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Message from The Dean

One thing best about being dean of Pacific McGeorge is what I learn almost daily about our alumni and their leadership. As a former litigator, I see this as a type of “discovery.” Meeting these far-flung alums is even more fun and something I plan to do more of as I enter my seventh year as dean.

The stories I am collecting are worth sharing! I want everyone to know about the wonderful contributions Pacific McGeorge is making, both as an institution and as a community of individuals and leaders.

One of my favorite early examples of my “alumni detective” work appears on the magazine cover. I first met Dean Zhu Suli, LL.M. ’87, in 2002 soon after becoming dean. Visiting five Chinese law schools, I quickly learned that claiming Dean Zhu as “my graduate” changed the way Pacific McGeorge was viewed. No surprise, when I realized that Dean Zhu heads the leading law school in China—the University of Beijing School of Law—and is widely credited as one of the most influential people in China’s effort to reform the legal education offered at its 620 law schools. But it was Dean Zhu’s greeting that was most memorable:

“McGeorge changed my life. It has made all the difference!”

At Pacific McGeorge, Dean Zhu, like so many other alums, learned how a legal education can prepare leaders. Seeing this lesson applied in so many different contexts is what makes “alumni discovery” so important to me and the faculty.

Consider several recent examples. Here in Sacramento, Allan Zaremberg, ’78, is the president and CEO of the California Chamber of Commerce—the nation’s oldest and largest such organization. The impact of his leadership of California’s most powerful lobbying entity is described elsewhere in the magazine and provides the ideal example of what I mean.

In fact, there is hardly a day when I don’t learn of, or meet, yet another alum doing equally remarkable things. Perhaps it’s the work that CalPERS CEO Fred Buenrostro, ’80, is doing to bring more diversity into the financial services sector and its legal community. Working with Ruthe Ashley, ’88, Fred recently announced a consortium, “California All,” which is designed to bring business support to improving educational opportunity for California’s at-risk diverse students.

Another area that has come to my attention frequently in recent days is the critical work alums are doing in the area of water law—something as important to the economic future of the West as gold once was, or perhaps oil still is today. Indeed, water has been called the next oil for its economic impact. Speaking with Scott Slater, ’84, recently at lunch, I realized how fortunate Pacific McGeorge is to claim among its alumni one of the leading water law lawyers in the nation. Then, reflecting just a moment, I realized that we have a second graduate of this stature, Ross de Lipkau, ’72, who is widely considered Nevada’s top water lawyer. Alums like these make it easy to feel proud of Pacific McGeorge no matter where I travel.

And speaking of travel, in March I’ll lead a small delegation to Egypt, exploring exchange opportunities. Our themes will be government, business and water, and we will be hosted by yet another Pacific McGeorge LL.M. graduate, Hazim Rizkana, ’86, who now heads Baker and McKenzie’s Cairo office and is a prominent figure in the Egyptian international business community. Thinking about how exciting it is to learn about the literally world-wide leadership our alums are providing, Jeff Smyth, ’75, surprised me with a visit from Seattle and our conversation, understandably, turned almost immediately to his work as a member of the Exxon Valdez settlement committee. And so, once again, not a day goes by without learning something exciting about the leadership our alums are providing. And I know there’s much more to learn about and report.

As I begin my seventh year as dean I’d like to hear more. What about two such reports a day? You can help me with this project to find out about what our alumni leaders are doing today by e-mailing me at DeanParker@Pacific.edu.

With warm regards,

Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker
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More than 500 people gathered to recognize leadership among alumni, the community and the legal profession at the Pacific McGeorge Gala on November 3, 2007, at the Sacramento Convention Center. The event featured actor-comedian Ben Stein and a cabaret group of singing waiters. Six individuals and two law firms, whose combined efforts helped to raise more than $2 million for law school activities, were honored. U.S. District Court Judge Morrison England, Jr., ’83, was the evening’s emcee. “It was a remarkable evening and a fun event,” says Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. “Such events are important for the opportunity they create for our alumni and friends to join together with a sense of pride in their accomplishments over the years.”
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Volunteer Leadership Award recipient
“Stones from other hills are good for working jade.”

Kong Qingjiang, Dean of Zhejiang Gongshang University College of Law, quoted this time-honored Chinese proverb to begin his talk during the two-day conference on experiential legal education hosted by Pacific McGeorge January 25-26. By Robert T. Wazeka

Developing Experiential Legal Education in China

Pacific McGeorge Hosts USAID Conference
Developing Experiential Legal Education in China: Pacific McGeorge Hosts USAID Conference
If Pacific McGeorge and American University can be construed as “other hills,” and if traditional Chinese legal education is like jade, a stone that holds a special place in Chinese culture and history, then the proverb captures the essence of the conference.

Entitled “Experiential Education in China: Curricular Reform, the Role of the Lawyer and the Rule of Law,” the event was part of the fulfillment of a $1.4 million USAID grant awarded to Pacific McGeorge, which brought American University in as a partner. The conference goal, says Professor Brian Landsberg, who hosted the event, “was to examine the role of experiential education in China and to discuss how American law professors could help Chinese legal educators advance experiential education.”

The process of working jade, like the process of educating lawyers, is extremely slow and requires immense patience and intensive hands-on work. According to Asian art historian Carolyn Wolford Schmidt, jade is “a symbol of human potentiality, the slow working of the stone likened to the arduous process of perfecting the human mind.”

Several Chinese law professors in attendance also quoted Confucius in emphasizing the value of experiential education: “I hear and I forget; I see and I remember; I do and I understand.”

The conference examined various aspects of the role of experiential education, or learning by doing, in Chinese law schools, which are being reformed under the nation’s Ninth Five-Year Plan. The Plan puts particular emphasis on the training of young academic leaders in order to “maintain a stable teaching and administrative contingent with political integrity and academic quality, rational structure and professional competence.”
Three of the conference panels focused on the theory, methods and strategies of experiential education. Another panel looked back at the workshop held in China last summer on the theme of “Training Clinical Teachers in China.” Remaining panels addressed the role that experiential education should play in Chinese legal education and what the content of advocacy and clinical education courses should be.

“I was impressed with the frankness of our interchanges and the constructive suggestions from the participants, including members of the USAID program Board of Advisors,” says Landsberg. “It helped us understand that we have more work to do, but that our work is resulting in important changes in Chinese legal education that will ultimately enable the next generation of lawyers and judges to advance the rule of law in China.”

Faculty from Pacific McGeorge and from American University were joined at the conference by law faculty from three top law schools in China — the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing (CUPL), Zhejiang Gongshang University in Hangzhou (ZGU), and the South China University of Technology Law School in Guangzhou (SCUT). From Pacific McGeorge, Clemence George served as program manager, Ly Lee acted as her assistant and three work-study students — John Doyle, Megan Herberger and Ben Cadranel — provided other assistance.

A second and final conference will be held in Beijing in 2009 as part of the fulfillment of the twenty-eight month grant. The Beijing conference will be hosted by CUPL and the Chinese Ministry of Education.

A key element of effective experiential learning is clinical legal practice. In a paper presented at the conference, American University Professor Elliott S. Milstein wrote that the purpose of clinical practice is “to integrate skills, legal knowledge and ethical decision-making with a professional commitment to justice.”

“One of the pleasures of [the USAID] project,” Milstein said, “is that I have a weekly seminar with three Chinese professors, one from each of the partner schools — Prof. Li Chao from CUPL, Prof. Teng Hongting from SCUT, and Prof. Ma Qilin from ZGU (and in the first semester we were joined by our visiting professor from ZGU, Yu Yanning). I teach them what I know about clinical legal education and they teach me about China. We explore together the transferability of American lawyering theory and pedagogical methods to the Chinese context.” I recently put the question to them: “What do you see as the connection between clinical education and the Rule of Law in China?”

Defining the rule of law, Milstein said, is the paramount question in Chinese legal circles at the present time. The professors with whom he’s working consider clinical education to be the means by which
the values of Chinese lawyers will be shaped, and through which the rule of law will be experientially defined and then implemented within the country.

In his keynote address on the opening day of the conference, Dean Zhu Suli of the Beijing University School of Law painted a realistic, yet hopeful picture of Chinese legal education and what can be expected from it in the near future.

Most legal education in China, Dean Zhu said, takes place on the undergraduate level. “This means law students, when they are enrolled, are too young to be fit for professional skill training. The students are more used to the spoon-feeding style of education they receive in high school. This leads to a rigid way of thinking, mainly conceptual, propositional and theoretic, simply applying general theories and principles to particular circumstances.... Therefore, it is very difficult for them to adjust to the high degree of uncertainties in the legal profession and the varieties of human characters when they enter universities.

Moreover, Chinese students are generally overprotected by their families before they go to college ... [and] parents are always trying their best to protect their children from any contact with the real society for fear that their child may be led astray.”

Although the origins of Chinese legal education date back to the later years of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912), a more realistic starting point is the resumption of national entrance examinations for college and universities in 1977-78. For more than twenty years following 1957 there was no effective legal profession in the country, only judges and procurators. In 1995, China instituted the Juris Master program, modeled on the American JD degree. Taking advantage of Ford Foundation funding, some schools, notably Beijing and Tsinghua Universities, began offering clinical legal education based on the American model in 2000.

Even with these constraints, China seems to be far ahead of many other countries in clinical legal education, including some that started earlier, according to Pacific McGeorge Professor Julie Davis. Quoting China scholar William P. Alford in her paper, “Methods of Expeditiional Education: Context, Transferability and Resources,” Davies said that “the efforts of the People's Republic of China since the end of the Cultural Revolution ... [are] the most concerted effort in legal history to construct a legal system.”

In his paper, “International Experience and Chinese Response,” Dean Kong (Qingjiang) of Zhejiang Gongshang University noted that German and Japanese models of experiential legal education, as well as American ones, have influenced Chinese law schools. Going forward, he identified four key issues that need to be addressed in the process of integrating practical legal education into the law curriculum: (1) emphasizing more strongly the value of practical legal education; (2) creating a “more purposeful, more focused and more integrated curriculum” as practical legal education is introduced into the system; (3) promoting interaction between law students and legal practitioners; and (4) expanding the capacity for practical legal education, which can often be quite expensive.

In her paper reporting on the summer workshop held in China between July 16 and August 3, 2007, American University Professor Susan Bennett provided some of the most useful, surprising and practical examples of what can be anticipated from Chinese-American collaboration in experiential legal education. The paper, entitled “Reflections on Three Weeks: the ‘China Rule of Law Project: Training Clinical Teachers in China’” noted that two sessions per day were held five days a week, over a three-week period. Nineteen teachers from five Chinese law schools, including five women, participated in the event along with faculty and staff from Pacific McGeorge and American University.

The team of interpreters assembled by the Chinese at first wasn't prepared to handle the dynamic and fast-moving role-playing situations involved in advocacy skills education. They left the initial session, Bennett said, “in polite, troubled contemplation.” By the end of the three weeks, however, the interpreters “felt the exhilaration of improvisation.” Over time, they
“adjusted their methods to each other”; they learned “by doing, commenting and assessing.” Their evolution was “the most successful collaboration we experienced through the three weeks.”

The American participants weren’t prepared for the degree to which the Chinese professors viewed law as a means to achieve social justice. Professor Cai Yanmin of Sun Yatsen University School of Law, speaking for many, made this abundantly clear: “China’s legal educators should dedicate themselves to correcting the injustices resulting from China’s epochal social changes — its widening divisions between rich and poor, its environmental degradation, its burgeoning bureaucratic corruption, and its workshop exploitation of legions of migrant workers.... Law professors should strive to aid the disadvantaged, to promote the public interest, to maintain self-discipline, and to further social justice.”

In remarks to the panel on strategies for increasing the availability of skills education in China, Landsberg said, “Chinese legal educators have the opportunity to learn from both the successes and the mistakes in other countries and to adapt experiential education to the Chinese system. Change may come incrementally, but we must be aware that a watered-down version of experiential education would ultimately be counter-productive. American law school curricular reform often consists of two steps forward and one step back. I would urge that at each step it is crucial that Chinese law schools do it right and keep moving forward.”

If the January conference showed anything, it showed a willingness on the part all participants to keep moving forward.

Cameras and recorders of all sizes were commonplace at the conference.

Zhu Challenges Chinese Law Students To Bring Legal Services to Rural China

Sometimes called a contrarian or intellectual renegade, Dean Zhu Suli of China’s top-rated Peking University Law School likes to provoke, often taking positions that question accepted legal notions or that challenge his students.

“Law graduates [in China] all want to work in big cities such as Beijing and Shanghai,” says Zhu, who earned an LL.M. from Pacific McGeorge in 1987. Law graduates, he says, should be encouraged to go to poverty-stricken areas, especially in western China, to engage in legal work there. He points to a county-level court in Shaanxi Province that does not have even one university graduate who majored in law. The Tibet Autonomous Region needs about 2,000 judges, according to Zhu, and similar numbers are needed in other western provinces and autonomous regions.

Zhu reiterated this point in his keynote address at the conference on experiential legal education in China hosted by Pacific McGeorge January 25-26: “We should remember that China is a big country with imbalance in political, economic and social development, and that the rural population still accounts for the vast majority of the Chinese population. So, for decades in the future, there will be an unmet demand for qualified legal professionals.”

According to a study by Beijing University and the All-China Youth Federation, sixty-two percent of Chinese graduates in 2007 with bachelor’s degrees in law failed to find jobs. One example is twenty-four-year old Zhou Long, quoted in the People's Daily Online, who says, “When I was studying law in college, I never imagined I would be selling pork after my graduation.” Zhou now works at a supermarket in Chengdu.

According to the Ministry of Education, China now >
has 200,000 students studying for bachelor’s degrees in law at more than 600 universities, and 66,000 other students working towards post-bachelor law degrees.

Nevertheless, Zhu, who also holds a Ph.D., doesn’t see the point of students getting a bachelor’s degree in another subject, then trying for a postgraduate degree in law for the sake of changing to a more lucrative field of study or a better university. “The [initial] four-year education is wasted,” he told the People’s Daily Online, which is why Peking University encourages law applicants to relate their undergraduate degrees to their postgraduate education. “For those who learned accounting as undergraduates, we encourage them to study related areas of law such as tax law in their postgraduate studies,” Zhu says.

In his monograph, Sending Law to the Countryside, Zhu maintains that one of the foremost problems China faces is the absence of law and legal services in the rural provinces. Sixty percent of its rural population is largely without law or affordable legal services and dedicated adjudicators. Zhu takes a pragmatic view of the law that emphasizes “solving people’s problems,” calling for China’s legal education to be less theoretical and more practical.

Yet for all his emphasis on the pragmatic, Zhu is also widely known for his outstanding scholarship, as Duke Law Professor Jonathan Ocko emphasized that when introducing Zhu at a 2006 lecture: “Zhu Suli’s scholarly writings are substantial and wide-ranging, contributing to the literature on rule of law, law and public policy, legal sociology, law and society, and legal education,” Ocko said. “Though largely in Chinese, they are indirectly accessible in English through an analytical summary of his work by Hong Kong University law professor Albert Chen.” (Albert H.Y. Chen, “Socio-legal Thought and Legal Modernization in Contemporary China: A Case Study of the Jurisprudence of Zhu Suli,” in Law, Legal Culture and Politics in the Twenty-First Century, 227-49 (Gunether Doeker-Mach & Klaus A. Ziegert, eds., 2004).

At Beijing University, Zhu has capitalized upon his position as dean to improve the quality and the relevance of its legal education. Zhu says that young tutors were recently added in postgraduate studies to bring in the most up-to-date legal knowledge. Also the university has started a postgraduate program for foreign students to learn Chinese law in English; and that the master’s program has added more legal specialties, including financial law, intellectual property law, international business law and criminal law.
Zaremberg Is All Business
Cal Chamber CEO Works Closely with Schwarzenegger
To Keep California’s Business Interests at the Forefront

By Jan Ferris Heenan
Allan Zaremberg, ’78, worked for Governors George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson, travels with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on official state visits and heads up one of the largest business organizations in California.

But colleagues agree it would be tough to find a more approachable or modest figure than Zaremberg who, for the past 10 years, has headed up the California Chamber of Commerce.

“There’s this aura about Allan and who he is,” says Dominic DiMare, ’02, who worked for Zaremberg at Cal Chamber until October and is now with the lobbying firm of DiMare, Van Vleck & Brown in Sacramento. “He was the best kind of boss. He was the boss who knew more about issues than you but allowed you to demonstrate your expertise.”

Schwarzenegger has praised Zaremberg as a “great Californian” with “great vision and leadership.” Wilson once told the Sacramento Bee that Zaremberg was “a very good advocate ... and able to organize others.” And Deukmejian lauded his “low-key yet steady” personality.

Zaremberg was raised in the blue-collar town of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and worked in the steel mills during the summers. While completing his bachelor’s degree in economics at Penn State University, he worked at one of the original Little Caesars (and still makes pizzas for friends and family in his own wood-fired oven at home).

In 1970, Zaremberg was drafted into the U.S. Air Force. He went to officers’ school in Texas, trained as a flight navigator and served as a captain on a KC-135 jet air refueling tanker. His five-year stint in the military took him to Okinawa, Thailand, Vietnam and Spain.

Having been stationed at Beale Air Force Base in Marysville, Zaremberg opted to stay on the West Coast when his military service came to an end. He enrolled at Pacific McGeorge on the GI Bill in 1975, worked on the Law Journal and graduated in 1978.

While in law school, Zaremberg interned with the California Peace Officers Association where he worked with attorney Rod Blonien, a one-time staff member for Governor Ronald Reagan and now a gaming lobbyist. A few years later, the two crossed paths along the shoulder of Highway 50 where Zaremberg’s broken-down car had brought traffic to a crawl.

By then, Blonien was working in the legislative affairs office of Attorney General Deukmejian and told Zaremberg he was looking to hire a lawyer who would willingly and regularly work past 5 p.m. Zaremberg became a deputy attorney, working alongside the likes of Vance Raye (now a justice with the 3rd District Court of Appeal) and Maureen Higgins, ’78.

“It was the best job I ever had. You’re involved with every issue under the sun,” says Zaremberg, who mainly worked on issues pertaining to civil litigation, consumer protection, securities law and public safety.

When Deukmejian was elected governor in 1982, Zaremberg became head of his legislative unit and held that
post the entire eight years of the Deukmejian administration. He stayed one final year for the Wilson transition, but was ready for a change. Zaremberg says he considered becoming a Superior Court judge at that point.

Instead, he went to the California Chamber, first as its chief lobbyist and then, in 1998, as its president and chief executive officer.

The Sacramento-based organization bills itself as the state’s largest broad-based business advocate. Cal Chamber has a membership of 15,000 business owners who, in turn, employ one-fourth of the private sector workforce in California.

The Chamber’s mission is twofold: to help California businesses comply with complex and ever-changing state laws, and to help set policy and enact legislation that will — in the association’s own words — “enhance the state’s economic growth.” The Chamber employs a number of attorneys, including Pacific McGeorge alumna Erika Frank, ’02, and Valerie Nera, ’00.

Zaremberg says the issues facing his constituency have stayed consistent over the past decade or two. “Education, health care, water — or lack there of — infrastructure, and cost, cost and cost,” he says. “You can throw that over everything. For some people, it’s the labor costs. For others, it’s their health bills.”

The California Chamber routinely refers to bills before the state Legislature that it objects to as “job killers,” and has been successful in helping defeat a number of proposals with Schwarzenegger’s support. Examples include measures to raise the minimum wage and to levy health-care taxes on small employers.

Zaremberg credits his legal team in part for the Chamber’s track record. His own schooling at Pacific McGeorge has also been invaluable.

“There are so many days that I say, ‘I don’t know how I could resolve this issue if I didn’t have my legal background. I just feel it’s an asset I’d be lost without,” he says.

Other aspects of Zaremberg’s job include speaking engagements to local chambers of commerce and other business groups, working with the statewide Chamber’s own 100-member board and accompanying Schwarzenegger on overseas trips to promote California tourism, manufacturing and agriculture.

In addition, he reads five newspapers a day to stay current, and sits on the boards of the California Museum for History, Women & the Arts and Sacramento’s B Street Theatre.

DiMare, who spent seven years as the California Chamber’s vice president of government relations, is one of Zaremberg’s biggest fans.

“Allan is what makes my McGeorge diploma valuable because he is a credit to the institution and he does important work for public policy,” he says.
Experiential Learning: Changing the Face of Legal Education

When William M. Sullivan, senior scholar and lead author for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, attended an all-day retreat in Sacramento he came away very impressed, if not amazed, by what he saw.

By Robert T. Wazeka
“He found that we’d already implemented nearly all of the recommendations the Foundation is making to improve American law schools,” says Christine Manolakas, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker adds that Sullivan was particularly struck by the high quality of Pacific McGeorge’s faculty and by its innovative approaches to teaching.

Broadly speaking, the Carnegie Foundation is recommending that law schools focus much less exclusively on the traditional case-law, Socratic method of teaching law students, particularly in the second and third years. Their report, entitled “Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law,” argues that law schools have been turning out lawyers skilled in abstract legal thinking, but deficient in practical experience, ethical training and an understanding of the real-life human dimensions and complexities of legal practice. (The report can be purchased in book form for $40 from Jossey-Bass, and is available in summary form at http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/files/elibrary/EducatingLawyers_summary.pdf)

At Pacific McGeorge, experiential learning, or learning through experience, dates back into the 1970s, where it developed largely through the efforts of Professor Glendalee Scully, ’72, who served as Director of Clinical Legal Education from 1978 to 1997. In that role, she supervised the school’s on-campus clinic, Community Legal Services, as well as numerous off-campus clinical placements in public agencies, public interest law firms and elsewhere. Associate Dean Glenn Fait ’72, who succeeded her, notes that Chief Justice Warren Burger was one of the first to call on law schools to place a much greater emphasis on experiential learning.

Generally speaking, experiential learning at Pacific McGeorge is provided through four types of classes, none of which involves a “podium professor.” These include on-campus clinics, in which students work with actual clients on their specific personal problems; externships, where students perform a variety of legal tasks at an off-campus governmental or nonprofit agency; skills courses such as legal advocacy, in which students practice legal skills through guided, hands-on activities or through role-playing; and legal competitions, on or off campus, in which students participate in trials or arbitration hearings that exercise and test their abilities and skills against other teams of lawyers.

When activities such as role-playing are incorporated into “podium classes,” says Manolakas, “they typically take up a lot of time. That bothers me a little since I’m one who likes to cover all the material. On the other hand, participatory activities have an advantage in that groups such as women and minorities, who typically don’t respond as well as others to the case-study method, achieve significant gains.”

The content of traditional law courses, including first-year courses, is also being expanded as elements of international law and ethics are inserted into the standard curricula. Pacific McGeorge itself is playing a major role in this process through the publication its Global Issues book series, which provides international case studies to supplement such courses as civil procedure and contract law. These books have proved to be extremely popular in law schools across the country. With simultaneous pressures both to broaden course content and to include more experiential elements, law professors face an increasingly difficult task in finding a balance between the theoretical and the experiential, and between covering all the material and covering it dynamically.

Pacific McGeorge is increasingly developing new courses that emphasize experiential learning. One example is Professor Fred Galves’ popular course, Street Law International. Another is a course in the interpretation of statutes and legislation to be taught by Visiting Professor Brian Slocum. This year the school approved two new...
courses that combine the theoretical and the experiential by folding legal practicums into regular podium classes, much as lab sections are folded into science classes. One of the courses/practicums, Elder Law, is being taught by Distinguished Visiting Professor Ned Spurgeon; the other, Special Education, is being taught by Glenn Fait.

“The practicum part of the Special Education course is optional,” Fait says, “and only three of the twelve students have enrolled in it. We already brought a dramatic human dimension to this course by inviting Robert Holland and his daughter Rachel in to talk with the class. They were involved in the landmark Supreme Court case, United School District vs. Holland, that concerned the mainstreaming of students with disabilities. The students learned so much just from talking to them. The experience was invaluable.”

Innovative as such experientially enriched courses may be, they clearly draw upon the energy and many of the ideas of the extensive and sophisticated externship and on-campus clinic programs. With externships in particular, Pacific McGeorge has recently managed a dramatic growth in the number, quality and management of its placements. The program previously was called the Off-Campus Clinic Program under Scully; the current Director, Bob Parker, renamed it the Field Placement Program, revamped its underlying course structure and expanded to about 80-85 the number of field placement sites—California state agencies, city and county agencies, federal agencies, judicial externships and nonprofit entities—in which students could be placed in 3-hour, pass/fail credit courses.

“About 50 percent of the day students and 40 percent of the night students at McGeorge enroll in at least one externship,” says Parker. “Twenty percent of them take a second placement, but only about 5 percent complete a third.” Given the constraints of the program and the demands on student time, he expects those numbers not to grow significantly beyond their present levels but to remain fairly constant on into the future.

The total number of student placements during the past three years has been 208 to 220, double of what it was in the 1999-2003 period when it ranged between 105 and 108 students. In addition, about 31 Work Study students obtained field placements outside of the program last semester, and an undetermined number of volunteers also do externships outside of the program structure.

The advantages of staying within the program, Parker says, are that the placement sites are regularly inspected for quality and appropriateness, that students report to and work intimately with a field placement supervisor, and that students are asked to share and compare what they’ve learned with other externs.

The American Bar Association requires that all externships include a “reflective component.” At Pacific McGeorge, this requirement is satisfied in a seminar (formerly called a “hub”) overseen by a supervisor, typically a Pacific McGeorge professor. The students may meet regularly in traditional seminar format, work online at a common web site, or do a combination of both. The placement experience itself, says Parker, receives significantly higher ratings from students than does the seminar component, but both are relevant.

Before students are assigned to a particular field placement, Parker meets with them in a pre-placement interview and presents four or five viable options that match the interests and the skills shown on their resumes. After he forwards their material to one or two of these agencies, an interested agency has the responsibility to contact the student. Parker says that the program’s student liaison, Rose Mapu, often acts as a valuable go-between in the process.

In some cases, students find that an externship can actually improve their classroom work. “My experience in the first year of law school was damaging to my self-confidence,” says second-year student Charmaine Lee, “but my externship...
helped turn it around." Even this didn't come easy. Working on criminal law appeals in the Attorney General's Office, Lee says that the first memo she wrote was "a disaster" until her supervisor provided guidance. "I found that you're supposed to make mistakes here. It's the way to learn. And it's better to make mistakes here and now than later out on the job." Lee's second externship, which involved writing habeas petitions, went much more smoothly as a result.

The chief benefit of Breann M. Moebius's two externships was the chance to discuss legal issues with staff attorneys and occasionally even a judge before making oral arguments. The experience taught her that she need not, as was her habit, write out long lists of questions beforehand; and that it was more practical and more effective to spend her time in research and analysis. Moebius, '07, did her first externship with the California Court of Appeals, Third Appellate District, where she conducted research and drafted opinions. Her most interesting cases involved Fourth Amendment search and seizure issues and attorney's fees. She completed her second internship at the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, where her major focus was bankruptcy cases.

"There's no question that the field placements are more cost-effective for us than the on-campus clinics," Glenn Fait says, referring to requirements that limit practicing law supervisors to no more than twenty-five clinic students at one time. Part-time supervisors can work with no more than five students.

"Both programs are valuable, and we need both," says Fait, who notes that fewer students are applying for the clinics with the growth of the field placement and appellate advocacy programs. Another factor is the elimination of some elective courses. "Whereas externships offer a mixed bag of possible involvements, the on-campus clinics give the student the chance to take responsibility from beginning to end at all stages of the legal process."

Another advantage the clinics offer, says Fait, is that they are ideally structured to make the practice of law a true teaching experience. "We're always ready to add more clinics, but our basic requirement is that they have a true educational component. Recently we had a proposal to open a clinic to help poor people fill out their tax returns. That's a nice idea, but it's a bookkeeping function; it's not a way to teach the law."

The major limiting factor on the future expansion of the on-campus clinic program is funding, says Fait. "We can't rely on tuition increases and there are no viable private funds available on the horizon. We've just signed a four-year contract for $130 million to represent all 90,000 parolees in the state, and we may have to investigate similar fee-paying operations."

Currently, activities related to community legal services are funded by the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA), which is based on a California law requiring that law practices place their trust money in bank accounts, and that the interest from those accounts be used to fund programs such as those at Pacific McGeorge. Separate money for the Immigration Clinic is available through the legislature's general fund to alleviate costs related to immigration.

More well-known than the externships and the clinics are the other major components of Pacific McGeorge's work in experiential learning—its skills courses and its moot court training and legal competitions.

The skills courses—Client Interviewing and Counseling, Negotiations and Settlement Seminar, Judicial Arbitration, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Civil Pretrial Litigation, Criminal Pretrial Litigation, Trial Preparation and Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy, and Appellate and International Advocacy—are designed to cover every aspect of lawyering from the first contact with a client on through possible arbitration, litigation and appeal. The reputation of these courses led to Pacific McGeorge winning a contract from
Two Externships to Remember

By Robert T. Wazeka

“My externship with the California State Department of Parks and Recreation gave me an amazing sense of ownership of the law,” says Patrick Kolasinski. “I was treated like an attorney and I got constant feedback about what I was doing. I was involved in writing projects, rule-making projects and a toxic cleanup project.”

The son of a Polish family, Kolasinski was born in Indiana, but raised in Poland. In 1986, shortly before his eighth birthday, his family moved to the United States. He joined the Parks Department as an extern in the second semester of his second year at Pacific McGeorge, working with six staff attorneys who had responsibility for legal issues affecting the department across the entire state.

Kolasinski has a unique background for a law student. How many other law students have you met who helped run a business in India importing and exporting honey? Who taught English in Poland? Who majored in theatrical lighting and set design as an undergraduate at UC Santa Barbara? No wonder that he’s currently the director of the McGeorge International Law Society and an articles editor for the McGeorge Business & Global Development Journal.

At the California District Attorney Association where Kolasinski did his second externship, he worked as a publications writer/editor. The CDAA publishes biweekly case reporters, monthly training newsletters, a quarterly legal journal and specialized criminal manuals. “Here again, I felt I was really doing law,” he says. “And I improved my writing a great deal along the way.”

the U.S. State Department to train Chilean prosecutors in trial advocacy, mediation and negotiation, and to a USAID grant to train Chinese law professors in how to teach advocacy and clinical training to their own law students.

The various trial competitions in which Pacific McGeorge competes draw on skills that students have learned from taking these courses. An opportunity is available even for first-year students to participate in a mock trial competition and to be one of sixteen students selected as a member of Pacific McGeorge’s Mock Trial Competition team. This team competes in four major national competitions annually. The school also competes in five appellate advocacy events and three different events in client counseling, negotiation and arbitration.

“These teams are a long-standing McGeorge tradition,” says Dean Manolakas. “They’ve been here from the beginning, and the number of competitions is mushrooming without an end in sight.”

While Pacific McGeorge’s efforts in experiential learning can fairly be said to be pioneering, innovative and broad-based—well ahead of the curve as compared to most other law schools—there is still room to grow before meeting all of the Carnegie Foundation’s recommendations. Some say that two of their recommendations in particular—an integrated curriculum and interconnection within and across institutions—need to be more fully implemented by the school.

That said, it’s hard to imagine that many other law schools offer students more varied ways to learn experientially than Pacific McGeorge does.
Eight years ago, Professor Fred Galves envisioned a world in which law review articles would be published online with footnotes linked to animation as an enhanced learning tool. He paved the way for this interactive tool with an article he published in hardcopy and CD format in the *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology* on the admissibility of computer animation.

“As I was writing the article,” Galves recalls, “I found it extremely difficult to discuss some of the admissibility issues without the reader being able to see and experience the computer animation.” The solution: computer click on a footnote—and *Voila!*—animation. >

By Jonathan Kalstrom
In the ensuing years, law review articles have picked up on the concept to some extent, but not to the degree Galves says he had envisioned. “But the thing I didn’t envision, that maybe it started, was to do casebooks this way,” he says. “And that’s what we’re doing now, right here at McGeorge.” Thomson West is publishing an interactive casebook series and Galves’ volume on evidence is the next to be published.

Two other Pacific McGeorge faculty members have jumped into the cutting-edge publishing. Professors Ray Coletta and John Sprankling are writing an interactive casebook on property to follow the publication of the Galves book. So Pacific McGeorge occupies a lead in terms of the number of professors involved. Coletta says he knows of no other law school that has three professors contributing to the series.

The professors’ casebooks are to be published in both print and online form. When students purchase one of the books, they also receive a password to access the online version on their computer. One plus of the additional online book for students is the interactive capability. For example, as they're reading online, they can click on a legal term, and a definition appears on the screen from Black’s Law Dictionary. Or, while reading, the student can mouse-click on the side of a case, and the complete unedited version appears, explains Coletta.

Another benefit of this hybrid product—part traditional book, part electronic book—is that the e-book allows students who are reading a case to tap into Thomson West’s electronic legal data base and immediately see the full text of any authority cited in the case, such as statutes, other cases, or law review articles. Thus, the words in the case become springboards to access a huge array of other legal materials.

Both Sprankling and Coletta mention that property, their casebook subject matter, is highly visual and lends itself to audio visual content. “In the electronic book, we will have color photographs that a student can click into, plus maps, diagrams, and other visual materials,” Sprankling says. “We’ll also be including sound recordings from Supreme Court arguments.”

Clicking on icons or call-out boxes for a particular media, such as a video, helps make a point. Students can see evidence law come alive, literally and figuratively because of the technology, Galves...
notes. One of the innovations that Galves plans for in the evidence casebook is for actors and actresses to play lawyers and judges in courtroom scenes. This method, for instance, could be used in the authentication of a document. “What we want to do is have a link, where they would click on… and then you would see and hear a lawyer and a witness going through the litany of what gets said when you lay the foundation for a letter or a photograph,” explains Galves, who teaches all of his classes with display technology.

Another faculty member, Professor Charles Kelso, is working in this brave new publishing world. Kelso and his youngest son, Randall, a law professor at South Texas School of Law, in Houston, are co-authors of a 2,000 page legal treatise, The Path of Constitutional Law. The work is published exclusively online for a bargain rate of $14.95, including yearly supplements. “We didn’t find a publisher in print that was really interested in publishing the long, involved treatise that we created,” he explains. “We did find a publisher who was interested in online publishing, so it’s a way to get the book out to the public.” Published in August 2007, it is the first comprehensive treatise on American law to be published solely on the Internet.

Kelso is working on two other legal-related works that employ 21st century technology. In what he calls his “e-course book,” students are provided text, encapsulated cases, Power Point slides and discussion questions. “And I’m going to offer it to all of my students next fall, unless there’s some really negative reason not to do so,” he says. “[It] is a way of, in a sense, being out in front.”

In addition, Kelso is working on another project that involves providing tutorials, which is a supplement designed to teach analytical, logical reasoning from the accepted basic rules in Constitutional law. In this work, a general principle of the current Supreme Court is stated, along with some examples by way of questions. It also includes flow charts showing the way that the principles work. “It’s strictly a supplement to other instruction,” he says. “But there are a lot of people who don’t get the basic rules firmly in mind, and it hurts them on the bar exam—and that hurts them in their method or reasoning. So it’s a useful supplemental device.”
What’s in a Named Scholarship?
SCHOLARSHIPS THAT HONOR PAST, PAINT BRIGHT FUTURE FOR STUDENTS

Scholarships that honor former alumni, faculty, staff and friends are a tradition at Pacific McGeorge. Names such as Raymond Burr, Tracy Helms, Brian Hintz, Carol Miller and Elvin Sheehy bring back memories for campus old-timers. For current students, they represent a financial lifeline from the past that brightens their futures.

In October, the first Pacific McGeorge Scholarship Recipients & Patrons Reception brought the past and the present together at the Gary V. Schaber Student Center. Twenty-four scholarship donors were on hand to meet with current and past scholarship recipients, faculty and staff.

Donors discussed the motives behind endowed scholarships named for loved ones. Sacramento attorney Candy Dahl, ’96, explained that her late father, Judge Loren S. Dahl, wanted to make sure that law students were grounded in an area of the law (tax) where they could practice. He looked forward to receiving the scholarship report and the recipients’ thank you letters each year, she added.

Shelby Gatlin, a current recipient of the James and Dorothy Adams Scholarship, spoke for all students. In heartfelt comments, she thanked donors for their much-needed assistance to law students, which she said allows her family to realize their dream of her becoming an attorney.

Named scholarships help nearly a hundred Pacific McGeorge students. There’s a different story to tell about each. Here are six of them.

By Jan Ferris Heenan; Photography Steve Yeater
Cameron Desmond was with the Peace Corps in the Federated States of Micronesia when she decided to go to law school. She took her LSAT on the tiny island of Kosrae. A year later, she started at Pacific McGeorge.

“It was a wonderful experience, and was so motivating — especially seeing the role that the women had on the island,” says Desmond of her Peace Corps duty. “It makes law school seem easy.”

In Micronesia, Desmond developed an elementary school curriculum in health and physical education, and taught English to high school students. She began to understand “the power of the law,” she says, when she attempted to start a girls’ basketball team. She was ultimately successful, but the effort took some doing.

Desmond — who will serve as editor-in-chief of the McGeorge Law Review next year — has deep ties to Pacific McGeorge. Her great-grandfather, Earl Desmond, was a 1932 graduate. He went on to become a state senator, and helped push through legislation to authorize Sacramento State College. Her grandfather was the late Sacramento attorney Richard Desmond.

It might be easier to ask Leslie Ramos what type of law she doesn’t enjoy. “That’s the better question for me. There are so many areas that I’m interested in,” she says.

As an undergrad, Ramos toyed with becoming a social worker, but opted for law school instead, explaining, “I just thought I might have more power to help people as a lawyer.”

At UC Santa Barbara, Ramos worked with an AIDS organization, produced videos on women’s bodies and eating disorders, and helped present a sexual education program for the campus’ fraternities and sororities.

“Women’s health issues have always been important to me,” says Ramos, president of the Pacific McGeorge Health Law Association and the daughter of a nurse.

Ramos also enjoys the work she has done the past few years with the Sacramento County Public Defender. She started out in the juvenile division and now works in misdemeanors, interviewing clients, writing motions and tending to other tasks.

“It gives me a broader based understanding of people that are outside of my daily experience,” says Ramos. “I like working with the people. I also like being in court a lot. It’s fast-paced and a good experience.”

Leslie Ramos
Hometown: Valencia, California
Undergraduate: UC Santa Barbara, Sociology and Women’s Studies
Graduation: May 2008
Awarded: Alumni Endowed Scholarship
**Conor Flynn** considered becoming an accountant, but has found the perfect way to marry his mathematics acumen and his legal education. After he graduates from Pacific McGeorge, the Orange County native will begin clerking for a federal bankruptcy judge in Riverside.

“Everybody I’ve talked to says it’s such a great experience. It’s a good segue into starting your career,” Flynn says.

Flynn has already gained a respectable amount of professional experience. While an undergraduate, he worked in the San Francisco law office of his cousin, Margaret Mahaffey Flynn, ’94, and for a bankruptcy attorney in San Luis Obispo.

Last fall, Flynn was an extern to U.S. Magistrate Judge Kim Mueller of the federal court’s Eastern District of California. He has been trained through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), and has helped his fellow Pacific McGeorge students with their own income tax returns.

In addition, Flynn has worked in the tax clinic of the California State Board of Equalization, helping individuals with their personal income tax appeals. In February, he received a thank-you note from one of his clients, who received a $25,000 settlement.

**Allysia Holland** first became interested in the law when she worked for an insurance agency a few years out of college and spent a fair bit of time combing through coverage policies. Her own jury service on a criminal case sealed the deal.

“Going through the deliberations, I got really involved in looking at the statute that the case was centered around,” says Holland, referring to a gang allegation that could have multiplied the defendant’s sentence. “I got really frustrated with the way the law was written.”

After college, Holland worked for a nonprofit agency in Texas, specializing in health education and health careers promotion. Three years later, she followed her family to California.

Holland’s interests are in business law and estate planning, but she is enjoying the variety of hands-on experience she has gleaned at Pacific McGeorge. Last summer, she worked in a law firm specializing in personal injury and workers’ compensation. “The practical application was just invaluable,” she says.

Currently, Holland is doing a field placement with the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) and has worked on a number of issues. She is also co-president of the Black Law Student Association at Pacific McGeorge and a student ambassador in the admissions office.

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**Allysia Holland**

**Hometown:** Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Undergraduate:** Baylor University, Health Science Studies

**Graduation:** May 2009

**Awarded:**
- William K. Morgan Scholarship
- Gary Schaber Scholarship

**Conor Flynn**

**Hometown:** Anaheim, California

**Undergraduate:** Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Economics

**Graduation:** May 2008

**Awarded:**
- Judge Loren Dahl Scholarship
- Sacramento Estate Planning Council
For **Megan Moore**, law school has been what she calls an “intellectual triumph,” replete with good grades, mock trial experience and an editorial post on the Law Review.

It has also been a social success: Moore expects to marry classmate Andrew Schouten in March. The two met at Pacific McGeorge.

“I’ve really just tried to suck the life out of law school,” says Moore, who also helped bring Ralph Nader to campus as a guest speaker. “It’s been wonderful for me in a lot of ways.”

Moore worked in education before coming to Pacific McGeorge. First, she spent two years teaching English and drama at a private bilingual school in Puerto Rico. Then she moved to San Diego and worked for an education company, developing computer-testing materials for K-12 students.

Law school appealed to her, partly because of its mix of advocacy and public speaking. In September, Moore will go to work for the San Diego office of Best, Best & Krieger, a law firm that specializes in education law. As for Schouten, he will begin a federal clerkship in August — also in San Diego.

**Andrew Bernick**

*Hometown: Torrance, California*

*Undergraduate: Arizona State University, Journalism*

*Graduation: May 2010* Awarded: Amicus Lex Scholarship

Andrew Bernick finished at the top of the class in his first year at Pacific McGeorge, and credits the subject matter for his strong showing.

“If it’s something you’re interested in, you look forward to studying,” he says. “When you take the exam, you’re not dreading what’s on it.” Bernick’s college journalism experience also helps him write with clarity and concision, he added.

Bernick works as a research assistant on campus. He also works part-time for the Civil Justice Association of California, researching and summarizing appellate cases involving product liability, employment law and other cases of interest to the tort reform group.

Here again, he sees similarities between journalism and the law. “The mission is to seek the truth. The facts are out there,” he explains. “You’re trying to gather information and see where it leads you.”

Bernick tips his hat to his evening-division classmates, many of them with fulltime day jobs and young children at home. “I really don’t know how they can do it,” he says.
Nader Headlines Ethics Symposium

The appearance of longtime consumer advocate, and perennial presidential candidate, Ralph Nader headlined Pacific McGeorge’s second Annual “Ethics Across the Professions” symposium in September.

Nader delivered a public lecture that touched on his familiar themes of corporate irresponsibility and an unholy relationship between big business and elected officials in the federal government.

This spring, Nader announced another run for the White House. He ran on the Green Party ticket in 1996 and 2000, and as an independent in 2004. His best showing was in 2000 when he won 2.7 percent of the national vote and played the role of spoiler for Democratic candidate Al Gore.

The day-long symposium attracted academics and practitioners from a wide array of professions, focused on the relationship between professional ethics and corporate conduct. The program featured timely topics, including ethics and mortgage lending, and ethical challenges faced by doctors confronted with the colliding priorities of care and commerce.

Professor George Harris helped to organize the event, which was presented by the law school’s Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution and is the second in a ten-part series underwritten by the Sierra Health Foundation.

Clinic Case Results In Published Victory

The California Third District Court of Appeal handed Pacific McGeorge’s Community Legal Services a major victory in a published opinion last summer in a complex family law case.

In November, the California Supreme Court declined to review the case so the judgment stands. A unanimous appellate court decision ruled that California may exercise child custody jurisdiction where a wife (CLS client Reema Sareen) and child’s forced residence in husband’s chosen forum did not make India “home state.” The couple had married in India, lived briefly in New York and the husband abandoned her there in 2004 when she was still a non-citizen.

The clinic took the case after she moved to California two years ago. Mario De Bernardo, ’07, and David Korsunsky, ’07, helped her file for custody, but a Sacramento Superior Court judge ruled he did not have jurisdiction. CLS Director Cecilia Arnold worked long hours on an appeal that eventually resulted

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in a favorable ruling last month. “If we had not taken the case, our client would have had no recourse,” Arnold says.

**Conference Attracts Contracts Scholars**
The Pacific McGeorge Center for Global Business and Development played host of the Fourth International Conference on Contracts on February 8-9, 2008. Many of the leading young legal scholars in the nation were on hand to cover a wide spectrum of contract scholarship. Fordham University School of Law Professor Emeritus Joseph Perillo was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

The event also featured the premiere of Judith Maute’s documentary film, “The Ballad of Willie and Lucille,” about Peevyhouse v. Garland Coal & Mining Co. She is the William J. Alley Professor of Law at the University of Oklahoma.

Pacific McGeorge professor and former dean Jerry Caplan and Texas Wesleyan Professor Frank Snyder were the key conference organizers. Pacific McGeorge participants as panelists and moderators included Jarrod Wong, Miriam Cherry, Michael Malloy, Frank Gevurtz, John Sprankling and Claude Rohwer.

**Vitiello Battles Famous Author**
John Osborn, the author of *The Paper Chase*, and Professor Michael Vitiello argued the merits of the Socratic method in a lively September debate in the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library.

The two law professors discussed “Professor Kingsfield and the Socratic Method: The Past, the Present and the Future.” Osborn is a member of the law faculty at the University of San Francisco. His 1970 novel spawned a movie and a short-lived TV series about the trials and tribulations of law school.

Its most famous character, Professor Kingsfield, played by the late John Houseman, was an intimidating, god-like character. Vitiello wrote a 2005 article, “Professor Kingsfield: The Most Misunderstood Character in Literature,” that appeared in the *Hofstra Law Review* and rekindled the debate over the Socratic method in 21st century law schools.

Kingsfield’s most famous line was: “The study of law is something new and unfamiliar to most of you — unlike any other schooling you’ve ever known before. You teach yourselves the law, but I train your minds. You come in here with a skull full of mush, and, if you survive, you leave thinking like a lawyer.”

A Happy Event
For one day a year, Pacific McGeorge rivals Disneyland as “The Happiest Place on Earth.” That’s the day of the annual swearing-in ceremony. The 2007 graduates turned out in force in December to join the ranks of the State Bar of California.
It was a line that struck fear into the hearts of law students more than a generation ago. Vitiello and Osborn did agree that today’s law schools are a kindler, gentler world.

Symposium Tackles Front-Page Issues
An on-campus conference, “Taking Stock of Sustainable Development at 20,” in November brought together some of the leading experts in the world on sustainable development.

The two-day symposium, sponsored by the Pacific McGeorge Center for Global Business and Development’s Institute for Sustainable Development, featured a presentation by Ambassador Alberto Szekely, member, Legal Experts Group to the Brundtland Commission. The former International Law Commission member sharply criticized world leaders for their failure to address environmental issues in the past two decades.

“Panels on the first day focused on a relatively untraditional aspect of sustainable development—human and labor resources, rather than natural resources,” says Professor Michael Malloy. “It raised issues that were echoed two days later in the New York Times, the issues of labor migration (“Brain Drain” as well as outsourcing) and the current $300 billion flow of remittances linked to labor migration.”

A video presentation by Dr. Gro Brundtland, UN Special Envoy for Climate Change, kicked off the second day. Dr. Ivonne Rummel-Bulska, Chief, Law Branch, Division of Policy Development and Law, UNEP, spoke on the substantive content and significance of sustainable development to international organizations. Professor Malin Falkenmark, Professor of Applied and International Hydrology, Stockholm International Water Institute, delivered the keynote address on “Durable River Basin Agreements.”

Center in downtown Chicago, featured 36 teams with more than 100 competitors representing 20 law schools. Florida Coastal defeated Pepperdine University in the finals. Professor Ed Telteyan, ’79, coached the Pacific McGeorge team.

Team Advances to NTC Nationals
A Pacific McGeorge team blasted its way through formidable opposition to win a regional event and gain a berth in the national finals of the 33rd Annual National Trial Competition.

Bret Wasley, ’08 and Jeffrey Schaff, ’09 won every ballot in each of their four mock trials held February 15-17 in San Francisco. They defeated UC Davis, Boalt, Stanford, and Santa Clara on their way to a co-title with a UC Davis entry. Two teams from each of 14 regions will represent their districts in the finals scheduled March 26-29 in Austin, Texas.

The team of Lindsay Hulse, ’08 and Sophia Kwan, ’09 also competed in the regional, advancing to the semi-finals before falling to UC Davis. UC Hastings was the host school for the regional competition, which was held at the U.S. District Court house and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sacramento attorneys Jamie Pearson, ’02, and Matt Pearson, ’03, coached the Pacific McGeorge teams.

Globalizing Efforts Gathering Steam
Professors and educators from more than 40 American law schools and scholarly organizations met at the Association of American Law Schools annual January meeting in New York City to discuss issues involving globalization and curricular reform. Pacific McGeorge’s Center for Global Business and Development sponsored the seminar, in conjunction with the American Society of International Law.

Professor Frank Gevurtz, the new director of the Center for Global Business and Development, led a multi-school discussion of the ways in which law schools can globalize their curriculum to face the transnational challenges of practice in the twenty-first century. Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker and Professor Michael Malloy delivered welcoming remarks.

The Center has introduced a series of “Global Issues” casebooks that incorporate international concerns into core areas of legal education. Eleven separate titles have been published by Thomson West, with another half-dozen volumes in the pipeline. Pacific McGeorge professors have written or co-written more than half the books. Gevurtz is the editor of the series.
Program Honors Black Law Pioneer
Pacific McGeorge celebrated Black History Month with a special program honoring Charles Hamilton Houston (1895-1950) on February 12.

As dean of the Howard Law School, he trained and mentored a generation of African-American lawyers, including Thurgood Marshall. The on-campus program featured a film documentary, “The Road to Brown,” along with a discussion between Houston’s biographer, University of Baltimore Professor Jose Felipe Anderson, and Pacific McGeorge’s own civil rights expert, Professor Brian Landsberg. Among invited guests in the large lecture hall audience were descendants of Houston.

Program co-sponsors included the Black Law Student Association and the McGeorge chapter of the American Constitution Society. Theresa Esquerra, ’08, played a major role as an organizer with assistance from Professor Julie Davies and Principal Assistant Dean for Academic Programs and Student Life Tim Naccarato, ’77.

Charter High School Ears Rave Reviews
Pacific McGeorge’s Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep (NP3) program has received much praise and media attention.

The charter high school that the law school helped found has been hailed as a model for other law schools across the country. The Los Angeles Daily Journal ran a front-page story on the outreach program last year and several major newspapers have picked up on the effort.

Beth Bulgeron, ’00, the new Educational Law Project Manager at Pacific McGeorge, has been working closely with NP3 administrators to groom underprivileged students for professional careers. She also teaches at the Sacramento high school. An attorney and former teacher at Thurgood Marshall Academy in Washington, D.C., Bulgeron is pursuing an LL.M. in Government and Public Policy at Pacific McGeorge.

Downey Brand LLP, the California capital’s largest law firm, remains the major sponsor of the NP3 program.

Center Founds Institute for Health and Aging
As a response to burgeoning growth in the fields of health and elder law, Government Law and Policy has established a new Institute for Health and Aging. The Institute is led by Distinguished Visiting Professor Edward D. Spurgeon, the inaugural holder of the Gordon D. Schaber Chair in Health Law and Policy.

Health and elder law and policy are of immediate concern to policymakers around the country, particularly in the areas of death and dying; retirement and pension law; and consumer protection.

The number of nationally prominent experts in health and elder law, and the number of legal think tanks focused on these subjects, is extremely limited. In California, no other apparent entity has Pacific McGeorge’s capacity to bring the legal perspective to bear on health and elder law and policy.

In addition to the resources of the Schaber Chair, the Institute will be supported by gifts, grants and contracts. An arrangement has already been negotiated with AARP to fully fund a half-time Fellow to support the research agenda of the Institute. Spurgeon also expects that this program will attract students to Pacific McGeorge’s Master of Laws in Government Law and Policy with a focus on health and elder law and policy. These LL.M. students will provide additional support to the Institute’s activities and help ensure that the Institute supports the University’s educational, research and public policy missions.
A new honors program for future legal and community leaders will begin this fall at the University of the Pacific, which will prepare high-caliber students to make the transition to McGeorge School of Law. The Pacific Legal Scholars Program will provide undergraduate students with a personalized student-centered legal experience, allowing them to complete their bachelor's and law degrees in either six or the traditional seven years.

“My goal is to try and prepare students for that first year of law school, so that they can excel instead of just trying to survive,” says Dr. Cynthia Ostberg, director of the Pacific Legal Scholars Program. “The first year of law school is the most arduous, and if you have certain skills under your belt, you’ll be much better prepared than a lot of other students coming in.”

The Legal Scholars program will give undergraduate students pre-professional learning opportunities, with law faculty and leaders of the legal profession, so as to better prepare them for their law careers. “We want to make sure that students get a strong liberal arts education in [an undergraduate program],” says Ostberg. “We are looking for creative individuals who are interested in pursuing the law, have a vision, and show leadership capabilities.”

In the summer of their third undergraduate year, students will take a one-week crash course in legal writing from the director of the legal writing program at Pacific McGeorge. “The more practice they have with legal writing, the better they’re going to be,” Ostberg says. Students will also become familiar with the law library and receive legal research instruction. We want to get them acclimated [to legal writing and the law library] before they enter their first year of law school,” says Ostberg.

During their senior undergraduate year, students in the program will take a set of pre-designed law classes as electives, which “are designed to provide basic skills that will help students once they get to their first year of law school,” says Ostberg.

The first class, held in the fall, according to Ostberg, will expose students to the philosophy of the law, discuss the court system, and then have students read case law as a way to begin to learn legal language. “There will also be guest speakers from Pacific McGeorge who will give presentations in various areas of the law,” Ostberg says.

“In the spring semester, I will still be doing some of the same skill building, but I also want students to think more coherently about what kind of law they might want to practice,” she says. Guest speakers will discuss their experience as lawyers and how they entered their field. “They will get insights from people who are practicing out in the legal field,” says Ostberg. “We are also hoping to have Pacific alumni come back and talk to them as well, so there will be interaction with alums.”

As undergraduates, students in the program will also participate in five law-related activities off campus, including lectures and mock trials. Once in law school, students can participate in the fraternal organization, Phi Alpha Delta, or get involved in internships. The Community Legal Services clinic also exposes students to real-world, hands-on training in a variety of legal fields for 1,400 clients each year.

The Legal Scholars program, which hopes to have 10-15 students enrolled for Fall 2008, is an honors program; students cannot participate unless they meet honors requirements. This includes a 3.5 GPA and 1250 to 1320 on the SAT, depending on whether a student is in the 3+3 program or 4+3 program. A median score on the LSAT is also required. In 2007, that score reached 158. Provided they meet the requirements and succeed in the program, students are guaranteed admission to Pacific McGeorge upon graduation from their undergraduate program.

Once students go through the Legal Scholars program, says Ostberg, they will be uniquely prepared to attend McGeorge School of Law, or any other law school. “Ideally, we would want the students to go to Pacific McGeorge, but they don’t have to,” she says. “I am interested in preparing students for whatever law school they choose. That’s the goal.”

She adds: “I want them to be able to hit the ground running and take the most advantage of law school that they can.”
Investing in Excellence
The Campaign for Pacific Surpasses Goal

By Cynthia Kincaid

In October 2007, University of the Pacific celebrated the successful close of a seven-year comprehensive campaign, raising more than $330 million. The original $200 million goal for Investing in Excellence: The Campaign for Pacific was surpassed a full year before the planned end of the campaign.

Since its launch in 2000, more than 23,000 of Pacific’s extraordinary alumni, staff, faculty, students, parents and friends have contributed to the campaign.

“The Investing in Excellence campaign has been a collaborative effort that has involved the entire Pacific family and has exceeded all expectations,” says University President Don DeRosa. “We have made great strides toward our mission of providing a superior, student-centered learning experience that will prepare tomorrow’s leaders. In addition, these resources are raising the national visibility of Pacific through the strengthening of our distinctive academic programs.

“The story of this campaign does not lie in the grand total of dollars raised, or even in the tremendous buildings, scholarships, endowments and programs that have been made possible by those dollars,” says Ted Leland, vice president of University Advancement. “The real story is the hearts and souls of the Pacific community, the volunteers, faculty and staff who have worked tirelessly for so long to create the best possible Pacific for tomorrow, and for them, I am incredibly thankful.”

Many of the gifts were earmarked for various campuses and departments throughout the university, including more than $10 million for Pacific McGeorge.

“For the law school, this was the first time that we entered into a capital campaign, successfully setting [and attaining] our goal,” says Charlene Mattison, assistant dean, Office of Advancement at Pacific McGeorge. “It really tells us that our alumni are behind us. And it tells us we are ready to continue to engage in our community and engage with our alumni, as we look forward and grow.”

Among the key campaign milestones was a $100 million estate gift by Jeannette and Robert C. Powell, respectively current and former regents of the University. The largest estate gift in the University’s history, it is also among the top 50 in U.S. history and will be used primarily for scholarships. In all, more than $179 million in endowments was secured, some in the form of estate gifts.

Mattison emphasized that the success of the campaign was due in large part to the commitment of the Pacific family: students, parents, the community and alumni. “For them to show their support in this way, and to tell us we are doing the right things and taking their institution in the right direction, is such a positive message,” she says.

This broad spectrum of donors, foundations, corporations, individuals, alumni, and friends of the school have and will continue to have a far-reaching impact on Pacific and, specifically, the law school.

“We will continue to encourage investment in the law school campus,” says Mattison. “One specific project will be the upcoming renovation of the [Gordon D. Schaber] Law Library. We will also be looking to endow centers and create chairs in specific areas of faculty scholarship and in teaching.”

Ultimately, a successful campaign such as this will give University of the Pacific a chance to even more fully engage its already active alumni. “We know what they are doing and how successful they are,” Mattison says. “But, likewise, they know what we are doing, and they are engaged in the process.”

People are willing to invest so long as you have something that they can invest in,” she says. “[Our donors] stepped forward and supported us at a transformational time for our university, and specifically for the law school campus.”
Changing of the Guard
At Law School’s Centers

Pacific McGeorge’s “Centers of Distinctiveness” that have produced significant educational, scholarly and practical initiatives in recent years are now under new leadership.

“The changing personal and professional demands of center directors have persuaded me to rotate the leadership of all three centers,” says Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. “Clark Kelso, Michael Malloy and George Harris have made impressive contributions in guiding the three centers through their formative period. Our success in no small part is due to their vision and commitment.”

Professor Leslie Jacobs is the new Director of the Capital Center for Government Law and Policy. Jacobs, a member of the faculty since 1992, has written a substantial and important body of scholarship on constitutional doctrine, theory and interpretation. Kelso, who was recently named to a major position involving the state prison system (see story below), will become senior counselor to the center, continuing his responsibility for several ongoing projects and teaching several courses while on leave.

Professor Frank Gevurtz takes the reins as Director of the Center for Global Business and Development. He has been the driving force behind the “Globalizing the Curriculum” initiative that has showcased Pacific McGeorge faculty scholarship in legal academia. Malloy, a prolific banking law scholar, will return to his scholarship but has also agreed to serve as director of the two-year-old Summer London Program. Professors Linda Carter and Gregory Weber will continue as directors of the Legal Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Institutes, respectively, which operate under the Global Center.

Professor Michael Vitiello is the new director of the Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Center. A versatile professor and member of the prestigious American Law Institute, he taught at the University of Parma last fall on a Fulbright Senior Specialist grant. Harris has taken a leave of absence to return to Morrison and Foerster, where he’s working to expand the firm’s appellate practice. Harris was a partner in that large firm’s San Francisco office before coming to Sacramento four years ago.

Kelso Steps Into Another Hot Seat

Professor Clark Kelso was named as the federal receiver overseeing health care for the California prison system on January 23.

Kelso, who has a well-earned reputation as the state’s “Mr. Fix-It,” replaces Robert Sillen, who had served in that role since April 2006. Kelso recently concluded a five-year stint overhauling the state’s IT department. He will continue as a tenured professor at Pacific McGeorge, but will relinquish his role as director of the law school’s Capital Center for Government Law and Policy.
Law and Policy because of the demands of his new assignment.

“I hope to build on the progress, as well as the infrastructure created during Mr. Sillen’s tenure,” Kelso says. “I want to focus the receivership on implementing additional reform necessary to create a constitutionally adequate inmate health-care system that will ultimately be transitioned back to the state of California’s control.”

Kelso comes to the California Prison Health Care Receivership with more than 15 years of experience in a wide variety of positions in all three branches of state government, including the California Judicial Council and Administrative Office of the Courts, where he worked in support of court unification; the Department of Insurance, where he replaced Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush, who abruptly resigned amid allegations of corruption; and as California’s Chief Information Officer, where he turned around the state’s troubled information technology program.

A member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty since 1986, Kelso was recently recognized by the California Lawyer magazine as one of its 2008 Attorneys of the Year for his work in the state’s IT department.

Malloy Checks Law, Sends Book to Iran

Distinguished Professor and Scholar Michael P. Malloy has been writing about the enforcement of international economic sanctions for more than 30 years. The former Department of the Treasury official is the author of two well-known books and many articles on that subject.

In January, Malloy received an e-mail from Mashaallah Niasari, a Ph.D. student of private law at the University of Shahid Beheshti in Tehran, Iran. Niasari’s research is on the comparative study of banking regulation. Niasari wrote that Malloy’s Principles of Bank Regulation is one of the best books on the subject, but it is unavailable in Iran. He requested a copy of the book for research purposes.

But, as Malloy well knows, Iran is subject to exportation prohibitions under the Treasury Department’s Iranian Transaction Regulations. Fortunately, export of “informational materials” — including publications — is exempt from these prohibitions.

The Pacific McGeorge professor arranged with his publisher to contribute a copy of his bank regulation text to the University of Shahid Beheshti. “Advanced research rises above the vagaries of international politics,” says Malloy.

Sims-Yoo Debate Draws Large Crowd

John Sims and Boalt Hall Professor John Yoo debated the hotly contested Bush administration’s electronic surveillance policy before a nearly packed house of faculty, students and the public in October in the Pacific McGeorge lecture hall.

Sponsored by the Federalist Society of Sacramento and the McGeorge Federalist Society, the debate, “FISA and Electronic Surveillance — Does National Security Burden Freedom?,” was moderated by Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, former general counsel to the National Security Agency and the CIA.

FISA, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, prescribes procedures for the physical and electronic surveillance and collection of intelligence information between or among foreign powers. The Bush administration ordered the National Security Agency to expand the program in 2002. Critics assert that the warrantless spying program is a violation of the Fourth Amendment and illegal under FISA.

Yoo is one of the few defenders of the administration’s actions in legal academia. Best known for his 2001-2003 work with the U.S. Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel, he co-authored the post-9/11 PATRIOT Act and wrote a controversial memo denying enemy combatants protection under the Geneva Conventions and advocating some forms of torture to extract information from captured terrorists.

Professor Sims has been an ardent critic of Bush administration policies. A frequent speaker on international human rights issues, he is the founding co-editor of the Pacific McGeorge Journal of National Security Law & Policy.
Professor Thomas Main

Putting Pacific McGeorge Scholarship on the Map

The Pacific McGeorge Profile

By Robert T. Wazeka

Professor of Law
and Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship
B.A., Grinnell College; J.D., Northeastern University

Courses Taught
Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Remedies, Transnational Litigation

Private Sector
Associate, Hill & Barlow, Boston, Massachusetts

Recent Scholarship
Transnational Litigation (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2008) (with S. McCaffrey)

Member
American Law Institute
On January 1, Professor Thomas Main stepped into his new role as Pacific McGeorge’s first-ever Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship. While the position is brand new and while Main is determined to take his time before launching any detailed plans, he doesn’t hesitate to indicate what his primary emphasis will be.

“McGeorge,” says Main, “has a reputation for great teachers and a reputation for hands-on legal education as well as a great tradition in international law, but what people don’t realize is that we also have great legal scholars here.”

His new position, Main explains, is more about simple marketing than it is about the need to increase the quantity and scope of faculty scholarship or to inculcate a publish-or-perish mentality. His aim is to let the legal world know what Pacific McGeorge is accomplishing in the arena of legal scholarship.

Noting that two-thirds of the faculty members have written at least one book and that Pacific McGeorge casebooks are being widely and enthusiastically used at most of the top law schools, Main envisions spreading this news around.

“I want to encourage our professors,” he says, “to take their articles and books on the road by making presentations at other law schools. They’re professors; they need ‘to profess.’ They’re going to face criticism, but they’re going to learn from it, with the result that their final scholarship will be better for having made this effort.”

“I’m not afraid to make cold calls to get this process started,” Main adds, “but I do have friends to call upon, having been a visiting professor at places like UC Davis, Florida State and Yeshiva University.” He’s operating with a budget that enables him to fund visits by Pacific McGeorge faculty to other law schools.

There is some irony in Main’s new role. Starting from his first year in law school at Northeastern, all he ever wanted to do in the field of law was to teach. Scholarship was not on his radar screen — that is, until he learned that scholarship was the best means of getting into teaching.

“My mentor at Northeastern was Professor Steve Subrin,” Main remembers. “He changed my life. He got me on a separate track that emphasized writing and reading. For me, that made all the difference.”

Northeastern appealed to Main as a place to study law because of its gender neutrality, its experimental classes, its lack of grades and its cooperative education program. Like Pacific McGeorge, Northeastern also aggressively fostered legal externships for its law students. Main had four of them. One was in Philadelphia under a tough-minded Philadelphia judge.

The other three were all in Boston — as a summer associate with Hill & Barlow; as an intern working on trial and personal injury cases with Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak and Cohen; and as an intern with Kotin, Crabtree and Strong.

Throughout law school and his early career, Main stuck to two simple rules. First, work harder than anyone else in the office; and, second, never stop building a portfolio of legal scholarship. During one of his three years at Hill & Barlow, he racked up 2,750 billable hours while writing a book on the side.

Having majored in economics as a Grinnell undergraduate, Main felt comfortable moving from Hill & Barlow to become Associate General Counsel at Platinum Equity, where he worked for two years in mergers and acquisitions. Platinum typically purchased subdivisions of major companies with “serviceable revenue streams and aging technology.” The consequences of such acquisitions were often firings and restructuring, therefore, plenty of litigation was involved.

Main says his work at Platinum Equity cemented his strong interest in civil procedure, an interest that has expanded to include international, as well as U.S. civil procedure. He is also fascinated with the history of both civil procedure and of equity.

Born in Maine’s Aroostook County on the Canadian border (“logging and potato country”) as the son of a minister, Main spent most of his growing-up years in Midwestern states, including Ohio, Indiana and Iowa. He is married to “an amazing woman” who raised two kids as a single mother; one of them is currently a law student at Pacific McGeorge. She’s working for the California Institute for Mental Health and contemplating getting a master’s degree. Main also spends time with his two “funny-looking greyhounds,” named Milton and Eliot after John Milton and T.S. Eliot.

Main is also in his second year as Chair of the Faculty Hiring Committee, which he calls “great, exciting work.” The committee’s job is to interview and screen candidates, but not to make hiring decisions. “It’s amazing what great insights and telling critiques a bunch of lawyers can come up with,” Main says of the committee. There are a significant number of retirements looming, so Main foresees a lot of new hiring in Pacific McGeorge’s near future.

If he’s not still working harder than anyone else around him, he’s probably coming close.

This is the ninth in a series of Pacific Law articles on members of the Pacific McGeorge faculty who pursue excellence inside and outside the classroom.
The University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law faculty not only excel in the classroom, but they also render public service to the university and the profession. Our faculty also engage in research and scholarship to further the rule of law. Below is a listing of selected 2007-08 Pacific McGeorge faculty publications.

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Miriam A. Cherry
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Understanding Mergers And Acquisitions (Lexis, forthcoming 2008) (with F. Gevurtz)

Exploring (Social) Class in the Classroom: The Case of Lucy, Lady Duff-Gordon, 26 Pace L. Rev. ___ (forthcoming 2008)
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Fred Galves

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Understanding Mergers And Acquisitions (Lexis, forthcoming 2008) (with M. Cherry)

George C. Harris
Global Issues In Legal Ethics (Thomson-West 2007) (with J. Moliterno)

Leslie Gielow Jacobs
Global Issues In Constitutional Law (Thomson-West 2007) (with B. Landsberg)

Charles D. Kelso
The Path Of Constitutional Law (2007) (with R. Kelso)

Amy L. Landers

Brian K. Landsberg
Free At Last To Vote: Alabama And The Origins Of The Voting Rights Act (Kansas 2007)

Raymond R. Coletta
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Global Issues In Employment Discrimination Law (Thomson-West 2008) (with S. Estreicher)
Lawrence C. Levine
Understanding Torts
(3d ed. 2007) (with others)

Thomas O. Main
Transnational Litigation
In Comparative Perspective
(Oxford, forthcoming 2008)
(with S. McCaffrey)

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International Banking: Cases, Materials, And Problems
(Carolina Academic Press, 2d ed. 2007-2008 Supplement)

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Deciphering the Landscape, in Taxation And Valuation Of Technology
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Stephen C. McCaffrey
Transnational Litigation
In Comparative Perspective
(Oxford, forthcoming 2008)
(with T. Main)

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(Oxford, 2d ed. 2007)

International Environmental Law And Policy
(Aspen, 2d ed. 2007)

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Transboundary Water Conflict, Negotiation And Cooperation
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Kojo Yelpaala
Legal Consciousness and Contractual Obligation,
Message from The Alumni Board President

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends,

Engagement and Relevance.

For the past several years, Pacific McGeorge has undertaken great effort to engage with alumni and the community. The law school’s outreach efforts — the annual MCLE events, support for chapter events around the country, and several academic-oriented programs — are designed to keep us informed and connected with the law school’s current students, faculty, programs and initiatives.

As President of the Alumni Association, I feel privileged to attend many of these events. I am pleased to see how many alums attend them, how enthusiastic they are about what Pacific McGeorge is doing, and the direction it is heading. This enthusiasm is positive proof of the value of interaction between the law school and today’s profession. Sure, Pacific McGeorge knows how to throw a great party (which, if you attended November’s gala, for example, you know it does). But our engagement is so much more. Staying connected with the law school community and our fellow alums is invaluable to fulfilling the role we all play in moving the law school, and the profession, forward.

This is where relevance comes into play. On several occasions, Dean Parker has stated that legal education can play a pivotal leadership role in improving our society. As indicated by her campus initiatives, this is not idle rhetoric. Embracing the Dean’s vision, the faculty is showing distinctive leadership on several fronts: Frank Gevurtz is playing a catalytic role in the effort to globalize legal education; Brian Landsberg is spearheading an effort featuring Pacific McGeorge faculty, as well as faculty from American University’s Washington College of Law and four Chinese law schools, in a USAID-sponsored initiative to build the Rule of Law in China (featured in this issue of Pacific Law); Fred Galves has engaged students, the law school and the community through a Street Law course designed to instill interest in a legal education and promote diversity within the profession; and the list goes on. Taken individually, these efforts may not appear to directly influence the preparation of each student studying for a career in the legal profession. Yet together they are support for the advancement of Pacific McGeorge and legal education in general, as well as for the legal profession. Likewise, the programs and connections made by the Alumni Association — through scholarships, student relations, career development support and alumni engagement — are equally relevant to such advancement.

Lawyers are leaders, counselors, advocates. We make a difference for our clients every day. By staying engaged with the law school — and with each other — we can take part in Pacific McGeorge’s effort to change the legal profession and our society. That’s pretty relevant in my book.

With best regards,

Bill Harn ’93
Alumni Chapter Activity Heats Up

By Michael Curran

The number and variety of chapter activities seems to grow yearly, and fall 2007 was a particularly busy season for alumni events.

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter hosted an on-campus “Back To School” barbeque for students and alumni in August, a reception at the Il Fornaio restaurant in downtown Sacramento in September, and a “Dine With Alumni” event in October at the Gary V. Schaber Student Center.

The Tri-State Alumni Chapter held a successful event in September at a New York City restaurant. San Diego chapter members enjoyed a “Day at the Races” at the beautiful Del Mar Racetrack. Larry Dunn, ’84, hosted a Northern Nevada Alumni Chapter barbecue at his home in Reno.

The Asian Pacific American Alumni Chapter staged its second annual golf tournament in October in Folsom. The event drew a full field and the group is planning to open this year’s tourney (October 13, 2008, site to be determined) to alumni from all three campuses of the University of the Pacific.

The Fresno chapter held a successful luncheon in November with a promise to reprise the event in the spring.

Members of the self-styled “Fabulous Class of 1977” gathered on campus that same month (see photo below) to celebrate their 30th anniversary. The “77s” like to think of themselves as the finest class that ever came out of Pacific McGeorge. So the tall stories flowed and there was no one around old enough to refute any of them.

There are more alumni chapter events scheduled this spring, including the European Chapter’s International Reunion-Conference, which is set for May 23-24 in Vienna, Austria.

For information on upcoming events, please see the Alumni and News & Events sections on the Pacific McGeorge web site, www.mcgeorge.edu.
Alumni News

1935-1959

Walter “Bernie” McEnery ’58

McEnery died on November 18, 2007, at the age of 89 in Sacramento. A native Sacramentan, he was a CPA for 30 years who served on many community boards, including the state Flood Control Board.

1960s

Roland S. Arthur ’65

Arthur died on September 13, 2007, at the age of 86 in San Jose. A former Air Force officer and longtime Fair Oaks resident, he was a solo practitioner and CPA until his retirement in the 1990s.

John A. Cape ’67

Cape died on November 25, 2006, at the age of 78 in Graniteville. A longtime Grass Valley resident, he worked for the California Department of Water Resources for 30 years, retiring as assistant chief counsel.

Patricia Mar ’69

Mar was the subject of a feature story in the San Francisco Attorney, the magazine of the Bar Association of San Francisco. A highly successful bankruptcy and business litigation attorney, she recently retired from practice after a 36-year career that ended at Morrison and Foerster. The BASF lauded her for making a substantial gift to the organization’s Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship Program. (San Francisco, California)

1970

Class Representatives

Raul A. Ramirez
Terence B. Smith
Robert A. Perry

I retired in 2003. (Loomis, California)

1971

Class Representative

Phil Hiroshima

Larry Baumbach

Baumbach won $950,000 in punitive damages in addition to a $455,500 award in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California for a grocery chain employee in a racial discrimination, failure to promote case. The Chico attorney specializes in personal injury and criminal defense law. (Chico, California)

Anthony Poidmore

Poidmore won a $1 million verdict for a client in an insurance disability policy case in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, which began six years ago. He is a principal in a Roseville firm, the Law Offices of Anthony J. Poidmore. (Roseville, California)

1972

Class Representative

Gordon P. Adelman

William Wunderlich

Judge Wunderlich was the subject of a front-page feature story in the San Jose Mercury News. He is the U.S. magistrate judge based in Yosemite National Park whose venue is the envy of judiciary across the country. He was featured in a similar story in the August 4, 2007, edition of the Fresno Bee. (Yosemite, California)

1973

Class Representatives

Rudy Nolen
George F. Wolcott

1974

Class Representative

Gary L. Vinson

Frank Jackson

Judge Jackson of the Lancaster branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court is serving his third stint as an appellate justice pro tem on the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District. (Los Angeles, California)

Duane C. Miller

Miller won a $3.3 million verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court against Dole Food Co. for exposing men who worked on a Nicaraguan banana plantation 30 years ago to harmful pesticides. A jury later tacked on more than $1 million in punitive damages. That part of the case may be appealed all the way to the state Supreme Court. (Sacramento)

Craig Modlin

Modlin was co-counsel for a defense team that won a defense verdict for the California Highway Patrol in Alameda Superior Court in a case that involved a motorcyclist who was hurt by a trucker making a U-turn at the direction of a CHP officer. Modlin is a senior deputy attorney general for the California Department of Justice. (San Francisco, California)

Jim Spagnole

I retired from state service in April 2007. I’m currently serving on the Sacramento County grand jury and am returning to private practice. (Sacramento)

Karen Pederson Stevens

Stevens was honored posthumously by the Sacramento County Bar Association as its Distinguished Attorney of the Year for 2007. Described by her colleagues as a “giant in family law,” she was the first vice president of the organization when she was forced to resign due to illness in early 2007. (Sacramento)
Robert F. Butler, Jr.
Butler died on December 16, 2007, at age 64 from a massive coronary in Reno. A former U.S. Air Force officer and Vietnam veteran, he was a law partner with John Hawkins, ’75, for more than 20 years. A retired Nevada Air Guard lieutenant colonel, he served as president of Northern Nevada Senior Golf Club in recent years.

Bill Callaham
Callaham, the president-elect of the American Board of Trial Advocates, was the subject of a feature story in the San Francisco Daily Journal. A partner in the firm of Dreyer, Babich, Buccola & Callaham, he assumed the presidency of the 6,300-member organization in January. (Sacramento)

Jay P. Donahue
Donahue narrowly lost a race for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates. The retired American Automobile Association executive ran as a Democrat in District 86 and received 49 percent of the vote, losing by only 162 votes to an incumbent Republican. Donahue is a past vice chairman of the Herndon Planning Commission. (Herndon, Virginia)

David George
Alaska Governor Sarah Palin appointed George to the Sitka Superior Court, to replace a retiring judge. George has a private practice in Juneau that has focused on criminal law and civil litigation. (Sitka, Alaska)

Ronald Haven
Haven secured a $1,162,000 settlement for the plaintiff in Sutter Superior Court in a case involving a 2003 double-fatality auto accident. He is a partner in the Sacramento firm of Shepard & Haven. (Sacramento)

Michael Lilly
Lilly has been appointed to the Hawaii State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. The former Hawaii state Attorney General has a private practice and was recently responsible for a successful challenge to the Hawaiian quarantine law for animals. (Honolulu, Hawaii)

When Patricia Mar, ’69, graduated first in her class from McGeorge School of Law, she did so when few women were even attending law school. “There weren’t many women graduating from law school at that time,” she says. “It was about five years before it became a critical mass.”

Despite being female, Mar says she wasn’t treated differently from her male counterparts: law school was tough for men and women. “I didn’t have any sense of being different because I was a woman,” says Mar. “There were other women in my class then, there just wasn’t 50 percent like there is now.”

Before attending Pacific McGeorge, Mar made her living as a newspaper reporter and thought those skills would transfer to law. “You have to be analytical and logical, you have to be a decent writer, and you have to be able to spot the issues,” she says. “I thought my personality and skills would fit.”

After graduating, Mar went back to San Francisco where she clerked at the California Court of Appeal for two years. In 1971, she took a position with Feldman, Waldman & Klein, a downtown San Francisco law firm, where she remained for 28 years practicing bankruptcy and business litigation law. “I liked the firm, I was doing well at the firm, and I saw no reason to leave,” she says. “I very much liked bankruptcy work, so I started concentrating on that, but it’s cyclical, so when bankruptcy business was down, I would go back to general business litigation.”

When Feldman closed its offices in 1999, Mar moved to Morrison & Foerster, LLP, also in San Francisco, for the last seven years of her career.

Retired in April 2007, Mar is a docent at the San Francisco Zoo and at Alcatraz Island. She also serves on the board of directors for Self-Help for the Elderly, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that runs programs and provides services for senior citizens. She is also learning Mandarin.

Mar recently gave financial gifts to Pacific McGeorge and to the Bar Association of San Francisco Foundation’s Bay Area Minority Law Student Scholarship Program. “The gifts were specifically directed toward the minority scholarship program because certain underrepresented minorities need to be encouraged to become lawyers for the benefit of us all,” she says. “I think it’s a very important goal for the legal profession.”
Bruce Lindsay
Lindsay, along with route, ‘89, represented the defendant in a high-profile Reno murder case. Convicted murderer Darren Mack had dismissed his previous lawyers. Route and Lindsay filed an unsuccessful motion to withdraw guilty pleas in the murder of Mack’s wife and the sniper shooting of the couple’s divorce court judge. (Reno, Nevada)

James Todd Russell
Russell announced that he will seek a full six-year term on the Nevada First Judicial District Court next year. The former Carson City attorney was appointed to the bench in November 2006 to complete the balance of a retiring judge’s term. (Carson City, Nevada)

Jerry Spolter
Spolter was the mediator in an Alameda Superior Court case involving a double-fatality auto-tractor accident that resulted in a $1.575 million settlement. He is a senior mediator for JAMS, and was previously managing partner for Spolter, McDonald & Mannion in San Francisco. Spolter was the subject of a lengthy profile in the San Francisco Law Journal. One of the state’s leading mediators, the San Francisco lawyer specializes in catastrophic personal injury, employment, and maritime law cases. (San Francisco, California)

Richard Yanes
Yanes has been named executive director of the Fresno Metro Ministry, a multi-faith, multicultural organization that promotes social, economic and environmental justice. Previously, he served as the executive director of the Clinical Social Work Association in Washington, D.C. (Fresno, California)

William P. Wood
Wood was the subject of a major feature story in the Sacramento Bee. The former assistant district attorney and current undersecretary of state has written eight crime novels and one true crime book. (Sacramento)

1976

Class Representative
R. Steven Corbitt

Daniel M. Dooley
Dooley was named systemwide vice president for the University of California’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources by the UC Board of Regents. Dooley was a partner at Dooley, Herr and Peltzer LLP, a Visalia-based law firm that specializes in agricultural, environmental, business and water rights law. He has served on many high-profile state and federal agricultural and environmental committees. (Oakland, California)

Mike McGowan
McGowan was one of the recipients of the California State Association of Counties Circle of Service Award presented at that organization’s annual convention. The longtime Yolo County supervisor was recognized for his work as chair of CSAC’s Housing, Land Use and Transportation Policy Committee, as well as co-chair of its Flood Protection Policy Working Group. (West Sacramento, California)

Stephen L. Sawyer
Sawyer represented the California Department of Fish & Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response, one of five governmental agencies that won a $5.3 million settlement from Kinder Morgan Energy Partners in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a suit involving a series of oil spills. (Sacramento)

1977

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Alexis G. Foote-Jones
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There are people who are defined by a singular event in their lives. One moment, either tragic or triumphant, shapes everything that comes after and pervades each day that follows.

Bryan Hartnell, ’75, is not one of those people.

In September 1969, undergraduate Hartnell and a friend, Cecilia Shepard, were attacked and stabbed by a hooded assailant alongside Lake Berryessa, near Napa. Shepard died from her wounds two days later.

The killer would come to be known as Zodiac, and his series of murderous attacks terrified the Bay Area and fascinated the nation. He taunted the police and newspapers into the early 1970s and created a media sensation that has yet to wane. Had he chosen to, Hartnell could have granted interviews nearly every month from 1969 until today.

Instead, it’s a subject he rarely addresses. He prefers to be known for what he has accomplished in a distinguished legal career and in a consistent history of community service.

“I’d like to think that people would come to me because I have something to offer as an advocate, not because I was a victim of a crime,” he says. “People come to you to solve their problems and you don’t get there out of sympathy.”

At Pacific McGeorge, Hartnell met the woman who would become his wife and after graduation, went with her when medical school took her to Southern California. He took the legal work that was available, largely court-appointed defense work in criminal cases.

In his cases, Hartnell continually encountered clients who were in the criminal system due to mental health problems. From this experience came expertise in competency issues and a contract with San Bernardino County to advocate on behalf of those involuntarily committed to treatment.

His firm, Hartnell Lister & Moore APC, specializes in probate, estate planning and conservatorship issues that grew directly out of the county work. Too often, Hartnell saw once-powerful people at the mercy of an overstrained system. “People were getting sucked into the county system who didn’t belong there,” he says.

Along the way, he developed a pretty strong system for screening out calls from the latest reporter to tackle the unsolved mysteries of the Zodiac case. It’s why he’s better known in Redlands as the sponsor of a series of cultural events than as the victim of a 1969 attack.

“Involvement in the community on a civic level has been very helpful for our firm,” Hartnell says. “It makes us more accessible and lets people see something of our character. I prefer to be known for that.”
Jesse M. Rivera
Rivera, and Jonathan Paul, '01, won a defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California for their clients, four correctional officers charged with conspiring to injure inmates in a 2003 incident at Salinas Valley State Prison. They are partners in the Sacramento firm of Moreno & Rivera, LLP. (Sacramento)

William Schmidt
Schmidt won a defense verdict for the Ripon Consolidated Fire District in San Joaquin Superior Court in an employment law case that involved a fired fire chief who demanded damages of $250,000. He is a partner with Bailey & Brown. (Sacramento)

Emmet Thornton
Thornton was the lead counsel for a team that won a defense verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court for a hospital charged with medical malpractice and wrongful death in the case of a patient who fell out of bed and later died. He is a principal in the Santa Monica firm of Emmet Thornton & Associates. (Santa Monica, California)

Peggy Chater Turner
Turner was featured in the documentary film, "Abused," that was shown on the A&E cable network. She represented the state in seeking to keep a woman who fell out of bed and later died. She is a longtime Placer County deputy district attorney. (Auburn, California)

Robert H. Zimmerman
Zimmerman won a defense verdict in Sacramento Superior Court in a medical malpractice case in which the plaintiff alleged lack of informed consent and sought $2 million in damages. (Sacramento)

Tom Caso
Caso has opened an appellate practice. The Law Offices of Anthony T. Caso, in Sacramento. He was formerly chief counsel for 15 years for the Pacific Legal Foundation. (Sacramento)

Jeffry Jones
Jones, of McDonough Holland & Allen PC, has been named to the 2008 list of The Best Lawyers in America, the most respected guide to legal excellence in the country. Jones, the managing partner of the Sacramento firm, was recognized in the area of real estate law. (Sacramento)

Steven D. Penrose
Penrose has joined the Santa Cruz firm of Bosso Williams. He is certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization as an estate planning, trust and probate law specialist. He previously practiced law with Lombardo & Gilles in Salinas. (Santa Cruz, California)

Geoffrey White
White won a follow-up decision to a $134 million verdict against Wyeth in Washoe District Court when a judge denied the pharmaceutical giant’s request for a new trial. White was co-counsel for three women in an October 2007 trial that determined that a hormone replacement drug had caused breast cancer. A partner in the Reno firm of White Meyn & Wetherall, LLP, he is one of Nevada’s leading personal injury, medical malpractice and products liability trial lawyers. (Reno, Nevada)

Gerrit W. Wood
Wood was appointed to the Superior Court of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Wood, who will join the Sacramento Superior Court bench, has worked as a senior trial attorney at Vitale and Lowe in Rancho Cordova, which has represented global insurer Zurich North America, since 2002. He previously spent 23 years at Donahue, Wood and Loving, where he became a managing partner in the late 1990s. (Sacramento)

1979

Class Representatives
Barbara L. Haukedalen
Judith A. Smith

1980

Class Representatives
Richard A. Harris
Paul Richardson

Lori J. Gualco
After 27 years of litigation practice, Lori Gualco is happy to announce she has migrated her Sacramento practice to mediation and arbitration. She is dedicated to settling matters and has a high rate of successful resolution of cases in mediation. She was also appointed by California State Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez to the five-member Court Reporters Board. (Sacramento)

Diane Halpenny
Halpenny has joined the Sacramento firm of Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard in an of counsel capacity. She spent the past 20 years at the San Juan Unified School District where she was general counsel for 18 years and associate superintendent of human resources for the last two years. (Sacramento)

David McElhinney
McElhinney was elected to the board of directors of the Nevada Law Foundation. He is a partner in the Reno office of Beckley Singleton Chtd. (Reno, Nevada)

Bruce Alan McKissick
McKissick died on September 24, 2007, at the age of 51 in Reno. A fifth-generation Nevadan, he practiced law for more than 25 years in Reno, including a 10-year stint with the former Beckley, Singleton, Delaney and Jenison.

Clemia M. Morehead
Partner, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP. I recently joined LBBS as a partner (Costa Mesa, California)

James Stone
Officer/Licensed Financial Consultant, National City Bank. I have started a new career in banking after retiring from the bench. It’s different and much less stressful. (Reno, Nevada)

1981

Class Representatives
Fritz-Howard R. Clapp
Jennifer J. Tachera

Rocky Copley
Copley won more than $100,000 for the plaintiff in a mixed verdict case in San Diego Superior Court that involved a Jones Act violation of general maritime law on the unseaworthy doctrine and maintenance and cure. (San Diego, California)

Christopher Owens
Owens represented the prosecution in the preliminary hearing on felony charges against O.J. Simpson and others who allegedly were involved in the September armed robbery of sports memorabilia dealers in a Las Vegas hotel. Owens is a Clark County chief deputy district attorney. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Phil Urie
Urie is one of five candidates who will run in the June 2008 primary election to replace a retiring San Joaquin Superior Court judge. He is a San Joaquin County deputy district attorney. (Stockton, California)

Noel Waters
Waters is one of three contenders running for a Nevada First Judicial District seat being vacated by Judge William Maddox, ’77. Waters, who served as Carson City District Attorney for 21 years, joined Lionel Sawyer & Collins in January 2007. (Carson City, Nevada)

Jim Wilson
Wilson is one of three contenders running for a Nevada First Judicial District seat being vacated by Judge William Maddox, ’77. He operates the Law Office of Jim Wilson. (Carson City, Nevada)

1982

Class Representative
Debra Steel Sturmer
It's a predicament that has confounded judges for decades:

Too many drug cases and too few probation officers, resulting in minimal chances for effective monitoring. The scenario contributes to overcrowded courtroom calendars and overcrowded prisons, at a cost of some $40,000 a year per inmate.

Hawaii circuit court judge Steve Alm, '83, saw the predicament firsthand as a U.S. attorney from 1994 to 2001. Then he was appointed to the bench. In October 2004, he began a novel drug sentencing program that has been adopted since by other judges in the state. Now everybody, from prosecutors to public defenders to the legislature, which provides annual funding, is on board with Hawai'i's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE). In 2007, Alm was invited to speak about his strategies at four conventions; he has also talked to the Hoover Commission and to politicians in California, where there is discussion of a pilot program.

"I would get these motions to revoke probation, with two or three pages of violations that the defendant had allegedly committed," Alm explains. "Those cases usually came with a recommendation that I give the defendant five or 10 or 20 years. I thought there has to be a better way to help defendants succeed on probation, to keep the public safe, and to save taxpayers money.

"As judges, we have this unique position that we can actually control people's actions and movements when they're on probation. If we're sending them to prison, they're going to be locked up for years. It'll protect the public, but in many cases, it will turn these guys into bigger criminals. And for some people, that is absolutely what you have to do. But [for drug cases], most people get put on probation."

With a ratio of defendants to probation officers that often exceeds 100-1, tracking violators can be difficult. But now, when probation is violated, the probationer is often in court within two business days, and might be incarcerated for a few days. Even before that, consequences are laid out.

"You bring them into court, you lay out the expectations very clearly, and you tell them, 'We all want you to succeed on probation—the prosecutor, the defense attorney, me,' " Alm says. "When you're not sent to prison and put on probation, it means you're making a deal and you're going to comply with the rules of probation. You haven't been doing that. So, from this day forward, if you test dirty for drugs, you're going to jail. If you don't show up for a probation appointment, you're going to jail. I can't control what you're going to do, but I can control what I'm going to do."

Is it working? In October 2007, for 538 defendants who had been in the program for at least three months, the positive drug testing rate was down 89 percent and the missed appointment rate was down 81 percent. Case closed.
1983

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

**Ric Blumhardt**

Blumhardt was re-elected to the management committee of Archer Norris. A specialist in insurance coverage and bad-faith litigation, he is also in charge of the firm’s appellate department. (Walnut Creek, California)

**George L. de la Flor**

George continues to practice in San Diego County, with offices located in La Mesa, where he lives and is active in the community. He practices general tort and business work, but concentrates on employment law, on both the employee and employer sides. George was named one of the Top 100 Attorneys in San Diego in a poll conducted among San Diego attorneys by the San Diego Daily Transcript in both 2006 and 2007 (Top 10 Employment Attorneys). He was also selected as a Southern California “Superlawyer” by the publication of the same name, which appeared in the San Diego Union Tribune and the New York Times. On the personal side, he is still very happily married to wife Susanne, and staying busy as Dad to Tristan (11), Andres (15) and Rett (24). George would always welcome contact from old classmates. (San Diego, California)

**Noreen Evans**

Evans was appointed to the 17-member Commission on the Status of Women by California State Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez. Assemblywoman Evans represents the 7th District, which includes parts of Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties, and chairs the Assembly Democratic Caucus. (Santa Rosa, California)

**Martin J. Green**

Green died of cancer on October 12, 2007, at the age of 56 in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. He was a senior partner in the Denver law firm of Preeo Silverman Green & Egle.

**Lori G. Greene**

Greene and Karen Maxwell, ’82, became the first women named to the rank of assistant chief deputy district attorney in the Sacramento County District Attorney’s office. In 1998, Greene prosecuted three defendants for the robbery-murder of a pizza delivery driver – the first trial in the county where three separate juries simultaneously heard the case. (Sacramento)

**Ernest Long**

Long has opened the Offices of Ernest A. Long, Alternative Dispute Resolution. He was formerly a partner with Matheny Sears Linkert & Long for 23 years. Long won a defense verdict in Sacramento Superior Court in a traffic accident case in which an injured motorcyclist sought more than $1.5 million in damages. (Sacramento)

**Michael J. Ogaz**

Ogaz was unanimously appointed by the Milpitas City Council as Milpitas’ first fulltime city attorney. He previously served as an assistant city attorney in San Mateo after beginning his municipal law career with the San Jose city attorney. (Milpitas, California)

**Mark Stöffler**

Stöffler was co-counsel for a defense team that won a wrongful termination retaliation case in San Diego Superior Court in which the plaintiff sought $2 million in damages. He is an assistant city attorney for the city of San Diego. (San Diego, California)

**Ernest L. Weiss**

Weiss was promoted to shareholder at the Orange County office of Klinedinst PC. An experienced trial attorney who joined the firm in 2005, he has handled a wide array of commercial litigation, including product liability, professional liability, construction and toxic tort, and environmental litigation. He has also successfully litigated a number of governmental entity and commercial transportation cases, including lawsuits alleging wrongful death. In December, Weiss won a defense verdict in Orange Superior Court in a product liability case in which the plaintiff homeowners and insurance company claimed more than $1 million in water damage because of an alleged design defect in a coupling nut. (Santa Ana, California)

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1984

**Class Representative**
Patricia A. Day

**Rae Belisle**

I’m returning from government service after 20 years and three governors. I’ll be going to work in the nonprofit world until the three kids are done with college and law school. (Mt. Aukum, California)

**Curtis L. Child**

Child was named the new director of the Administrative Office of the Courts’ Office of Governmental Affairs. A noted children’s legal advocate, he has served in many highprofile positions in state government, most recently as the principal consultant to the Assembly Committee on Human Services. (Sacramento)

**Michael P. Durkee**

Durkee was one of five participants in a roundtable discussion of land use issues that appeared in the November issue of California Lawyer. He is a partner in the Walnut Creek office of Allen Matkins, who represents developers, public agencies, and interest groups in all aspects of land use law. (Walnut Creek, California)

**Richard Jacobson**

Jacobson won a defense verdict in San Joaquin Superior Court for a scaffolding company in a case in which a plaintiff suffered leg injuries in a fall. (Sacramento)

**Melanie C. Polk**

Attorney, Hamrick & Evans, LLP (Las Vegas, Nevada)

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1985

**Class Representative**
Cheryl L. Van Steenwyk

**Wendy Abkin**

Abkin was selected the 2007 recipient of the V. Judson Klein Award by the Taxation Section of the State Bar of California. The award is presented to an outstanding California attorney for excellence in the field of tax law, professionalism, leadership and contributions to the bar. She is a partner with Sideman & Bancroft. (San Francisco, California)

**Kurt Anagnostou**

Anagnostou won his third term on the City Council in Longview, Washington. A partner in the law firm of Daggy and Anagnostou, he has successfully argued cases before the Washington Court of Appeals and the state Supreme Court. (Longview, WA)

**Russ Detrick**

Detrick was appointed a commissioner of the Sacramento Superior Court by the court's presiding judge. Detrick has served for more than two decades as a deputy district attorney. (Sacramento)

**Jennifer Elliott**

Judge Elliott will run for another six-year term on the bench in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division, in Nevada’s June primary. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**Jim Fahey**

Fahey died on January 5, 2008, at the age of 54 following major surgery at the Stanford Medical Center. An appellate criminal defense attorney for 23 years in Arcata, he scored several significant legal victories including the 1996 release of an innocent young man who had been imprisoned for life, following wrongful prosecution in a trial. (Walnut Creek, California)

**Anthony R. Hampton**

Hampton died suddenly at the age of 48 on July 17, 2006. A partner in the San Francisco firm of Finnegan, Marks, Hampton & Theofel, he specialized in workers’ compensation law.

**Michele Inan**

Inan won a defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, for the state in a case in which CHP officers were charged with excessive force assault and battery. The plaintiff asked for $3 million but was awarded $2 million. She is a deputy attorney general in the DOJ’s San Francisco office. (San Francisco, California)
Sharon Sandeen
Sandeen has been granted tenure at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. Since joining the Hamline law faculty in 2002, she has focused her teaching and scholarship in the area of intellectual property law, particularly U.S. and international trade secret law. Prior to moving to the Midwest, Sandeen practiced law in Sacramento and was an adjunct professor at Pacific McGeorge. (Saint Paul, Minnesota)

1986

Class Representative
Andrea C. Nelson

Scott Bonzell
Bonzell won a $100,000 settlement in a San Francisco Superior Court case for a client who stepped in a city street pothole that constituted dangerous condition of public property. He is a partner in the Oakland law firm of Divelbliss & Bonzell. (Oakland, California)

Douglas J. Evertz
Evertz has joined Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP in Irvine as a partner in the firm’s real estate and environmental litigation practice group. Previously, he served as head of the public law litigation department at Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth in Newport Beach. There he built and directed the Public Law Litigation Department. Serving at SYCR for more than 10 years, Evertz represented cities, counties, other public agencies, developers and investors in a special counsel and litigation capacity. He has served as a Judge Pro Tem appointed by the Orange County Superior Court. (Irvine, California)

Lori-Ann C. Jones
Has filed paperwork to run for an open seat on the Los Angeles Superior Court. A former deputy district attorney, she has served as a commissioner of that court since March 2006. (Los Angeles, California)

Jamie Clare, ’88, honestly admits that law school wasn’t in the cards while an undergraduate. He didn’t know he would become a lawyer; he also didn’t know that it would end up helping him in ways he never could have imagined.

“I had taken a law class in college, and my professor knew a professor at McGeorge,” says Clare, member of Cole Schotz, PA in New Jersey. That class set him on the path.

Clare’s law career started out quickly and impressively: internships for the Honorable James T. Murphy and California State Senator Tom Hayden, and a summer associate position with a San Francisco law firm, specializing in commercial litigation, which eventually led to work in maritime litigation. All was going well for Jamie Clare.

In 1991, everything changed.

A traffic accident in Golden Gate Park left Clare a paraplegic, relying on use of a wheelchair for the rest of his life. He was just 28 years old.

“My life was upside down literally and instantly,” says Clare. Despite the terrible circumstances, Clare came to realize that his law degree from Pacific McGeorge just might save him. “I knew that my brain and hands still worked,” he says. “I knew I was going to be fine because I had a profession.”

After months of physical therapy, while working per diem for a local attorney, Clare also started working for the Legal Aid Society for Marin County. “I went to legal aid and started to help people with much worse problems than mine,” he says. “It was by helping others that I helped myself.”

Eventually Clare moved back to New Jersey to be close to his family. He passed the New Jersey Bar in 1994 and has been working in construction and employment litigation ever since.

After successfully litigating against his current employer in 2001, they asked Clare to join their firm, which also has an office in New York. Clare made partner in 2004.

Married with two daughters, Clare plays competitive wheelchair tennis, runs the New York Marathon, writes for various legal publications, and raises funds for spinal cord injury awareness and research.

“When I visit someone who is newly injured,” says Clare, “I encourage them to get on with their lives and not let anything hold them back.”
Gilbert A. Smith Jr
Smith announced that he will run for a seat on the Manatee County Circuit Court being vacated by a retiring judge next year. A past president of the Manatee County Bar Association, Smith is the managing shareholder of Hamrick Perrey Quinlan & Smith. (Bradenton, Florida)

1987
Class Representative
Megan Halvnik

Tracey Buck-Walsh
Buck-Walsh was a member of the plaintiffs’ team that won a massive class-action suit against the Ford Motor Co. that will give nearly one million Explorer owners in four states the opportunity to claim vouchers toward the purchase of a new Ford vehicle. The Sacramento attorney is a former senior deputy attorney general in the California Department of Justice’s Civil Division. (Sacramento)

Diana Field
Field represented the city of Garden Grove and won a defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Central District of California in an excessive force, wrongful death case involving a police shooting. She is a partner with Ferguson Pratt & Sherman. (Santa Ana, California)

Tom Hiltachk
Hiltachk was the subject of a feature column in the Sacramento Bee. He is the U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California who is the son of undocumented immigrants. (Sacramento)

1988
Class Representative
Lisa A. Specchio

Tony Amador
Amador was the subject of a columnist’s profile in the Sacramento Bee. He is the U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California who is the son of undocumented immigrants. (Sacramento)

Bert Brown
Judge Brown was elected to a two-year term as chief judge of the Las Vegas Municipal Court by judges of the six Municipal Court departments. A lifelong resident of Las Vegas, Judge Brown was first elected to the court in June 1999. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Jim Clarke
Clarke, of McDonough Holland & Allen PC, has been named to the 2008 list of The Best Lawyers in America, the most-respected guide to legal excellence in the country. Clarke was cited for his expertise in tax law. (Sacramento)

Sharon Lueras
Lueras was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Sacramento Superior Court. She previously was the lead corporations counsel with the California Department of Corporations after serving as a deputy attorney general for the California Attorney General’s Office from 2002 to 2005. (Sacramento)

Moreen Scully
Scully has joined the Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans & Domestic Violence Victim’s Assistant Project in Carson City, Nevada, as a staff attorney. (Carson City, Nevada)

1989
Class Representatives
William W. Palmer
Billie B. Line, Jr.

Gene Blackard, Jr.
Blackard has been named managing partner of Archer Norris, one of the Easy Bay’s largest law firms with offices in Walnut Creek, Sacramento, Newport Beach and Los Angeles. In addition to defending contractors and manufacturers in a range of cases, he represents major insurers and self-insured entities. (Walnut Creek, California)

Rex A. Cluff
I continue to believe that the State Bar of California should adopt a mandatory internship program for all new attorneys. (Sacramento)

Matthew Gary
Judge Gary was profiled in the Sacramento Lawyer magazine as a new member of the Sacramento Superior Court bench. (Sacramento)

Hank Greenblatt
Greenblatt won a $450,000 settlement for an injured motorist in a Sacramento Superior Court case involving a 2004 auto accident. He is a partner in the law firm of Dreyer, Babich, Buccola & Callahan. (Sacramento)

Mary K. Lauth
Lauth died on August 18, 2007, at the age of 44 after a long illness. As an assistant district attorney for the city and county of San Francisco, she was a leading advocate for the enforcement of child support orders. (Sacramento)

Pat Lundvall
Lundvall was appointed to the Nevada Athletic Commission by Governor Jim Gibbons. She is a partner in the Reno firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP and former member of the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board. (Reno, Nevada)

1990
Class Representatives
Derek R. Longstaff
John R. Brownlee

Donna W. Low
Low won a defense verdict in a medical malpractice wrongful death case in Sacramento Superior Court. She is a partner in the Sacramento law firm of Low McKinley Baleria LLP. (Sacramento)

Stephen D. Murray
Murray died on March 14, 2006, of a heart attack at the age of 49. He was a civil practitioner in Santa Rosa and Southern California.

1991
Class Representatives
Gregg S. Garfinkel
Mark J. Reichel

Sean Beaty
Beaty won dismissal of a Song-Beverly Act lemon law suit against Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc. in Los Angeles Superior Central. He is a partner in the firm of Dernler, Armstrong & Rowland LLP. (Long Beach, California)
Amy Dobberteen
Amy Dobberteen and Lotte Colbert, ’99, filed an amicus brief in support of the appellants in an important case of first impression regarding rescission of individual healthcare coverage in California. The case is Hailey v. California Physicians’ Service, which came out of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three. Blue Shield recently filed a petition requesting review by the California Supreme Court. Dobberteen is the assistant deputy director of the Office of Enforcement, and Colbert is senior counsel in the same Office of the California Department of Managed Healthcare. (Sacramento)

Glenn Rosen
Rosen was co-counsel for the plaintiff in a Ventura Superior Court case that resulted in a $4.93 million settlement. The case involved a condo homeowners association that charged construction breach of contract that resulted in severe water intrusion. He is a partner in the law firm of Loewenthal, Hillshafer & Rosen, LLP. (Sherman Oaks, California)

Elizabeth Vayder
Vayder died on October 1, 2004, at the age of 46. She was a legal counsel for the Sacramento County Department of Social Services.

James B. Walker
Walker announced that he will run for judge against a sitting Yolo Superior Court judge. Walker is a Yolo County deputy district attorney. It will be the first time in 18 years that a judicial incumbent has faced opposition in that county. (Woodland, California)

1992
Class Representatives
David M. Miller
Lt. Col. Fred Cavese
Carl Fessenden

Fessenden was co-counsel for the successful defense team in an El Dorado Superior Court trial that involved excessive force and unlawful search and seizure charges against two sheriff’s deputies. He is a shareholder at Porter Scott. (Sacramento)

In politics, ambitious agendas are as common as opinions.

Everybody’s got at least one. What is rare is the opportunity to implement them. No idea becomes a reality without the right confluence of people and circumstances. Nearly 20 years into a political career, Fredericka McGee, ’91, recognized an opportunity when she saw it.

The former president of Pacific McGeorge’s Black Law Students Association had long believed that California’s judiciary needed to better reflect the diversity of the state. The slow pace of judicial appointments, however, meant meaningful change would remain a distant goal.

But then circumstances began to line up. A 2004 study commissioned by the Administrative Office of Courts determined that the state needed the addition of 150 new judges to relieve a critical backlog in criminal courts. Just previously, McGee had been hired as general counsel for Fabian Nuñez, Speaker of the Assembly and someone who shared her goals on judicial diversity.

“Each of us comes with our own goals and what we’d like to see get done,” McGee says. “But we don’t always have members who allow you to merge our vision with theirs ... to allow you to take it and run, allow you to know that as passionate as you are, they are too.”

Backed by that support—and the knowledge that the political process invests power in those who are bold enough to exercise it—McGee was cleared to push ahead. While the authority to appoint judges lay with the governor, the process created ample opportunity for the Legislature—and a motivated staff lawyer—to play an important role.

Nuñez threatened to hold up a bill establishing the first 50 of the new judgeships until the governor demonstrated a willingness to appoint more people of color to the posts. In 2007, McGee helped the Speaker pass a bill requiring that data related to the race and gender of judicial applicants be tracked.

McGee continues to work toward greater transparency in the process for evaluating applicants, which she believes disproportionately favors prosecutors over mediators and agency candidates.

The future holds any number of possibilities, from corporate law—“I could see helping a firm or company achieve greater diversity”—to entrepreneurship. This year she is opening a franchise ceramic art studio in Sacramento.

For now, McGee smiles at suggestions she make the transition from staff to member, or seek a judge’s chair herself. “Maybe in 10 or 15 years, I’ll feel differently, but I love what I’m doing now. I’m too much of an advocate to be the neutral figure I’d have to be.”
Elaine A. Musser
I facilitated and appeared in a California Highway Patrol DVD on older driver safety, discussing how to have the difficult conversation when an elderly citizen should give up the keys to his or her car. I assisted with the production of a second CHP DVD that urges seniors to take public transit as an alternative. I'm also involved in Building Bridges, a program of the Triad Task Force, the action arm of the Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services. Our organization scored a victory by bringing together various Yolo County city and county agencies to help an elderly West Sacramento lady rehab her previously red-tagged (for demolition) home. (Davis, California)

Frank Pacheco
Pacheco is one of five candidates who will run in the June 2008 primary election to replace a retiring San Joaquin Superior Court judge. He is a family law practitioner. (Stockton, California)

1993

Class Representatives
Violet R. Radosta
Traci F. Lee

Greg Aghazarian
Aghazarian spent a day at the Capitol wearing a Napa High football jersey after losing a friendly bet to Noreen Evans, ’81, involving the Sac-Joaquin prep championship football game. The Stockton Assemblyman had wagered that his hometown St. Mary’s team would defeat Napa High, which is in his Santa Rosa Assemblywoman's district. (Sacramento)

Kevin Cooksy
Cooksy has joined Perlegen Sciences in Mountain View as vice president of business development. Previously, he served in the corporate development group of Agilent Technologies, most recently completing the $245 million acquisition of Stratagene Corporation. Perlegen is a leader in the biomedical race to discover and understand the role that human genetic variation plays in patients’ response to drugs. (Mountain View, California)

1994

Class Representatives
Captain Laura H. Keller
Guy E. Ortolena

Stephen Abraham
Abraham was one of the honorees who received the Frederick Douglass Human Rights Award at the Southern Center for Human Rights' awards dinner in Washington, D.C. He was honored for his criticism of the Guantanamo Bay detainee hearings. (Newport Beach, California)

James Cordes
Cordes won a plaintiffs' verdict in San Luis Obispo Superior Court for 12 employees of an in-house care service that allegedly had willfully failed to pay minimum wages to the plaintiffs. He is a solo practitioner. (Santa Barbara, California)

Nico M. de Santis
De Santis accepted an of counsel position at Boutin Dentino Gibson Di Giusto Hodell Inc. A recognized expert on 1031 tax-deferred real estate exchanges, she joined the firm's real estate and business transactional practice. Previously, she served as inhouse counsel for First American Exchange Company. (Sacramento)

Kevin Geckeler
Geckeler has been appointed legal advisor to the Public Employment Relations Board. Since 2004, he has served as labor relations counsel for the Department of Personnel Administration. From 2000 to 2004, Geckeler was managing attorney for the Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission. (Sacramento)

Thomas Hockel
Hockel was the lead counsel for the defense that won a bench decision for Rite Aid Pharmacy in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in an invasion of privacy case involving film turned over to a law enforcement authority. He is a partner with the San Francisco firm of Kelly Herlhy & Klein LLP. (San Francisco, California)

Elian S. Levey
Levey has joined Los Angeles bankruptcy boutique Weinstein, Weiss & Ordubegian LLP as senior counsel. Levey was previously a partner in the bankruptcy practice at Danning, Gill, Diamond & Kollitz LLP where she represented debtors, trustees and creditors in reorganization, restructuring and litigation matters. (Los Angeles, California)

Steve Oshins
Principal, Oshins & Associates, LLC. In addition to my law firm Oshins & Associates (www.oshins.com), I am promoting mixed martial arts. I formed my company, Steele Cage Promotions, with Hall of Famer Richard Steele as my partner. Our web site is www.steelcage.com. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

1995

Class Representatives
Ryan J. Raftery
Christopher J. Kaeser
1996

Class Representatives
Jane Greaves Sargent
Theresa A. Dunham

Alfred L. Sanderson, Jr.
Sanderson has been elected partner at Seyfarth Shaw LLP. He specializes in complex wage and hour law, including class-action litigation. (Sacramento)

Anup Tikku
Tikku has been promoted to partner at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis in San Francisco. A member of the firm since 2002, he practices with a concentration on intellectual property litigation. (San Francisco, California)

1997

Class Representatives
Molly J. Mrowka
Katherine J. Hart
Gary S. Winuk

1998

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

Elise (Fagelson) Baker
Principal, Placer Law Group, APC. After spending two years working as an advocate for sexual assault and domestic violence victims, I stayed home with my two beautiful daughters for four years. During that time, my husband was deployed to Iraq. When he returned, we decided it was time for him to stay home with his children. That meant it was my turn to support the family. I have a small practice in Rocklin that focuses exclusively on estate planning, trust and probate law. I chose primarily transactional work to allow me to spend time with my family without the pressure of litigation deadlines. However, building your own practice is a challenge all its own. As a member of the Board of Directors of PEACE for Families, I continue to be involved in victim advocacy on a volunteer basis. (Rocklin, California)

Wesley Pratt
Pratt won a defense verdict in San Francisco Superior Court for the UCSF Medical Center in a case that involved a plaintiff who came to the emergency room with a one-inch cut on a finger, fainted, and suffered injuries in the fall. Pratt is an associate with Hassard Bonnington. (San Francisco, California)

Kresta Daly
Daly has joined Rothschild Wishek & Sands, LLP where she specializes in criminal defense and representation of individuals before the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. (Sacramento)

Stephanie Doria
Doria was a participant in a round table on employment law published in the August issue of the California Lawyer magazine. She is a partner in the law firm of Rukin Hyland Doria & Tindall LLP. (San Francisco, California)

Ann Fleenor
Fleenor died on January 18, 2008, at the age of 66. She went to law school at the age of 53 and was an Order of the Coif graduate. She was an attorney with the state Department of Managed Care and volunteered for the several organizations, including Legal Services of Northern California where she worked at the Senior Legal Hotline from 1999 to 2007.

Shaun Khojayan
Khojayan was featured in a San Diego Business Journal story. The Beverly Hills attorney, who specializes in federal criminal defense work, has trademarked a system of jury selection materials that he hopes to market to other lawyers and law firms. (Beverly Hills, California)

Scott McCall
McCall has been elected to partnership in Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, a major provider of legal services to technology, life sciences, and growth enterprises worldwide. McCall represents private and public technology clients in connection with executive compensation and employee benefits. (Palo Alto, California)

Robert Waters
Waters negotiated a confidential settlement for two security guards who were harassed by nine teenagers in a February 2007 firebombing incident in an upscale Stockton neighborhood. He is an associate at The Drivon Law Firm. (Stockton, California)

1999

Class Representative
Kathryn M. Davis

Russell Brooks
Brooks died on February 25, 2007, of a heart attack at the age of 41 in Snoqualmie, Washington. He was the managing attorney of the Pacific Legal Foundation’s Northwest office and had argued major federal cases involving the Endangered Species Act.
Lotte Colbert

Colbert and Amy Dobberteen, ‘91, filed an amicus brief in support of the appellants in an important case of first impression regarding rescission of individual health-care coverage in California. The case is Hailey v. California Physicians’ Service, which came out of the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three. Blue Shield recently filed a petition requesting review by the California Supreme Court. Colbert is senior counsel in the same Office of the California Department of Managed Healthcare. (Sacramento)

Scott K. Holbrook

Attorney, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo. I won a victory in a case that garnered local and statewide attention regarding high school football. Specifically, the case involved sanctions levied against Franklin High School of Stockton for alleged recruiting of student-athletes from American Samoa. I represented the California Interscholastic Federation in the matter and we prevailed in opposition to the district’s motion for preliminary injunction. They were seeking to have the CIF Sac Joaquin Section’s sanctions enjoined to let the students play. The case was big news in national high school sports circles for months in the fall. (Sacramento)

Shawn Kent

Kent has been elected a shareholder at Weintraub Genshlea Chediak. (Sacramento)

Dennis Michaels

Michaels has joined Boutin Denino Gibson DiGiusto Hodell as of counsel in the firm’s business transactions and securities group. A former associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, he represents mid-sized companies to Fortune 500 companies. I chair the firm’s Patent Practice Group. I recently won my first appeal before the United States Court for the Federal Circuit in D.C. in a patent infringement suit in which I wrote the winning appellate brief. Still living by the beach in beautiful Santa Monica and enjoying every moment of it when not billing all those hours at the firm! (Los Angeles, California)

Treven Tilbury

Tilbury has been promoted to partner at Downey Brand LLP. An associate at the firm since 2000, Tilbury concentrates on construction litigation in his practice. (Sacramento)

2000

Class Representatives

Samantha Tali

James S. Overman

Doreen (Spears) Hartwell

Partner, Lionel Sawyer & Collins. As of January 1, 2008, I became a shareholder of Lionel Sawyer & Collins, the largest Nevada law firm. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Douglas L. Johnson

Partner, Johnson & Johnson LLP. We’ve formed a new firm and I’m doing entertainment litigation. (Beverly Hills, California)

Joshua Kaizuka

Kaizuka has joined the Sacramento-based Law Office of Mark E. Merin, which specializes in constitutional and civil rights plaintiffs matters. He served as a public defender for Yolo County for six years, primarily defending adult and juvenile clients in felony cases. (Sacramento)

Lisa A. Karczewski

Partner, Chan Law Group LLP. I was invited to join the firm’s partnership effective January 1, 2008. Practice intellectual property law with an emphasis on patent law with Chan Law Group LLP, Chan Law Group LLP

2001

Class Representatives

Lisa V. Ryan

Raijinder Rai-Nielsen

Penny Brown

Brown has joined McDonough Holland & Allen PC as an associate in the Sacramento firm’s business services practice group. She previously practiced as an estate planning attorney from Strategic Wealth Legal Advisors. (Sacramento)

Jamie Errecart

Errecart has joined McDonough Holland & Allen PC as an associate in its business services group. She previously practiced with Carlton, DiSante & Freudenberger; Hansen, Culhane, Kohls, Jones & Sommer; and Porter Scott. (Sacramento)

Christine E. Jacobs

Jacobs has been elevated to equity partner at Hansen, Culhane, Kohls, Jones & Sommer, LLP. (Sacramento)

Carolee D. Johnstone

Counsel, Board of Equalization. I was recently promoted to Tax Counsel III with the State Board of Equalization, where I’ve been employed since June 2005. I work mainly on legal issues involving special taxes and fees, such as fuel taxes and environmental fees, providing legal opinions and support and contributing to special tax and fee litigation and legislation. (Sacramento)

Kathleen Kerekes

Kerekes has joined Bullivant Houser Bailey PC as an intellectual property law associate in its Sacramento office. Previously, she practiced with Freiberg & Parker. (Sacramento)

Jonathan Paul

Paul, and Jesse M. Rivera, ’78, won a defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, for their clients, four correctional officers charged with conspiring to injure inmates in a 2003 incident at Salinas Valley State Prison. They are partners in the Sacramento firm of Moreno & Rivera, LLP. (Sacramento)

Mara (Basile) Satterthwaite

Attorney, Spiegel & Ultrera, P.A. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Chad S. Tapp

Tapp has become a shareholder at Porter Scott. He joined the Sacramento firm in 2001, and has extensive litigation experience in a variety of areas including business, construction, professional liability and personal injury matters. (Sacramento)

2002

Class Representatives

Li Li

Andre Batson

Tammy McLean

McLean, Ann O’Connell, ’77, and Brenna Arceo, ’06, were three of five-member health-care law group that joined Nossaman Guthner Knox & Elliott LLP, moving over from McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Keith Nourot

Nourot died on December 22, 2007, of cancer at the age of 32 in Davis. He was an associate with a civil litigation firm in Sacramento, The Costa Law Firm, three of whose four members are alumni.
2003

Class Representatives
Kristin A. Odom
Shawn M. Krogh

Benjamin Elliott
Elliott has joined Farella Braun & Martel as an associate in San Francisco. A member of the firm’s tax practice, he was previously with McDonough Holland & Allen. (San Francisco, California)

Kimberley G. Glover
Glover has joined the Solano County Counsel Office as a deputy county counsel. She previously worked for two litigation firms, Hansen, Culhane, Kohl, Jones & Sommer LLP in Roseville and Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman in Concord. (Fairfield, California)

Douglas D. Kaber
Principal, Kaber & Kaber, Attorneys at Law. (Eureka, California)

2004

Class Representatives
Carolyn Kubish
Ryan E. Fillmore

Mary Bressi
I’m now doing estate planning in solo practice. I also am doing bar tutoring for repeat examinees. There’s a discount available for Pacific McGeorge alumni. (Sacramento)

Cindy Condos
Condos was featured in a Comstock’s magazine article about Sacramento law firms competing against other West Coast firms for talented young attorneys. She is an associate with McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Eden Forsythe
Forsythe is the prosecutor in a Placer County case in which the parents of a 3-month-old are charged with cruelty to a child by abuse, neglect or endangering health. She is a Placer County deputy district attorney. (Auburn, California)

Bryan Ginter
Ginter has joined Sacramento-based Bartholomew & Waznicky LLP as an associate. He was previously an associate at the Law Offices of Diane Fetzer. (Sacramento)

J. Michelle Hahn
Hahn has joined Downey Brand as an associate. She previously practiced with Bartholomew and Waznicky. (Sacramento)

John Hewitt
Hewitt has been appointed counsel for the Department of Food and Agriculture by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He has worked for the California Farm Bureau Federation since 2001, serving most recently as associate counsel. (Sacramento)

Patrick Keenan
My wife, Stephanie, and I celebrated the birth of our second daughter in July 2007. Her name is Vittoriana, and her older sister, Sophia, has been a great helper. (Rocklin, California)

Allison Wenograd
Wenograd has joined the American Road and Transportation Builders Association as a staff attorney and field project director. (Washington, D.C.)

2005

Class Representatives
Sarah M. Lightbody
Michael Meciar

Mike Bennett
Bennett has joined the Sacramento-based law corporation Generations as an associate. His practice areas include probate administration, estate planning and trust administration. (Sacramento)

Daniel Del Rio
Del Rio was co-counsel for the plaintiff in a Sacramento Superior Court highway accident case where the jury awarded $1.87 million gross damages and $888,250 net damages. He is an associate at Dreyer, Babich, Buccola & Callahan. (Sacramento)

Kimberly R. Gonzales
Deputy Public Defender, Stanislaus County Public Defender. (Modesto, California)

Jennifer (Green) Barry
Deputy Legislative Counsel. Since passing the bar in 2005, I’ve been working with the Office of the Legislative Counsel in Sacramento. I recently hit my two-year mark and am very much enjoying working here. My son (who was born on Thanksgiving 2004 during my third year) is now three years old. He and I live in Dixon and are very happy there. This past January, I reverted to my maiden name, so I’m now known as Jennifer Barry rather than Jennifer Green.n. (Sacramento)

David Leas
Leas has joined the Sacramento law firm of Ellis, Coleman, Porier, La Voie & Steinheimer LLP as associates. He previously worked for the Holden Law Group in Sacramento representing employers in employment-related litigation. (Sacramento)

Rob Plagmann
Captain, USMC, Prosecutor, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, Okinawa, Japan. After graduation, I was recalled to active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps.

I spent nine months at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point as an intern, splitting time between civil law and military justice. In June 2006, I was assigned to a grueling six-month basic school prescribed by the Marine Corps for all officers regardless of military occupational specialty. I was next assigned to the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. This was a 10-week, crash course in military justice and legal assistance. In April 2007, I moved to my current duty station in Okinawa. I started out as a legal assistance officer and that gave me an opportunity to work firsthand with real people with real needs and directly influence the results of their complaint. During this time, I also deployed to Australia in support of a joint exercise between Australian and American Forces that simulated a combined arms engagement on Australian soil. It was an amazing time on the government dime. After Australia, I spent about a month in South Korea and it was back to Japan and an assignment to the prosecution shop. There are not a lot of guilty pleas here in Okinawa. I successfully prosecuted several jury trial courts martial within my first few months as a prosecutor. I cannot even begin to describe the wide variety of cases I’ve had the opportunity to either prosecute or second seat — everything from rape to a premeditated murder and solicitation case. Currently, I’m in the midst of pre-deployment training, assigned to a multinational legal team in Bagdad and am scheduled to report to the end of March. (Okinawa, Japan)

Jason A. Rose
Attorney, Fahrendorf, Vlitora, Oliphant & Oster LLP. My wife and I moved from San Diego to Nevada. (Reno, Nevada)

Jamie Scubeck
Scubeck was the lead counsel for the plaintiff and won a $384,000 verdict in a Santa Barbara Superior Court case involving race discrimination wrongful termination. She is associate at Zilinsky & Woosley. (Santa Barbara, California)
Quyen Tu
Staff Attorney, Public Law Center. I am an attorney at the Public Law Center, a nonprofit that serves the low-income residents of Orange County by providing free legal services through our staff and volunteer attorneys. (Santa Ana, California)

Colleen Van Egmond-Avila
Van Egmond-Avila has joined Curtis & Arata as an associate. Her areas of emphasis include insurance defense, civil litigation, business litigation, public entity defense and agriculture law. (Modesto, California)

Nicholas M. Zovko
Associate, Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP. Zovko was selected to participate in the Trial Attorney Partnership program for the Orange County District Attorney’s Office. He will serve as a deputy district attorney for eight weeks, prosecuting crimes on a volunteer basis, gaining courtroom and trial experience by litigating legal motions, conducting felony preliminary hearings, and conducting misdemeanor jury trials. He is an associate at Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, which is one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the country. His practice focuses on patent and trademark litigation. (Irvine, California)

Dina Cataldo
Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office. (Sacramento)

Richard J. Ilharreguy
Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County. Ilharreguy came back to campus in January to do a presentation to the Latino Law Student Association on prosecutorial work. (Sacramento)

David L. Johnson
Attorney, Utah Office of the Guardian ad Litem. I was recently appointed to the Utah Supreme Court’s Juvenile Court Rules Committee and the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the Utah Bar. Chair of the Needs of Children Committee, a subcommittee of the YLD. I am a member of the Utah Adoption Exchange consulting board and the Utah Safe Haven consulting board. (Salt Lake City, Utah)

David Keyzer
Keyzer has joined Fish & Richardson P.C., one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the country, as an associate in its Silicon Valley office. He previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable David Folsom, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas. (Sacramento)

Paul Levers
Levers has been named a deputy district attorney in San Bernardino County. He previously served as an intern in the office and has been assigned to the juvenile prosecutor’s branch. (San Bernardino, California)

Theresa Moore
Theresa (Lundin) Moore and Joshua Moore, ’07, welcomed their first child, Samuel Lawrence Moore, on August 2, 2007. Joshua was hired as a staff law clerk to the chief judge of the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeals. (Daytona Beach, Florida)

Catherine Reichenberg
Associate, Gunderson Law Firm. Her law firm now includes five attorneys, three of whom are Pacific McGeorge grads. The other alumni are Elaine Guenega, ’93, and her father, Mark Gunderson, ’78. The firm’s practice areas include civil litigation, general contracts, aviation law, administrative law, commercial real estate, real estate development and construction, and business association formation, support and litigation. (Sacramento)

Erich Shiners
Shiners has joined the Sacramento office of San Francisco-based Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai LLP as an associate. His practice focuses on public sector labor and employment law. (Sacramento)

Darrell Spence
Spence has joined the Sacramento law firm of Ellis, Coleman, Poirier, La Voie & Steinheimer LLP as associates. He previously practiced civil litigation with Porter Scott. (Sacramento)

Stephanie Keeley Townsend
Associate, Toschi, Sidran, Collins & Doyle. Stephanie Keeley and Joshua Townsend were united in marriage on April 27, 2007, in a Catholic ceremony in Sausalito. The bride was attended by four Maids of Honor: Megan Meadows, Katy Cornel, Tristen Winston and Carrie Nolan. Following the ceremony, a bagpiper escorted the bridal party, family and friends on the two-block march from Star of the Sea to the Casa Madrona. They honeymooned in Disneyland and at Jamaica’s Royal Plantation. The bride, a member of the Screen Actors Guild, is employed as an attorney in Oakland. The groom is the district director for Assembly member Jared Huffman, and is the president of Joshua Townsend, Inc., through which he runs a chain of retail facilities in the Bay Area. (Mill Valley, California)

Hanspeter Walter
Walter was featured in a Comstock’s magazine article about Sacramento law firms competing against other West Coast firms for talented young attorneys. Walter is an associate with Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann and Girard. (Sacramento)

Quyen Tu
Staff Attorney, Public Law Center. I am an attorney at the Public Law Center, a nonprofit that serves the low-income residents of Orange County by providing free legal services through our staff and volunteer attorneys. (Santa Ana, California)

2006

Class Representatives
Richard N. Asfar
Channone Marie Smith
Diane Anderson
Anderson was featured in a cover story in the University of the Pacific Eberhardt School of Business Strictly Business magazine. A graduate of its MBA program, single mom and entrepreneur, she opened the Law Offices of Diane Anderson in 2006. (Jackson, California)

Brenna Arceo
Arceo, Ann O’Connell, ’77, and Tammy McLean, ’02, were three of a five-member health-care law group that joined Nossam Guthner Knox & Elliott LLP, moving over from McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Lindsay Zettel
Zettel, with the Sacramento County Public Defender’s Office, successfully defended a homeless man in a jury trial on charges of unlawful camping. (Sacramento)

2007

Class Representatives
Amyann Rupp
Michelle Laidlaw
Christian Camarce
Camarce has joined Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C. as an associate in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office. He was a senior design engineer with Intel before attending law school and will work in the major IP law firm’s electronic group. (Washington, DC)

Patrick Holstine
Associate, McDonough Holland & Allen PC. I graduated from Pacific McGeorge with Distinction in May 2007 and passed the July 2007 California Bar Exam. I’m working as an Associate Attorney at McDonough Holland & Allen PC. (Sacramento)

Sim Kaur
Kaur has joined Downey Brand, Sacramento’s largest law firm with 120 attorneys, as an associate in the firm’s corporate law practice group. Prior to joining Downey Brand, she was a law clerk for the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General. (Sacramento)

Donald Kennedy
Kennedy has joined Stoel Rives LLP, where his practice focuses on general corporate law, including matters involving title insurance and taxation. (Sacramento)

Suzanne E. Kennedy
Kennedy joined the Stockton law firm of Neumiller & Beardslee as an associate practicing civil law. The Elk Grove native worked for a leading international agricultural-trading company in operations and commodities trading before attending law school. (Stockton, California)
**LL.M. TAXATION**

**Wendy Abkin '86**
Abkin was selected the 2007 recipient of the V. Judson Klein Award by the Taxation Section of the State Bar of California. The award is presented to an outstanding California attorney for excellence in the field of tax law, professionalism, leadership and contributions to the bar. She is a partner with Sideman & Bancroft. (San Francisco, California)

**Scott Beattie '98**
Beattie, and Jeff Prag, LL.M. '88, were members of a financial experts team that offered free advice as part of a call-in program sponsored by the Financial Planning Association of San Joaquin Valley. Beattie is a partner at Calone Law Group LLP. (Stockton, California)

**Jeff Prag '88**
Prag, and Scott Beattie, LL.M., '98, were members of a financial experts team that offered free advice as part of a call-in program sponsored by the Financial Planning Association of San Joaquin Valley. Prag is a solo practitioner. (Stockton, California)

**Karin (Haberfellner) Werner '99**
Professor of Law and Politics, Center for Higher Education in Business and Environment. Back in 2000-2002, I was working as lawyer for Uniqa in Salzburg, doing international cases. I've since gotten married and have two wonderful children, a girl and a boy, that make for a perfect family life. In 2007, I started working again as professor of law and politics at the HLUW Yspertal (school for higher education in business and environmental). Beside politics, I am teaching public, private and criminal law as well as environmental law. I would love to come to the Vienna reunion in May. (Salzburg, Austria)

**Kurtiss A. Jacobs '02**
My wife, Ryoko Nakamura, and I are expecting twins (a girl and a boy) on February 29, 2008 (Concord, California)

**Polina Manukhina '04**
I am doing fine here. Yes, I am married (for three years now), but no kids yet. I work at the local branch of DLA Piper. I like working at this law firm so far – my job is connected with corporate and real estate consulting. The only downfall, as usual in this field, is the long hours – but I've gotten used to it. Hopefully, next year or so I will be able to start planning kids, as we are not getting younger. I would be happy to hear from any of my old Pacific McGeorge friends. I often think of you. (St. Petersburg, Russia)

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Storz died on May 20, 2007, at the age of 57 of esophageal cancer in Vancouver, Washington. He was a member of both the Oregon and Washington state bars and was a solo civil practitioner in Vancouver.

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Pershall has opened a second office in San Francisco at 540 California Street, Suite 1600. His Sacramento-based practice continues to focus on domestic and international tax and international business matters. (Sacramento)

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Please consider joining this group of people. Your gift of an endowment can create a lasting and meaningful program in perpetuity for students at Pacific McGeorge.

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Recently, we have made great strides to increase alumni participation in our annual fund. Alumni participation has increased from 6.8% to 10.2% in the last three years. Thank you to all the donors listed before who made this growth possible! But still, we need your help. Our current goal is to increase alumni participation to 15%. This means we need all our current donors to renew their support, plus approximately 600 new alumni to invest in Pacific McGeorge this year. An ongoing commitment to the McGeorge Fund, at any level, is important!

The McGeorge Fund supports a variety of important, but under-funded needs at Pacific McGeorge. These programs have ranged from special scholarships to visiting professorships (such as former Assistant Secretary of the Interior Craig Manson, ’81) to upgraded campus facilities and the New Orleans project. These funds are designed to give the Dean and the administration the flexibility to use gift dollars for the betterment of the school. They help transform a great legal institution into an exceptional legal environment.

For those of you who have given to the McGeorge Fund, we thank you for your trust in Pacific McGeorge as an institution. We hope you will continue your annual support. If you haven’t given recently, please take a moment to go online, use the response envelope in this magazine, or call us to help your legal alma mater move from great to exceptional!

For more information please visit the law school web site at www.mcgeorge.edu, or contact Charlene Mattison at 916.739.7229 or cmattison@pacific.edu. Again, thank you for your support.
It’s Truly an International Campus

There’s always an international flavor on the Pacific McGeorge campus, but the law school of California’s capital city boasts one of its largest crops of LL.M. and J.D. exchange students this spring.

More than 50 international students from 26 countries are on campus this semester. Some of them are continuing from last semester, another group has come to Sacramento after spending the fall semester at the University of Salzburg in the collaborative LL.M. program, and others began their master of laws studies in January. Sixteen of the Transnational LL.M. students will depart following the first six weeks of the semester for internships with law offices in several U.S. cities as well as in Brussels, Budapest, Hong Kong, Madrid, Shanghai and Vienna.
Calendar of Events

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500,000th Law Library Volume Celebration
Pacific McGeorge

April 19, 2008
Law Day Open House
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May 9, 2008
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Pacific McGeorge

May 10, 2008
Commencement
Sacramento Memorial Auditorium

May 23-24, 2008
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Vienna, Austria

May 28, 2008
Summer Associate Research Workshop
UC Davis

September 27, 2008 (tentative)
Alumni Association Central Valley MCLE
Fresno

October 11, 2008
31st Annual Women’s Caucus Wine Tasting & Silent Auction
Sacramento

October 13, 2008
Asian Pacific American Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament
TBA

October 29, 2008
U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Special Sitting
Pacific McGeorge

December 1, 2008
State Bar of California Swearing-In Ceremony
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