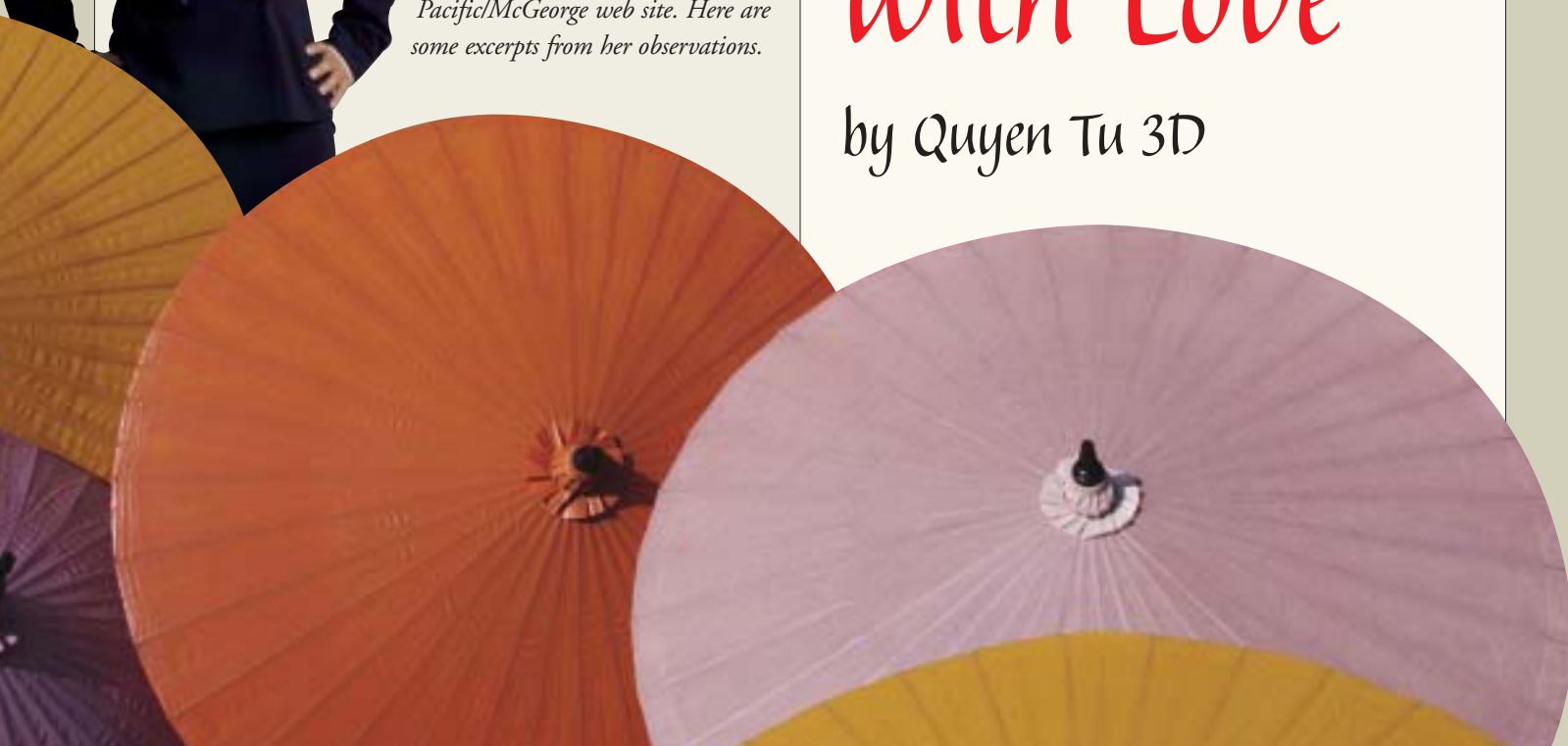
*Chinese by heritage, Quyen Tu 3D, spent the first six years of her life in Vietnam. Her family then emigrated to Southern California. She was one of 13 American law students who attended Pacific/McGeorge's pilot program on Chinese Law. The course featured two weeks of classes in Sacramento, followed by two weeks of classes and cultural trips in China. A unique aspect of the China portion of the program was an interactive negotiation exercise in which 19 Chinese law students participated with the Americans. Visiting Professors Frank Wang and Laura Young, assisted by Professor Brian Landberg, taught the classes with guest lectures in Suzhou given by law professors from the Kenneth Wang Law School.*

*Tu filed a daily web blog on her experience that was posted on the Pacific/McGeorge web site. Here are some excerpts from her observations.*



# From China with Love

by Quyen Tu 3D





The Great Wall, Beijing, China

### **Sacramento, June 20**

Professor Landsberg launched Pacific/McGeorge's inaugural China program by inviting everyone to his home for an informal get-together on Father's Day. It was the perfect opportunity for us to get to know one another outside of the classroom setting. Professor Landsberg and his wife, Dorothy, prepared a most delectable meal with fresh ingredients that they had bought from the local farmers' market that morning. It was the start of many memorable meals on my trip.

### **Sacramento, June 22**

Dean Parker and a few of the other people who made the trip took an intensive, two-day Mandarin course at the Monterrey Language Institute. People often ask about the Chinese language, so let me attempt to clarify. The main language in China is Mandarin or Guo Yu. (It means "the national language.") Because China is so big, there are many regional dialects. One of the better-known dialects is Cantonese. Cantonese is spoken mainly in the southeastern part of the country, including Hong Kong. The difference in the dialects might be akin to the difference between Spanish and Portuguese. You get lost easily. Too bad I refused to learn Mandarin as a little kid.

### **Sacramento, June 24**

Our objective was to establish a foundational knowledge of the Chinese legal system by studying Chinese history, philosophy and politics. A lot of traditional operas and folk tales were used to illustrate a variety of cultural values. We delved into the importance of social organizations and surveyed the

Chinese approach to issues of litigation, liability, property, commercial and administrative law. We wrap up our Sacramento course with an exam.

### **Suzhou, June 27**

After touring all the sights in Shanghai (and there are many worth seeing, especially the museum), we headed to Suzhou, approximately 90 kilometers to the northwest of Shanghai. Suzhou is known as the Venice of the East, but as the bus drove through Suzhou, my inclination was to compare it to Berkeley. Little shops offering coffee, tea, clothes, shoes and other things lined both sides of the street. With its 2 million people, it was a noticeable contrast with Shanghai's 23 million people. Cars, buses, motorcycles, bikes and a great many pedestrians shared the two-lane road. As far as I could tell, there are no traffic laws that anyone followed. If you had to cross the street, you had to be quick or risk getting run over because the cars do not stop for pedestrians. There is no designated crosswalk. It's an adventure every time. After we settled into our rooms, we had an opening banquet with our Chinese counterparts. I noticed immediately that there were more girls than boys. I was slightly surprised because I had expected the Chinese legal profession to be male-dominated.

### **Suzhou, June 30**

In the past three days, I have learned a lot about China from the Chinese students. I am thankful that we are split up into teams of Americans and Chinese. It is great for talking. Unfortunately, I often get side-tracked from our assignment. Nelson Little is constantly reminding me that we need to get back on topic because Becky and Su Tian are too polite to do so. Naturally, over our shared meals, we were able to get to know one another better. And of course, I have a natural knack for putting my foot in my mouth. I asked the Chinese students at my table if any of them had any siblings. I'm not ignorant of China's "One Child" policy but I guess it is so foreign to me that it doesn't penetrate my brain. I cannot imagine being fined and fired for having a second child. Having grown up with two sisters, I also find the idea of being an only child to be very lonely. My classmates say that the government is loosening up on this policy, but if you want to have a second child, you have to apply for permission. Upon hearing this, my Western sensibilities are screaming invasion of privacy. I also learned the very first night we were here that the girls who stay on campus have an 11 p.m. curfew.

### **Beijing, July 1**

Beijing was much cooler than Suzhou. Thankfully, the humidity and mosquitoes were also missing. According to our tour guide, Beijing is a 3,000 year-old city, although it has



American law students on the China trip gather with Professor Brian Landsberg and his wife, Dorothy.

only served as the capital of the country for 850 years. Only 15 million people live here. This city is full of greenery because of the public policy on air pollution reduction. The Beijing government continues to encourage its citizens to plant more trees since they also provide cool shade during the hot summer months. Driving down the main boulevards of the city, you could see the very new, condominium-style high-rises on one side of the street. All of the buildings appear to be very modern and expensive. For contrast, all you have to do is look at the other side of the street. There, the houses are one or two stories. They are run-down and many are slated to be torn down. In order to hide these eyesores, the government has erected big colorful billboards in front of them. Can you imagine living in one of these quarters? You would feel like you were being quarantined.

#### **Beijing, July 4**

Our last morning in Beijing was spent amongst the ruins of the Yong He Palace. In previous days, we had visited Tian An Men Square, the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. By this time, I was quite tired and zoned out the tour guide's explanation of what we were looking at. I had just enough energy to follow the group and passively observe what other people around me were doing. When I got on the bus, my Chinese classmate asked me what I thought of the ruins. I told her

that the visit evoked no particular feeling in me. She then told me that the destruction of the Palace still deeply affects the Chinese people. The Palace was destroyed around 1900 when the great powers of the world invaded China. I had completely failed to see the point. Here I was, strolling through the ruins as if they were ancient Roman ruins . . . interesting, but not noteworthy. Yet, clearly, the scars created by these ruins have barely healed for the Chinese people.

#### **Suzhou, July 8**

After lunch, we met at the school to work on our moot court presentation for tomorrow. An update on our simulation: the joint venture that the Chinese and American companies formed based on the Memorandum of Understanding came tumbling down when the profits failed to materialize. We are now at a stage where both parties will be in court, either a U.S. court or a Chinese court. My team was assigned to present our case in the Chinese court. The entire proceeding will be done in Mandarin. This means that Nelson and I not utter a word to the Court while Su Tian and Becky advocate for our client. We spent a long time this afternoon and evening strategizing our case and establishing our defenses. Occasionally, someone from another team would come and we would trade ideas and theories. The collegial atmosphere reminded me of similar experiences at Pacific/McGeorge.

# Faculty NEWS

## **Kingsfield Defender Attracts Large Crowd**

Professor Michael Vitiello didn't know what he was walking into when he ventured into the courtroom last March to give a lecture as part of Pacific/McGeorge's Annual Distinguished Speakers Series.

First, there was the standing room-only crowd. Then he noticed a large contingent of faculty colleagues scattered among the faces of present and former students. What a pleasant surprise for the speaker. Well, maybe.

Vitiello launched into a presentation on his latest paper, "Professor Kingsfield, the Most Misunderstood Character in Literature." He used clips from the 1973 movie, *The Paper Chase*, and argued that the high academic demands of the Professor Kingfield's of the world are necessary and that law schools make a mistake when they think that they should become kinder and gentler places.

Many of the students had never seen the movie. Some grimaced as actor John Houseman (Kingsfield) took apart his Harvard Law students in the few choice scenes Vitiello selected for viewing.

Lively is a mild word for the question-and-answer session that followed. The students sat back as the faculty members in the audience clamored for a chance to attack Vitiello's support of Kingsfield. It was all in

good fun with the student audience members treated to the grilling of a professor rather than one of their own.

"I found the lecture and the follow-up questioning invaluable," Vitiello says. "I continue to debate the topic with my colleagues, many of whom have helped me fine-tune my thinking both about the paper and teaching in general. I have received great feedback from John Osborn, the author of *The Paper Chase*, who watched a DVD of the presentation. He believes that I have understood his ambivalence about Kingsfield—he certainly does not see him as a one-or two-dimensional character."

## **Gevurtz Authors Articles on Corporate Governance**

Professor Frank Gevurtz's article, "The European Origins and the Spread of the Corporate Board of Directors," has been published in the *Stetson Law Review*, 33 *Stetson L. Rev.* 925 (2004), as part of a symposium on comparative corporate governance. The paper asks why corporate boards arose in Europe rather than elsewhere and why non-European businesses adopted this governance form.

The paper is part of a larger document that Gevurtz has completed, "The Historical and Political Origins of the Corporate Board of Directors," which he presented as part of the



**Professor Frank Gevurtz**

Pacific/McGeorge Distinguished Speakers Series in 2003. It has been submitted to law journals and was recently listed on a research network's top 10 download list for corporate law articles.

Another Gevurtz article, "Earnings Management and the Business Judgment Rule: An Essay on Recent Corporate Scandals," appears in the *William Mitchell Law Review*, 30 *Wm. Mitchell L. Rev.* 1261 (2004). It is part of a symposium on corporate governance issues arising out of the Enron debacle and other recent and financial fiascos.

Gevurtz, a member of the faculty since 1982, has taught Business Associations to thousands of second-year students over the past two decades.

## **Rohwer's Consulting Continues in Viet Nam**

Associate Dean for International Affairs **Claude Rohwer** completed his sixth working mission to Viet Nam in May.

Rohwer spent six weeks in Ha Noi, working with drafting teams writing contract law, agency law, security transactions law and

various other commercial legislation. He is consulting on a complete revision of the country's Civil Code and Commercial Law, scheduled for completion in late 2005.

Rohwer, who taught Contracts at Pacific/McGeorge for more than 40 years, will return to Viet Nam later this fall when the new laws go before the country's National Assembly.

**Taylor Marks 11<sup>th</sup> Year As a Judge Pro Tem**

Professor Joe Taylor served two weeks in mid-May as a judge pro tem for the Sacramento Superior Court, presiding over two jury trials, three motions to suppress evidence, and three sentencing.

It was the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the former Sacramento and Ventura County prosecutor and Riverside Public Defender has taken to the bench at the end of Pacific/McGeorge's spring semester.

"Our Trial Advocacy program is recognized as one of the finest in the country and one of the main ingredients is the participation of sitting judges in our mock trials during the second half of the course," Taylor says. "We get a lot of volunteer help from the Sacramento County Superior Court judges and my annual pro tem duty helps to compensate the court for that service." >



# Kelso Gives Arnold CPR

by Michael Curran

Professor Clark Kelso has been serving as a director of the California Performance Review (CPR), a panel created by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger that drafted a top-to-bottom overhaul of California state government.

Kelso, who also serves as the state's Chief Information Officer, was a key player in the five-month study that borrowed more than 270 employees from other state agencies to draft a 2,500-page report.

If enacted, the plan would concentrate power in the governor's hands while saving \$32 billion over the next five years, the review panel estimates. It would wipe out 118 of 339 state boards doing away with 1,153 appointed positions, consolidate some state services, and streamline the delivery of others.

Kelso and Paul Miner, '91D, the governor's Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary, drafted the executive order that created the review panel in February. They put together a team that worked furiously from March through July to get the report out on the heels of the state budget's approval on July 29.

"Make the executive branch one organization instead of 101 is a key component of the report," Kelso says. "In particular, the multiple agencies that oversee state finances should be replaced with an office of management and budget."

"The report now lies on Governor Schwarzenegger's desk and the next move is his," Kelso says. "He can accept some or all of the findings, determine the best way to move forward tactically, then try to implement them wholesale or piecemeal by winning legislative approval."

There are five public review sessions scheduled throughout the state. Kelso spoke on IT procurement and systems coordination at one of the meetings in late August in San Jose.

And how is the report being received? The commission's recommendations were unveiled to a chorus of boos from legislative Democrats and assorted interests in Sacramento.

"It's being attacked from all sides," Kelso laughs. "Lobbyists make their living navigating the maze of state government. They want to maintain the status quo and they've gone running to the Legislature."



**Professor Joe Taylor**

The Trial Ad course draws alumni and non-alumni judges from as far away as Riverside and Shasta counties. Some judges even spend an entire Saturday on campus so that Evening Division students get a dose of “real justice.” Students often cite the professional decorum and feedback of the judges at the mock trials as an invaluable lesson they carry forward into their first years in practice.

Has Taylor ever thought of finding a permanent home on the bench?

“No, it certainly gives you a different perspective being up there as a referee or umpire,” he says, “but I always liked being a player.”

Taylor is a good teacher as well as a former star player. The Evening Class of 2004 selected him as its Professor of the Year.

### **Salzburg Summer a Hit with Davies**

Professor Julie Davies, a faculty member for two decades, taught for the first time in Pacific/McGeorge’s summer program in Salzburg, Austria.

Davies, a member of American Law Institute who has taught Torts to thou-

sands of alums, taught Comparative Product Liability to a group of American and European law students.

“We had students from Belgium, Denmark and Spain in the class and they learned a lot just from the interaction between one another,” she says. “The students befriended my children and everyone had an unforgettable summer.”

Part of the Salzburg experience for every Pacific/McGeorge professor who goes over there in the summer is the opportunity to meet and get to know

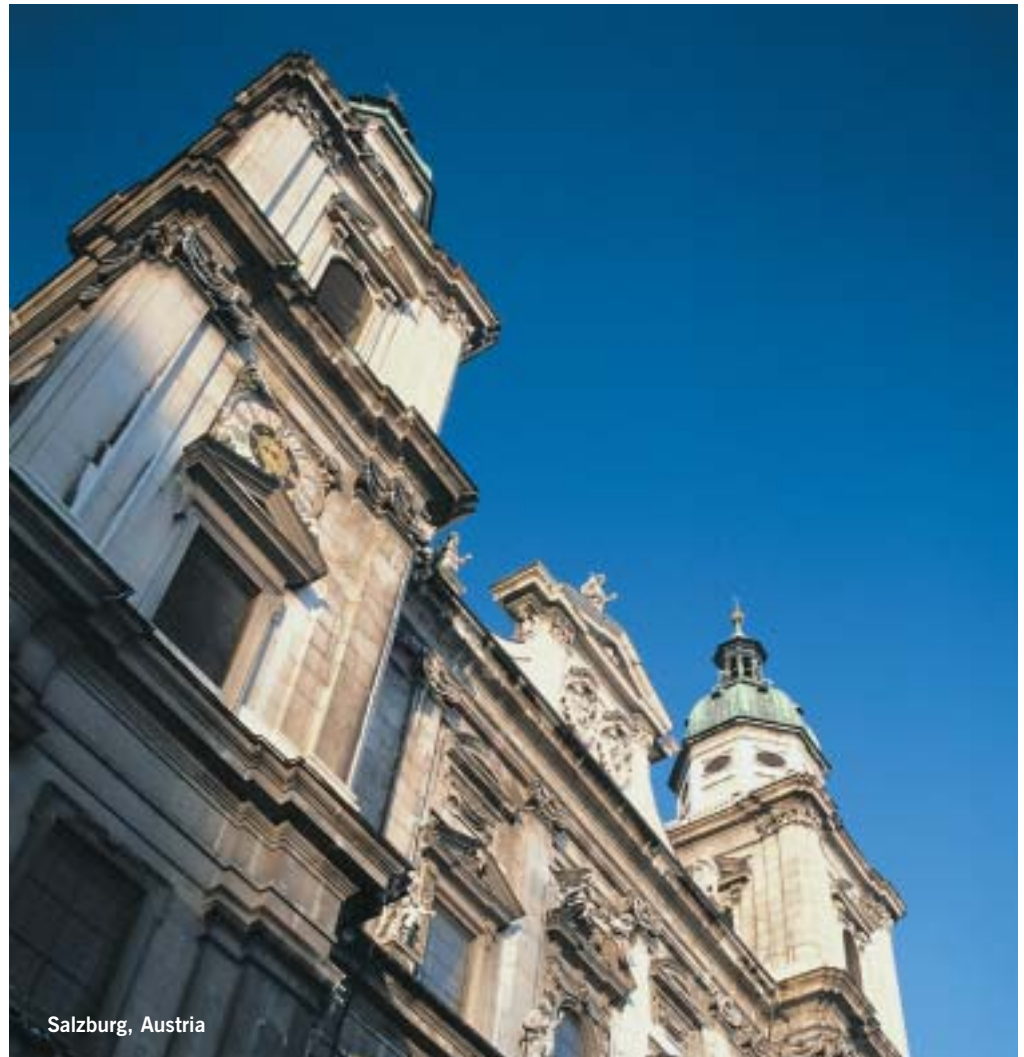


**Professor Julie Davies**

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. Justice Kennedy taught for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive summer since his appointment to the Supreme Court. His presence attracted 106 students to the program, which features four different courses.

“He’s very approachable, always makes an effort to ask the students about their backgrounds and plans for the future,” Professor Davies says. “It doesn’t matter whether you’re a liberal or a conservative, when you go to his class you find yourself agreeing with Justice Kennedy. He’s a brilliant guardian of everyone’s rights.”

Professor Thom Main, who also taught in the program, agrees. “I may be a law professor, but I’d go back to school again if he was teaching. I went to all of his classes.”



Salzburg, Austria

Photography: (top left) Barry Robinson; (top right) John Blaustein

# New Faculty Boast Impressive Credentials

By Liz Vitiello

Photography: Kit Morris



Professor Anne Bloom



Professor Amy Landers



Professor George Harris

Two new full-time faculty members and a visiting professor with a full teaching schedule join us this year, bringing a wealth of practical experience and a love of teaching to Pacific/McGeorge.

**Anne Bloom** developed her interactive teaching style—and a reputation for being demanding, but fair—as an associate professor at Occidental College, where she has taught courses on law and politics since 2002. Professor Bloom’s desire to share her enthusiasm for the practice of law with others in her field inspired her move from an undergraduate institution to Pacific/McGeorge, where she will teach Torts and courses on government law and policy.

With eleven years as a public interest lawyer, Bloom brings considerable practice experience in both of these areas. She was a staff attorney for the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in Washington, D.C., where she had extensive appellate practice and where her areas of expertise included civil rights and civil liberties, class actions, court secrecy, and federal preemption of state law. Bloom also lobbied members of Congress on consumer and environmental issues for Public Citizen in Washington, D.C. Bloom holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Washington and a J.D. from the University of Maryland Law School, where she graduated *cum laude*. Her already-extensive publication record includes law review articles in respected law journals including the *University of Miami Law Review*.

**Amy Landers** also brings significant practice experience to the full-time faculty, after 10 years at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Menlo Park. As an Orrick partner, Professor Landers specialized in high stakes intellectual property cases. Her extensive litigation experience includes defending major clients such as Microsoft and Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation. She was also in charge of training junior lawyers at the firm.

Landers’ desire to do scholarly research and to teach the next generation of lawyers has brought her to Pacific/McGeorge, where she will teach intellectual property courses. She is particularly interested in patent law, which she describes as a vital area of the law with a great impact on the U.S. economy.

Landers earned her J.D. from Hastings College of the Law, where she graduated *magna cum laude*. While at Hastings, she was a research assistant for Professor Richard Marcus. She also clerked for the Honorable Oliver W. Wagner, judge on the United States District Court, Eastern District of California.

Visiting Professor **George Harris** joins the faculty from Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco where he was a high-profile partner. Harris represented John Walker Lindh (the American Taliban) as co-counsel, and played a similar representation role in defending the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in the civil suit brought by the Oakland Raiders that was tried in Sacramento.

It’s a return to legal academia for Harris. He was a tenured faculty member at the University of Utah College of Law and he brings expertise in legal ethics to the teaching of Criminal Law and Professional Responsibility. He also will co-direct the Appellate Advocacy program. A Yale Law School graduate, Harris clerked for Chief Judge Frank M. Coffin, U.S. 1st Circuit Court of Appeals, before working as an attorney.

A portrait of Professor Michael Malloy, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit, a light blue shirt, and a yellow and white striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

# Professor Michael Malloy

*Writing Through the Night*

THE PACIFIC / McGEORGE PROFILE

by Robert T. Wazeka

**Distinguished Professor  
And Scholar**

B.A., Georgetown University  
J.D., University of Pennsylvania  
Ph.D., Georgetown University

**Courses Taught**

Banking Law; Business  
Associations; Contracts;  
Economic Sanctions and  
Trade; International Banking;  
International Trade; Federal  
Securities Regulation

**Public Sector**

Office of Foreign Assets Control,  
U.S. Department of the  
Treasury; Office of the  
Comptroller of the Currency,  
U.S. Department of  
the Treasury; Securities &  
Exchange Commission

**Recent Scholarship**

Principles of Bank Regulation  
(2d ed., West 2003)

**Recognitions**

University of the Pacific  
2000 Distinguished Faculty  
of the Year

Photography: John Blaustein

Professor Michael Malloy used to spend his evenings writing. Now, with five children under the age of seven (including a set of twins), he rises at four in the morning and writes until eight, stopping only to change the occasional diaper. Late at night, after all the kids are asleep, he heads back to his computer, working until 1:30-2:00 a.m.

If that sounds like only two or three hours of sleep, it is, though Malloy says he often takes afternoon naps. "I love to write," he says. "A day without writing is a wasted day."

No wonder then that the complete, single-spaced list of Malloy's publications runs to twenty pages and includes more than 70 books and supplements. Topping the list is a series of authoritative textbooks: *The Corporate Law of Banks*, 2 vols. (1988-93) and its successor, *Banking Law and Regulation*, 3 vols. (1994-2004); *Economic Sanctions and U.S. Trade* (1990-96); *The Regulation of Banking*, with annual statutory appendices, case supplements and teacher's manuals (1994-97); *International Banking*, with a companion teachers' manual (1998-2004); and *Banking and Financial Services Law*, also with a companion teachers' manual (1999-2004).

"I'm working on these books all the time," he says, adding that he receives research and editing assistance from his wife, Susie A. Malloy, herself a lawyer with a J.D. from Fordham.

Malloy's other notable books include *U.S. Economic Sanctions: Theory and Practice* (2001) and the forthcoming *Banking in the Twenty-First Century* (as a co-author). His output also includes a wealth of articles, translations, book reviews, comments and op-ed pieces.

With an Irish father and an Italian mother, Malloy grew up in southern New Jersey in an environment he says was much more Italian than Irish. He and his two brothers all became lawyers, following in the footsteps of their father, an attorney and judge.

Malloy sandwiched a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania (1976) in between B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Georgetown, both in Medieval philosophy. At Georgetown, the small classes, easy access to professors, and the "inquiring, tolerant Jesuit spirit" kindled his lifelong curiosity and his rigor in intellectual matters. His experience as a law student at Penn, however, was a much less happy one. Most faculty, he felt, weren't good teachers; their methods were "too passive, inert and uncreative."

Armed with a passion for teaching equal to his passion for writing, Malloy set out to find a better way to teach law.

Before coming to Pacific/McGeorge in 1996, he held teaching positions at New York Law School (1982-83), at Seton Hall (1986-87) and at Fordham (1987-96). He decided that the Socratic teaching method is "too often taught without discovery or excitement, with no connection to practical realities." He wanted to find a way to make the classroom feel like what students would face as actual lawyers. "They should be acting like lawyers the moment they walk into class; I assume they've done the reading." In his Pacific/McGeorge classes, Malloy uses hypothetical cases or narratives combined with a modified version of role-playing that he hopes will cause students "never to read a document the same way again."

In the past, Malloy has also had his share of hands-on experience, particularly with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Most dramatically, he was called away from work on his dissertation for a stint at the Treasury Department during the Iran Hostage Crisis. ("We've never had an excuse for absence like that before," people at Georgetown told him.)

Helping to apply the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977 for the first time, Malloy played a vital role in blocking about \$12 billion in Iranian assets. "It was all done within hours," he says. "The crisis occurred on Nov. 4, 1979, Iran started making withdrawals on November 13, and we succeeded in blocking its assets the next day, November 14."

Over time, the subject of economic sanctions has become one of Malloy's chief areas of expertise. "Sanctions are subject to the

law of diminishing effectiveness," he says, citing as a primary example Iraq, where sanctions worked during the run-up to the Gulf War but had less and less impact during the 1990s. Sanctions also were effective at first after Castro took power in Cuba, in the early 1950s in the People's Republic of China, and in the beginning stages of normalization with the China in early 1970s. Places where sanctions never worked include Nicaragua, Panama, Southern Rhodesia and even South Africa. "South Africa is often cited as a success story," Malloy says, "but the economic data proves that they didn't work in the case of apartheid."

In 2000, Malloy was named Distinguished Faculty of the Year. It's not hard to imagine that, after celebrating his award, he went home and wrote late into the night.

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



Professor Malloy in Derry, North Ireland, for the annual conference of the Irish Association of Law Teachers.

# ALUMNI NEWS



General Tom Eres, (left) administers oath to Tim Naccarato.

## Schwarzenegger Names Eres Guard Commander

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger named Major General Thomas Eres, '72D, as the adjutant general and commander of the 22,000-member California National Guard in March.

Eres, a Sacramento attorney and member of the University of the Pacific Board of Regents, has more than 35 years of service in the state National Guard. Most recently, he served as director of the Guard's Office of Homeland Security and Defense. He was the commander of the California Army National Guard from 1999 to 2002.

Eres began his National Guard service as a private in the Guard's infantry. Unlike most military lawyers who pass a state bar exam and then complete training at JAG school as a commissioned officer, Eres attended college and law school while on active duty. In 1975, he became a judge advocate and for two decades worked part-time in the JAG corps while building his private

practice. He rose through the ranks and became a brigadier general in 1996.

Eres administered the oath of office to a fellow alum, Tim Naccarato, '77D, at the latter's investiture as chief judge of the new California Military Appeals Panel in July in the Pacific/McGeorge Courtroom. Naccarato, a retired U.S. Army colonel, is the director of the law school's Academic Support Program.

Naccarato's appellate panel oversees the state military justice system covering National Guard soldiers under state control (as opposed to federal status, as when they deploy to Iraq on Afghanistan).

## Zumwalt Wins Unusual Case

Usually if you're representing a U-turn driver in an automobile accident case, you can forget about winning the case, but Modesto attorney Frank Zumwalt, '87D, made a jury see through a cloud.

A Stanislaus County Superior Court jury

awarded the parents of a 20-year-old girl killed in an auto accident \$1.8 million on July 7 because a dust cloud caused by almond harvesting equipment obscured her vision and forced her to turn around on a road. Seconds later, she was struck by a tractor-trailer.

Kristina Medina's fatal 2002 accident occurred on a two-lane highway between Turlock and Empire. When she came close to the dust, she initially stopped by the side of the road. How to describe the cloud she saw became the biggest dispute of the trial. While the defense claimed the dust disappeared quickly, Zumwalt had a witness who had driven the road minutes earlier and described a dense mass as high as the treetops.

Before trial, Zumwalt reached a six-figure settlement with the owners of the farm, which is now required during future harvesting to push the nuts farther into the field so they can be gathered away from the highway. The jury verdict assigned Medina 40 percent of the blame, but found the trucker and the harvester 25 and 35 percent culpable, respectively.



Frank Zumwalt '87D



Judge William Wunderlich '72E at his new venue.

**Wunderlich Takes Yosemite Station**

Justice William Wunderlich, '72E, was selected by a federal judicial panel last spring to become the U.S. magistrate judge at the U.S. District Court in Yosemite National Park.

Wunderlich left the Sixth District Court of Appeal in May to fill the opening created by the 2003 death of a magistrate judge. The Yosemite post is part of the Eastern District of California's Fresno-based court. In addition to the cases arising in the National Park, the Yosemite magistrate has a workload that includes a share of the district's prisoner habeas and civil rights cases and social security appeals.

Wunderlich had been a deputy district attorney and civil litigator before his election to the Monterey Superior Court bench in 1984. Governor Pete Wilson named him to the Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District, in San Jose nine years later.

**Polak, Hertoghe Newest on Bench**

Maui County deputy prosecutor Simone Polak, '89D, won confirmation as a Maui District Court judge by the Hawaii Senate on March 29. A former Air Force staff sergeant and emergency room technician, Polak was an appellate division attorney for the Maui Office of the Prosecutor, specializing in child sexual assault crimes. The chief justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court nominated her for the judgeship.

Marlene Hertoghe, '91D, was named to replace retiring Sacramento County Juvenile Court Referee Norman Main, '74E, in June. Hertoghe was a supervising attorney for Sacramento Child Advocates, a nonprofit firm that represents children in foster care. She will hear dependency case involving children who allegedly have been abused or neglected by their caretakers. Main spent 30 years on the bench, specializing in juvenile delinquency cases.

**Ashley Joins Hokokian on State Bar Board**

Pacific/McGeorge Career Development Director Ruthe Ashley, '88D, was elected to a three-year term on the State Bar's of California's Board of Governors in July. She will represent 10 northern California counties that comprise District 2 of the State Bar.

Ashley was a founding partner of the first Asian-American women-owned law firm in the greater Sacramento area. She specialized in healthcare law, civil rights, employment and business litigation. Ashley received the Asian American Law Students Association Award last spring at Pace University School of Law in White Plains, New York. A former president of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, she was honored for her "outstanding professional and personal accomplishments."

Fresno attorney Paul Hokokian, '79, is also on the State Bar's Board of Governors. The former Fresno County Bar Association president, who is serving his second three-year term, represents the Central Valley.



Ruthe Ashley '88D

**Hoch, Ambrose Lead State Agencies**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Andrea Hoch, '84D, administrative director of the Division of Workers' Compensation in April and Suzanne Ambrose, '87D, director of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing four months later.

Hoch, a former chief assistant attorney general with a record of involvement in high-profile government issues, will be charged with reshaping the state's \$18 billion workers' comp system which was recently overhauled by the legislature. While at the state Department of Justice, Hoch played a key role in multi-state tobacco settlement, developed the state's legal strategy during the energy crisis, and managed same-sex marriage and recall election litigation.

Ambrose has more than 15 years experience in civil rights law. Most recently, she served as supervising deputy attorney general for the Civil Rights Enforcement Section of the state Attorney General's Office. Prior to that, she served as chief counsel for the department she now will direct.

In mid-September, the governor named Timothy Swickard, '00D, as the chief counsel for the Department of Toxic Substances Control. He previously worked for the firm of Stoel Rives, LLP where his practice focused on land use and natural resource regulation.

# Message from The Alumni Board President



*Dear Fellow Alum &  
Friend of Pacific/McGeorge:*

If you know me, you know I'm not given to exaggeration. Great things are happening at our law school—but don't take my word, you should see for yourself.

If you haven't visited the Pacific/McGeorge campus recently, please do so soon. In fact, if a good excuse helps, I've got one for you: Join Justice Anthony Kennedy, Dean Parker and many of your friends and fellow alums at Pacific/McGeorge's 80th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 16th! By now you should have received an invitation—I hope you and your friends and classmates will get in touch with one another to buy a table together, or just plan to meet at this one-of-a-kind occasion.

It's one thing to read about the law school in the magazine—but it's another thing entirely to step onto the campus and feel the energy and excitement of students, faculty, alums and others. If you graduated more than a few years ago, you might be especially surprised at how positive the energy is. The school is working closely with the rapidly improving Oak Park neighborhood and creating a welcoming campus atmosphere. Sure, students still work hard and the faculty remains demanding, but the environment is student-centric, and Dean Parker is a tireless catalyzing energy source. She is a wonderful colleague and our Pacific/McGeorge Alumni Association board gets her time and attention.

In my last message, I wrote about the Alumni Association Board's four key themes for the year:

- Increase exposure of the Alumni Association to the students for the purpose of establishing long-term relationships;

- Increase placement of Pacific/McGeorge alumni and students;
- Create goodwill among alumni and students leading to increased charitable support of the law school's programs, scholarships for students, etc.; and,
- Create a culture of community giving and service.

I am very pleased to report that there is meaningful action on all these fronts:

- Student placements are at an all-time high with new internships being created constantly—particularly here in Sacramento and in Washington, DC, but in other areas, as well. Thanks to alumna and new Director of Career Development Ruthe Ashley, there's a much greater emphasis on getting students internships, and getting recent grads great jobs. Ruthe is also working directly with the Alumni Board to enhance the success she and her CDO colleagues are creating by using the Board as her 'action arm.' A recent alumni survey makes it clear that you hold this as among the law school's highest priorities.
- More than 70 alums attended the first meeting of the alumni Capitol Chapter here in Sacramento where Professor Clark Kelso commented on the California Performance Review, and other events are planned—yet another alumni chapter taking shape.

Your Alumni Association is very interested in your views and priorities, so let us hear from you! The law school is listening, and acting emphatically in your interest—in this and other regards. As we reflect on the law school's first 80 years, and look to the next 80 years, these are exciting times to be connected with Pacific/McGeorge. I hope you're pleased with the law school's—and the Alumni Board's—efforts and successes, and I hope you will let me know by contacting me at [bputler@pacific.edu](mailto:bputler@pacific.edu).

*With best regards,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Brian Putler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Brian Putler '85D**

# Pacific/ McGeorge Alumni Board of Directors 2004

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Matthew Darby '05D

*Your Pacific/McGeorge Alumni Association Board has been busy over the last six months, laying the groundwork for new alumni chapters, selecting worthy student recipients of scholarship money generated by your charitable gifts and strengthening alumni employment networks for young graduates in our twin capitals, Sacramento and Washington, D.C.*

The new Capitol Chapter of the Alumni Association held its kickoff meeting in August at the California Chamber of Commerce office featuring Professor **Clark Kelso's** report on the California Performance Review. This chapter is open to the hundreds of alums who work for government offices—municipal, county, state and federal—or for law firms and non-profits that do business with government. They are planning more get-togethers to discuss emerging issues in government with a special focus on California.

The Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund continues to be a vital financial lifeline for current students. In July, we awarded 2004-05 Alumni Scholarships totaling \$116,161 to 36 students. That's not counting Amicus Lex, Ruth Squire and Nevada Alumni stipends that went to others. Since 1979, your gifts have generated \$1,416,851 in scholarship money for 761 students. Quite an impact.

We are also taking a proactive approach to helping recent graduates find employment in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. **Kevin Kwong, '04D**, will work with the Capitol Chapter on employment opportunities in Sacramento as **Jerilyn Stanley** and **Jodi Else** have done in D.C. Under the direction of the Career Development Office, Else developed a 60-page employment directory guide to help students land internships and jobs. **Contact Lisa De Sanctis 916-739-7289 in CDO or Else 202-669-9872 for more information.**



The dean's September visit to Fresno attracted alumni, young and old, to a reception at Baker, Manock & Jensen. Three of the attendees were, from left, Melissa Webb, '03D, Justice Bert Levy, '77D, and Elizabeth Steinhauer-Clark, '99D.

## Alumni Board Grows Membership

In response to increasing engagement of alumni with the law school and its programs—attendance at events, participation in alumni chapters, service as mentors, and more—the Alumni Board changed its By-Laws to increase Board membership from fewer than 20 to approximately 35 members. Membership increases will occur over the next few years, adding nine new members per year (rather than the five-to-six historically added annually). New members will also be recruited from regions of the country where the board and law school hope to develop (or reinvigorate) alumni chapters. Initial targets include Los Angeles and the Bay Area. Other areas targeted for future attention include New York City, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Phoenix.

# Alumni Notes

## 1935-1959

### **Walter D. Cook '55E**

*Died February 7* at the age of 81 in Chico. Was the assistant chief counsel of the State Lands Commission from 1964 to 1983. An environmentalist who was instrumental in the preservation of 12,000 acres for a wildlife refuge, he did a talk show for KZFR public access radio in Chico.

### **Florence Westfall Littlejohn '55E**

*Died May 16* at the age of 79 in Sacramento. She co-founded the law firm of Littlejohn & Westfall in 1960 in Colusa. Her law partner became her husband a year later and they practiced together for the next 43 years.

### **Elmer B. Pirtle '55E**

*Retired.* 1135 Skylark Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037. 858-459-7619. (La Jolla)

### **Robert E. Tarbell '56E**

*Died May 9* at the age of 88 in Tracy. Was a partner in the Sacramento law firm of Hibbitt and Tarbell from 1957 to 1990.

### **Joseph M. Taillefer '59E**

*Died March 23, 2003* at the age of 77 in Sacramento. Longtime Sacramento resident who was in private practice before joining the Sacramento County Counsel where he worked for 15 years before retiring as Deputy County Counsel in 1985.

## 1960s

### **Burl W. Waits**

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### **Robert S. Willett '61E**

Retired but teach at American River College. Member Sacramento County Grand Jury (second term). (Sacramento)

### **Roy R. Levin '62E**

Attorney, 906 G Street, #610, Sacramento, CA. Teaching at University of Northern California Law School (Patino) for the third year. (Sacramento)

### **Robert J. Nareau '62E**

Retired as lead attorney in the busiest criminal defense firm in San Diego County in 1980. Moved to Island of Kauai. Taught law in University of Hawaii's system for several years, served as co-counsel with local attorneys on numerous cases with permission of local judiciary, and return to Kauai for several months each year to perform pro bono work. Moved to home in Arizona, only to learn what being sentenced to hell would be like. Highlight of legal career was in changing the law in a dozen different cases at the state appellate and state Supreme Court level and in the Supreme Court of the United States. Have authored eight successful books dealing with early Hollywood western film players. Will celebrate 25 years of happy wedlock to wife, Greta, on October 20. Have more grandchildren than I can count and three super great-grandsons. Served as county co-chairman for election of Ronald Reagan as California's governor. Hobbies: Time on the beaches of Kauai, sports, and writing for publication. Major observations over the years: 1) Present national administration is most corrupt and ineffective in our long history; 2) Kauai is as close to heaven as I ever expect to get, while Arizona is tantamount to being delivered into the arms of Satan; 3) "Political Correctness" has become one huge joke. Still trying to figure out "What the hell is a Ms.?" (Mesa, AZ)

### **Richard L. Paquette '67E**

*Retired (semi).* Since retiring from St. Paul-Travelers Insurance Co. and returning to Sacramento from Orange County, I occupy myself with arbitrations, mediations and Pro-Temming to maintain my contact with the profession. It's *still* a lot of fun. (Sacramento)

### **Howell Y. Jackson '68E**

*Attorney at Law, Georgetown, CA (part-time).* Built "ultimate" home in 1993 in Sierra foothills near Georgetown. "Retired" in 1996 from position as Chief Counsel, California Department of Veterans Affairs. Life member, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Growlersburg Post 9241; All-State Post Commander, 2001-2002. Member, IOOF, Memento Lodge, Georgetown. Appointed in 2003 to El Dorado County Veterans Affairs Commission and as Advisory Member of California Veterans Board Policy and Procedures Committee. Active in local community service veteran-related matters. Part-time practice of law (general business and civil, family law, probate, conservatorships, trusts). Serve from time to time as judge pro tem, Dispute Resolution Conferences, El Dorado and Placer counties. (Georgetown)

## 1970D

### **The Honorable**

### **Raul A. Ramirez**

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Sacramento, CA 95864  
916.392.3874 Home  
916.488.4050 Business

### **Vernon E. Leverty**

My wife, Gretchen, and I are finally at the stage in life where all our children are finally working. We have turned out a lot of competition in the legal field. Three of our six children are attorneys. Daughter Courtney is practicing law in San Diego, California. Daughter Joanna is practicing law in Reno with the Public Defender's office. Son Patrick is currently a law clerk for a District Court Judge in Reno. Son Tyler is in the final stages of obtaining his Ph.D. in Economics-Insurance and he starts teaching at Georgia State University the fall of 2004. Son Dan is a stockbroker in Reno, Nevada. The youngest daughter, Carolyn, is working in

physiology in Seattle. At this stage in our life, we enjoy being able to get together with our children and those special moments with our friends as we approach that next life adventure turning sixty. I still love practicing law, enjoy the adventure of litigation and have no intentions to retire. (Reno, NV)

### **Douglas A. Sears**

*Senior Partner, Matheny, Sears, Linkert & Long, 3638 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 96584 [916-978-3434]. Continue to enjoy practicing law in Sacramento. Tried quadriplegia case for 55 days in San Joaquin County Superior Court this spring and obtained defense verdict in 2 hours. In December, I will become President of the Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada, a 1,100-member organization dedicated to advancement of civil defense practice in California. (Sacramento)*

## I970E

**Terence B. Smith**  
916.386.6486 Business

### **Paul H. Werner**

*Retired. After several years in England we are settled in the Texas Hill Country. My most recent accomplishment was surviving a triple bypass surgery. I write and print a newsletter for a local society and attempt to create an acre of xeroscape garden - mostly cacti and agave with native plants. URL: hugonian@kctc.com (Kerrville, TX)*

## I971D

**Phil Hiroshima**  
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Sacramento, CA 95815  
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### **H. Vince Jacobs**

*Attorney, Hiroshima, Jacobs, Roth & Lewis. Phil Hiroshima and I continue in our practice as the elder lawyers in the office. All is well. Phil's son-in-law, Jon Doggett, is with the firm now, which is wonderful. He is an excellent attorney. I married Cecilia Delieri in March 2004, in Sedona, Arizona, with our children and a few friends sharing our joy. I continue to enjoy the outdoors - fly fishing and travel with Cecilia. Children are grown. Ryan graduated U.C. Davis, economics, and Brooke is in third year of PhD program in Biology. (Sacramento)*

### **The Honorable Arjuna T. Saraydarian**

*This year brings to a close my 20 years of judicial career. I will be retiring by the end of 2004 and will embark on a life on wheels as my wife and I tour the country, Canada and Mexico, in our thirty-nine foot, Class A, diesel pusher motor home. During our trips we hope to see our friends and make new ones. We look forward to making many visits to McGeorge and the Sacramento area. (Blythe)*

## I971E

**Eugene L. Paine**  
Post Office Box 95  
Shingle Springs, CA 95682  
530.677.4807 Home

### **Nancy R. Reardan**

*Retired. Jack and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 3rd, at a party weekend given by our five children and their families: 35 of us at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley and a dinner cruise on the Bay, July 4th. (Fog obscured the fireworks). We play tennis two or three times a week and travel to see family. Oldest granddaughter graduated magna and phi beta from Brown (a neuroscience researcher - the lawyers will come later!) We're having a great time. Good times to those of you out there still working! (Elk Grove)*

### **Antonio Torlai**

*Retired. (Stockton)*

## I972D

**Jeff B. Marschner**  
1039 Eileen Way  
Sacramento, CA 95831  
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916.376.5100 Business

*Retired. After retiring from state and county service (31 years), I served as legal advisor to Governor Schwarzenegger's California Performance Review. Now it's time for golf and a cross county RV trip this fall. (Sacramento)*

### **Gary L. Case**

*Retired President & CEO of Associated Atm., Inc. Retired January 2003 - Married 37 years - Two children: ages 35 and 31 - 4 grandchildren, Blake (9), Mary (4), Hannah (4), and Alex (newborn). (Bend, OR)*

### **F. L. Willis, Jr.**

*Law Offices of Willis & Willis; last remaining principal. Got all my kids through college, except the one getting a PhD. One married -- no grandchildren. Still a contract public defender. (Chico)*

## I972E

**Gordon P. Adelman**  
1301 43rd Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95822  
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*Retired. Became a great-grandfather for the fifth time! The greatest shock was when I realized I was sleeping with a great-grandmother! Doing a lot of traveling and enjoying life. Had a great chat with The Honorable William Wunderlich. Bill is now the Magistrate of Yosemite National Park and enjoying his job and the beautiful location with the lovely Nozma. Also fun to talk with Ed Bovillon who is enjoying life on the Cameron Park links with beautiful wife, Fran. On a much sadder note, we feel the loss of classmates*

John Moger and Jim Weber.  
(Sacramento)

### **John A. Moger**

*Died March 3 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 70 in Woodland. Served from 1975 to 1997 as a state Deputy Legislative Counsel, drafting legislation and legal opinions on water law, integrated waste management, air pollution and DMV matters.*

### **James D. Weber**

*Died unexpectedly June 30 at the age of 61. Longtime partner at the Sacramento firm of Cuneo, Black, Ward & Missler who was an active volunteer in many charitable community organizations.*

## I973D

**Rudy Nolen**  
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### **Richard D. Edwards**

*I continue to enjoy the practice with the same firm for the 26th year. I retired from the NV Army National Guard - SJA last June after 33 years of military service, active and reserves. I spent last winter's weekends as a ski instructor at Mount Rose - Ski Tahoe. I'll return for a fifth season next November/December. Our son, Nate, McGeorge 2000, is a Deputy D. A. in Reno and has a 2 year-old son. Our daughter, Natalie, McGeorge 2002, is getting married in August and will move to a firm in Stockton. Her husband, Matt, McGeorge 2003, is also in Stockton in practice. Lawyers, lawyers, lawyers. (Reno, Nevada) >*

## 1974D

**The Honorable  
Nancy L. Sweet**  
nlsweet@sbcglobal.net

**James R. Dodds**  
Owner, James R. Dodds &  
Associates. (Stockton)

**The Honorable  
Betty J. Irwin**  
Retired Judge. Moved back from  
Mendocino to Lakeport. Built a  
new home, swimming pool, and  
hot tub, but still working on our  
garden. Fun retirement! (Lakeport)

## 1974E

**Gary L. Vinson**  
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**Jay P. Donahue**  
Account Manager, Triple-A.  
(Herndon, Virginia)

**Barton R. Jenks**  
Deputy Attorney General, State of  
California Attorney General's  
Office. Wife: Helen; two sons:  
Andy (age 24) and Tony (age 21);  
enjoying employment in the  
enforcement, regulation and  
administration section of the State  
of California A.G.'s office.  
(Sacramento)

**Thomas M. Morlan**  
Attorney at Law. 4555 El Camino  
Real, Suite H, Atascadero, CA. I  
continue to practice general civil  
litigation, solo, in San Luis Obispo  
county. I am still looking for the  
"Holy Grail" of happiness and try-  
ing to make the practice of law a  
calling rather than merely an occu-  
pation. (Atascadero)

**Stephen L. Taber**  
Has become as partner in the  
Holland & Knight LLP's San  
Francisco office, bolstering its  
municipal bond practice on the  
West Coast.

## 1975D

**Ervin A. DeSmet, Jr.**  
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Woodinville, WA 98072  
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425.990.4510 Business

**J. Douglas Buchanan**  
Attorney, Bishop, CA. Practice in  
this remote area is more than a  
job; it is a life. By now I am seeing  
the third generation of families I  
saw when I was a new admittee—  
but notwithstanding—nothing is  
static or boring. Not a week goes  
by that doesn't bring something I  
have not seen before. This job is  
never dull. I am thankful for every  
day I can do it. (Bishop)

**Roger A. Cartozian**  
Partner, Gray & Prouty. All is well  
in the workers compensation arena  
- still trying to sort through the  
new law pushed through by our  
"Governator." Son Andy moved to  
New York in an effort to boost his  
acting career. In the meantime he's  
in the food-serving industry.  
Daughter Elizabeth and a friend are  
on an 8-12 week cross-country  
journey in an '84 Honda  
Goldwing...with a sidecar! Patty  
and I continue to work...kids have  
a great time... (Sacramento)

**Robert F. Cochran**  
Solo practitioner. After 29 years  
practicing with at least one partner  
I am now flying solo. It will be fine.  
I have two secretaries with the  
office nearly 20 years and my wife,  
Debbie, has been at the helm as  
bookkeeper and office manager  
since 1980. Our son, Sean, is now  
out of the U.S. Air Force and  
attending college. He hopes to  
teach third or fourth grade school.  
(Crescent City)

**Dennis J. Durkin**  
Owner, Law Offices of Dennis J.  
Durkin. The baby graduated from  
college. All three children are col-  
lege graduates. Held a combined  
graduation & checkbook closing  
party. Practice limited to family law

& estate planning with about 80%  
family law. Family law practice lim-  
ited to private judging, mediation,  
arbitration, & other neutral work.  
Have not accepted a litigation case  
in about two years. Much more  
enjoyable (but harder) trying to  
facilitate an agreement or decide  
as judge. Most of my time is spent  
private judging. Just finished a six-  
day custody/move away trial.  
(Redwood City)

**John W. Hawkins**  
I practiced in Reno since gradua-  
tion and have just retired. Since  
retirement I function only as an  
arbitrator for the court appointed  
ADR program and was recently  
appointed Nevada Supreme Court  
Settlement Judge (also an ADR  
program). The law has been a  
good taskmaster for these past  
thirty or so years. (Reno, Nevada)

**Michael J. Schneider**  
Owner, Michael J. Schneider PC.  
Attended ATLA Mid-Winter conv. in  
Fla. Lost my 84 year old Dad in  
March and saw my brother gradu-  
ate from nurse anesthetist school  
in May. My son, his friend, and I  
will fly to the Wood-Tikchick Lake  
system in a week to do some cari-  
bou hunting and I've drawn ano-  
ther permit to bow hunt for sheep  
in Chugach park in October. Been  
rehabilitating my right leg since  
November...soft tissue injuries from  
weekend warrior activities...so  
hope I can do the trip. Isn't getting  
older a treat...! Working hard, but  
loving it and spending time with  
beautiful s.o. and airplane. Alaska  
has seen the most hot/dry summer  
since records started being kept in  
1918. Hope all of you are well.  
MJS. (Anchorage, Alaska)

**Robert C. Tronvig, Jr.**  
Beth and I celebrated our 30th  
Wedding Anniversary in Maui this  
summer. Our son, Sean, has gradu-  
ated from UC San Diego and, after  
studying in the Republic of South  
Africa, has returned to San Diego  
and settled in working at the uni-  
versity. Erik, our younger son, is  
working and attending junior col-

lege. The Tronvig Law Firm is pros-  
pering. Beth is still teaching. With  
30 years seniority, she's #2 in the  
district's seniority roster. Hope to  
see all my classmates in October at  
McGeorge. (Rancho Cordova)

## 1975E

**Ira Rubinoff**  
711 Saddleback Drive  
Marysville, CA 95901

**Jack E. Kennedy**  
President, Jack E. Kennedy &  
Associates, PC. Have won settle-  
ments and awards, verdicts in six  
and seven digits. Judge nominated  
me as Outstanding Trial Lawyer in  
Nevada in 2003. Developing prac-  
tice so other associates may  
become shareholders. Spending  
extra time on financial business  
developed nearly seven years ago.  
Obtaining realtor-broker develop-  
ment business to add to our collec-  
tion of interests. Sons are motorcy-  
cling to Sturgis with me. House  
boating at Shasta and seeing how  
fast the seadogs can go. Sean,  
general contractor, son; Chad,  
PhD/CEO ASU professor, son;  
Mindy, daughter, grad student, med  
student; Mitch, college and works  
in my financial business; Rick,  
computer whiz, more school to go.  
(Reno, Nevada)

**Hayne R. Moyer**  
Partner, Moyer, Parshall & Tweedy,  
LLP. Still practicing law with fellow  
McGeorge graduates. As a Regent  
for Pacific I have observed, over  
the past few years, that the  
University has a high interest in  
supporting the continual develop-  
ment of McGeorge. I remain active  
in Juvenile Diabetes Foundation as  
a past president of the Northern  
California chapter. I am proud to  
have assisted in the completion of  
the Gordon Schaber Chair and I  
look forward to the establishment  
of significant further scholarship  
funds for students. (Gold River)

**Jeffrey Paule**

Has been elevated to the position of General Counsel for Walt Disney International (meaning he reports to the General Counsel for the Disney Co.). He's worked for them for many years and worked in Hong Kong. (Dana Point)

**Richard M. Williams**

*Attorney, Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley.* After 29 years of civil litigation practice, I am transitioning into mediation and arbitration. I just completed 60 hours of training at Pepperdine School of Law and look forward to building a full-time mediation practice. Our oldest son just graduated cum laude from Georgetown Law and will begin practice this fall with Latham & Watkins in San Francisco. With our other two children, in grad school and college, retirement is not on the near horizon! (San Jose)

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**Gilbert B. Feibleman**

*Managing Shareholder, Feibleman and Case P.C.* Sad but true, after always sending in alumni news, I missed last year and no one noticed but Getz. So 1st, for my annual Pat Laffin report: she is still doing well, happily ensconced in Auburn and has booted another one out the nest to college. On the CLE front, I continue to write and speak nationally on family law Topics. The most current one is "How to make Difficult Cases Easy for the Judge." Recently I completed my service on the Board of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and was again listed in Best Lawyers in America that does help a little in attorney fee affidavits. If you have cases involving

an Oregon Family Law issue you can find most of your answers at divorcenet.com, go to the Oregon Link and download "Feibleman's Short Sheets on Family Law." For the past 10 years I have been preparing this family law guide that is distributed to all Oregon judges and is part of the new judge orientation materials. On the personal front, my wife and I continue to enjoy being empty nesters. Our son Ben turned 21 at the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia where he is one of 5 U.S. Marine Security Guards. We have been amazed at how his life in the military has changed since he made it through the rigorous MSG program. Last September he received his MSG diploma from Colin Powell in Quantico, VA, then he left for Africa and developed some strong political feelings about public policy, then your tax dollars paid for him to go to Paris for two? weeks to guard President Bush during the D-Day celebrations and learn poker from the Secret Service. In 2 months he switches embassies to one where we hope we can visit. He gets his choice of a "good" embassy but our boy has a mind of his own. If he gets a six-month special detail at the Kabul embassy he asked for, we will have to delay our visit. So now he knows ambassadors, admirals, secret service and state department people so the best part is that his career goal is now the Foreign Service. All is well in Oregon on all fronts. (Salem, Oregon)

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**Richard H. Halladay**

*Vice President & Trust Officer,* Union Safe Deposit Bank. Patty and I will celebrate our 27th anniversary in our new house in September. Ricky, age 25, has a Criminal Justice Degree from Sac State and looking at law school. Heather has a Business Degree-Human Resources from Sac State and works at CH2MHILL, a local engineering firm. Justine, our musician, is the drummer for the local band, Skys of Fire. Our 2 year-old grandchild, Taylor, is keeping us all very young! (Sacramento)

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**John Donegan**

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This last year has found me mired in political scandal. Recent ads by the group Swift Boat Veterans have challenged prior accounts of my heroic exploits pulling water skiers in the Mekong Delta 32 years ago, have claimed that the sunburns that I received were not nearly as serious as I had reported, and that my decorations were undeserved. Heard that Colorado jurist Chris Melonakis sought to have the Kobe Bryant trial heard in his court, so that he can negotiate a plea bargain in which the defendant would be obligated to teach Chris how to slam-dunk. Understand that Harley Pinson has accepted a position in the new Iraqi government as Minister of Rock and Roll, and has asked a semi-lucid Brian Wilson to act as his deputy. Also in Iraq, reports are that judicial honcho Bert Levy will preside over the upcoming trial of Saddam Hussein. Reportedly, he has been researching whether or not international conventions would prohibit the execution of Saddam by joy hand buzzer or powerful whoopee cushion. He has already ruled out the use of mimes in carrying out

the court's sentence, citing universal standards of decency. (Palo Alto, California)

**The Honorable Chris Melonakis**

*District Court Judge, Brighton, Colorado.* Enjoying life with two lovely grandchildren. Shocked to see Harley Pinson, John Donegan and Bert Levy in cameo roles in Fahrenheit 9/11. Listening to Steve Clayton's bass riffs on the web. Still dispensing old west justice on the frontier. (Brighton, Colorado)

**Terrence D. Williams**

*Attorney at Law.* I am in solo practice representing social security disability and SSI claimants. I am an adjunct professor of law at Humphrey's School of Law, a superior court arbitrator and a County Bar Association arbitrator. (Stockton)

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**John Charles Dyer**

*Chief Counsel, California Department of Food and Agriculture.* Father of 2, Grand father of 2. Work: work; Cause: work, family, Raymond Institute; Fun: work, family, and friends. (Sacramento)

**Richard L. Elmore**

*Attorney, Hale Lane.* Shareholder and attorney at Hale Lane in Reno. Was elected president of the Nevada Law Foundation. In 1994 he was recognized as a founding colleague of the foundation and in 1999 he was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on the foundation's board of trustees. The Nevada Law Foundation administers funds derived from the interest on lawyer's trust accounts for the benefit of legal projects for the poor or disadvantaged. (Reno, Nevada) >

**William E. Gasbarro**

*Private Practice, part time Prosecutor.* Still in Absecon, New Jersey, since 1983 - private solo practice since 1985. City attorney and prosecutor for Brigantine, NJ (beach suburb town adjacent to Atlantic City). Janet (wife) is a Lutheran Church Pastor. Jeff (son) is a senior at C.U.N.Y. (City University of New York - Hunter College). Hello to Everyone! (Absecon, New Jersey)

**John R. McDonough**

*General Counsel of River City Petroleum, Inc.* Recently traveled to London and Ireland with family. Started new career in the oil industry coinciding with the run-up in prices—cause and effect? Have managed to dodge indictment, disbursement and achieved the lofty status of member of AARP, although the retired part continues to elude me. (West Sacramento)

**Barbara G. Schlueter**

*Administrative Law Judge, California Department of Social Services.* (Los Angeles)

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*Staff Counsel III, California Housing Finance Agency.* Getting to spend lots of quality time with our nearly 5 year-old grandson. Recently had the pleasure of a visit from our older daughter who has been teaching English in universities in Barranquilla, Columbia for 4 of the past 5 years. Am now a qualified steam locomotive engineer (come on down - I'll treat you to a ride!) Moving again - but still in the East Sac area. Still with the state - and small real estate consulting, contract drafting/negotiation and mediation practice on the side. (Sacramento)

**Kristin Sudhoff Door**

*U.S. Attorney's Office, Assistant U.S. Attorney.* The highlight of my professional year was being admitted to the Supreme Court Bar and attending the oral arguments on the Pledge of Allegiance case. I represented the government in district court and in the 9th Circuit and was looking forward to a decision on the merits of the First Amendment issue - but, alas, the court dismissed on a procedural ground (standing). Hearing Ted Olson argue "my case" was thrilling. On a personal note, my kids are half way through high school and starting to look at colleges. My daughter and I still pursue our love of horses (she is a hunter/jumper and I take dressage lessons). 20th wedding anniversary coming up in February 2005. (Sacramento)

**Donald W. West**

Was named president-elect of the San Joaquin County Bar Association. (Stockton)

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**Steven Sabbadini**

*Attorney, Sabbadini Law Offices.* I played basketball with Bob Zimmerman over the 4th of July. He tried to gain an advantage by wearing 6" platform shoes. Even though it made him 5' 8", it still made no difference. I admired his shirt; too bad it didn't come in adult sizes. (Woodland)

**Randolph C. Wright**

Fellow classmates - I am single again. But I did meet Queen Elizabeth in 2002 on her Golden Jubilee at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The Dean of Windsor was most amused when I walked up to the Queen to chat-but we did have a pleasant chat for about 90 seconds! I also became a Fellow of

the Royal Society of Arts, founded in 1754. This year I attended the Gaiter Ceremony at Windsor Castle and drank champagne in top hat and tails at the Royal Enclosure, Ascot. I am still a British car enthusiast and went for a stroll down Savile Row. God bless you all. (Reno, Nevada)

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**Gary H. Gale**

*Loan Officer, Golden Bear Mortgage Corporation.* 12/31/03 was my last day as a partner in the Law Office of White & Gale. Jerry continues the bankruptcy practice in Folsom and I've abandoned the legal rat race. I'm doing retail home loans (purchases of residences, rentals and refinances) as a loan officer for Golden Bear Mortgage. In August 2004 the family moved to 103 Lakeside Way, Folsom. Call me at (916) 863-2191, ext. 223 or email me at ggale@gbmc.com if you need a loan (or personal advice) and live in California. (Folsom)

**Daniel J. Grimm**

*President, International Theological Institute (U.S.).* Almost entirely out of law - don't know if I'll do the next round of CLE or not! Our first grandchild was born in October 2003. (Ojai)

**Jeffrey Jones**

Was named managing partner of McDonough Holland & Allen. He joined the major Sacramento law firm in 1979 and has a practice that covers an array of real estate transactions for both public- and private-sector clients.

**Albert J. Lenzi**

*Partner, Zink & Lenzi.* What a summer so far! Two weeks in Italy touring and seeing relatives near Florence I have not seen in 35 years. Then last weekend in Ashland for two Shakespeare plays with my daughter and son-in-law from Washington. Couldn't be better! (Chico)

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*Chief Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Institutions.* Board member, Educational Foundation for the National Conference of State Bank Superintendents Sustained Superior Performance Award; past Secretary/Treasurer of the National Association of Marketing Officials. (Sacramento)

**Sheila S. Dey**

*Executive Director, WMA.* My battle with colon cancer is at a standstill. Round 2- advantage Sheila! Still working for the Mobile Home Park Owners. Children are 16 & 14, both attending Catholic high schools in Sacramento. Happy to be alive, I am confident I will prevail in my battle with cancer. (Sacramento)

**Barbara J. Gruenewald**

Partner, Anderson & Gruenewald. Troy Anderson ('79E) and I celebrated 15 years of practicing law together. In August 2004, we will be moving into our own office, a house rezoned to professional offices. I practice workers' compensation law and family law. I am married to Steve Novacek and we have a daughter who is 14 years old. (Reno, Nevada)

# 1980D

## **Mayor R. Mark Asmundson**

*Mayor, City of Bellingham, Washington.* I was re-elected to my third term last November and continue to thrive in the interesting, challenging and sometimes frustrating world of local government leadership. Our city is regularly, even routinely recognized as one of the most outstanding cities in the country in publications ranging from Outside Magazine, Forbes and even National Geographic Adventure. My primary challenge is maintaining outstanding livability while accommodating a growing population. Never a dull moment - it sure beats practicing law! Family well and much to be thankful for. (Bellingham, Washington)

## **Alan Carter**

*Died April 2* of a heart attack at the age of 55 in Long Beach. A Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, his successful prosecutions included the pandering conviction of Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss.

## **F. Lavar Christiansen**

*Owner & President, Draper Land Development Co., Member Utah House of Representatives.* Legislative duties are intense but interesting and rewarding. My appreciation for a good legal education increases continually. Our son, Kenny, is a new attorney in Utah and our son-in-law just took the Oregon Bar. (Draper, Utah)

## **Kenneth D. Kay**

I am currently serving as the Director of Philanthropy for Fresno Christian Schools. If you are like me, and are honest with yourself, you may have burned out from practicing law several years ago. If so, I can personally attest to the benefits of putting your skills into play in an entirely different field/career/profession. In my case, I am currently raising money in our community for projects in my son's K-12 Christian School. I am having a blast working with various lead-

ers, professionals, and business people in our area. So, if you are sick of practicing and seriously thinking of jumping into another field, but have hesitated because it seems "beneath you," you might want to think again. Life is short and contentment is achievable--I know. You can reach me at (559) 299-1695 x139. (Fresno)

## **Neil S. Tardiff**

*Smith & Tardiff.* Teresa and I are enjoying life in Avila Beach. (San Luis Obispo)

## **Kelly J. Warren**

*Solo practitioner.* Member of a dying breed. Still in Covina at old craftsman home converted to a law office. Golf game is the same - every shot is an adventure. Hoping to take three to four months of serious part-time to travel and run office remotely. God is great for giving us laptops, CD-ROMs and the internet. Single since no one will have me. Enjoying good health and a good life. (Covina)

# 1980E

## **Colonel James M. Coyne**

*Judge Advocate, U.S. European Command.* (Stuttgart, Germany)

## **The Honorable Faith Geoghegan**

*Retired Sacramento Superior Court Judge.* Enjoying retirement immensely! I value my connection with McGeorge via the Deans Council and look forward to the 80th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion in October. (Carmichael)

## **Major Wendell A. Hollis**

*Honorable Immigration Judge, San Francisco.* After 20 years in the Army, Pat and I moved to Arizona to enjoy the Great Southwest. I worked for seven years with the I.N.S. (now called D.H.S.) and was then appointed by Attorney General John Ashcroft as an Immigration Judge in San Francisco. The work is exciting and keeps me busy! The San Francisco Immigration Court

currently has 18 judges and is one of the busiest jurisdictions in the country. (Chandler, Arizona)

## **Paul K. Richardson**

*Office of the District Attorney, Yolo County.* I continue to work as a felony trial deputy, in a job I love, with the Yolo County District Attorney's Office. My daughter, Jessie, graduated from Trinity College last spring and I am very proud of her. I hope all of my classmates are doing well in their professional and personal lives. Hope to see many of you at the reunion. Warm regards to all. (Woodland)

# 1981D

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## **The Honorable**

## **Janice M. Fallman**

*California Department of Social Services, Administrative Law Judge.* I've been administering justice for 12 years now, and the latest budget cuts guaranteed my job security until retirement. Gretchen, who came to campus with me, made me a grandmother. Miss Dana will be 4 in August. Bronwyn graduated from high school and is in a training program. Me, well, I'm headed to Hawaii in September. It doesn't register that I've been a practicing lawyer for 23 years--seems like yesterday I was battling for the Nevada "Nads!" (Los Angeles)

## **Janet L. Holmes**

*Contra Costa County Counsel's Office.* I am thoroughly enjoying life after cancer! Saw Judge Shaver recently, and he looks better than ever ... sporting the perfect tan and contemplating retirement!" (Martinez)

## **Daniel L. Mitts**

I received my MBA from SDSU on December 30, 2003. Coached little league for the rookie Astros. Maureen cashed in her miles to fly the family to Australia for a three-week vacation. (Escondido)

# 1981E

## **Jeffrey W. Curcio**

*Managing Partner, Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld, LLP.* Work and personal lives are very good. Our firm continues to grow and prosper, with excellent clients and interesting projects. My wife, Marianne, and I are soon to be "empty nesters", with one at Cal Poly and our youngest going off to Chico. We are trying to curb any mid-life crisis tendencies! Best wishes to all. (Sacramento)

## **Joseph B. Drachnik**

*Inactive.* (Sacramento)

## **Maureen S. Dunn**

*Retired, State of California (Legislative Counsel Bureau).* John and I retired to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, in 1999. Built a house and bought a convertible and a 30-foot sloop (sailboat). Having a great time. (Hilton Head Island, South Carolina)

## **Krista J. Kastanos**

*Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento.* I'm still doing trials, assigned to the Insurance Fraud Section. I spent most of my summer preparing for a complex case scheduled for trial at the end of July, 2004. I did manage to get away for a vacation with my kids, and have a cruise in the Caribbean scheduled for September 2004. Planning for retirement! (Sacramento)

## **Ronald R. Lamb**

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**Captain Carleton R. Cramer**  
*Professor, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies.* Completed my tour as Commanding Officer, Trial Service Office Pacific, on 17 August 2004. Transferred to U.S. Pacific Command, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies. (Mililani, Hawaii)

**Paul P. Holden, Jr.**  
Colonel Holden, the Director of the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DOD), was in Iraq last year as a JAG officer with the Office of Human Rights and Transitional Justice in the CPA. He did a lot of work with Iraqi judges and mass graves. He served in the Governance Ministry of the CPA. (Newport, Rhode Island.)

**Paul F. Ready**  
*Principal, Farmer & Ready.* Still chipping away here in San Luis Obispo. Life has been a real roller coaster since my youngest was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor about three years ago. He has thus far beaten the odds, but it's been a battle every step of the way. My wife, Bridget, and I have become semi-paramedics. My other three children are growing up quite quickly. We've moved to the country so as to expand our daily opportunities for serious injury by all means of various antiquated farm implements. My initial effort to grow avocados has resulted in an abundance of wonderful firewood. I have become quite handy with a chain saw and now consider stump-pulling an enjoyable hobby. Each of my three older children actually raise pigs for the county fair. Somehow I never pictured myself slopping hogs when I used to find myself day dreaming during one of Frank Stewart's stunning Criminal Law dissertations back in

1979. You know that your life has taken an unusual turn when you find yourself facing a malfunctioning irrigation system and wondering, "What would Eddie Albert have done on Greenacres?" Keith Wisbaum is quite helpful in this regard as it's a little known fact that he was a Greenacres groupie and maintains a complete collection of every show, on beta format. If we ever raise sheep, however, I'll definitely be seeking advice from Rob Kronick. We enjoy seeing old friends, so look me up if you find yourself here on the Central Coast, wine tasting, or perhaps dropping off your son or daughter to attend Cal Poly. E-mail: [pready@farmerandready.com](mailto:pready@farmerandready.com)

**Kenneth E. Schreffler**  
*General Counsel to Victory Thoroughbreds, LLC,* based at Philadelphia Park. I also own several thoroughbreds actively competing in the mid-Atlantic region. For the past two years I have represented ownership groups competing in all three Triple Crown races. I am a licensed thoroughbred owner and spend a part of each year in Lexington, Kentucky working on stallion syndications and purchase and sale issues for clients. (Southampton, Pennsylvania)

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**Suzanne Kingsbury**  
*Presiding judge of the El Dorado Superior Courts* was named to the Judicial Council of California on June 24. California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George, who chairs the Judicial Council, announced the appointment. (South Lake Tahoe)

**Douglas C. Miller**  
*Senior Employee Relations Analyst & Attorney, Sacramento Regional Transit District.* Hello to all my friends out there in The Legal Arena. I continue in my efforts to bring a ray of humor to the rather

stoic world of labor relations. Things have been tense given the profound lack of coin in the economy - but not so bad as to leave the negotiations table and run screaming into the street. Rather sounds like some of the fear we had in Evidence. On the home front, I'm in a constant re-model mode. Most recently I added a lovely travertine stone floor. Jo Ann and I are enjoying the "teenager-iration" of our 12 year-old, Laura. The walkman is now permanently affixed to her ear - so she's officially a teenager in our book. Our household of animals continues to entertain us, but I think one of the birds is destined for our aviary. I'm enjoying classes in oil painting, but missing the pleasure of seeing your smiling faces. We should change that. Best Regards! Doug (Sacramento)

**Victoria D. Schwartz**  
*Teacher, Saddleback Valley Unified.* I retired from the practice of law in 1994. I've been teaching first grade since 1996 and married Phil, a scientist, that same year. We just celebrated our 8th Anniversary. My daughter by first husband, Dave, who died in 1991, is smart and a talented singer. We're all Christians, a lifestyle that keeps us happy and content. Thank you Jesus for being our friend, Lord and Savior. (Irvine)

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Joined Gordon & Rees as a partner as that San Francisco firm acquired The Berkley law Group, a successor to Berman, Berkley & Lasky. She is an employment law specialist.

**Mariel E. Dennis**  
*Chief, Office of Small Business & DVBE Services.* January marked my seventh year with the Dept. of General Services, Procurement Division but last November I took the position as Chief of the Office of SB/DVBE Services. I've enjoyed working with members of the small business & disabled veteran communities. It has been a busy time. I just ended 2 years on the Executive Council of the National Contract Mgmt. Assoc. I will miss the travel, but looking forward to spending more time with my new husband, Ian Dennis. Originally from Liverpool, England, we're coming upon our first anniversary and still enjoying the challenges of communicating in English (American-style or British). Like the cell phone commercials, I'm just waiting to come home to Shamu instead of shampoo...cheers! (Sacramento)

**Shana S. Faber**  
Assistant City Attorney, Vacaville City Attorney's Office. I have been practicing municipal law for the last fourteen years and aspire to someday become a City Attorney. I have been married for twenty-one years to a 1982D McGeorge alum and have two kids - ages 18 and 19 - who are both in college. In my spare time I enjoy traveling, the cinema and theater, computers, and camping. (Vacaville)

**David R. Glissman**  
*MacDermid, Reynolds & Glissman.* Still enjoying my commercial real estate practice. Connecticut is a great place to live and work. Kids are nearing college. Hope you are all well. [dglissman@mrglaw.com](mailto:dglissman@mrglaw.com). (Hartford, Connecticut)

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**Valerie A. Murphy**

Staff attorney, Facilitator's Office, Superior Court. My four grandsons are in or approaching teenage years. Two were nationally ranked U.S. Track and Field runners before leaving grammar school. Still running strong! It is such fun being a grandmother. I am going to Italy for three weeks this fall, with three friends my son refers to as the Broad Squad. The San Diego Facilitator Program is the largest in the state with 16 attorneys at five court sites. So far the budget problems have not caused layoffs. (San Diego)

**Dennis J. Olmstead**

Partner, Ernst & Young LLP. Four years back in the Big Apple. All is well. Say "hello" if you visit New York City. (New York, New York)

**Bret R. Rossi**

Owner, Law Office of Bret R. Rossi. I recently relocated to downtown Sacramento, where I acquired a house with a full basement to accommodate my family and my practice. What a joy to be near my children while I toil away for my clients. (Sacramento)

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**Kathleen H. Kelly**

Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Northern California. It is exciting to be a part of a program that serves the entire state, the "Senior Legal Hotline." (Woodland)

**Joseph A. McLaughlin**

On 7/10/2004 I was elected as Vice President of newly merged international union "Unite Here!" Term of five years, location remains in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

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**Thomas P. Aplin**

Law Offices of Thomas P. Aplin. Business and real property litigation practice continues to grow and diversify. Recent trials in San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Playing a lot of tennis and enjoying watching the kids grow. (Costa Mesa)

**Alan C. Campbell**

Died suddenly April 29 at the age of 42 in Sacramento. Was an associate with the Bleier Law Firm for 12 years, then joined the Sacramento County Counsel's office in 1999 and specialized in eminent domain litigation.

**Ronald A. Reed**

Public Defender, Butte County, Juveniles. I continue to represent juveniles as a public defender. (Chico)

**Ward A. Tabor**

Assistant Chief Counsel, California Department of Water Resources. My most important assignment, which I have been working on for four and a half years, is obtaining a new hydroelectric power license for Oroville dam and Reservoir from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (two and a half years to go). I have learned a lot about hydropower, salmonids and other endangered species, Native

American rights and local government. My wife Karen, daughter Maris (23) and son Dylan (12) took a fabulous trip to the Snake River and Sawtooth Mountains this summer. (Sacramento)

# 1985E

**Mark T. Boehme**

Assistant City Attorney, City of Concord. I have worked for the City of Concord since 1988. I am involved with all aspects of municipal law practice. I have been active in the City Attorney Division of the League of California Cities and served on the Executive Committee of the State Bar's Public Law Section. (Concord)

**Catherine A. Straight**

Owner, Law Offices of Catherine A. Straight. Last year I formed my new law practice after many years in a partnership. I moved my practice to downtown Sacramento, where I am concentrating primarily on intellectual property law—patent, trademark, and copyright. (Sacramento)

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**David Doyle**

Doyle Law Firm, P.C., Salem, Oregon. Keeping busy with law practice and family. Oldest son, Andrew, is a senior in high school. Still serve as County Counsel for Polk County. Focus of private practice is personal injury. Hope that everyone is doing well. (Salem, Oregon)

**Richard A. Kolber**

Business Litigation, Los Angeles. Rich Kolber lives in Los Angeles and is a solo practitioner practicing business litigation in Century City. Rich was married in August 2003 to Sherry Batalla. On June 28, 2004,

Eden Grace Kolber was born, rounding out the blended Kolber clan to six. (Los Angeles)

**William S. Papazian**

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**Paul J. Pimentel**

Partner, Tomassian, Pimentel & Shapazian. Over the last 8 years, I have been amazed at the dedication of some of our classmates in responding to the Alumni Notes. It's odd. For three years, we saw each other daily and knew the details of one another's lives. Now, after graduation, few of us routinely keep in touch. Aren't you curious as to how everyone has done over the years? I am. I always read the Alumni Notes. Sometimes I laugh, sometimes I am sad, sometimes I am jealous - but I am always glad to read what others have written. So join the fun. Fresno is still hot, but a fun place to practice law. The older kids still think I am hopelessly out of touch with my opinions and discipline (grounding for 1-2 weeks at a time). This year looks to present more travel opportunities than normal; Pittsburgh, New York, Las Vegas and Reno. For fun, I bought a big cruiser motorcycle to ride the twisty roads of the mountains and foothills surrounding Fresno. It has been a wonderful stress reliever. Riding a big motorcycle is more fun than you would think possible, there are a lot of organized rides so you can meet new people (potential clients) and (possibly) write the whole trip off as a business expense. (Fresno) >

**A. Peter Rausch, Jr.**

*Principal, Law Offices of A. Peter Rausch, Jr.* Stockton, San Francisco. It's hard to believe that the little baby girl that blessed my wife, Nancy, and me only moments after passing the Bar is now looking at colleges. Funny - I don't feel old! My private business litigation continues to boom and recent forays into private equity funding and complex deals keeps me challenged and never bored. Also finding time for personal pleasures including music and theatrical performance, with even a directorial debut, to balance the pace of practicing law and running a firm. Son Alex is about to enter high school. Is an empty nest really in our near future? Life has never been better!!! (Stockton)

**Samuel B. Taylor**

*Owner, the Law Offices of Samuel B. Taylor.* Greetings to the gang--especially Karen Ponton and the Stanfields--it's always fun to hear from you all. Another active year, wrapped around our daughters, who in the past year have learned most every sport they could try it seems. It's getting hard to keep up with them! We went to St. John's and had a great time. We are going to New York at Christmas, and Charleston before that. Work is work, but it does pay for all the stuff we do, which makes it worthwhile. Wish everyone another great year! (Durham, North Carolina)

**Andrew N. Wolf**

*Attorney, Rogers Shadek & Wolf.* Andy and Leslie and 3-year old son still reside in Incline Village, Nevada. Andy stays busy with real estate, business, and construction law when not on the skill hill or golf links. Andy enjoyed ski runs with Robert Miller ('86D) and Bart Melhop ('86D) last Winter at Squaw Valley. (Incline Village, Nevada)

# I986E

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**The Honorable**

**Stephen H. Baker**

*Shasta County Superior Court Judge.* After 17 years of civil litigation I was appointed by Governor Davis as Shasta County Superior Court Judge in September 2003. Current assignment is family law/probate. Married Susan Cresto, Senior Counsel for Catholic Healthcare West, in April 2004. (Redding)

**G. Lewis Chartrand, Jr.**

*Chief Deputy Director, California. Department of Managed Health Care.* My career has been going well and looking forward to relocating to Kona, Hawaii at the end of the governor's term. (Sacramento)

**Patricia Deeter (Ruud)**

Civic activities: Advisor to Placer Land Trust. Other activities: major travel (Egypt, China, Europe) and riding dressage. (Auburn)

**Charla M. Freckmann**

*Human Resources Director, County of Napa.* (Napa)

**Candace J. Hubbard**

*Stanislaus County Public Defender's Office - Juvenile Division.* (Modesto)

**Beverly J. Johnson**

*Attorney/Mayor of Alameda, CA.* Practicing family law attorney. Elected Mayor of Alameda, November 2002. (Alameda)

**Donald B. MacDougall**

Has joined Nixon Peabody as counsel. In that role, he will spearhead the New York firm's East Coast aviation law practice and work in product liability. He was formerly a partner in the San Francisco firm of Kenney & Markowitz.

**Terri D. Newman**

*Self-employed attorney.* Married (after 5 year engagement) Michael Crosetti, May 2004. Gained step-daughter, Anna, stepson, Tony, and granddaughter, Alexa, within this last year! Life is good! (Loomis)

# I987D

**Megan Havonik**

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**Kevin T. Dunbar**

*Partner, Dunbar & Associates.* Living and working amongst the pine trees in Rolling Hills Estates (yes, they have them in Southern California) while still finding time to surf with my sons and dig in the sand with my daughter. Looking forward to reminiscing about old times with other southern California McGeorgites at the annual *Queen Mary* event. (Rolling Hills Estates)

**Cynthia Cacciotti Norris**

*Deputy District Attorney, County of Kern.* Hello to my friends. Hope to see some of you this coming year. My youngest, Natalie, starts kindergarten this year. Still enjoying being in the courtroom. Brad, my husband, retires this year...hoping for some help on the home front. It sure would be nice to have a stay-at-home spouse! (Bakersfield)

**Richard E. Nosky, Jr.**

Appointed as City Attorney in Stockton in July 2004, after serving as City Attorney in Salinas for several years. Address as of 9/1/04: 425 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202. (209) 937-8333. (Stockton)

**Steven M. Selna**

Was named a partner in the firm of Drinker Biddle. He is a member of the firm's Products Liability Group at its San Francisco office where he concentrates on representing pharmaceutical, medical device

and dietary supplement concerns in complex litigation.

# I987E

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**Fred S. Deatherage**

Contract attorney, Zurich Insurance. Semi-retired. Active Pro Tem, Sacramento County small claims and traffic court. (Elk Grove)

# I988D

**Lisa A. Specchio**

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*Senior Trial Attorney, Law Offices of Richard A. Lovich & Associates.* No big announcements. Still plugging away at this law thing. Can't believe it has been 15 years. Hope you all are doing well. (Los Angeles)

# I988E

**Mark J. Garibaldi**

The Garo Method of Mental Fitness. The Garo Method is continuing to expand. I am doing more private "live" sessions for students, athletes, and professionals on many different topics. From stress reduction, improving your golf game, weight loss, public speaking, improving your test taking ability, to improving your attorney skills, to name just a few. I have lots of different types of clients, which makes the program very interesting. Please visit my website at [www.thegaromethod.com](http://www.thegaromethod.com) for more information. I would enjoy hearing from you! (Bakersfield)

# 1989D

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**Kerry J. Kunz**  
*KJK Law, Sacramento, CA.*  
(Sacramento)

**David A. Prentice**  
*County Counsel, Madera County.*  
Address, 333 West Olive Avenue,  
Madera, CA 93637. I have six  
attorneys in my department and  
am currently involved in first-  
impression casino issues regarding  
tribal ad valorem taxes. My email  
is dprentice@madera-county.com.  
(Madera)

**Gregory Rolan**  
Bassi Martini & Blum has expanded  
its public-sector law practice  
with his addition as partner. He  
has previously served as a Deputy  
District Attorney, Deputy Attorney  
General and senior associate with  
a public-entity firm.

**Alice C. Sessamen**  
R&R full time! Retired from state  
service two years ago and love the  
freedom to work part-time and  
travel at will. Now president of the  
University of Michigan Alumni Club  
of Orange County and volunteer as  
an ambassador at John Wayne  
Airport. Took my parents under my  
wing three years ago, lost Dad  
June 2002, but am delighted my  
86 year-old roommate can still  
enjoy being my housekeeper! The  
accomplishments of our alumni are  
most impressive - keep up the  
great work! Best wishes to all.  
(Laguna Niguel)

**Samantha S. Spangler**  
*AUSA, Sacramento.* For the past  
four years, I have had the pleasure  
of supervising my office's misde-  
meanor unit, comprised of 3-5  
McGeorge students and a parale-  
gal. I love this mentoring role! I am  
also doing appellate work and gun  
cases. In my spare time I swim,  
garden, take care of my personal

petting zoo (3 cats, a dog and a  
bird) and, occasionally, I get to  
travel. (Sacramento)

**Julie L. Wolff**  
*Law Offices of Julie Lynn Wolff.*  
(Sacramento)

# 1989E

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**Katherine I. Berning-Fry**  
The Reno City Attorney's Office was  
awarded the Jefferson Fordham  
Award for Law Office Excellence by  
the ABA Section of State and Local  
Government Law in Atlanta in  
August. Last August (2003) I mod-  
erated a panel of municipal  
lawyers at the World Jurist  
Conference in Sydney & Adelaide,  
Australia. We enjoyed a family  
vacation before the conference, one  
of the best we have ever taken.  
(Reno, Nevada)

**Michael B. Nelson**  
*Owner, Law Offices of M. B.*  
*Nelson, Inc.* (Walnut Creek)

**Elizabeth Millern Roth**  
*Associate Dean, Lincoln Law*  
*School of Sacramento.* Family  
News: My husband, Evan Elsberry,  
and I are living our dream—we  
have just opened our own restau-  
rant called The Family Room. It  
was inspired by our 4 year-old  
daughter, Evelyn, as a place for  
families to enjoy fine dining togeth-  
er. So far it is great but I can't quit  
my day job. (Sacramento)

**Deborah R. Schulte**  
*City of Sacramento, City Attorney's*  
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# 1990D

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**Susan D. Blake**  
Has made several TV appearances  
for Criminal Justice Legal  
Foundation, the group that sup-  
ports strong criminal sanctions.  
(Sacramento)

**Lisa L. Gindes Helker**  
It's been five years since I left the  
active practice of law, and I've  
never been happier. I am part of a  
terrific team of JDs who ensure the  
quality of LexisNexis products. This  
job is challenging and quite  
rewarding. Most rewarding of all is  
my new role as a mom. Eleanor  
Beatrice Helker came into this world  
on January 13 and she truly "com-  
pletes me." She is a healthy,  
happy, and active baby. My hus-  
band Scott, who is now a financial  
advisor after also leaving legal  
practice, and I take turns working  
at home to be with Eleanor. Life in  
Golden, Colorado, is sweet indeed.  
(Colorado Springs, Colorado)

**Robert E. Oakes**  
*Vice President, Association of*  
*Independent California Colleges*  
*and Universities.* Accepted exciting  
new job with AICCU. A huge debt  
of gratitude to Clark Kelso for all of  
his help. It really is important to  
stay connected to McGeorge!  
Thanks Clark....or Professor Kelso!  
(Sacramento)

**Jean W. Penberthy**  
*Managing Partner, Penberthy &*  
*Penberthy.* I am remarried to John  
C. Penberthy, a Rutgers/Camden  
Law School graduate (1989).  
Together, we have three children  
from our prior marriages: C.J. (my  
10 year-old stepson), Maria (my 9  
year-old daughter) and Michelle  
(my 7 year-old daughter). I am a  
member of the New Jersey  
Association of Women Business  
Owners. I enjoy playing golf and

tennis. The firm is expanding and  
Gene Fulghum, Esq. is joining our  
offices on September 1, 2004. My  
major practice area is wills, trusts  
and estate planning. The firm's  
concentration includes family law,  
bankruptcy and real estate law.  
(Marlton, New Jersey)

**Pamela Van Haften Wyatt**  
*Died February 29* of cancer at the  
age of 40 in Sacramento. First  
female partner with the firm of  
McMurchie, Weill, Lenahan, Lee,  
Slater and Pearse, she specialized  
in the field of employment law  
litigation.

**Clinton P. Walker**  
Has become a shareholder in the  
Modesto law firm of Damrell, Nelson,  
Schrimp, Pallios, Pacher & Silva. An  
associate with the firm since 1998,  
his practice includes insurance  
defense and employment law.

# 1991D

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**Into B. Champon**  
*Attorney/CEO, Into Champon &*  
*Associates, A Law Corporation and*  
*CEO, Investment Village, Inc.* In  
addition to practicing law, I started  
an investment real estate company,  
Investment Village, Inc., and a real  
estate loan company,  
loanvillage.com. We are whole-  
salers for major banks and broker  
real estate loans and equity lines.  
My wife, Alison (a graduate of UOP  
Pharmacy School), and I now have  
a baby girl, Alina, and would love  
to hear from anyone. We still live  
in the San Gabriel Valley area.  
(Alhambra)

**Victor Gallo**  
Is leaving his General Counsel post  
at Youbet, a California-based inter-  
net advanced deposit wagering  
company, to lead the company's >

response to recently enacted legislation permitting ADWs in Nevada.

**Anna Orlowski**

*Health System Counsel.* Best job in the world: In-house counsel for U.C. Davis Health System. Best family ever: Husband, John; step-daughter, Alexandra; son, John Alexander; dog, Madison. (Sacramento)

## 1991E

**Mark J. Reichel**

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**Mark E. Berry**

*Shareholder, Mayall, Hurley, Knutsen, Smith, & Green.* Still married to Jennifer Wilke, '92E. We have three girls that keep us very busy. (Stockton)

## 1992D

**David M. Miller**

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**Sean Klein**

Practices law with Mastagni Holstedt & Amick and is a fiction writer. His short story, *Five Guys Named Moe*, was carried on a science fiction web site, [www.scifi.com/scifictionin](http://www.scifi.com/scifictionin), last spring. (Sacramento)

**Karen B. Kramer (Ebel)**

*Kramer Weise, employment law.* (Danville)

**Christine A. Roloff**

*Senior Tax Counsel, Franchise Tax Board.* Working part-time and loving it. Raising two boys, Carter (8) and Chase (6), or three boys, if you count husband Bart Mehlhop, '86D, who is busy running his own law office. (Rancho Cordova)

**Sundee M. Smykal**

*Managing Partner, Winterbotham Parham Teeple Marchisotto, APC.* (Santa Ana)

## 1992E

**Lt. Col. Ferdinando P. Cavese**

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*Chief, Central Labor Law Office, Arlington, Virginia.* Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on 1 July, 2004. (Arlington, Virginia)

**Elaine A. Roberts Musser**

*Attorney at Law, private practice.* I volunteer some of my time at Senior Legal Hotline in Sacramento. In one case I enabled a client to testify before the Judiciary Committee of the CA Legislature. We helped pass a bill out of committee to prevent landlords from demanding intrusive financial information as a basis for continued residency. My client has been invited back to testify again before the Assembly. I am also a recently appointed member of the Davis Senior Citizens Commission. My son, David, is working for the head of the engineering department at UC Davis on a project for NASA, while obtaining his degree at UC Davis in computer science. My daughter, Lara, is an assistant manager at a pool in Davis, as she obtains her degree at UC Davis in genetics. (Davis)

**Frank M. Pacheco**

*Attorney at Law, Stockton, California.* Hobbies: Scuba diving, private pilot, amateur radio. Other activities: constructing a kit aircraft project. (Stockton)

**Angel R. Stewart**

*Resource Specialist.* Hello Everyone, I hope you are all doing well. I am still enjoying my teaching career. I recently received my Education Specialist Instruction Permit from Chapman University. I teach special education students.

Last year, my peers elected me to serve as their union representative. It was an eye opening, rewarding experience. I bought a home and moved to American Canyon. I'm busy fixing-up my new home and enjoying my summer off. So far, I've gone to Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon and Disneyland. A long weekend at Yosemite is coming up. Take care. (American Canyon)

## 1993D

**Violet R. Radosta**

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**Jacqueline E. Bailey**

*Vice President Legal Business Affairs, Thane International, Inc.* I have been in-house counsel at Thane International, Inc., a worldwide infomercial based marketing company for 3 years now. I really enjoy the fact that my practice involves learning the business, managing litigation, and challenging constitutional and regulatory issues. Making my first trip to our London offices next week to negotiate a contract and looking forward to more travel in the future. My best to everyone in 2004 and 2005. (La Quinta)

**Dana K. Caudill (Astrachan)**

*Attorney, Law Offices of Ralph A. VanDuick.* I have been a trial attorney for Farmers Insurance for eight years now. I recently became a member of the California Coast Chapter of ABOTA. My daughter, Emma, just turned 3 and keeps me busy when I am not at work. (Ventura)

**Kimberley W. Delfino**

*California Director, Defenders of Wildlife.* Chris and I continue to survive (and enjoy) the whirlwind that is family and work. Samantha and Ben are growing fast. Chris starts his first year coaching Sam's soccer team. We hope everyone else is doing well. (Sacramento)

**Sue Ann Van Dermyden**

Has been named a partner at the Sacramento firm of Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy.

## 1993E

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**Christopher D. Lonn**

*Attorney, Owens & Perkins PC.* What a year it has been! I went "on tour" with my beloved Steely Dan for a good portion of the summer and fall of 2003. Seeing shows coast to coast was a blast. Patrick McGrath joined me for a whopper of a weekend at the Steely Dan show in Lake Tahoe. It was fun for the whole family. I hope all my classmates are doing well. Best wishes. (Scottsdale, Arizona)

## 1994D

**Captain Laura H. Heller**

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*Administrative Law Attorney, I Corps and Fort Lewis.* After seven months as trial counsel at Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Cuba, I moved to Fort Lewis, Washington, where I practice administrative law and government ethics. Although I've only been back on U.S. soil since last October, I expect to deploy again soon, to (once again) lawyer my way through the world of detention operations—this time, in and around Baghdad. (Fort Lewis, Washington)

**Michelle Ball**

*Owner: Law Offices of Michelle Ball.* Education Law Advocacy. We have been advocating for students for nine short years. It is very rewarding. We assist students in the education system who face

expulsion, special education issues, harassment, transfer issues, and a multitude of other difficulties.

Parents and students need legal assistance with the morass we call the education system, or they will get trampled on. To receive a free newsletter, to get added to our referral list, or to refer a potential client to us, please call 916-444-9064. We look forward to hearing from you! (Sacramento)

#### **Eric L. Barnum**

*Partner, McGuire Woods LLP.* I joined McGuire Woods LLP as a partner in the labor and employment law practice group in June 2004. The move has been great and I've enjoyed an explosion in my practice! We are a 750-lawyer firm based in Richmond, VA. I am in the Atlanta, GA office where we practice employment and traditional labor, real estate, commercial litigation, mergers and acquisitions, corporate securities, and financial services law. My wife, Daisy, and I have been married for four wonderful years. Please look me up if you're ever in the area. (Atlanta, Georgia)

#### **Kimberly S. Davis**

*Director, Music Affairs Group – Sony Pictures.* (Culver City)

#### **Jebb A. Dykstra**

*Technology Sector Law Corporation.* My wife, Michelle Boyer, class for 1996, had our second child in May 2004, Lily Kathryn. She joins her sister, Makenna Ann, with us in Santa Monica. I run a small law practice helping software systems and technology companies grow. I teach Intellectual Property at UCLA-Extension. (Santa Monica)

#### **James D. Greer**

*Assistant Special Agent in Charge. Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.* I supervise special agents in Northern California, Oregon and Idaho, conducting criminal investigations of health care providers defrauding Medicare, Medicaid and other programs within the

Department of Health and Human Services. My wife, Gina ('87D), is practicing law with the government law section of the California Department of Justice. We enjoy living with our Rhodesian Ridgeback, Sheba, in Folsom. (Sacramento)

#### **Deborah L. Raymond**

*Managing Partner, Raymond, O'Donnell & Fawver, LLP.* 2004 has been a very busy year. I started a new partnership that handles consumer protection cases and class action litigation. I also purchased a home in Solana Beach, CA. This Fall I will be traveling throughout Europe. I hope all my classmates are doing well. (Solana Beach)

#### **Erin E. Sarret**

*General Counsel, Triago, Paris, France.* As a general counsel for a private investment fund placement boutique in Paris since 2002, I find myself a long way away from the insurance defense litigation before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that comprised my early years of practice (1995-2001). My current activities include the general day-to-day CLO concerns in addition to cross-border securities regulations of various countries as applicable to a multitude of international investment vehicles. The professional versatility that one acquires with the JD and ensuing bar registration continues to astound me! In Paris, there are five other McGeorge grads and we hope to form an outpost here soon! On a personal note, my French husband of 16 years and I bought our apartment last year in the 5th arrondissement, near the Jardin des Plantes, where my two daughters love to play. La vie est belle! (Paris, France)

#### **Renee R. Stineman**

*Attorney, Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue, LLP.* (Portland, Oregon)

#### **Michael J. Wise**

*The Cole Law Firm.* After several months of discussion, I finally left the District Attorney's office in Sacramento and joined forces with a veteran subrogation attorney. The practice is going gangbusters and each day brings new and varied challenges! We are now a family of four with the arrival of my beautiful daughter Francesca Kathryn Wise. I have certainly been blessed over the last several years since I met my wife. I have had the opportunity to collaborate with my good friend, Greg Deetman, on several occasions. (West Sacramento)

## I994E

#### **Guy E. Ortoleva**

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#### **Robert K. Roskoph**

*Partner, Roskoph Associates, P.C.* Board Member, Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. Member, Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto. Sponsor, Palo Alto Little League. Two boys - Adin, 7 and Myles, 2. (Palo Alto)

## I995D

#### **Ryan J. Raftery**

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#### **Robert Angres**

*Solo practitioner, Law Offices of Robert L. S. Angres.* I continue to practice criminal law at the trial and appellate levels. On April 23, 2004 my wife, Michele, gave birth to fraternal twins: Garrett and Isabel. All are doing well. (Santa Rosa)

#### **Shannon S. Champion**

*Senior Attorney, Verizon Wireless.* (Irvine)

#### **Angele Cicala (Taormino)**

*Senior Counsel, Gordon & Rees, San Francisco.* I am enjoying working in the health care practice group, focusing on defense of long-term care companies and spending time with my husband, son and daughter. (San Francisco)

#### **David M. Lederman**

*Owner, Law Offices of David M. Lederman.* Certified specialist in Family Law (certified by State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization). Outside activities — martial arts. (Walnut Creek)

#### **Michael D. Lee**

*Partner, Pamir Law Group.* After 5 years as an associate of the Taipei office of Squire, Sanders, & Dempsey, as of April 2004, our office became an independent new firm called Pamir Law Group (www.pamirlaw.com) of which I am now a partner. We handle cross-border corporate, commercial mergers and acquisitions and intellectual property transactions throughout Greater China on behalf of multinational clients. We aim to have our Shanghai and Beijing offices up in the beginning of 2005 and offices in 3 other Chinese cities shortly thereafter. I am happy to help out fellow McGeorge alum and students who may need anything in this part of the world. (Taipei, Taiwan)

#### **Port J. Parker**

*Freidberg & Parker, A.L.C., Named Principal.* Married my wonderful wife, Stephanie, in April 2001, with good friends and law school colleagues, David Martin and Ryan Raftery in the wedding. I was made a shareholder and named principal of the firm in June 2003. I have been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Logan Elina (who just turned two) and Ella Marie (who will be one on the 29th of this month). Although making shareholder and becoming a named principal has been a challenging and rewarding experience, nothing compares to joys of fatherhood. (Sacramento) >

**John W. Thomson**

*Owner, Law Offices of John W. Thomson.* After opening my own practice in October 1998, I started a financial services company, Impact America (impact-america.com) in January 2003. Tiffani and I have five beautiful children, Josh (12), Jake (9), Samantha (6), Tyler (4), and Travis (2). We love Las Vegas and hope to hear from any classmates. jthomsan@mail.impact-america.com. (Henderson, Nevada)

**Bernie P. Wang**

*Chief Staff Officer, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan.* I moved to Sasebo, Japan, and assumed my new position as second-in-command of a forward Deployed U.S. Navy Base in southern Japan. (Sasebo, Japan)

**Randy S. Wong**

*General Counsel, Golden Horizon Enterprises.* My wife, Monica, and I work together as real estate attorneys and developers in Orange County, California. One of our current projects includes a 141,000 square foot building in Tustin that has 390 feet of I-5 freeway frontage. We plan to convert this seven-acre site into self-storage to serve the surrounding community. We're celebrating our eight-year wedding anniversary and taking our 10 month-old, Kyle, on vacation with us, possibly to Germany, if I successfully complete the final round of qualifications to serve as a test rider for BMW's upcoming release of a new 160 horsepower sport motorcycle. (Newport Beach)

**1996D**

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**Adrienne Brungess**

*McGeorge School of Law -  
Instructor/Supervising Attorney.*  
After running a solo family law

practice in Sacramento for almost seven years, I closed my office June 2003. 2004-2005 will be my third year teaching Legal Process at McGeorge. It will be my second year as a supervising attorney at C.L.S. I enjoy being part of the McGeorge faculty and community very much. I've been a pro tem small claims court judge since 2003, which is a lot of fun. I was married June 2000, and Christian (the husband) and I had a daughter July 7, 2003. Her name is Lillyan and she is a joy and a wonder. (Sacramento)

**Theodore G. Bryant**

Has been elected to membership in the Seattle office of Cozen O'Connor. He concentrates his practice in insurance coverage matters.

**Jeffrey B. Carra**

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Carra is serving in Kuwait with the U.S. Army Reserve. He was previously transferred to the 37th Theater Support Group in New Orleans before being sent to the Mideast for a year.

**1996E**

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**Jonathan J. Perrelli**

*Area Manager, Novation Legal Placement Services.* Married with one wonderful child. Working for 6 years with all major law firms, re: their attorney, paralegal, and other support staff needs in San Diego, California and the entire U.S. (San Diego)

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**Justine R. Block**

*Deputy Legal Counsel, Southern California Association of Governments.* Getting married this summer! (Los Angeles)

**Devin A. Donahue**

Is a partner in the Los Angeles firm of Palmer, Lombardi, Kneafsey & Donahue.

**Christine V. Morse Galves**

*Assistant Director, Office of the Master Plan for Education.* (Sacramento)

**Paul K. Lee**

*Law Offices of Kevin D. Frederick, Redwood City, CA.* (Redwood City)

**Mauricio A. Ramos**

*Ombudsman/Director of Mediation Program - UCLA.* Mauricio "Reese" Ramos and Katherine Havener (1998) just celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on July 4th. This anniversary was especially special because they were able to share it with their daughter, Brianna, born November 14, 2003. Reese works full-time at UCLA as an ombudsman and also recently partnered with Katherine to launch Havener & Ramos, a bankruptcy law firm committed to helping clients regain financial peace of mind (www.havenerlaw.com). (Los Angeles)

**Wendy A. Taylor (Green)**

*Associate, Freidberg & Parker.* Eric Taylor and I have been living in Elk Grove for four years now and we have a beautiful son, Brennan, who will be 2 in September. Eric still works at the Stockton Public Defender's office and I am doing business litigation in Sacramento. Email to wtaylor@fplawcorp.com. (Sacramento)

**1997E**

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*Regional Trust Manager, The Mechanics Bank.* Mike enjoyed playing in the 2004 Alumni Rugby Match. Mike is currently chairing the SCBA Tax Section and serving on Bar Council. He enjoys teaching in the graduate business school and is thrilled about his second son, Jack, who was born 7/31/03. Jordan is also enjoying having a little brother. Jen and Mike live in Roseville. Jen is volunteering in Jordan's preschool and is the CEO of the Lorilla household. (Roseville)

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Has joined the San Diego office of Baker & McKenzie as an associate. He previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of California.

**Laura E. Stewart**

*Associate, Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith.* I have been practicing at a large insurance defense firm in downtown Los Angeles for the past two and a half years. Recent first-time successes include a win at arbitration and bringing a new case (from an existing client) to the firm. (Los Angeles)

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*Contract Attorney/Consultant.* I have been of the career track since January 2003, shortly after we had our daughter. She's two years old now and we're expecting our second baby at the end of September. This is my family time! It isn't easy, but we wouldn't have it any other way. Professionally, I'm doing project work for other attorneys and consulting for a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis intervention agency. The work I get is diverse and always interesting, I am in complete control of my hours, and it's a good way for me to keep my skills up without the pressure of billable hours or having to go to court. I never thought this is where I would be after graduating law school, but it's pretty great! (Rocklin)

**Tracey L. O'Reilly**

*Associate, Miller, Axline & Sawyer.* (Sacramento)

**Brynjar A. Peterson**

*Associate, Halverson Applegate, P.S.* Ami Peterson (Poiner, '98D) and I purchased our first house last year. Home ownership is wonderful but a lot of work. The Pugs (Ruby and Spencer) continue to have fun and love life. Recently joined the Yakima Rotary and I am enjoying the increased service opportunities. (Yakima, Washington)

**1999D****Richard A. Chavez**

Joined the Sacramento office of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC. He was formerly an associate at Burnham Brown in Oakland.

**Justin M. Gingery**

*Gingery, Thompson & Derdowski.* We finally settled our case against Yolo County Detention Center and CFMG. If you are ever incarcerated, try to make it happen in Yolo County because your civil rights will now be guaranteed. Otherwise, it is business as usual for the three of us and the practice could not be better. Well, maybe it could, but then I would be retired. Feel free to drop any of us a line, we would love to hear from old friends. (Sacramento)

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*Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office.* (Los Angeles)

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*Associate Attorney, Livingston & Mattesich.* (Sacramento)

**Saphira W. Pixler**

Has joined the Stanislaus County firm of Warda & Yonano as an associate. Her focus will be business and real estate litigation, as well as probate matters.

**1999E****Kathryn M. Davis**

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*Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice.* (Sacramento)

**Brian K. Duffey**

An associate at the Boca Raton office of Hodgson Russ, he has been elected to the board of directors of New Pines Foundation Boys & Girls Club in the Florida city.

**2000D****Mark E. Borzych**

*Staff Counsel, Spinelli Corporation.* I primarily work on corporate, transactional, regulatory, and intellectual property matters. I am also the contributing legal writer for Spinelli Corporation's award-winning newsletter, The Electronic Evidence Examiner. (Scottsdale, Arizona)

**Megan E. Barker Bowen**

*Law clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court.* I recently left private practice to take a career path that allows me to spend more time with my son. I love my new job and rarely miss private practice. Hope everyone is doing great. (Reno, Nevada)

**Gregory T. Fayard**

*Deputy Attorney General, Sacramento.* I'm still defending prison personnel in Section 1983 lawsuits in state and federal court. My three kids, Gil, 5, Natalie, 3, and Gwen, 1, keep my wife and I very busy in the Roseville suburbia. (Sacramento)

**Timothy S. Healy**

*Deputy District Attorney, San Joaquin County.* This past February I finally made the leap to shores of wedded bliss to the former Rachel Arnold. Kids won't be far behind. Last year I was moved to the Narcotics Unit handling sales, possession for sale and transportation of drugs for sales, along with manufacturing cases. Unfortunately, there is no shortage of cases for me to work on. (Stockton)

**Joshua Kaikuza**

*Deputy Public Defender, Yolo County Public Defender's Office.*

In addition to handling serious felony cases at work for the last few years, I've stayed in touch with McGeorge by coaching the Thomas Tan Moot Court Team and even had to take time off to make a grueling trip to Hawaii for the national competition last year. It was really tough to have to go to Hawaii when it was so nice and cold here in Sacramento. (Woodland)

**Jennifer R. Karie**

*Associate, Goldring, Hertz & Lichtenstein, LLP.* (Beverly Hills)

**Elizabeth McEnaney-Fell**

My husband Stephen and I welcomed our son, Michael Thomas, on March 17, 2004. I returned to my very busy labor relations firm in June and we continue to negotiate the Puget Sound area grocery contracts. (Kirkland, Washington)

**Caryn McInerney**

*Sacramento County District Attorney.* (Sacramento)

**Toan-Hoa B. Nguyen**

*Legal Counsel, PacifiCorp.* Joined as an in-house counsel for a large investor-owned utility in the Pacific Northwest. Performing business transactions and federal energy regulatory work. (Portland, Oregon)

**Ann M. Paulose**

*District Attorney's Office, San Bernardino County.* I've been a Deputy D.A. for the past two years. After completing rotations in misdemeanor trials and preliminary hearings, I am presently assigned to the juvenile division. This county has a two and a half year probationary period for trial deputies, which I expect to complete in January. (San Bernardino)

**Michael R. Santiago**

I am currently working as the Director of Black Letter Discovery in San Francisco. Our company focuses on staffing and managing large-scale document review projects as well as providing temporary to permanent placement of legal staff. I invite everyone to check out our website at [www.blackletterdiscovery.com](http://www.blackletterdiscovery.com). (San Francisco) >

**Jason Weiss**

Has joined the New York firm of Farber & Company as an associate. He represents real estate clients in transactional and litigation matters.

**Heidi D. Zuber**

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*Tax attorney, Law Offices of Roni Lynn Deutch.* My husband and I welcomed our fourth child to our family this year. I am working for a highly specialized tax law firm that represents clients nationwide. (Sacramento)

**Gabiel D. Jack**

*Partner, Muston & Jack.* Won a trade secrets misappropriation claim for a plaintiff at San Francisco Superior. Jury awarded \$250,000. Two kids, both boys. Live in Menlo Park. (San Jose)

## 200ID

**Loris L. Bakken**

*Loris L. Bakken, Attorney at Law.* (Lodi)

**Hendrick S. Crowell, II**

*Crowell Law Offices.* Resolved a personal injury case for \$1.6 million, another for \$275,000. (Sacramento)

**Sharon A. Garske**

*Attorney, McNamara Dodge Ney Beatty Slattery & Pfalzer, LLP.* (Walnut Creek)

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*Attorney, Wolfe & Wyman.* (Irvine)

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*Associate, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP.* (San Francisco)

**Jonathan B. Paul**

In October 2003 I joined Freidberg & Parker as an associate specializing in business litigation and legal malpractice. In my short time at the firm I have brought in several six- and seven-figure settlements for our clients. Most recently, in June 2004, my wife and I purchased the Candy Barrel in Old Sacramento. (Sacramento)

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**Joy C. Rosenquist**

Associate, Knopfler, Smith & Pazos. I am enjoying being lead counsel on a large class action for back pay and overtime. I just joined my uncle's law firm and formed a satellite office for him in Gold River, where I practice. Matthew & I are keeping busy with our one and a half year old girl, Jordan. We have lived in Folsom since 2000. (Gold River)

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Has joined Morrison & Foerster's Sacramento office as an associate. Previously with Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich, his practice focuses on complex litigation cases in the areas of commercial disputes and aviation issues.

**Yolanda V. Torres**

*Associate Attorney, Law Office of Patrick A. McCall.* Yolanda Torres recently spent time vacationing in

London, Paris, Cologne, and Vienna. (Orange)

## 2002D

**Nedda M. Asadi**

*Associate, the Law Offices of Lynne Yates-Carter.* (San Jose)

**Michael J. Benner**

*Deputy City Attorney, City of Sacramento.* Recently promoted to Deputy City Attorney II. First child, Nathaniel Terrence Benner, born February 9, 2004. Wife, Heather, recently passed the P.E. exam and is currently working for Chevron Texaco as a Professional Engineer. (Sacramento)

**Jack Duran, Jr.**

I'm having a great time practicing law. During 2004 I ran for my first public office and won! I'll be running for School Board (Roseville) in November. Wish me luck. Kim and the boys are doing well and enjoying the fact that they get to see me once in a while. To those of you that have the time, give back to your community—you will be surprised at what rewards you receive and friends you make. (Roseville)

**Carl D. Ecklund**

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**Bruce A. Last**

*Attorney, Jellins & Associates.* Finally admitted to the California Bar, July 2004! (Menlo Park)

**Kelley N. Moran**

*Associate—McCormick Barstow Sheppard Wayte & Carruth.* On May 23rd, 2004 we welcomed our little girl Olivia to our family!! (Modesto)

**William P. Schwab**

I was mobilized for a tour of active duty with the U.S. Army for service at the Pentagon and have been here for nearly 18 months. I work in the Army Operations Center with the Crisis Action Teams as an Operations Briefer, and daily compile and present briefings to the Army 'Top Six' -- to include the Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and the Chief and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army General Schoomaker and Casey. On March 23, I was a guest lecturer at the George Washington School of Law for visiting fellow Dr. Sunghan Wang's International Asian Trade Law—Korea and Japan. I spoke about U.S. Military Status of Forces Agreements with Asian countries. (Washington, D.C.)

**W. Jason Scott**

*Associate, Cassel Malm Fagundes.* (Stockton)

**Katie Bellotti Porter**

*Attorney at Law, Porter Scott Weiberg & Delehant.* Tried my first jury trial case in Yuba County in June 2004. Represented defendants—major win—admitted liability—beat CCP 998 offer to compromise by \$14,500; therefore, will recover costs. (Sacramento)

**Shawn M. Thompson**

*Intelligence Analyst for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.* I am in the process of interviewing for an attorney position with the FBI General Council's Office. My wife and I are expecting our first child December 2, 2004. (Washington, D.C.)

## 2002E

**Paula D. Salinger**

*Attorney, Woodruff, Ottair & Posner, Inc.* Adam and I welcomed Isabela Lena Salinger on March 20, 2004. What a joy! I'm enjoying my Family Law Practice that is never boring and always challenging. (Sacramento)

**Troy R. Szabo**

Counsel, California Department of Managed Health Care. (Sacramento)

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Associate Attorney, Drobny Law Offices, Inc. (Sacramento)

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**Anne E. Bandle**

Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General. I married John R. Bandle (class of 2002) on April 17, 2004. (Anchorage, Alaska)

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**Lindsay S. Harrington**

Attorney, Mason & Thomas. (Sacramento)

**Bryan G. Hollingsworth**

Died August 20 after a brief illness at the age of 27 in Vacaville. He had graduated with distinction from Pacific/McGeorge only 15 months earlier and passed the July 2003 bar.

**Haroon U. Khan**

Deputy District Attorney, Merced County, CA. The People declare ready. (Merced)

**Trevor M. Quirk**

Attorney, Quon Bruce Law Firm. I was one of two attorneys who won the highest pre-trial settlement per unit for a condominium construction defect case in Nevada state history. We represented 219 homeowners in a construction defect class action that resulted in an \$8 million settlement. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**2003E****Pete Cladianos**

Attorney, Zeh Saint-Aubin SpO. (Reno, Nevada)

**2004D****Rebecca Dietzen**

I gave the keynote address for the Panhellenic Recruitment Meeting at University of California, Santa Barbara (my undergraduate school). I spoke about changing the public's image of sorority life to an audience of 700 sorority members. The university's Greek advisor, Stephan Franklin, invited me to make the presentation. I am an associate with the plaintiff civil litigation firm Kershaw, Cutter, Ratinoff and York. (Sacramento)

**LL.M. TRANSNATIONAL PRACTICE****Finn Martensen '86**

Was appointed by the Queen of Denmark as Danish Consul for Northern California. He jokes that the great (but absolutely unpaid) honor's greatest immediate advantage is the consular license plates which help in difficult situation with the Highway Patrol. (Sacramento)

**Thomas F. Klumper '88**

Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Puerto Rico. I received an award from the Federal Bureau of Investigations in late June for the investigation and prosecution of the top 2 of 5 public corruption cases in Puerto Rico over the past decade. The cases involved prosecuting the director and a number of employees of CRIM, the Puerto Rico land registry, regarding bribes and kickbacks in a \$70 million contract to improve and

complete the land registry system. Also prosecuted a number of employees and contractors in the Puerto Rico Public News actually related to the bribes and kickbacks. (San Juan, Puerto Rico)

**Jose Carlos Gonzalez Narbona '89**

Partner, Tax & Law Lawyers and Consultants. As a result of the merger of Numerica Spain (formerly Levy Gee Espana) and the firm CSP-Sainz Dochado in April 2004, the law firm Tax & Law was created. It specializes in Spanish and international tax and business law matters. The new firm has offices in Madrid, Barcelona and Malaga and comprises more than 50 professionals and staff. Tax & Law is associated with Numerica Group in the U.K., a publicly traded firm that has more than 10 offices, 700 employees.

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Has been elected a partner/director with the Indianapolis-based firm of Sommer Barnard Ackerson. She's a member of the Business Group and focuses her practice on intellectual property law.

**Dr. Urs P. Gnos '00**

Managing Associate, Walder Wyss & Partners. I have published a book on the new Swiss Merger Act providing for an introduction to mergers, demergers, conversions of companies and transfers of assets and liabilities under Swiss law. (Zurich, Switzerland)

**Stefan Buettner '01**

Is an in-house counsel with OtisGmbH & Co. OHG, Otis Elevator's subsidiary in Berlin, Germany. He is doing merge and acquisition work. He also recently passed the New York bar.

**Hector M. de Avila '03**

International law professor. I am working on my certification as a Foreign Legal Consultant (Mexican Attorney) before the State Bar of California. (Lincoln)

**LL.M. GOVERNMENT****Justin Mason '02**

Adjunct Professor, American Legal Institutions. I will be teaching as an adjunct professor in the American Legal Institution's Legal Research and Writing Program at the American University (AU) Washington College of Law this fall semester. I currently work at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in Washington, D.C. as staff attorney. At OPM, I advise clients on various aspects of Federal labor and employment law, labor-management relations, and administrative law. I also represent OPM in negotiations, mediations, and arbitrations, and before adjudicative bodies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Merit Systems Protection Board. Further, I provide litigation support to the Department of Justice in actions involving OPM before Federal courts. I was one of McGeorge's 2001-2002 Graduate Legal Scholars at the California Department of Justice.

**Heather L. Dauler '03**

Legislative Advocate, California Alternative Payment Program Association. Recently appointed to Sacramento County's Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee by the Board of Supervisors. (Sacramento)

# Ramsey Sadek Scholarship Draws Ardent Supporters

By Linda Yackzan, '97E

The life of Kamal Ramsey Sadek, a gifted and much-loved second-year evening student at Pacific/McGeorge, was senselessly and abruptly cut short by homicide. Family, classmates, colleagues and friends quickly formed the Kamal Ramsey Sadek Scholarship Committee to commemorate a brief but remarkable life.

Notwithstanding a full-time work schedule at the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Ramsey Sadek excelled as a law student, ranking sixth in his class. More significant still, despite a daunting school and work calendar, Kamal was unique for the generosity and compassion he unfailingly demonstrated toward fellow students, belying the competitive atmosphere of law school. Possessing both charisma and wit in extraordinary measure, his occasional (and hilarious) classroom exploits are legend among his former classmates and professors.

Ramsey Sadek was born in Lebanon and educated there, in England and in the United States. He was a brilliant, accomplished and easily adaptable student, eager to embrace the experience of different cultures and new friends. Before attending law school, he had earned a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering at California State University, Sacramento and a Master of Science degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Southern California.

A former supervisor at Caltrans, Bill Kodani, remembers him as an exceptionally bright engineer who was always generous to coworkers with his time. While at Caltrans, Kamal rose to the position of chief of the Computer Services Section. Just prior to his untimely death, he had become statewide legislative representative, liaison and analyst for the agency. The California State Senate memorialized Ramsey Sadek in a resolution recognizing his remarkable character and many achievements, including his valued contributions as a state employee, and the Governor offered condolences in a letter to his family.

The Kamal Ramsey Sadek Memorial Scholarship is intended to ease the burden of financing the ever-increasing cost of a law school education for students who demonstrate academic prowess coupled with some of the outstanding characteristics exemplified by Ramsey Sadek: compassion, generosity and commitment to public service. It has been awarded to 15 students over the past seven years. Members of the scholarship committee include family members, alumni (Ramsey

Sadek's classmates), faculty members, a Caltrans colleague and a Sacramento County deputy district attorney.

January 10, 2005 would have marked Kamal Sadek's 44<sup>th</sup> birthday—it seems impossible to his family and friends that he has been gone for 10 years. Please join Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, Kamal's family and friends, alumni and faculty members at the 5:30 P.M. on campus reception celebrating his life. We hope you will consider making a generous donation to help the scholarship grow to be among the most substantial Pacific/McGeorge has to offer.

## Pacific/McGeorge Increases Outreach



Kevin J. Gonzalez

Senior Development Officer Kevin J. Gonzalez has been added to the staff serving our alumni. His initial task is to increase the outreach to Pacific/McGeorge alumni and the legal community. On staff since April, he has already contacted many former grads and members of the legal profession, exploring their

ideas, opinions, expectations and needs. The new position underscores the commitment of Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker and Pacific/McGeorge to continuous improvement in services to alumni.

A Sacramento native, he has held senior level positions in alumni affairs and development at Santa Clara University, and prior to that at Jesuit High School in Carmichael. Gonzalez is also charged with identifying fundraising priorities and prospective major donors, as well as developing strategies to cultivate charitable gifts. He reports to John McIntyre, Assistant Dean for Development and External Relations. McIntyre notes that, "This is a key hire for the law school, as we continue to build our relationships with alumni, the legal profession and the community. Kevin's central role is to meet our alumni to hear their views, get their advice and encourage their support."

# Judge Goldberg's Legal Learning *Lasted a Lifetime* By David Gilson



Anyone who knew my grandfather, Judge B. Abbott Goldberg, undoubtedly heard him say at one time or another, “That reminds me of a story.” As his friends, colleagues and students will recall, he had an encyclopedic array of anecdotes based on his experiences as a soldier, lawyer, teacher, husband, father and grandfather. Like him, they were smart, funny, charming and inimitable. They are just one reminder of why he is so deeply missed.

The only son of Lithuanian and Latvian Jewish immigrants, Judge Goldberg attended the University of Michigan, where he studied mathematics. He hoped to become an engineer, but his mother informed him that wasn't a profession for a nice Jewish boy. So he opted for Plan B: law.

In 1940, he graduated from Harvard Law School. He then entered the Army, but his service was cut short when he became sick with Crohn's Disease shortly after shipping out to the Pacific. While this illness would trouble him for the rest of his life, it did have some fortuitous consequences for his personal and professional life. He settled in San Francisco and married his fiancée, Barbara, in 1942; they would be married for more than 60 years. They had two children, Jim and Judy.

Meanwhile, his legal career blossomed. In 1944, he started working for the chief justice of the California Supreme Court. From 1949 to 1960 he was a deputy, and then assistant California attorney general. During this time, he successfully argued two cases, *Rank v. Krug* and *Ivanhoe Irrigation District v. McCracken*, before the U.S. Supreme Court. These cases laid the legal foundation for the Colorado River Project and California's other massive water developments of the 1960s. My grandfather saw his moment before the high court as the highlight of his career. He subsequently spent five years as the

chief deputy director of the California Department of Water Resources. Writing in December 1965, Governor Pat Brown praised his work, noting that as an attorney himself, he admired my grandfather's handling of “litigation as complex as any in my experience.”

In 1966 Brown appointed him to the Superior Court in Sacramento. During his years on the bench, he tried a number of landmark cases, including a 1969 case that helped reform state institutions for mentally retarded children. In 1973, he heard the Nork malpractice case that resulted in a \$3.7 million judgment against the doctor, the largest of its kind at the time. Such cases were not easy for my grandfather. Later, he would talk about how he grappled with the moral decisions he faced on the bench, and how distressed he had been by the suffering and cruelty he had witnessed. But these cases also stirred his curiosity about the intersection of medicine, law and ethics. He further pursued this interest after his retirement in 1978, when he became a scholar in residence at Pacific/McGeorge.

Only recently did I fully appreciate what the law, and Pacific/McGeorge in particular, meant to him. Even after being mugged and breaking his hip and pelvis in 1999, he never stopped coming to his office. There, amid the stacks of books and papers, and card boxes filled with his collection of quotations and aphorisms, he kept exercising his restless mind. He did research for an autobiographical paper on patients' rights entitled, “Why Being a Patient Isn't As Much Fun As It Used to Be.” And thanks to the social and intellectual companionship he found among his friends and colleagues at Pacific/McGeorge, he thrived in spite of his physical frailty.

Judge Goldberg passed away on May 10, 2003 at the age of 86. Until the week of his death, he continued doing all the things he loved—telling stories, practicing clarinet, playing a mean game of Scrabble, and working at the law school. He was, as always, simply following an adage he had appropriated from Galileo: “I believe God gave us our brains so that we would use them.”

*Judge Goldberg's family and friends have established a scholarship at Pacific/McGeorge to honor his study of medical ethics and his love of witty, well-crafted prose. An annual award will be made to candidates who have distinguished themselves through their writing and their interest in ethics and the law.*

# *The World at Large and at Pacific/McGeorge..*

**...Twenty Five Years Ago**

**1979** —The U.S. resumes diplomatic relations with China. The worst nuclear accident in U.S. history occurs at Three Mile Island power plant. The Shah of Iran and Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua flee revolutions. Inflation reaches highest level in 33 years as OPEC doubles price of oil.

An ambitious 10-year plan under Dean Gordon Schaber recently completed, McGeorge School of Law has developed a living and learning standard second to none in American legal education. The campus, the biggest in the U.S., has been largely built out with completion of the Student Center, conversion of residences to student housing, and construction of the Center for the Advanced Study of Law and Policy. The full-time faculty numbers 40, not including deans and librarians or part-time positions. The Salzburg Summer Program, the first American summer law student program in Austria, celebrates its fifth anniversary, underscoring McGeorge's commitment to international law.



McGeorge campus in 1979



The Ruhstaller Building—the law school's early '50s home

**...Fifty Years Ago**

**1954** —Foreign ministers fail to achieve reunification for Germany. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles vows massive retaliation against Soviet aggression. Congress passes the Communist Control Act. The Supreme Court orders school desegregation in *Brown v. Board of Education*. The Senate censures Senator Joseph McCarthy. France announces that the U.S. has paid for most of the Indochina war. New York Stock Exchange prices finally reattain 1929 levels.

McGeorge College of Law offers evening classes only, holding them at the Ruhstaller Building, 902 J Street, on the third floor over a radio store. The fire escape consists of ropes tied to a metal steam-heat register. After a further temporary move to 924 J Street, above a bar and ravioli factory, the school will move shortly to its current location. With an enrollment of fewer than 130 students and no full-time faculty or staff, McGeorge is a part-time, unaccredited law school. Gordon D. Schaber, a young lawyer who began the previous year as a lecturer in law, will become dean in two years and begins a major push that begins the modern era for the school over his thirty-four year tenure.

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