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Washington, D.C.
Message from The Dean

These are busy times, but even so, I hope you’ll spend a few minutes reviewing this issue of Pacific Law. You won’t regret it. I’ve just read it cover-to-cover and found it quite a page-turner. It was exciting to read about our community in action—from featured stories to alumni notes. I was captivated by our story on the four alums who recently argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. Their recollections brought back my own arguments as if they were yesterday and they’ll transport you, as well. If you’ve even wondered what it’s like to argue in the highest court of the land, don’t miss the reflections of Michael Bigelow, Harry Colombo, Todd Marshall and Zachery Morazzini. They’ll make you proud to be part of the Pacific McGeorge community.

Turning the page, I was captivated again reading the “behind the scenes” story of how a small band of alums have developed remarkable expertise in influencing the political and legislative arena. In doing so, Steve Merksamer, Lance Olson, Chip Nielsen, Barry Fadem, Mark Meckler and Sal Russo have developed a new brand of government law, becoming power brokers at a state and national level which makes for fascinating reading. Not to be outdone, this issue highlights faculty contributions which are making national and international news. Our new Global Legal Studies Program, which Professors Mary-Beth Moylan and Stephanie Thompson lead, will shine a light on the important work our faculty is doing to deepen the real-world preparation our students receive. Proof of their good work finds evidence in the great success our Advocacy Program is achieving—no surprise that Professor Cary Bricker, a pillar in this program, has been singled out as a finalist in a national teaching award competition, or that Professors Linda Carter and John Sprankling would receive the two highest University faculty awards this year. The in-depth profile of Professor Emily Garcia Uhrig, one of our new generation of faculty, will reassure you that our tradition of academic excellence with a real world focus is in excellent shape. And you’ll find even more good news as you investigate the alumni news.

All of this brings me to my own role in this growing list of Pacific McGeorge accomplishments. As you may know, last month I announced my decision to step down as dean in June 2012. This was a difficult decision which required considerable thought. I have loved every minute of my nine years as dean and I look forward to my last year as well. In deciding to announce my decision to step down now, however, I was mindful of the importance of a successful transition to the future of the Law School. I hope my timing will give the Pacific McGeorge community the time it needs to select the next dean who, I have no doubt, will lead us to the next level of excellence. Such transitions are important to maintaining the balance and separation between individual and institutional goals necessary for any successful institution which aspires to greatness—as certainly Pacific McGeorge does. A successful institution must have its own life, irrespective of who may be the dean at any given period.

In stepping down next year, I leave the Law School in an exceptionally strong position: the faculty has just approved an excellent new strategic plan about which you will soon hear more; we have a superb faculty, strengthened by hiring almost one quarter new members in the last decade; our students are ever more qualified and our superb senior leadership team will remain in place under Associate Dean Julie Davies’ leadership through this important transition. Most importantly, we have superb new University leadership that has already shown its appreciation of the Law School’s leadership role in our community. I believe we have a remarkable opportunity to bring in new leadership with the vision to take the Law School to the next level, building on all that has been accomplished to this point—and taking advantage of your continuing support!

There will be time to talk further about the Law School and its bright future over the next year and I look forward to meeting with many of you to do just that. For now, however, I want to express my thanks for the wonderful opportunity and pleasure of serving as Pacific McGeorge’s dean. It has, indeed, been the best job of my career!

With warm regards,

Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker
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Face-to-Face with the Supreme Court Justices

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Having one of its graduates argue a case before the Supreme Court of the United States is a point of pride for any law school. It says the school’s graduates succeed at the highest level of the profession in preparation, talent and training.

But what does it say when four graduates of a single school argue cases at the nation’s highest court in the same calendar term?

That’s exactly what happened in the U.S. Supreme Court’s October 2010 calendar. Three cases calendared for argument involved Pacific McGeorge graduates as petitioners or respondents. In one of these cases, both the petitioner and respondent were represented by Pacific McGeorge counsel.

It’s an achievement few law schools could claim. And, it makes the Pacific McGeorge community a rich repository of experience and advice for would-be members of the Supreme Court Bar.

First on the list of key learnings from McGeorge’s SCOTUS veterans: when you find out you’ve been granted certiorari, get ready to work.

“Next to preparing for the State Bar exam after graduating from law school, it was the hardest I’ve worked, ever,” says Todd Marshall, ’91, who represented the California Attorney General seeking a reversal of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Walker v. Martin.

“To write the brief took six weeks in a row without a day off. Then, for the reply brief and prepping for the oral argument, it was 50 days in a row,” Marshall says.

His opposing counsel on the case, Michael Bigelow, ’75, has no argument with Marshall on this point at least.

“When I received notice the case was calendared, I was initially quite excited,” Bigelow says. “Then… I was somewhat catatonic as I realized immediately how much work would be involved.”

Harry Colombo received the good news about his case, Harrington v. Richter, just as he began his 20th and final year
with the California Attorney General’s Office. His farewell tour would not be a leisurely one.

“It was both thrilling and mentally taxing,” Colombo says now of the experience. When the notice arrived that certiorari had been granted, Colombo was in the midst of teaching three classes at Lincoln Law School. Help from a co-teacher who understood the enormity of the opportunity enabled Colombo to focus exclusively on prepping for his high court appearance.

Much of the workload arises from the unique nature of arguing a case at the Supreme Court. First, an enormous quantity of information must be made to fit into a brief with a strict word limit. The process of divining which of the available arguments will secure the approval of at least five justices can be mountainous. Next comes preparation for a 30-minute session of questions unlike any other in the profession.

In lower-court presentations, a lawyer is essentially “telling the court what some other court has said and telling it, ‘you have to follow,’” says Marshall. At the Supreme Court, it’s an entirely different strategy and style. “The Supreme Court is basically saying, ‘let’s do something different and new, and the courts will follow us.’ ”

Zackery Morazzini, ’99, also of the California AG’s office, saw this in action when his counterpart in Schwarzenegger v. Entertainment Merchants Association took an absolutist position during oral argument. California’s attempt to restrict minors’ access to violent video games was simply unconstitutional, the respondent insisted.

“The justices aren’t interested in being instructed in what’s constitutional,” Morazzini says. “They took this case in order to make law… I got the sense they were thinking, ‘work with me, we’re here to discuss this.’”

Also on the list of things the justices don’t want to hear is a recitation of the written brief. The questions come very quickly into the 30-minute session. In Walker v. Martin, Justice Sotomayor stopped Bigelow after three sentences of his opening statement. His counterpart, Marshall, had managed to get out four before Justice Ginsburg interjected.

“They’ve read your brief… they know what you’re going to say,” says Morazzini. “They’re not interested in listening to you make a speech. They’re there to discuss this and to dig into it.”

And they’ve done their homework, so attorneys had better do theirs. In Walker, Bigelow found that Justice Ginsburg had read not only the brief, but had thoroughly absorbed some dense, data-rich amicus filings as well. In Schwarzenegger, Morazzini recognized the justices had more than a passing familiarity with the video games in question. Justice Kagan even joked about the court’s younger clerks having spent “considerable amounts of time” playing one of the games discussed.

That Supreme Court justices are well-prepared and inquisitive came as no surprise to the Pacific McGeorge foursome who argued in D.C. this term. What did surprise

Robert Best, ’70  
Castle v. Pacific Legal Foundation (1980)  
Respondent  
Petitioner, 9-0  
Nollan v. California Coastal Commission (1987)  
Appellant  
Appellant, 5-4

Michael B. Bigelow, ’75  
Walker v. Martin (2011)  
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Petitioner, 9-0

Terrence Cassidy, ’81  
Sacramento v. Lewis (1998)  
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Petitioners  
Petitioners, 9-0

Victor Haltom, ’91  
Fry v. Piller (2007)  
Petitioner  
Respondent, 5-4

Joseph F. Harbison III, ’78  
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Petitioners, 8-1

Ronald R. Haven, ’74  
Asahi Metal Industry Co. v. Superior Court (1987)  
Respondent  
Respondent, 5-4
each of them, though, was a matter of courtroom design. “You cannot believe how close you are to the justices,” says Morazzini. “When you are making your argument, you are an arm’s length away from the chief justice. If he wanted to, he could reach out and slap you. When the justices are talking, you’re not hearing them through a speaker, you’re hearing their words from their mouths... and they’re staring at you.”

Colombo is a veteran of a half-dozen arguments in the California Supreme Court and at least as many in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Even he found the proximity to power a little daunting.

“It wasn’t as if I was a neophyte to oral arguments,” he says, “but I have never been in a court where counsel was that close to the court itself for the presentation of oral arguments. That was different.”

This discovery made Marshall glad he had come to Washington a week early to sit in on other arguments. “You have to physically turn your body to see Justice Sotomayor on the left or Justice Kagan on the right. You’re so close that your peripheral vision has a hard time picking up the justices seated on the sides.”

As intimidating as it may be, the chamber’s layout reinforces the idea that oral arguments are a kind of dialogue. “You forget the courthouse is packed behind you,” Marshall says. “Your attention is focused on the conversation with the justices right in front of you.”

This forced intimacy no doubt raises blood pressure in lawyers regardless of where they were trained. For some Pacific McGeorge graduates, however, there is an extra element to consider.

When Justice Kennedy – a longtime faculty member of Pacific McGeorge – interrupted Harry Colombo’s opening statement to ask the first of many questions, Colombo’s thoughts returned briefly to Sacramento.

“I was just praying he wasn’t remembering I was the one he tried to fail… to wash out of Constitutional Law in 1979,” said Colombo, who remembers Justice Kennedy as “a brilliant individual and fabulous teacher.”

Still, the stress of preparing for and arguing at the Supreme Court seems to be shorter-lived than the pleasant memories associated with it.

For Colombo, the lasting memory is of taking the podium with his wife and daughter behind him in the gallery. For Bigelow, it’s the “lopsided grin” on the face of his 9-year-old grandson just as oral arguments began, “a grin full of encouragement and full of pride.”

“It’s amazing how the mind selectively remembers and forgets what you go through,” says Marshall. “As time rolls on, I remember the argument, the photo session with my family on the steps afterward... the office accolades following the favorable opinion. I remember those things, but I’m already starting to forget the long hours.”

M. Reed Hopper, ’87
Rapanos v. United States (2006)
Petitioners
Petitioners, 5-4

William Lockyer, ’86
Rice v. Collins (2006)
Petitioners
Petitioners, 9-0

Todd Marshall, ’91
Walker v. Martin (2011)
Petitioner
Petitioner, 9-0

Robert D. Milam, ’75
United States v. California and Cal BOE (1993)
Respondents
Respondents, 9-0

Zackery Morazzini, ’99, LL.M. ’02
Schwarzenegger v. Entertainment Merchants Association (2011)
Petitioners
Petitioners (decision pending)

Joseph Rusconi, ’77
Petitioners
Respondent, 9-0

Paul Taggart, ’94
Petitioners
Respondent, 6-3

Stuart Somach, ’79
Respondent
Respondent, 9-0

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They Take The Initiative

Pacific McGeorge Alumni Play Critical Roles in Crafting California’s Ballot Measures

For Lance Olson, ’77, and Barry Fadem, ’79, it was Justice Anthony Kennedy’s constitutional law class at Pacific McGeorge that crystallized their growing interest in political law. Steven Merksamer, ’75, felt Justice Kennedy’s influence in a different way. Growing up in Sacramento, his family and Kennedy’s were close friends, and he absorbed politics and the law by osmosis.

All three of these Pacific McGeorge-trained lawyers are now major players in the California initiative process, both on the state and local levels. All got an early start in politics, and all are veteran practitioners in the growing field of political law, a specialty that Fadem says was “invented” by another McGeorge alumnus, Vigo G. (Chip) Nielsen, Jr., ’71, currently a senior partner in the Sacramento-based firm of Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP.

“Political law is a great field,” says Merksamer. “There’s not a better one to be in. As politics have become more and more regulated, there are more and more opportunities for lawyers.”

Besides their efforts on ballot initiatives, political lawyers also do work on elections and referenda, campaign finance law and reporting, government law, administrative practice, conflicts of interest and ethics. Their clients can be individuals, nonprofit groups, business and trade associations, or political action committees among others.

Lance Olson, who spearheaded the creation of the California Political Attorneys Association (CPAA) in 1988 and became its first president, worked for a statewide legislative consulting firm with a focus on the Fair Political Practices Commission while studying at Pacific McGeorge. Right after graduation, Olson started his own law firm, now Hagel & Fishburn LLP, with a specialty in political law. Since 1982, he has been general counsel to the California Democratic Party.

“My clients have a strongly developed political sense,” says Olson. “When they come to me, they usually have an idea for an initiative they want passed. One of my jobs is to figure out which

by Robert T. Wazeka

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ideas can provoke political attack and how initiatives can be worded to deflect such attacks.”

Before Steve Merksamer attended Pacific McGeorge, he worked for then Assembly Speaker Robert Monagan and Lieutenant Governor Ed Reineke. He impressed several members of Governor Ronald Reagan’s cabinet, including Chief of Staff Ed Meese, who advised him to attend law school “to avoid becoming a political hack.” At McGeorge, Merksamer found a personal mentor in Dean Gordon Schaber and solidified his background in state government by clerking in the Attorney General’s office.

Barry Fadem attended Pacific McGeorge at night while working as the first executive-director of the Southwest Border Commission under Lieutenant Governor Mervyn Dymally in the first Jerry Brown administration. Fadem’s small, non-partisan firm, Fadem & Associates, has assisted or managed numerous initiative campaigns.

Fadem’s successes include Proposition 37 (1984), which established a state lottery, 34 percent of whose revenues are set aside for education; and Proposition 20 (2007), which established a redistricting commission. His firm has also worked on initiatives involving campaign financing, voting rights, recycling, hunger, homeless assistance, housing development and gaming.

Olson drafted Proposition 25 (2010), which requires only a majority vote of the state legislature to pass the state budget instead of the previous two-thirds. He also drafted Proposition 34, which limits the amount individuals can donate to members of the legislature. Prop. 25 passed with 55.1 percent of the vote and Prop. 34 garnered 60 percent. Overall, Olson’s firm has been involved in more than 30 ballot measures, split evenly between local and statewide initiatives. His firm includes four partners and five associates divided equally between political law and litigation work.

During the last election cycle, Nielsen Merksamer worked on all but one of the state ballot measures, and that one they turned down. “I turn down any ballot measure dealing with social issues,” Merksamer says, “and I turn down others I don’t want to be associated with.”

Merksamer’s firm includes 21 lawyers and a professional staff of 40. Their work, which focuses on business clients and compliance issues for the private sector, is divided into three areas — political law, government law, and litigation. “In a sense, we act as an attorney general’s office for the private sector,” Merksamer says.

Ballot initiatives require that lawyers demonstrate a variety of skills, ranging from the nitty-gritty process of writing and editing the measures themselves to intense negotiations with the Attorney General and the Legislative Analyst’s Office and the complicated and expensive process of marketing a political campaign.

“The single most important things in the initiative process,” says Olson, “are the ballot initiative’s label, title and summary. By the time we submit these on an initiative, we’ve already done polling to test out concepts, hired consultants, and have placed lawyers aboard in anticipation of legal challenges.”

Legal action is an indelible part of the process, and the lawyers must be able to move quickly. “I’ve had cases,” Olson says, “in which a lawsuit is filed in Superior Court, sent to the Court of Appeals and then on to the California Supreme Court, all within 20 days.”

When lawyers run a campaign instead of simply acting as a consultant, the process is multi-dimensional. “With each new initiative,” says Merksamer, “we’re doing work that is equivalent to a new start-up business. There’s new subject matter to investigate, a new set of clients to deal with, money to raise. We have to staff the campaign, rent office space, and provide such things as workers’ compensation. We have to get radio and TV coverage. We can carry over some methods and materials from previous campaigns, but things change, and we have to change with them.”

While tens of millions of dollars are often spent on running an initiative campaign, the most important item may be the simple and elemental choice of words. “Ballot measures must be written in accomplished, bullet-proof form with absolute legal accuracy,” says Fadem, “and they must meet the requirements of a political equation that ensures that they will appeal to voters and that they can pass.”

Getting a measure passed isn’t easy. Since 1914, when the first ballot initiatives were voted upon — one abolishing a poll tax and the other for a University of California construction bond — only 112 of 338 measures, or 33 percent, have passed as of January 2010.

“What’s even worse,” says Fadem, “is that wherever you start in the polls on the favorable side, that is your high-water mark. It’s only downhill from there.”
Two political activists based in Northern California have risen to leadership positions in the national Tea Party movement. Although Sal Russo, '77, and Mark J. Meckler, '88, followed distinctly different paths to prominence, each earned a law degree from Pacific McGeorge.

The Tea Party is the latest chapter in a long record of causes and campaigns for Russo, who was raised in Monterey where his family ran a commercial fishing business. During freshman year at UC Berkeley, he joined a student group working on behalf of Senator Barry Goldwater, the Republican nominee for President in 1964. Russo ultimately left Berkeley to work full-time in conservative politics.

Russo met Ronald Reagan when the former actor was preparing to challenge California's incumbent Governor Edward “Pat” Brown in the 1966 election. Reagan had an aversion to flying after surviving a hazardous, white-knuckle flight to Catalina Island, Russo recalls. Russo ended up behind the wheel of Reagan's maroon Lincoln Continental, driving the underdog candidate to fundraisers and rallies all over California.

“Reagan didn't like to talk about politics,” Russo says. “He was an ideas person. That's what excited him — the power of ideas.” Referring to his own blue-collar origins in Monterey, Russo recalls with a laugh, “My father about had a stroke when he found out I was working for Ronald Reagan.”

After Reagan astonished the political pundits with an upset victory over Pat Brown, Russo joined the new administration in Sacramento as an advance man, policy adviser and all-purpose problem solver. A chance conversation with Pacific McGeorge's dean, the late Gordon Schaber, influenced Russo to earn his J.D. in the evening program while working for Governor Reagan. One of Russo's professors in the evening program was an occasional visitor to Governor Reagan's office — Constitutional Law professor and future U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Russo didn't practice law after graduating from Pacific McGeorge, but when the Reagan administration ended, he launched his own political consulting firm, now known as Russo Marsh + Rogers. His Sacramento office is decorated with campaign posters and political memorabilia from the U.S. and overseas. Russo's past clients have included California Governor George Deukmejian (whose administration he also worked in) and two New Yorkers, Senator Alfonse D'Amato and Governor George Pataki.

During 2010, Russo became a powerful fundraising and organizational force in the Tea Party as head of the Tea Party Express. “Sal Russo is on a roll,” commented the Los Angeles Times shortly before the election. “Rolling from CNN to NPR, rolling off to Rome for a speech, rolling onto the pages of The Wall Street Journal and the New York Times. The man who's been a familiar operative in California politics for decades is now a national name.”

The Hill, an influential political website, put it more succinctly: “The Tea Party can thank Sal Russo.”

By David Graulich

TEA PARTY
Russo says that American conservatism has traditionally focused on three disparate themes: social issues, foreign policy and economics. The Tea Party, he says, is focused almost entirely on economic issues, such as taxation, lowering the national debt, and job creation. “To be successful in politics, you have to be in concert with the zeitgeist of the times, and the zeitgeist [today] is opposition to big government and higher taxes,” Russo says.

For Meckler, the Tea Party involvement comes after a number of different careers and endeavors. A native of Southern California and a graduate of San Diego State, he came north to study at Pacific McGeorge and was admitted to the California Bar in 1988. After several years of practicing real estate and business law, he moved to Nevada City, where he and his wife operated a popular restaurant, Café Mekka. He also ran a company that manufactured safety equipment for the skiing industry.

Meckler’s interest in the power of the Internet for social networking led to his joining the Tea Party movement. He now co-leads a large national organization, the Tea Party Patriots, which has three key policy positions: fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets.

“People are tired of a government that seems out of touch,” Meckler told a San Francisco political analyst during the 2010 campaign. “There’s a mentality among government officials that they’re entitled to these seats, they’re entitled to win these elections. It doesn’t matter whether they represent their constituents. They have this sort of permanent status as the political class. [The Tea Party] is just genuine Americans who are revolted by this concept and have had enough of it.”

In a recent NPR interview, Meckler refuted accusations from Democrats that their movement is expanding beyond fiscal conservatism to advocate for conservative social policies.

“We don’t address those issues as an organization,” he says. “Because we don’t deal with those issues, I couldn’t comment on them.”

Meckler also disagrees with the notion that organizations such as his have caused a schism among conservatives. “There may be different perspectives, but I’m not hearing any divisions when I attend conservative groups’ meetings all over the country,” he says. “In fact, people are talking about how the conservative movement seems to be on the same page more than any other time in history. I think the left hopes for that schism, but I don’t think their hopes will be fulfilled.”

Not content with the Tea Party’s successes in the November 2010 election, Meckler led a rally in late March in Washington, D.C., to pressure freshmen Republican congressmen to hold the line and demand more federal budget spending cuts. His group may also target several incumbent Senate Republicans up for reelection in 2012.

The GOP has been “granted a temporary shot at showing they can lead [the] country back to fiscal solvency, and we expect them to behave in a way that people want,” he says. Although Russo and Meckler have sparred in the press and are rivals for influence within the Tea Party movement, the two Pacific McGeorge graduates are united on one point: “Ronald Reagan,” they both declare, “would have loved the Tea Party movement.”
Moot Court Team Posts Best Season in History
Pacific McGeorge completed its most successful moot court season in law school history with a second-place finish in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition national championship in April. Kim Bowman, ’11, Jeremy Ehrlich, ’12, and Conness Thompson, ’11, won five straight matches at the prestigious event before suffering a narrow defeat to Duke University in the championship finals. Another Pacific McGeorge team composed of Caitlin Urie Christian, ’11, Jill Larrabee, ’12, and Leo Moniz, ’12, received the best brief award. The national competition began with 207 teams, and Pacific McGeorge was the only California law school to make it to Chicago as the teams swept through an earlier San Francisco regional.

Another Pacific McGeorge team won the Bernard E. Witkin Award for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy in the Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court competition. Brandon Esraelian, ’11, Corrie Erickson, ’11, and Brad Coutinho, ’12, were rewarded for their overall performance after taking second place in both the best oral argument rankings and the best brief ratings among state competitors.

Other Pacific McGeorge results during the season included: second place in the North American regional of the International Criminal Court competition and a trip to the championship finals in The Hague, Netherlands; second place in the Saul Lefkowitz Intellectual Property Moot regional; second place in the Thomas Tang International Moot Court regional and a trip to the national finals; third place in the Niagara International Moot Court event; and a best brief award in the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition.

“The Pacific McGeorge Moot Court program can now claim to be No. 1 in California and No. 2 in the nation this year,” said Professor Ed Telfeyan, ’75, who teaches the Advanced Appellate Advocacy course in which all of the team members are enrolled. “I cannot say enough about these students, except to point out the obvious, which is that they have brought great credit to Pacific McGeorge.”
Kennedy On Campus To ‘Paint the Law’

US Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy visited the campus in September and delivered an hour-long lecture on “Painting the Law” that filled the lecture hall with students, faculty and community leaders.

Kennedy, in Sacramento to participate in the month-long celebration leading up to the re-opening of the new Crocker Art Museum, drew insightful comparisons between the history of art and the history of American law.

“There are parallels between the great artists and the great jurists,” he said. “Artists and attorneys draw upon the past as they build new frontiers. They seek to make order out of a world in disorder. The timelines are not parallel, but the breakthroughs in each venue are stunning.”

Armed with a PowerPoint presentation that featured great works of art and excerpts from famous Supreme Court opinions and dissents, Kennedy commanded the full attention of his audience with his deep knowledge of both subjects.

“Just by looking at it, you can’t tell it was ever severed,” says Kulkarni. “I’m doing everything I could do before.”

Kulkarni, who did her undergraduate work in India and has a Master’s

Student Becomes Subject Of Major Medical Story

Second-year student Deepa Kulkarni, ’12, was the subject of a CNN national news story last fall about the successful regeneration of her fingertip following a household accident.

Kulkarni lost the three-quarters inch tip of her right pinky finger when a slamming door chopped it off back in January 2010. Bleeding heavily, she picked up the piece of finger and rode with her husband to the emergency room. The ER doctor said there was no way he could reattach it and an orthopedic surgeon suggested a small amputation to make it heal better. But an Internet search the next day led her to a University of Pittsburgh physician who helped pioneer a new procedure called tissue regeneration. So began a journey to a new fingertip that looks just as good as the old.

“Just by looking at it, you can’t tell it was ever severed,” says Kulkarni. “I’m doing everything I could do before.”

Kulkarni, who did her undergraduate work in India and has a Master’s
in Labor & Industrial Relations from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, worked in the human resources field for many years before coming to Pacific McGeorge. “A few of my fellow students and I started the student group — the McGeorge Employment and Labor Law Society,” she says. “I hope to work in the employment and labor law field when I graduate.”

And, of course, she has a renewed interest in the medical field.

In March 2011, Kulkarni was invited to speak at a national conference of business CEOs, scientists, doctors, and stem cell researchers in Salt Lake City. “My main goal behind speaking at the event was to promote education of patients and doctors on contemporary medicine,” she says. “There are so many new FDA-approved medical treatment options. It’s kind of sad that more people don’t know about them.”

Sprankling, Carter Win University Awards

Two popular members of the Pacific McGeorge faculty, Professor John Sprankling and Professor Linda Carter, were chosen for prestigious awards by the University of the Pacific this spring.

Sprankling received the Eberhardt Teacher-Scholar Award that annually recognizes a faculty member from the entire University who fulfills the highest aspirations of scholarship and service to students, colleagues, the profession and the community.

Only three other Pacific McGeorge professors, Brian Landsberg, John Myers and Carter, have been so honored in the past two decades. Sprankling, an authority on property law, has had his scholarly articles published in major law journals across the country.

Carter received the Podesto Award, which recognizes outstanding educators at all three campuses who directly touch and enrich the lives of Pacific students. Previous recipients of the award include Associate Dean Julie Davies, Professor Thom Main and Professor Ed Telfeyan. Carter is the director of the law school’s Legal Infrastructure and International Justice Institute and chair of the International Studies Committee. In those roles, she has sought to expand post-graduate opportunities for our law students worldwide.

Symposia Highlight Busy Spring Semester

The Pacific McGeorge campus was buzzing with activities this spring, including three major conferences.

In March, a two-day human rights symposium played to a packed house in the law school’s international building, Northwest Hall. The conference, which addressed the impact and implementation of human rights norms in substantive areas of law, featured prominent legal experts in the field from around the globe.

“Without a doubt, this symposium was the finest we have yet presented — an imaginative look at the intersection of human rights law and other areas of international law that brought an impressive group of scholars together with our faculty,” says Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker.

In April, a Capital Center for Public Law & Policy symposium took an in-depth look at the dramatic changes taking place in the delivery of legal practice worldwide. “Ethics 20/20 — Globalization, Technology and Transforming the Law,” brought together leading scholars on the subject and practitioners riding the legal profession’s futuristic wave.

Later that month, the McGeorge Law Review organized a conference, “The Road to Legitimizing Marijuana: What Benefit at What Cost,” which attracted a large audience of attorneys to campus. The public forum looked at the deep conflicts between federal and state laws on medical marijuana, illegal drug trafficking and the impact on the criminal justice system if the drug is legalized.
The McGeorge Alumni Rugby Football Club became the first organization to put its name on a room in the new Legal Studies Center that houses the Gordon D. Schaber, Law Library raising a significant amount of money to stake its claim to a corner of the stacks section.

“It was an impressive fundraising accomplishment,” says Dori Dennis Moorehead, ’94, the Pacific McGeorge director of major gifts, who along with Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker hosted the group’s members at a dedication reception this spring. “The Nevada alumni are close to their fundraising goal, and their room will be ready this fall. We hope their generosity and that of the rugby club will inspire other alumni chapters to name a room or table that will be used by future generations of McGeorge students.”

The Pacific McGeorge rugby alums, better known as the McDucks, descended on the campus the second weekend of April to toast their new club headquarters. Numerous California attorneys representing California cities from San Diego to Marysville were present, in addition to club members who trekked in from Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, New York and Texas.

“I made my best friends here when I was a student,” says attorney Anthony McClaren, ’03, who keeps track of former players and organized the fundraising drive. “Many of my teammates and guys who played before me make it back here to Sacramento every spring to renew old friendships and play in the student/alumni game.”

A story told by Tom Lininger, ’89, a Fair Oaks attorney and the managing partner of an independent league baseball team, reflects the rugby club’s camaraderie and spirit.

“The relationships I built while playing with the Pacific McGeorge Rugby Club helped me transition to life on the West Coast, and those relationships endure in my 25th year living in Sacramento,” says Lininger, who came to Pacific McGeorge and Sacramento, sight unseen, from Kent State University in Ohio.

“I walked onto campus for first-year orientation in August 1986,” Lininger says. “I saw the rugby club table (I had played at Kent and thought I would not play again) and chatted with the two guys at the table. I decided to go out to play with the club. Being from so far away, the teammates became my surrogate family. I spent most holidays with the families of someone on the rugby team. One of the guys at that orientation table, Joe Weinberger, was one of the first people I saw at the room dedication.” Weinberger, ’88, is a well-known Folsom personal injury attorney.

“Rugby was the single most important part of law school to me,” says Chris Sullivan, ’97, who runs a highly successful law firm and real estate office in Las Vegas and co-chaired the room fundraising effort with McClaren. “I do business with the guys that were in law school with me. It’s a great networking group. I just had an email from a guy who couldn’t make it up to Sacramento, and he was looking to refer a case to another McGeorge attorney.”

The Pacific McGeorge Rugby Football Club is one of Pacific McGeorge’s oldest student organizations. Officially founded in 1981, the club has been active every year since. The students play weekend tournaments in the fall and a Saturday league schedule in the spring. Opponents range from the Stanford Graduate Rugby club to the Reno Zephyrs. The team used to practice at McClatchy Park and play its home games at Curtis Park. Nowadays, the team practices at the latter field and plays at Danny Dunn Park off of Power Inn Road.

Members of this year’s McGeorge Rugby Club are appreciative of the alumni club’s support and friendship. “The students always get a big kick out of alumni weekend. In addition to the game, we do a variety of activities with the alums,” says Garrett Civian, ’11. “This year, we had the opening ceremony for the rugby room, a pre-game social, the game itself, and a post-match barbecue.”

The McGeorge Rugby Room, which the alumni team decorated to resemble a pub, features rugby memorabilia, numerous framed and signed photographs and a reclining leather lounge chair. It is open to all students and alumni. Just ask for the rugby key at the front desk if you want to see a piece of Pacific McGeorge history — and to see a highly unusual study space.
Pacific McGeorge has always focused on producing practice-ready attorneys, but in the past few years it has increased its efforts to do so. The school is expanding offerings to give students more opportunities to learn the skills necessary to practice law after graduation.

“Students learn best when they’re doing rather than being talked to,” says Professor Mary-Beth Moylan, director of Global Lawyering Skills, a revamped set of skills-based classes unveiled in the 2009-2010 academic year.

The two-year program, required of first- and second-year law students, replaces Legal Process and Appellate and International Advocacy. Among other changes, the new program teaches a broader array of practical skills than the classes it replaced. New offerings include client counseling, mediation and settlement negotiation.

Pacific McGeorge also has expanded its legal clinic program. The school added three clinics, bringing its total to nine. The new programs allow students to represent misdemeanor clients in federal court, or work in an appellate advocacy clinic or a mediation clinic.

Most students also are required to take a podium class, which explores the area of law they are practicing in the clinic. “It’s where legal theory meets legal practice,” says Dorothy Landsberg, director of Clinical Studies. “The more background and understanding you have in the applicable substantive law, the better job you can do in representing your client.”

Pacific McGeorge is offering two new advanced practical skills courses this academic year. Professor Stephanie Thompson, assistant director of Global Lawyering Skills, is teaching a course she developed, California Employment Law Practicum. Through hands-on exercises, the elective shows students what an employment lawyer does.

Professor Jeffrey Proske is teaching Business Transactions: The Art of the Deal for students who want to practice transactional law. Proske says he developed the class because he felt law school didn’t equip him with the basic skills required of a transactional attorney.

Skills-based learning instills confidence in students, Proske says. “By providing an experiential course for them, we can provide simulated real-life exercises so they’re not surprised and taken unawares when they get out into the real practice world and are confronted with very similar types of challenges.”

The externship program also has been undergoing changes. Over the past seven years, the number of students doing externships has increased from 100 a year to more than 300, says Robert A. Parker, who works in the field placement program.

Full-time judicial externships recently have expanded to allow students to consider courts outside California. During the next academic year, students will be able to work a full semester abroad for credit, the first time Pacific McGeorge has offered such a program.

Several factors have influenced Pacific McGeorge’s renewed emphasis on experiential learning. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching issued a study in 2007 examining how well U.S. and Canadian law schools are preparing their students to practice law. The study found that schools excel at teaching legal analysis but lagged in teaching practical skills and the profession’s ethical values.

The study was generally embraced at Pacific McGeorge. “Most of us here were very supportive of the findings and also felt that while we could do more, we were on the right track,” Moylan says.
The school also was moved to increase its experiential learning offerings at the recommendation of an outside consultant who assessed the school’s required first-year legal writing course around the same time of the Carnegie Report’s release.

The recession also has made it even more imperative for Pacific McGeorge to teach its students the nuts and bolts of practicing law. Law firms and government agencies are hiring fewer attorneys out of law school, forcing some students to start their own firms as soon as they pass the bar. In addition, law firms historically trained first-year associates, but training has become an expense they are less willing to accommodate.

Learning skills in law school that used to be taught on the job give students an advantage over their competition, something third-year student Scott Radcliffe knows first-hand. Radcliffe had about a half-dozen jobs in law school, including a summer position at a Walnut Creek civil litigation firm, which will hire him after graduation.

He calls Global Lawyering Skills II the “most important class” he’s had. “Everything that I do when I go out to those jobs is all built upon the things that I learned in GLS.”

**Will ‘Looping’ Give Law Students More Confidence?**

By Joanna Corman

Global Lawyering Skills Director Mary-Beth Moylan and Assistant Director Stephanie Thompson are experimenting with the best way to structure the two-year foundational program. They hypothesize that students who learn from the same professor both years will learn more and have a better law school experience than those who switch professors.

When the GLS program started in the 2009 academic year, the pair divided students into three groups: one staying with their professor both years, one choosing their professor, and one required to change professors.

The expectation, Moylan and Thompson write in a 2010 article in *Duquesne Law Review*, is that “looping” students through the GLS program – staying with the same professor in the second year – will create more “hopeful” students.

“Law school is very difficult, and I think students, especially after their first year, get very discouraged,” Thompson says.

While the professors acknowledge drawbacks to looping, they say the benefits include saving professors and students valuable teaching time in getting to know each other.

“Our theory is that by making a personal connection with a professor who you are with for two years, that gives students a sense that there are people who are resources for them; there are people who are there to help them to succeed,” Moylan says.

While Moylan and Thompson will study two full groups before making a decision, early results point favorably toward looping. They also plan to use grades, extracurricular activities and other information to see if students who looped did better academically or got more involved than their non-looping counterparts.

Emily Zimmerman, associate professor of law at the Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University, studies students’ perspectives in their law school education. She says there are few examples of empirical research examining students’ preferences about their law school education. The study’s value is finding out how students feel about keeping the same professor regardless of the outcome, she says.

“I think it’s important for students to know that there is a rationale for what the law school is doing,” she says. “Even if it’s not the students’ first choice, the student might at least understand the value in what the law school is doing.”

**Summer Conference Will Examine Evolution Of Legal Writing Programs**

The Association of Legal Writing Directors will hold its biennial conference at Pacific McGeorge from June 23 to 25, 2011. About half of the organization's 250 members are expected to attend the three-day gathering, titled “Leadership for the Second Wave.”

Pacific McGeorge was chosen as the conference's location in part because the work it is doing in teaching practical skills matches the organization's goals, says Mary Algero, president of the organization and the Warren E. Mouledoux Distinguished Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. The conference will examine how the role of directors of legal writing programs has changed since starting in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

As the program's original leaders have moved on over the past decade, newer directors have expanded the types of practical skills taught beyond legal writing, says Mary-Beth Moylan, director of Pacific McGeorge's Global Lawyering Skills program, who is helping to organize the conference.

The conference will examine the strengths and weaknesses of different leadership models. It will explore the leadership roles directors of legal writing programs can take in their programs, at their institutions and in the community. It also will look at how law schools are expanding practical skills beyond legal writing.

There will be two plenary sessions: one featuring California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, the other reporting on changes in law school accreditation being considered by the American Bar Association.
Levine Celebrates 25 Years at McGeorge

Professor Larry Levine, one of our most popular faculty members, celebrated his 25th anniversary in legal academia in style as more than 280 colleagues, former students and friends gathered for a celebration on campus.

The February event also raised $75,000 for the Jeffrey K. Poilé LGBT Civil Rights Memorial Scholarship, which has grown into one of the largest endowed student scholarships at the law school. Kate Kendall, the executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, was the keynote speaker at the event that featured numerous tributes to the honoree.

Levine was an associate at Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco before joining the Pacific McGeorge faculty in the fall of 1985. He taught a first-year Section C class and many of those former students, including Judge Kristi Culver Kapetan, '88, returned to honor him at the standing-room-only reception at the Gary V. Schaber Student Center.

“[Levine] loved teaching law from my first day in the classroom,” Levine says. “What a memorable section I had my first year, and my subsequent sections haven’t been too shabby either. It’s gratifying how many of my students have become dear friends.”

Poilé, a gifted internationalist who was fluent in French and Arabic, died in 1992 at the age of 36 from AIDS. Levine’s commitment to his life partner and equal dedication to civil rights inspired him to create the Poilé Scholarship in 2002. To date, $330,000 has been raised benefiting 45 deserving students.

Yelpaala Urges Africans To Seek Local Solutions

Professor Kojo Yelpaala spoke on “The Impact of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the Biodiversity Convention on Human Health and Food Security,” to a large audience of students, faculty and government officials in February at the University.
of Ghana in Accra, Ghana. Yelpaala, an international business expert who has been a member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty for 30 years, urged African leaders to establish a common research center to facilitate a biodiversity convention on human health and security. He said the establishment of such a center would allow that organization to train more researchers who could contribute to the development of Africa.

Calling on African leaders to put away political affiliations and focus on issues that would emancipate the continent from foreign dependency, he said, “This would help curb the huge sums of money invested in foreign institutions to solve African problems. Africa must avoid overdependence on developed countries and find solutions to its own problems. It has the collective brainpower to conduct important research on many diseases adversely affecting the progress of Africans.”

Yelpaala’s appearance was sponsored by the Legon International Scholar Series of University of Ghana. Yelpaala, who holds a law degree from the university, has long conducted research and written on issues confronting Africa and how they can be tackled. He has been particularly critical of several agreements reached by international organizations that apparently have aggravated the risk to human health and food security posed by debilitating diseases.

**Calvert Back To Teach At Legal Alma Mater**

Clay Calvert, ’91, the Brechner Eminent Scholar in Mass Communication at the University of Florida, is teaching Constitutional Law at his legal alma mater this spring as a visiting professor.

In February, the Pacific McGeorge alumnus got to lecture some of his old professors as he delivered a talk on “Newsworthiness and the Privacy of Death” as part of the law school’s faculty colloquium series.

Calvert, who has a Ph.D. in communication from Stanford University, is a nationally known scholar. Prior to joining the Florida faculty, he taught at Pennsylvania State University where he co-directed the Pennsylvania Center for the First Amendment. He has written several books dealing with that topic, most notably *Voyeur Nation* — the first scholarly book to examine the 21st century phenomena of reality TV shows.

Calvert’s latest research and writing focuses on the expansion of privacy rights to the family members of a deceased person. Several courts and state legislatures have extended familial rights controlling access to, and use of, death-scene pictures even in the case of public figures.

“Especially in the age of the Internet, there is a collision between First Amendment rights and the potential for emotional distress of surviving family members,” Calvert says. “We have seen legislative responses that carve out exemptions from the Freedom of Information Act and state open-records laws. These affect tort laws and expand tort remedies.”

Calvert believes the media is making a mistake in pressing First Amendment rights in every case that comes down the road. “The news media needs to pick its battles and choose cases where there is an actual public need to know,” he says. “It’s far too easy to trot out ‘the public’s right to know’ each time, and some of that right to know is being eroded by their unpopular actions.”

**Paton Appointed to ABA Commission**

Professor Paul Paton, director of Pacific McGeorge’s Ethics Across the Professions Initiative, has been selected as reporter to the American Bar Association’s Ethics 20/20 Commission. His appointment was announced during the ABA Midyear Meeting in February in Atlanta.

The Ethics 20/20 Commission was appointed by then-Preside
The commission is charged with making comprehensive recommendations in time for final deliberation by the House of Delegates at the 2012 ABA Annual Meeting. Paton is recognized internationally for his expertise on lawyer regulation, ethics for corporate counsel, and multidisciplinary practice issues. His article, “Cooperation, Co-Option or Coercion? The FATF Lawyer Guidance and Regulation of the Legal Profession,” which focused on the impact of international anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing agreements on lawyer regulation, was selected for presentation at the 2010 American Association of Law Schools annual conference and was published in the 2010 Journal of the Professional Lawyer. In addition to his activities in the United States, Paton is serving a second term as chair of the Canadian Bar Association’s National Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee.

Bricker Considered for Best Law Teachers Book
Professor Cary Bricker has made the next-to-last cut for inclusion in an upcoming book, What the Best Law Teachers Do, which will be published by Harvard University Press in 2012.

Bricker is one of 28 teachers chosen as finalists from more than 300 nominations received by co-authors Gerry Hess (Gonzaga), Michael Schwartz (Washburn) and Sophie Sparrow (Franklin Pierce) who are collaborating on the project. The authors expect to include almost all of the finalists in the book.

“I was surprised and delighted to be contacted by one of the authors,” says Bricker, who teaches Trial Advocacy and Advanced Trial Advocacy at Pacific McGeorge while also overseeing the Federal Defender Clinic. “They plan to come to campus, observe one or two of my classes and talk to my students and faculty colleagues.”

Bricker has been one of the most popular professors on campus since joining the faculty five years ago. In 2006, she was voted Professor of the Year by the Day and Evening Divisions. Bricker came to Sacramento from the Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia, where she was director of the highest-rated Trial Advocacy program in the country. Thanks to the efforts of Professors Jay Leach, Joe Taylor and Bricker, Pacific McGeorge’s outstanding Trial Advocacy program was rated No. 5 in the country last year by U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools magazine.

Landers’ Article Wins Samsung-Stanford Prize

Landers’ work was one of nine pieces chosen from law professor submissions nationally for the first-place prize, which also included an invitation to a conference on the subject of patent remedies in February at Stanford Law School.
“The paper is about patent damages — essentially, that when awarding damages the fact finder should tailor compensation to the patentee’s actual contribution to the field, rather than the patent claim as a whole,” Landers says. “[The claim as a whole] can include pre-existing technology in addition to the ‘new’ piece or pieces added by the inventor.”

Landers is the director of the Intellectual Property Law Concentration at Pacific McGeorge. Samsung is a multinational conglomerate headquartered in Seoul, South Korea. It owns Samsung Electronics, the largest technology company in the world.

Malloy Melts Away Financial Crisis Fog
A new book by Distinguished Professor and Scholar Michael Malloy, one of the foremost authorities on banking regulation, gives an insider’s view of a crisis that nearly shattered the American financial system and continues to reverberate around the world.

Anatomy of a Meltdown from Aspen Publishers details the downfall of two well-known American corporations, investment giant Lehman Brothers and WaMu, the holding company for the Washington Mutual Bank. Malloy makes the case that both firms stumbled largely as a result of their connections with the subprime mortgage markets, though from opposite ends — WaMu in origination of mortgages and Lehman Brothers in investment in and distribution of derivative products.

Both firms went belly-up in September 2008, rocking world financial markets in the process. The collapse of Lehman Brothers was the largest bankruptcy in American history. WaMu’s bankruptcy a week later represented the largest bank failure in U.S. history.

“The book tells that story and draws conclusions about the steps necessary to pull the financial system out of the current crisis — and to avoid the next one,” Malloy says. “Since the Dodd-Frank Act signed last year does not respond adequately or completely to the crisis, I think we’re going to be talking about the issues raised in this book for some time.”

Malloy, a former SEC enforcer who has taught at Pacific McGeorge since 1996, has written or edited more than 100 books and book-length supplements in banking, corporate securities regulation and other areas of the law. Anatomy of a Meltdown, a 304-page paperback, is available from Aspen and numerous online book sellers.
Professor Emily Garcia Uhrig

Sense and Sensibility Aren’t Opposites in the Law

THE PACIFIC McGEORGE PROFILE

By Joanna Corman

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Courses Taught
Evidence, Criminal Procedure,
Criminal Law, Sentencing and
Post-Conviction Remedies

Public Sector
Office of Legal Counsel,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.
Federal Defender’s Office
Los Angeles

Staff Attorney
U.S. Ninth Circuit
San Francisco

Recent Scholarship
“A Case for a Constitutional Right
to Counsel in Habeas Corpus
It was an important lesson, especially for an attorney at the start of her career. Emily Garcia Uhrig was clerking for Judge Harry Pregerson in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Los Angeles.

Before working for Pregerson, Garcia Uhrig thought being a lawyer meant you’re “either intellectually brilliant or you’re a bleeding heart. He was the first person I met who showed me that those are not mutually exclusive things; that you can be an intellectually brilliant person and also use your brilliance in a compassionate way,” she says.

Garcia Uhrig has infused that lesson into an unusual career path that led her to Pacific McGeorge in 2006. She is now an associate professor who teaches courses on evidence, criminal law, sentencing and post-conviction remedies, and criminal procedure.

Garcia Uhrig emphasizes in her classes why laws come about and what they’re seeking to redress. She wants her students to understand the rationale behind the public policy that helped form the law, the complexity of the law, and that there is not always a right answer.

“That’s what will make them able to identify a new issue and to break new ground legally. To participate in the perpetual evolution in the rule of law [becomes possible] if they understand the law on that level.”

After graduating from Stanford Law School, Garcia Uhrig worked a year at Hogan & Hartson, LLP, a large civil firm in Washington, D.C., before clerking for Judge Pregerson. She returned to the Hogan firm but left again in 1995 to join the Office of Legal Counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice, where she worked on many issues pertaining to criminal procedure.

Most people leave the practice for academia, but Garcia Uhrig chose to work in the trenches. In 1997, she became a deputy federal public defender in Los Angeles, working with many clients who were charged with serious crimes. It was one of the most satisfying jobs she’s had. It wasn’t hard to defend people who were guilty for two reasons, Garcia Uhrig says. First, she [recognizes that people] tend to commit crimes when they don’t get the mental health treatment, social support, parenting or other help they need. Second, most of the work involves sentencing. Most clients plead guilty to avoid a trial and what’s left to decide is punishment.

“...the government can’t prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt in the face of a zealous defense, then it shouldn’t be taking your liberty away,” she says. “That makes me sleep better at night, knowing that this is the society that we live in.”

Garcia Uhrig remembers her first client, a man covered in prison tattoos who had served time for a bank robbery conviction and was indicted on an identical charge. He looked imposing but Garcia Uhrig found otherwise. “He was one of the sweetest clients that I had.”

He spent his childhood watching his mother shoot heroin and his adolescence in the California Youth Authority. He lived with his grandparents, who were getting evicted because they couldn’t afford their rent. On the day of the robbery, he rode his bike to a bank and handed the clerk a note. He pled guilty and Garcia Uhrig argued, in essence, that no one had ever given the man the benefit of the doubt. The judge sentenced him at the low end of the guidelines. It was a defining moment for her client, who told her that her argument made him realize for the first time the impact his upbringing had on him. It also was a profound moment for Garcia Uhrig, who realized that she could help her clients gain insight into their lives and what she hoped would be the first step in their making changes.

After nearly five years in the Federal Defender’s Office working on trial and appellate cases, Garcia Uhrig moved to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. There, she became an expert on habeas corpus, “the last step in litigation for inmates who have lost their liberty and who seek to challenge the legality of their detention, whether it’s the length of their sentence or their actual conviction,” Garcia Uhrig says.

Habeas is meant to fix violations of constitutional rights that happen at trial or on appeal. In the mid-1990s, Congress passed legislation that makes it so complicated, Garcia Uhrig says, it has become impossible for almost anyone to use it.

Most of her academic writing focuses on habeas. “Part of what I’m trying to do as an academic is to bring some clarity to some of the problems in the statute. My dream would be to see the statute repealed because it’s so unfair.”

This is the fifteenth in a series of articles on Pacific McGeorge faculty members who pursue excellence inside and outside the classroom.
Message from The Alumni Board President

Greetings Fellow Alumni & Friends,

First and foremost, I am very honored to represent the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board of Directors and to have the opportunity to fill you in on the exciting things Pacific McGeorge and its Alumni Board have underway.

Legal Studies Center

By now you have likely heard about the $10 million Legal Studies Center renovation project. The renovations will house the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library and include increased space for research and study, conferences and symposiums.

Last year, under the stewardship of Past President Jim Day, the Alumni Board raised more than $100,000 toward the Alumni Board Courtyard to honor Alumni Boards past and present. This year, Alumni Board Vice President for Development Scott Hervey has challenged the Alumni Board to contact friends, family and classmates to encourage them to make a naming gift. For the first time in Pacific McGeorge’s history there is a wide range of naming opportunities, at different price points, available in the new Legal Studies Center.

I am sure that all of you, like me, spent countless hours in the Reading Room, the carrels, and the stacks. And along the way, I am sure you made friendships; a few of you may have found your spouses, learned a few things, and forged a new career. In recognition of that memorable time, I would like to ask you to consider a naming opportunity – perhaps a chair ($500) in memory of all the hours you sat, or, if you are so inclined, the entire first floor library stacks ($1,000,000).

For more information, please contact the Development Office at 916.739.7300.

Alumni Board Activities

This year’s 36 Alumni Board members have started out with a bang, already implementing goals adopted at the February Alumni Board Retreat. The Alumni Board goals are available online at: mcgeorge.edu. By way of example, the Alumni Board is currently working on:

• Improving Pacific McGeorge’s U.S. News & World Report law school rankings. McGeorge was again ranked in the Top 100, but we can do better! Assistant Dean Tim Naccarato met with the Alumni Board in April and briefed them on the methodology behind the rankings. The Alumni Board will be digesting that information in order to develop and implement methods to improve.

• Creating strong regional alumni chapter committees to provide more opportunities for our alumni to visit with classmates, network, and grow professionally.

• Increasing Pacific McGeorge’s presence in the social media world. Pacific McGeorge currently utilizes Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, and the CDO has a blog (mcgeorgecdo.com). Fortunately, Pacific McGeorge already recognized the importance of a presence in the social media world and has contracted to have that presence evaluated and our website redesigned. The Alumni Board met with the paid consultant, and discussed ideas and areas of improvement.

• Appreciating the environment. The Alumni Board has requested of Pacific McGeorge that all meeting materials be available electronically, and any printed meeting materials be recycled when possible.

Class Reunions


I appreciate the honor of serving as your president and truly am eager to hear any ideas or input you may have to offer. You can reach me at 916.739.7141 if you have any comments, questions, or would like to become more involved in the Pacific McGeorge Alumni community.

Shanti Halter ’01
Halter Goes from Second Lady of Arkansas to First Lady of the McGeorge Alumni Association
By Michael Curran

The McGeorge Alumni Association's new president, Shanti Halter, ’01, is used to being center stage. She was the “Second Lady of Arkansas” when her husband, Bill Halter, served as the 14th Lieutenant Governor of that state from 2007 to January of this year.

The new board leader has been very active in civic and charitable organizations since graduating from law school. Her latest service comes as a member on the board of trustees of Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters USA, a parent involvement, school readiness program that helps parents prepare their 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children for success in school and beyond.

After graduating from Pacific McGeorge with a Certificate in Governmental Affairs, Shanti Halter worked for Herum Crabtree in Stockton, California. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she was an advocate for the National Council of State Housing Agencies. She finished her time in the nation's capital as an associate with Marzulla & Marzulla, focusing on property, environmental, and California water law issues.

Halter still practices law telecommuting for a California-based law firm from her North Little Rock, Arkansas, home. She gets out to California for alumni board meetings and many of the other key events that the organization sponsors.

Halter succeeds veteran Sacramento attorney Jim Day in the president’s chair. Under Day's two-year leadership, the board greatly expanded its alumni outreach and put added emphasis on the mentoring and networking relationship of graduates to current students. Halter plans to continue those efforts and encourage more alumni to become involved with their legal alma mater.
### 1960s

**Class Representative**
Burl W. Waits

**Clarence Walden ’65**
As judge of the “Court of Love,” I solemnized 38 marriages in 2010. Since presiding at my first ceremony in March 1960, I have officiated at more than 2,000 weddings. (Woodland, CA)

**Will Mattly ’69**
Mattly was inducted into the Oroville Union High School District’s Hall of Fame. From 1971 to 1987, he worked in the Butte County District Attorney’s Office, first as a deputy district attorney before his election to head the office in 1979. He also served as an assistant U.S. Attorney and assistant district attorney in Lander and Churchill counties in Nevada. (Elk Grove, CA)

### 1970

**Class Representatives**
Raul A. Ramirez
Terence B. Smith

**Ronald S. Smith**
I went to Nepal and Mount Everest, and had a fantastic trek — glad to be alive and well. (Beverly Hills, CA)

### 1971

**Class Representative**
Phil Hiroshima

**H. Vincent Jacobs**
I continue with my solo practice, which is limited to family law, collaborative, mediation and private judging. Phil Hiroshima and my former partners provide me with an office and staff assistance. I’m busy with work and lots of travel with my wife, Cecilia Delury. We have five grandchildren. (Carmichael, CA)

**O.J. Solander**
I retired from Caltrans Legal in June 2010 and applied for inactive status with the State Bar of California in January 2011. (Sacramento)

### 1972

**Class Representative**
Gordon P. Adelman

**Gordon P. Adelman**
I am currently serving on the Sacramento County Grand Jury. It is a rewarding learning experience that is shared by 19 jurors. Our goal is the improvement of city and county government. We also sit for criminal indictments. I didn’t work this hard when I was being paid. Try it — but only after retirement. (Sacramento)

**Richard K. Corbin**
Corbin has joined the California State Board of Equalization as a tax counsel III specialist. He was previously general counsel for Integrated Solutions for Government and Business, Inc. (Sacramento)

**Ross E. de Lipkau**

**John A. DeRonde, Jr.**
If any of you are interested in a 2012 reunion, please email me at derondelaw@sbcglobal.net, or John Britton at jbritton@surewest.net. Let’s get going on a long overdue event. (Davis, CA)

**David Johnson**
Johnson represented the state as cross-complainant in a Calaveras County Superior Court case that settled for $3.375 million involving an amusement ride that collapsed and injured 23 people at the county fair in 2008. He is a principal in the Law Office of David B. Johnson. (Gold River, CA)

**Jean S. Klotz**
I have still not retired and currently represent the California Federation of Mineral Societies. I have nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. (Placerville, CA)

### 1973

**Class Representatives**
Rudy Nolen
George F. Wolcott

**Frank Y. Jackson**
I had the pleasure of watching my son, Will, sworn in as an attorney in November. He is a Pacific McGeorge graduate and gave the commencement address for his class. I have been a judicial officer for 21 years, the last three on the Court of Appeal in Los Angeles. In the fall, my wife Joni and I enjoy attending the Nevada football games with Richard Edwards and his wife, Rhonda. (Valencia, CA)

**Robert J. Ornellas**
I am now retired and enjoy spending time with our five grandchildren. (Fresno, CA)

**David Roark**
Roark negotiated a $160,000 settlement in Ventura Superior Court for a plaintiff injured in a slip and fall. He is a principal in the Law Offices of David L. Roark. (Los Angeles, CA)

**Marshall Silberberg**
Silberberg helped to negotiate a confidential $3.45 million settlement as co-counsel for a plaintiff. The civil rights case involved excessive force by police officers and medical malpractice charges against a hospital. In another confidential settlement earlier in the year, he was co-counsel for a family that received $5.75 million in a medical malpractice birth injury case. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Marshall Silberberg. (Newport Beach, CA)

**George F. Wolcott**
We are busy. The Hanford Nuclear Reservation received $1.92 billion of stimulus money. A small part is rubbing off on our business. Our daughter got her MBA (wine business) in Bordeaux, France, last year. We attended the graduation, and then traveled in France and Italy for four weeks. We are healthy, active and enjoying life, and still travel. (Richland, WA)
Phillip D. Wyman
I am working with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and Presidential Library in Illinois, and have secured the “With Malice Toward None” Library of Congress Exhibit for the California Museum of History, Women & the Arts. I worked to secure legislation promoting Indigenous Californian Native American Languages that are close to extinction. I am promoting the Lincoln legacy through 150th anniversary of the Civil War. I testified before the State Fair Political Practices Commission leading to new regulations requiring timely disclosure of independent expenditures. The changes were supported by Common Cause and other reform advocates, including voters previously kept in the dark. (Tehachapi, CA)

1974

Class Representative
Gary L. Vinson

James Crockett
Crockett won an $854,175 verdict as co-counsel for a plaintiff in Nevada’s Eighth Judicial District Court in a case involving a 2005 auto accident caused by a cab driver. The court also awarded $89,000 in expenses and $71,000 in prejudgment interest. He is a principal in the firm of Crockett & Myers. (Las Vegas, NV)

Robert C. De Voe
I provide pro bono legal assistance to military retirees and their elderly survivors, and also a no fee notary service for retired and active military personnel. (Sacramento)

Jay P. Donahue
My most outstanding accomplishment is that I am now blissfully retired and loving life. As a career objective, retirement is the highest goal we should all aspire to. (Herndon, VA)

More than 350 Pacific McGeorge alumni have served or are serving as judges in various courts across the country. None has had a more distinguished career than Art Scotland, ’74.

Scotland retired at the end of the year as the presiding justice of the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. The guest list at his retirement party read like a “Who’s Who” of the State Bar of California. Scotland’s former Court of Appeal colleague, Tani Cantil-Sakauye, the new chief justice of the California Supreme Court, emceed the program, and speakers included Steve Merksamer, ’75, Judge Morrison England, ’83, Bob Buccola, ’83, and Judge Connie Callahan, ’75. There were also video tributes from four governors, three attorneys general, and Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the Supreme Court of the United States.

During his 21 years on the appellate bench, Scotland collected enough awards to furnish a spare bedroom, including the 2010 Ronald M. George award from the Judicial Council of California as Jurist of the Year. The award honors extraordinary dedication to the highest principles of the administration of justice, a fitting tribute to a man whose energy and enthusiasm for the justice system has inspired many others.

“How fortunate I am to have served as a trial judge and appellate justice for almost 24 years with exceptionally talented jurists and staff whom I respect and whose company I enjoy,” Scotland says. “It has been an added pleasure to have done so in the Sacramento legal community with its many skilled, dedicated, and distinguished attorneys. I’ve had a great life in the law and am thankful to Pacific McGeorge for making that possible.”
Kim E. Gilbert
My ex-husband, Herb Gross, and I remarried on Valentine’s Day 2009 after 19 years apart and nine years back together. (As a family law specialist, now is this really a good move?) Herb is a forensic neuro-psychiatrist specializing in mild/moderate brain injury due to trauma, lead paint or (toxic) mold exposure, and is on the faculty at UCI Brain Imaging Center. We’re spending quite a lot of time traveling the U.S., celebrating family/friends special events. (Note: Always encourage one child to live in Hawaii. Also encourage them to plan for retirement there.) We are happy and relatively healthy. Life is good! (Fair Oaks, CA)

Thomas M. Harrington
I retired in November 2009. My wife, who was a teacher, retired in June 2008. I sit on assignment about half of the time. I enjoy lots of travel – Canada, Hawaii, Cambodia, Vietnam, Europe, etc. I love being retired. (Tracy, CA)

Robert W. Long
After spending the last 35 years in the shopping center management and development business, at the beginning of 2010, I decided to concentrate full time on David Arthur Vineyards and my own wine project, “Montagna Napa Valley,” located on the eastern slopes of the Napa Valley in the Pritchard Hill area. Both wineries concentrate on cabernet and related red grape varietals. (Chicago, IL)

Michael Bigelow
I had the honor of arguing before the Supreme Court of the United States in the matter of Walker v. Martin, No. 09-996 in late November. I thank McGeorge professors Emily Garcia Uhrig and Michael Vitello for their guidance and support during my preparation. (Sacramento)

Steven J. Fields
Much has changed in my life since graduation. I have been single for the last six years. My oldest son, Aaron (34), is married with two girls, and is working with a Canadian life insurance company. My next oldest, Brandon (27), is married and a U.S. Marine combat veteran. He is heading back to Afghanistan soon, working for a private company. Blake (23) is working in landscaping, Taylor (21) is just finishing his degree at Washington State University. I started practicing Taekwondo some years ago, but finally quit after achieving a third degree black belt – I had to fight with too many young guys. I started practicing Spanish in 2005, and I am doing really well with it. I have a girlfriend in Peru who helps me a lot with the language. I have taken five trips to Peru in the last eight months. I am still practicing family law. I bought a building with another lawyer about 13 years ago, which will be paid off in another seven years. Perhaps then I could slow down a little. (Bothell, WA)

Michael L. Hanks
I am still practicing business, real estate and estate planning law and mostly still enjoying it. I am now the proud grandfather of Savannah Jean Fisher. Deb and I continue to be in love with each other and with life. My best to all. (Gold River, CA)

James Hardesty
Hardesty won retention as a justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. He will serve another six years on the state’s high court. (Carson City, NV)

Bryan C. Hartnell
I have been appointed to the State Bar Board of Legal Specialists. (Redlands, CA)

John W. Hawkins
I spent two weeks in Costa Rica, Central America with family, son Vinton, ’88, daughter Sharon M. Hawthorne, grandson Conrad and granddaughter Hannah. I practiced law from 1975 to 2009 and was appointed a Nevada Supreme Court settlement judge in 2008. I am now fully retired and moved my corporate office to my home address. (Reno, NV)

Omar James
James was co-counsel for a plaintiff water company that won a $4.6 million bench decision in Santa Clara Superior Court in a groundwater production charge dispute with the Santa Clara Valley Water District. He is a senior partner in the Aptos firm of Johnson and James LLP. (Aptos, CA)

Chris Kaempfer
Kaempfer was among the 2010 Legal Elite named by Nevada Business magazine. He is a senior partner with Kaempfer Crowell Renshaw Gronauer & Fiorentino. (Las Vegas, NV)

Bruce A. Kilday
Some things change; others stay the same. Patrick starts a six-year residency. Elisabeth is the daily program coordinator for the Smithsonian American History Museum. Sue is teaching economics and psychology. And I’m still working in federal and state courts. (Sacramento)

Robert A. Laurie
In addition to my law practice, I am co-founder, VP and general counsel of Sustainable Communities Development, LLC, which develops and implements technologies that are the foundation for sustainable communities. I am also pleased to announce the arrival of Jack Brooks, my grandson. My daughter Megan remains as the talented alumni coordinator for McGeorge. (Placerville, CA)

Mary M. Linde
I am a grandmother to six. My “free time” is spoken for most weekends. I have been keeping a bi-state practice in the Reno-Tahoe region for the last 30 years, but I’m looking for a change of venue soon. (Truckee, CA)

Hayne R. Moyer
I transferred my business to KMTG four years ago with the goal of retirement within one year. Since then, my practice has grown 230 percent and I have been allowed to reduce my workload and supervise cases only. Susan and I take vacations every three months. (Fair Oaks, CA)

James O’Reilly
O’Reilly has merged his law firm with Jeffrey Burr, ’79, and will direct the elder law division of Jeffrey Burr, Ltd. (Las Vegas, NV)

Edward H. Telfeyan
I am now in my 11th year on the McGeorge faculty. In addition to my courses – Global Lawyering Skills I & II, Advanced Legal Writing, Advanced Appellate Advocacy and Criminal Law Defense—I am the director of the Moot Court Program. This program is part of the McGeorge Advocacy Program, which was rated fifth in the nation in the U.S. News rankings for 2010. This year, I was also awarded the University Podesto Award as the most inspirational teacher in the Pacific faculty. (Carmichael, CA)

1976

Class Representative
R. Steven Corbitt

Jeremy F. Beeson
I am the managing partner of the Sacramento office of Adelson, Testan, Brundo & Jimenez. (Rocklin, CA)

Douglas K. DeVries
I am transitioning to a full-time mediation and arbitration practice – DeVries Dispute Resolution. (Sacramento)

1975

Class Representatives
Ervin A. DeSmet, Jr.
Ira Rubinoff

Ronald J. Bath
The R. J. Bath Group specializes in classified and unclassified defense analysis, strategic business planning, and corporate acquisition and merger strategy. We are not an attorney-client legal practice. (Reno, NV)
**Dennis R. Freidig**  
I was elected chairman of the board of Los Medicos Voladores (The Flying Doctors) in June 2010. I am also a pilot. We fly humanitarian professionals to Mexico and serve parts of Central America as well. Our membership is about 450 – consisting of pilots, doctors, dentists, optometrists, translators and volunteers. Last year, we served more than 7,500 people.  
(West Sacramento, CA)

**Robert E. Mendonca**  
I am the state field director of GoRail and working in Northern California and Nevada. I meet with elected officials, community leaders and business chambers to support a stronger economy, effective solutions to highway congestion, a cleaner environment and improved quality of life by advocating for increased use of freight rail transportation. For fun, there’s Zydeco, Pilates, garden herbs and friends.  
(West Sacramento, CA)

**Michael A. Hackard**  
Lisa and I will celebrate our 39th anniversary this year. We have four children and two grandchildren – all in Northern California. In recent years, I’ve served on a number of charitable education and foundation boards. I served as the president of “Preserving Our Past...Building Our Future” campaign for the Diocese of Sacramento. This campaign raised more than $50 million. I was recently informed that I’ve been rated “AV Preeminent for 20 years” by Martindale-Hubbell.  
(Carmichael, CA)

**Randy Paragary**  
Paragary was the subject of a lengthy feature story in Valley Community Newspapers. The restaurateur has spent more than 40 years in the retail food and beverage business and now owns nine area establishments.  
(Sacramento, CA)

**W. Stephen Scott**  
Scott was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the San Joaquin County Superior Court. He has been a partner in the firm that evolved into Scott & Nichols since 1982. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Thomas Harrington, ’74.  
(Stockton, CA)

**Joseph De Hope**  
DeHope has joined Kaufman Dolowich Voluck & Gonzo as a partner. Previously with Hinshaw & Culbertson for many years, his practice focuses on insurance coverage and professional liability litigation.  
(San Francisco, CA)

**Randy Paragary**  
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(Sacramento, CA)

**1977**  
**Class Representatives**  
R. Marilyn Lee  
Gary F. Zilaff  
Louise Lowe Chiu  

**Louise Lowe Chiu**  
Chiu was elected to the Taft Union High School Hall of Fame and will be formally inducted in the late spring. An OB/GYN, she served as the chief medical legal officer for Kaiser Permanente in Northern California until her retirement in 1996.  
(Sacramento)

**Stephen F. Clayton**  
I have a solo practice providing practical Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance training and internal investigations for corporate clients, which is the culmination of 30 years of international legal practice. Call me if you have FCPA questions, or if you know a company that wants someone to run an FCPA compliance program. American companies doing business overseas operate in a difficult environment trying to avoid demands for bribes, kickbacks and falsification of records so I have plenty of business.  
(Piedmont, CA)

**John C. Dyer**  
I have retired from the California Department of Food & Agriculture and relocated to the Lancashire coast of the United Kingdom. I can see the Irish Sea and North Wales from my dining room. My son graduated from Florida Coastal Law School in May 2010. I procured my British passport (I am a dual citizen) and relocated June 15, 2010.  
(Lytham St. Annes, United Kingdom)

**R. Marilyn Lee**  
I have retired and am enjoying life without work, as much as you are, but there’s no slowing down (except daily nap!) More time to read, serve on UCSD Foundation and University of California Press Foundation (think Mark Twain’s “new” autobiography from 1910!) and docent at El Pueblo de Los Angeles/Olvera St., Harvey is still private and judging part time. We had a great trip to Wyoming – Grand Tetons, Yellowstone and Cody. Come tour El Pueblo with me.  
(Los Angeles, CA)

**Bert Levy**  
Levy won retention as a justice of the California Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, in Fresno. He has served on the appellate court since June 1997.  
(Fresno, CA)

**William A. Maddox**  
Maddox was elected as Storey County District Attorney in Nevada with 58 percent of the vote. He is a former U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Nevada, and former judge of the Nevada First Judicial District.  
(Virginia City, NV)

**John W. O’Donnell**  
For 24 years, I have served on the staff and board of the Santa Fe Institute for Spirituality under the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe in New Mexico. See www.sfps.org and click on “Catechism Video” for examples of current activities and programs.  
(Santa Fe, NM)
John Sullivan
Sullivan has retired after 15 years as president of the Civil Justice Association of California, an industry-sponsored organization that advocates legal reforms to restrict tort recovery. (Sacramento)

Brad Thomas
Thomas won dismissal of a complaint in a Napa Superior Court case in which the plaintiff sought $100,000 in damages following an auto accident. He is a principal in the firm of Mason Thomas. (Davis, CA)

John Brydon
Brydon won a defense verdict in Alameda Superior Court in a product liability asbestos exposure case in which the plaintiff demanded $2 million before trial. He is a senior partner in the San Francisco firm of Brydon, Hugo & Parker. (San Francisco, CA)

Bruce W. Busch
After about six years of voluntary service, I was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County. This unique 32-year old non-profit organization is financed only by donations. We provide nursing support and medical equipment, so that terminally ill patients can spend the remainder of their lives at home. This has been one of the most rewarding activities of my life. (Sequim, WA)

Thomas O. Freeburger
Freeburger Nothing much is new or different. I'm still putting in lots of hours on the Railroad Museum's excursion train crew. My grandson is 11 and nearly as tall as me. I'm having fun with him, trout fishing, attending ice hockey and baseball games (among many other things). I don't see many classmates anymore besides John Powell, Tim Hughes and occasionally Kris Sudhoff Door. (Sacramento)

Robert M. Jones
Jones was appointed to the Atascadero State Hospital Advisory Board. An Atascadero private attorney who has run his own firm since 1979, he has served as a commissioner on the Nacimiento Water Commission in San Luis Obispo County. (Atascadero, CA)

Mark W. Gilbert
Gilbert has retired after many years as chief legal counsel at the Sacramento Regional Transit District. (Sacramento)

P. Gregory Jones
As special counsel for the Florida Department of Transportation, I am legal counsel to two significant public-private projects – the Miami Tunnel and I-595 reversible lanes project. These involve construction and 30-year maintenance by foreign consortiums. (Tallahassee, FL)

Michael B. Rich
I am prosecuting loan fraud cases to revoke the licenses of real estate brokers and salesperson licensees before the office of Administrative Hearings. The Department of Real Estate has continued to be at the forefront of law enforcement efforts to curtail the mortgage fraud crisis. We coordinate with other law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, the U.S. Attorney General, the state Department of Justice, district attorneys and local police agencies. (Sacramento)

Thomas F. Riley
I have retired after a long career as a government attorney for state, county and city governments. My new home office will allow me to take cases at my discretion—a welcome change! (Reno, NV)

Steven C. Sabbadini
I am still enjoying the practice of law in Woodland, Yolo County. The highlight of the year was when Bob Zimmerman came to a Halloween party as Steve Sabbadini (a smaller version). He almost got to go home with my wife. (Woodland, CA)

Steve Worthley
Worthley won reelection to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. He was also reappointed to the Commission on State Mandates by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. (Dinuba, CA)

Joan C. Wright
No marriages, births or deaths to report. Still competing horses, and in an annual sprint triathlon, and, oh yes, practicing law. (Carson City, NV)

Bill Yeates
Yeates was a member of a team pursuing the National Audubon Society's claim that aging Altamont Pass wind turbines needed replacement to reduce the number of bird deaths in the area. A partner in the Sacramento law firm of Kenyon Yeates, he helped the plaintiff reach an equitable agreement bench decision in Alameda County Court. (Sacramento)

1979

Class Representatives
Barbara L. Haukedalen
Judith A. Smith

David Erickson
Erickson won a defense verdict in Sacramento Superior Court in a multiple automobile accident case that involved an eight-day trial. He is a partner with Donahue, Bates, Blakemore & Mackey in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Noel M. Ferris
I was thrilled to be admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers. My eldest daughter, Abbie, is an attorney for Earth Justice in New York City. Caroline is in her second year at Columbia Law and the most naturally born to the profession, Hilary, is promising a doctorate in psychology. Parker is the best. (Sacramento)

Gary H. Gale
I have two kids in college and haven’t killed them or myself yet! I'm still mourning over the loss of Chris Holbrook – the first Moonie to pass on to “green” pastures. I continue to lament having to play golf with Alan (keeps beating me with his 18” back swing). My wife, kids and bankruptcy law keep me busy when I'm not playing golf or doing an occasional mortgage loan. (Folsom, CA)

Allan D. Hardcastle
With recent retirements from our bench, I am one of the most senior judges with 14 years. Classmate Mark Tansil is now our most senior judge. I'm looking forward to traveling to Ashland, OR, in November with Judith Carlisle, Brad Ledu and Paul Gautreau. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Julie Stotlers Horner
Three years ago, we moved to Tucson. I have gone inactive but help my husband Lee in his practice. We cover the state of Arizona for bankruptcies, real estate matters and probate. Our three kids are doing well and I’m going to be a grandma. (Cortaro, AZ)
Brian R. Kirchoff  
I retired in October 2007. Now, instead of negotiating deals, I negotiate latte time between two cats. (San Rafael, CA)  

Bradley J. LeDu  
Judith, ’79, and I returned to the Bay Area after four happy years living in Australia. I worked as head of Chevron’s law department in Australia, and Judith took a sabbatical from her practice. We lived two blocks off the beach and took full advantage of our location by spending holidays traveling throughout Asia. However, there is no place like home and we’re glad to be back with family and friends. Judith resumed her law practice in Vallejo and I returned to the law department at Chevron’s headquarters in San Ramon. Our two sons are on their own now. The oldest is a corporate tax planner at PriceWaterhouse and the youngest is a student at USC law school. Good grief, where has the time gone? (Alamo, CA)

Margaret C. Lum  
I am currently disabled due to some instability when walking and I have had frequent falls. (Dixon, CA)

Ann Morgan  
Morgan was named to the Northern Nevada’s Top 25 Attorneys list by Nevada Business magazine. She is a senior partner with Jones Vargas. (Reno, NV)

Marjorie Swartz  
Swartz, an attorney and long-time public interest lobbyist, has joined the California Assembly Health Committee as its principal consultant. (Sacramento)

Wendy Slavkin  
Slavkin spoke on “Substance Abuse in the Legal Profession: Prevention, Detection and Treatment” at the McGeorge Alumni Association Southern California MCLE in Long Beach. She is a principal in the Law Offices of Wendy K. Slavkin. (Los Angeles, CA)

John Stie  
Stie was promoted to lead appellate attorney for the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. (Sacramento)

Daniel Wong  
After meeting Judith Bratcher in August 2009, last year was incredible. We went to her hometown, Boise, several times, visited Disneyland in March and Washington D.C. in April. Judy and I got married in Ketchum, Idaho in July. We had a big wedding reception in Ketchum and another in Reno. We bought and moved into a house in August. We had a great Street Vibrations/Housewarming/Judy’s 50th birthday party in September. We went to my 40th high school reunion in Paso Robles in October. In November, the Nevada Wolf Pack beat the Boise State Broncos (much to Judy’s dismay). I left the Nevada Attorney General’s Office, and accepted a job offer to become the chief criminal deputy city attorney for the Reno City Attorney’s Office and the City of Reno in January 2011. (Reno, NV)

F. LaVar Christensen  
In 2010, I was elated to return and serve again in the Utah House of Representatives (previously served 2002-2006). I authorized and passed Utah’s Constitutional Amendment in support of marriage between a man and a woman and now serve on Education and Judiciary Committees. Sue and I have been married for 35 years and have five grandchildren. (Draper, UT)

Larry D. Gaddis  
I am still judging in Placer County. I have a great wife, three daughters and two grandchildren. I still work with McGeorge in the Trial Advocacy project and am an adjunct at William Jessup. I would love to hear from you about the last 30 years. (Rocklin, CA)

Dan T. Jett  
After many years of working for Silicon Valley high tech companies, handling corporate tax, I changed direction this year, opening a solo practice concentrating on estate planning and probate, as well as tax. I am enjoying the gentlemanly practice very much. (Boulder Creek, CA)

Martha Opich  
Doug Kraft, ’91E, formed our firm in February 2008. We now employ two associates (both McGeorge graduates). We specialize in representing lenders “cradle to grave,” i.e fund loan origination through workout collection, foreclosure and bankruptcy. Rick is still with the Placer County DA (28 years and counting) and still enjoys putting the bad guys away. (Rocklin, CA)

William H. Parish  
Parish has been selected as a Northern California Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers magazine. The founder of Parish & Small, a civil trial and appellate law firm, he has been in practice for 30 years. (Stockton, CA)

Ned Pillersdorf  
We transformed the law practice into primarily representing clients who suffered damage as a result of unlawful coal mining activities. Our office website is www.pillersdorflaw.com. (Van Lear, KY)

1980  
Class Representatives  
Richard A. Harris  
Paul Richardson  

Bruce B. Alexander  
I went inactive in the State Bar from 2010 (passed Bar in 1980). I do a limited amount of trustee work, using both the ‘J.D.’ and ‘Private Trustee’ on my new business card. At age 72, I am busier than I really want to be. (Sacramento)

Claudia Backlund Morehead  
In addition to the Morehead Firm, APC, and my non-profit practice, I recently joined the General Counsel LLC, a virtual law firm, providing legal services to corporate clients. (Newport Beach, CA)

William Brodbeck  
Brodbeck was co-counsel for a successful defense team in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a prisoner’s rights case involving charges of racial and religious discrimination. He is a state deputy attorney general. (Sacramento)

1981  
Class Representatives  
Fritz-Howard R. Clapp  
Jennifer J. Tachera  

Richard Bailey  
I divorced in May 2000; in February 2006, I remarried. I retired in March 2007 and moved to Oregon to join my wife. We have custody of her grandson (14). I am involved in the Boy Scouts at three levels: I served as a staff member at the Scout’s National Jamboree last summer. I am in charge of picking up food for the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry, Eucharistic Minister, and on the piano and organ committee. I am also treasurer for our local chapter of the Air Force Association. Where did all my free retirement time go? (Portland, OR)

William A. Robertson  
In January, I was appointed dean of the Empire College School of Law. The dean for the previous 12 years, Pat Broderick, ’87, was elected to the Sonoma County Superior Court. My daughter, Sara, is on the faculty of Boise State so I travel to Idaho often to see my two grandsons. (Cotati, CA)

Ronald R. Small  
I retired in December 2010 and just work part time. I plan to travel, backpack and camp during the good weather. (Sacramento)

James D. Struck  
Carolyn and I continue to love practicing law together – 14 years now. We are grandparents and Eli James Struck gives us an excuse for taking more time off. Coaching youth football is another passion of mine, and my Modesto Christian Kingsmen high school team (ages 8 -10) went 12-0 and won a super bowl. (Modesto, CA)

Kelly J. Warren  
I continue to serve the people of the San Gabriel Valley. I just concluded 2 years as President of the Eastern Bar Association of Los Angeles County. I am making waves with my prowess on the California Lawn Bowling rinks and I am the reigning club champion in Pomona. (Pomona, CA)
Thomas M. Dunipace
Debbie and I are planning retirement. We just bought a house at Quail Creek, south of Tucson, Arizona. Seth is graduating veterinary school from the University of Pennsylvania. We are starting to wind down. Stop by for golf and wine sometime. (Dublin, OH)

Noreen Evans
Evans won election to the California Senate in District 2, winning 63 percent of the vote against a Republican rival. The attorney is completing her third and last term in the California Assembly. Noreen Evans, ’81, was named Legislator of the Year by the California branch of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure nonprofit. The state legislator was cited for her efforts to restore funding for breast cancer screening. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Sal Gugino
Gugino continues to write his monthly “Ask Mr. Lawyer” column for The Communiqué, the magazine of the Clark County Bar Association. The popular column mixes humor with insight into the everyday drama of the legal profession. (Las Vegas, NV)

John Gerrard
Gerrard has been recommended to President Obama for a seat on the U.S. District Court bench in Nebraska. He has served as a justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court since 1995. (Lincoln, NE)

Ken Howard
Howard won retention as a judge of the Reno Municipal Court in the November election. (Reno, NV)

John H. Pentecost
I have been with Hart, King & Coldren for 23 years—19 years as a partner. My oldest daughter, Kelly, graduated from San Francisco State University with a fashion degree. My youngest daughter Kasey is going to cosmetology school in Lake Forest. I have ascended to the rank of Commodore of the South Shore Yacht Club – “Ahoy, ye matey!” I’m looking forward to a prosperous year in 2011. (San Clemente, CA)

1982

Class Representative
Debra Steel Sturmer

David Adelstein
Adelstein was re-elected to the South Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education. He is the managing partner of Bush Gottlieb Singer Lopez Kohanski Adelstein & Dickinson and has served as chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Section. (Glendale, CA)

Scott Bartel
Scott Bartel was among several Bullivant Houser Bailey PC lawyers named to the inaugural publication of U.S. News Media Group’s Best Lawyers 2010 Best and Law Firm rankings. He chairs the large West Coast firm’s Corporate Finance & International Transactions practice. (Sacramento)

1983

Class Representatives
Paula G. Tripp
Susan H. Hollingshead

Steven Alm
Alm received the Hawaii State Judiciary’s “Jurist of the Year” award during a ceremony in the state Supreme Court courtroom. He is a judge on Hawaii’s First Circuit Court whose highly successful drug probation program has drawn nationwide attention. (Honolulu, HI)

Robert Auer
Auer won re-election to a second, four-year term as District Attorney of Lyon County in Nevada, winning 51 percent of the vote against his challenger. (Yerington, NV)

Paul L. Rees
I’ve expanded my wealth management practice by taking on a partner and we expect to add another in a few months. The volatility in the financial markets has been good for our practice. Beth and I are approaching our 30th wedding anniversary. Our 2 boys are doing great. Josh is pursuing the ‘10 year plan’ on finishing college and hopefully will be done soon. Sean is working as a software engineer for Google in Dublin, Ireland, and absolutely loves it. We expect to visit him later this spring. (Carmichael, CA)

Randall Wilson
Wilson has joined Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard and will run the Sacramento firm’s new Roseville office. He was previously a principal in Sinclair Wilson. (Roseville, CA)

Bridget Baynes
Hammerquist
I am enjoying retirement and raising my grandchildren (10, 12 and 14). They are all busy and involved. One of them dances at the Hyatt Hotel two nights per week, dancing hula, playing the ukulele and piano. I knew that law school was getting me ready for some big job. We have a guest house on our property so feel free to come and visit. (Koloa, HI)

Richard Gammick
Gammick won his sixth term as Washoe County District Attorney, defeating Roger Whomes, ’85, a Reno attorney. It was Gammick’s first contested general election in 15 years in office. (Reno, NV)

Beth Ann Lane
Lane was promoted to senior appellate attorney for the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. (Sacramento)

Marc S. Lessin
I’m currently in my 15th year in the practice of pediatric surgery. I remain eternally grateful to McGeorge for helping me see the light and pursuing medicine as a career. I extend a warm hello to my good friend, Harry Drandell, ’82D. (Chapel Hill, NC)

Carl McMahan
McMahan was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a $932,250 verdict in Riverside Superior Court in a medical malpractice birth injury case. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Carl A. McMahan. (Los Angeles, CA)

Rex W. McQuaide
I maintain a private practice here in Pennsylvania. (Johnstown, PA)

Douglas C. Miller
Forgive my long silence as I’m always thinking about my classmates. Despite a difficult year, as far as my health is concerned, I continue to enjoy my involvement in labor relations and the soap operas that come with it. I’ve had wonderful support from my classmates for the last 2½ years. I’m still laughing, enjoying my daughter (18), and when I get the chance, my bohemian artistic side. Clicked knuckles to you all! (Carmichael, CA)

Debra S. Petersen
After 19 years in the Franchise Tax Board, Legal Division, I decided to open my own practice in July 2010, specializing in tax and estate planning. It’s been a good move. My office is down the hall from my husband’s financial planning firm. My oldest boys are at Wheaton College (outside Chicago), and my youngest is singing, dancing and acting his way through Jesuit high school. I’ve been teaching tax practice and procedure at McGeorge the last few years. (Fair Oaks, CA)

William Slaughter
Slaughter won dismissal of a breach-of-contract complaint against a large condominium homeowners’ association in Port Hueneme. He is a partner in the firm of Procter, Slaughter & Reagan. (Ventura, CA)

William L. Thompson
I am the President and CEO of the Association of Graduates for the USAF Academy. (Colorado Springs, CO)

Robert Vaage
Vaage negotiated a $3.1 million settlement in San Diego Superior Court for a plaintiff severely injured in a 2008 auto accident. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Robert F. Vaage. (San Diego, CA)
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<td>Robert Brumfield</td>
<td>Brumfield has opened his own firm, the Law Offices of Robert H. Brumfield, P.C. The business litigation specialist was previously with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann &amp; Girard. His wife, Lorna Brumfield, ’83, is a judge on the Kern County Superior Court. (Bakersfield, CA)</td>
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<td>Daniel Costa</td>
<td>Costa won a defense arbitration decision in Marin Superior Court in a case involving a claim of age discrimination and wrongful termination. He is a principal in the Costa Law Firm (Gold River, CA)</td>
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<td>Elliott R. Curzon</td>
<td>We are empty nesters now. Our daughters are pursuing careers in the medical field. One is a junior at Virginia Commonwealth and the other is a sophomore at Virginia Tech. My wife, LaDonna, continues volunteer political activity with former Alaska governor and GOP vice presidential candidate, Sarah Palin. I spent a week in Yemen in spring 2009, advising the government on how to establish securities markets. I'm looking forward to spending more time hunting, fishing, skiing and traveling. (Alexandria, VA)</td>
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<td>Janis I. Knox</td>
<td>We moved to Kansas in 2004. After doing oil and gas, and serving as a public defender in a heavy trial work office, I was offered the position of County Counsel in Harper, KS – a whole new area. I have been there for a little over a year now and I am semi-retired. (Harper, KS)</td>
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<td>Brian Kunzi</td>
<td>Kunzi took 50.6 percent of the vote to win election as Nye County District Attorney. (Tonopah, NV)</td>
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<td>Timothy Lee</td>
<td>Lee negotiated a $16.32 million settlement for his clients in a Los Angeles Superior Court inverse condemnation case against the city of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Timothy R. Lee. (Los Angeles, CA)</td>
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<td>Jean C. McEvoy</td>
<td>I received the 2010 Frances Newell Carr Award from the Women Lawyers of Sacramento in recognition of professional excellence and promotion of women in law. (Sacramento)</td>
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<td>J, Michael McGuire</td>
<td>McGuire has joined the partnership at Archer Norris. His practice centers on the California construction industry with a particular focus on mobile home park operations. (Sacramento)</td>
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<td>Sean McNally</td>
<td>McNally was reappointed to the state Commission on Health, Safety and Workers' Compensation by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The vice president of human resources and government affairs for Grimmway Farms, he has served on the commission since 2007. (Bakersfield, CA)</td>
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<td>Marilyn A. Michaels</td>
<td>I am currently living in Japan and working for the U.S. Air Force. (Tokyo, Japan)</td>
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<td>Jeffrey G. Nevin</td>
<td>I’m still litigating cases in the Bay Area and some other counties in Northern California. The firm is now up to 10 people and still hiring. I recruited and hired a young McGehee grad, so that’s a lot of fun. I’m too busy for golf and after two face plants at Mt. Reba, I think I can safely rule out skiing as a pastime. (San Francisco, CA)</td>
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<td>Darryl Roberts</td>
<td>Roberts negotiated a $100,000 settlement in Napa County Superior Court for the state in a code violation case. He is a Napa County deputy district attorney. (Napa, CA)</td>
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<td>Susan Sheridan</td>
<td>Sheridan was co-counsel for a plaintiff who was awarded a $62,500 settlement in a Sacramento Superior Court employment law case. She is a principal with Sheridan &amp; Associates Law Corporation. (Sacramento)</td>
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<td>Harriet Steiner</td>
<td>Steiner was a member of a plaintiff team that won injunctive relief in Alameda Superior Court for several entities who sought to prevent Cal State East Bay from expanding its campus without in-depth EIR certification. She is a partner with Best, Best &amp; Krieger. (Sacramento)</td>
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<td>K. Blair Thomas</td>
<td>I have spent 25 years as a prosecutor – quite a ride. (Danville, CA)</td>
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<td>Serge Tomassian</td>
<td>The claimants for the San Clemente landslides in January 2011 are my clients. The media couldn't get enough coverage with lots of interviews. In November 2010, I got the first-ever verdict against the County of Orange for $520,000 for deteriorated storm drains causing project damage. (Santa Ana, CA)</td>
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<td>Clifton J. Young</td>
<td>I was able to chair the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission five times. I was the first person to win the Activist-Supporter Award from Nevada Bicycle Council, as well as being the former president and race director for FWSA Sierra League (twice). I still cycle as much as possible. (Reno, NV)</td>
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1984

**Class Representative**

**Patricia A. Day**

Stephen W. Berrier

I was appointed to the Superior Court by Governor Schwarzenegger in December 2010, serving primarily in criminal court (misdemeanors) and small claims. I'm enjoying the new challenges presented by this great honor. (Rio Oso, CA)

Carl Calnero

Calnero was co-counsel and won a $9 million JAMS arbitration award for the former owner of a Sacramento beer distributorship who was forced to sell his business by a large corporate beer importer to a low bidder two years ago. He is a shareholder at Porter Scott. (Sacramento)

Ken Cooley

Cooley lost his bid for a seat in the California State Senate. A Democrat, he was a decided underdog in the special election runoff in a heavily Republican district after finishing second in a field of four candidates in a special election in California's Senate District 1. (Rancho Cordova, CA)

Larry K. Dunn

My daughter, Karena K. Dunn, has joined my criminal law practice. She graduated from Thomas Cooley Law School, Grand Rapids, MI. She graduated in 2 ½ years and passed the Nevada State Bar exam the first time in October 2009. (Reno, NV)

Chris S. Graham

Graham, the former managing partner of the Silicon Valley Office of Dechert LLP, is the chair of the Trade Secret Practice, a member of the IP Practice Group Executive Committee and a partner in the commercial and intellectual property group of Dechert LLP. Chris formerly worked for Berliner Cohen and Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly. His first novel, Winery Peak (Ramble House 2009) has recently been followed by the non-fiction book, The Way of the Lawyer: Strategies and Tactics for Negotiations, Presentations and Litigation. (Mountain View, CA)

Robert Green

Green was a member of a large plaintiff law team that reached an equitable settlement with Hyundai Motor America in U.S. District Court, Central District of California in a class-action case involving auto repairs. A class-action specialist, he is a senior partner in the firm of Green Welling LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

Andrea Hoch

Hoch was appointed to the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She has served as the governor’s legal affairs secretary since 2005, and was previously the administrative director for the Division of Workers’ Compensation. (Sacramento)
Diane Baldwin Howard
I have been with the public defender’s office for the past 23 years. My current assignment is supervisor of felony trials. It is my 29th wedding anniversary this year (for all you naysayers), and have 3 amazing children I adore. (Sacramento)

Eric T. Lamhofer
Time does indeed fly. My oldest daughter, Ashley, is a freshman at UCLA. Her sister, Brianna, is a high school sophomore. I am just about to complete my seventh year at Wolfe Wyman LLP, practicing mortgage banking, insurance defense and business litigation. Best wishes to all of the Class of 1984. (Irvine, CA)

Dr. Kevin C. Boileau
I am the executive director of Boileau Solutions, the existential psychoanalytic institute of Seattle—psychotherapist, mediator and conflict resolution specialist. (Seattle, WA)

Jack Clarke
Clarke was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won a bench decision in Riverside Superior Court for a school district against a former employee in an invasion-of-privacy case involving confidential student records. He also spoke on “ Civility in the Legal Profession” on January 22 at the McGeorge Alumni Association Southern California MCLE in Long Beach. He is a partner with Best Best & Krieger. (Riverside, CA)

Ellen Corbett
Corbett won 66 percent of the vote to cruise to a second term in the California Senate, where she will represent Senate District 10 in the East Bay for another four years. (San Leandro, CA)

Lawrence D. Doyle
Lobbying — I have returned to the legislative arena as a registered contract lobbyist and consultant. My initial (hopefully of a select few) lobbying client is the Conference of California Bar Associations. I also provide assistance (particularly in the frantic final month of session) to other lobbyists, researching and developing advocacy materials, devising strategy, and providing lobbying support. Law — I have expanded my practice to include cases and projects involving legislative intent in all areas (based on over 30 years developing, writing, amending and analyzing bills and statutes). I have focused my trusts and estates practice on litigation and administration (principally on a contract basis for other attorneys to limit conflicts with the legislative calendar). Mediation — Having devoted my professional life to problem-solving within the legislative and judicial processes, becoming a mediator was a natural and exciting option. I practice interest-based mediation in all areas. (Sacramento)

John Finger
Finger garnered 48 percent of the vote, but lost the Libertarian Party nomination for U.S. Senate in Colorado in the primary election. He is a principal in The Money Management Firm, Inc. (Monument, CO)

Dana A. Fox
After 24 years with my first and only firm, I moved to Lewis Brisbois in May 2009 and am very happy. I’m trying complex civil trials around the state and in Colorado. I have been married to Rose for 25 years. My daughters, Kelley (21) and Rachel (17) are seniors in college and high school, respectively, and continue to shine. Life is good. (La Canada Flintridge, CA)

Jeff Hill
Hill was named senior vice president of Team Beachbody Global Sales, a subsidiary of Beachbody LLC that distributes popular fitness and weight-loss products. His prior career includes similar executive sales positions for Melaleuca and Tahitian Noni International. (Santa Monica, CA)

Thomas A. Johnson
After over 20 years as a prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney and County of Sacramento, I opened my own firm in Sacramento, focusing on federal criminal defense. I have hired two McGeorge graduates as associates—Kris Kellogg, ’10, and Michael Moorery, ’11. (Fair Oaks, CA)

Don R. Thompson
I am a former Deputy District Attorney, a former Deputy Sheriff and a former US Marine. I now have my own law office. (Roseville, CA)

Brian N. Zanze
I’m presently entering my fifth year as a solo practitioner, specializing in representing injured workers. My wife of 30 years, Liz, continues in her career as a music teacher for a local school district. My daughter Laura is in her 3rd year of undergraduate; and my son Josh will graduate this spring and is applying to graduate programs. Activities outside of work include facilitating men’s support groups through the Mankind Project (MNP.org) and a leadership position with a lay Buddhist organization (SGUSA.org). (Redding, CA)

Warren Stracener
Stracener was appointed to El Dorado Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He has been deputy chief counsel for the Department of Personnel Administration since 2004. (Placerville, CA)

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Class Representative
Cheryl L. Van Steenwyk
Thomas P. Aplin
I specialize in all areas of real property and business litigation. I celebrated my 50th birthday scuba diving in Indonesia. I plan to hike the Inca Trail in Peru this year. (Laguna Niguel, CA)

Deborah Bain
Bain was appointed to the Interstate Commission for Adult Supervision by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She is a deputy attorney general for the state of California. (Sacramento)

Charlotte M. Bible
My career has progressed from private practice, to many years at the Nevada Attorney General’s Office, to UNLV and LVMPO. I have to say my current position as assistant General Counsel for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department is the most rewarding. I am involved with the South Nevada Association of Women Attorneys, having served on the Board and as past president. My husband, Bill, and I try to spend as much time as possible at our vacation home in the mountains of Southern Utah. (Henderson, NV)

1986

Class Representative
Andrea C. Nelson
Tim Blaine
Blaine was co-counsel for a defense party in a wrongful death lawsuit that his client was able to settle for waiver of costs, enabling their client to be excluded from a $3 million settlement in Tulare Superior Court. Blaine is a shareholder at Porter Scott. (Sacramento)

John R. Clarkson
I turned 66 this year and began receiving social security payments. I am still practicing law – no end in sight. As a profession, we must devise a method to deliver legal services to the middle class at a cost they can afford, or the “legal zooms” of the world will eliminate us. (Reno, NV)

Marshall C Frasher
I am now a plaintiff’s attorney after working for the defense for 24 years. (Bakersfield, CA)

Katherine L. Gallo
I started a blog on California Discovery called www.resolvingdiscoverydisputes.com. (Foster City, CA)

Steven G. Gibbs
I am the President of the Bakersfield East Rotary Club 2010 – 2011. (Bakersfield, CA)

James Harper
Harper has joined Best Best & Krieger LLP in Riverside in an of counsel capacity in its business practice group. He previously practiced with McPeters McAlearney Shimoto & Hatt in Redlands and Luce Forward. (San Diego, CA)
Bill Lockyer
Lockyer collected 4.3 million votes, more than any other person running for statewide office, to win his second term as California State Treasurer. He previously served two terms as Attorney General. He also served 25 years in the California Legislature, during which time he attended Pacific McGeorge. (Sacramento)

Geoffrey McConnell
McConnell was recognized for his expertise in construction litigation and government contracts in the 2011 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner in the firm of Meuleman Mollerup LLP. (Boise, ID)

Patrick McNicholas
McNicholas was part of a plaintiff team that negotiated a $5 million settlement in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, in a class-action suit against Hewlett-Packard. The suit involved consumers who alleged that a design flaw prevented purchasers from using all of the usable toner in certain print cartridges. He is a senior partner in the firm of McNicholas & McNicholas, one of the leading personal injury contingency firms on the West Coast. (Los Angeles, CA)

Bart Mehlop
I have worked as an advocate for injured workers for nearly 25 years, and am looking forward to the next 25 years. I’m hopeful that our new governor, Jerry Brown, and the Insurance Commissioner, Dave Jones, can help, but with the industry I’m in, hope springs eternal. My first son heads to high school next year and the rest of the family is well. Best wishes to all in 2011. (West Sacramento, CA)

Drakulich Powers Up Nevada’s Energy Export Ambitions
By Michael Curran

One of the reasons Pacific McGeorge has launched a J.D. Concentration in Environmental Law is that we have alumni practicing in the field like Kathleen (Morello)Drakulich, ’86.

One of Nevada’s leading attorneys in the field of renewable energy, Drakulich is a partner at McDonald Carano Wilson LLP who operates out of its offices in Las Vegas and Reno. In addition to representing developers of energy facilities, she represents Nevada’s leading energy users before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada.

A native San Franciscan, Drakulich attended the University of California at Berkeley and was introduced to Pacific McGeorge by the late Bernie Witkin, an attorney who literally wrote the book on California law. “He was a huge fan of McGeorge and a benefactor who really pushed me to apply and attend,” she says.

Drakulich excelled at Pacific McGeorge and met her future husband, Reno attorney Paul Drakulich, ’84. “Gene was a fourth-year evening student and I was a second-year day student. We went to lunch once, and things progressed from there.” Gene’s brother, Victor, ’79, is also a attorney though better known as one of boxing’s top referees.

Turning down an offer from a major firm in San Francisco, Drakulich clerked for the Second Judicial District Court in Reno after graduation. A year later, she took a job with the Washoe County District Attorney’s office where she stayed for six years. “It was a fantastic job. I had 25 jury trials (including three death penalty cases),” she says. “I went to a private law firm from there and then took a job with Sierra Pacific Power Company [later becoming general counsel].”

“The piece of my current practice that involves environmental law is really a subset of my gas, water and electricity practice,” she says. “You simply cannot practice gas, water and electricity law without a working knowledge of federal, state and local environmental law.”

Drakulich will play a key role in furthering Nevada’s ambition to be a primary exporter of renewable energy to California. “In order to do so, Nevada will need to construct additional transmission lines in order to deliver the power across state lines,” she says. “The construction of transmission lines is an extremely complicated undertaking, especially in Nevada where 87 percent of the state is owned by the federal government, and construction of any utility facility on this land requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act which is expensive, time consuming and potentially risky.”

It’s a herculean legal challenge that demands the best in the business. That’s why Drakulich is involved.
In January 2011, I accepted an offer to become an equity partner of Klein, Denatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kinball LLP. I'm also happy to report that I've finished putting my two daughters through college. My younger daughter just graduated from USC's Marshall School of Business – and more importantly, she's already got a job! (Fresno, CA)

Broderick was installed as a judge of Sonoma County Superior Court. A trial attorney who served as dean of the Empire College School of Law from 1997 to 2010, he won election to an open seat on the bench in November. (Santa Rosa, CA)

Kevin Dunbar

Dunbar won a defense verdict for Thrifty Payless Inc. in Orange Superior Court in a slip and fall case. He is a principal in the Dunbar & Associates. (Rolling Hills Estates, CA)

Jill Friedman

Friedman has joined Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Schneider in Ventura. A past president of the Ventura County Barristers and Santa Barbara Women Lawyers, her previous legal work includes nine years with Henderson & Borgeson. (Santa Barbara, CA)

Several other members of the Montana Bar and I are working on a publication for potential jurors in Montana. It will clearly explain their right to nullify the law. Montana has made national news on this issue recently! My email address is herbert.dpm.mi@gmail.com. (Billings, MT)

Mark E. Hood

I am currently assigned to felonies – vertical assignment. I enjoy the challenges and rewards of the bench. (Salinas, CA)

1988

Class Representative

Lisa A. Specchio

Mitchell Alward

Alward won a bench defense decision in Santa Cruz Superior Court for a store in which a customer had claimed slip-and-fall injuries. He is a senior partner in the firm of Bunting, Drayton & Alward LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

Tony Amador

Amador who ran unsuccessfully in the June primary as a Congressional candidate, lost his bid for a seat on the Lodi City Council in the November general election. (Lodi, CA)

James V. DeMera III

I started my own firm in December 2010. (Woodbridge, CA)

Mark J. Garibaldi

My program, “The Garo Method of Mental Fitness,” is now entering its 9th year. I am working with many student-athletes and adults, one on one, in whatever area of improvement they are seeking. I am working with a lot of golfers, and I will have a golf improvement CD coming out soon, which focuses on the mental aspect. I am also working with graduates attempting to pass the bar exam. To learn more, please visit my website at www.thegaromethod.com. (Bakersfield, CA)

Gayle Holderer

Holderer was unsuccessful in her bid for a seat on the Incline Village General Improvement District board of trustees. She operates her own law firm in the South Lake Tahoe suburb. (Incline Village, NV)

Peter Kapetan

Kapetan was co-counsel for a plaintiff who reached a $75,000 settlement in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a police negligence excessive force case. He is a partner in the firm of Kapetan & Kapetan. (Fresno, CA)
Christine Kubota
I am the vice president of the United Japanese Society, director of the Hawaii Senior Life Enrichment Association, and director of the Hawaii State Bar Association. I am also a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Equal Access to the Courts and the incoming chair (July 2011) of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce. (Honolulu, HI)

Brett Morgan
Morgan was appointed to San Joaquin County Superior Court judgeships by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The Elk Grove resident had been the chief of staff for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation since 2008. (Stockton, CA)

Lisa A. Specchio
I have no news to report. I’m working hard and playing hard. I love life on California’s north coast. Hope everyone is doing well. (Crescent City, CA)

B. Scott Thomsen
Thomsen was elevated from commissioner to judge on the Nevada County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. A former partner with Thomsen & Keating then a sole practitioner from 1998 to 2005, he has served as a commissioner for the Nevada and Sierra County Superior Courts for the past five years. (Nevada City, CA)

Elizabeth S. Trimm
In December, I was appointed to serve as the 14th senior partner since our firm was established in October 1943. I am the first woman to hold this honor. Who would have thought that the job I got in my second year of law school through on-campus interviews would have turned out so well? Thank you, McGeorge, for the start to a fantastic legal career. (Gold River, CA)

Howard Weinberg
I retired in November 2009. It doesn't get any better. (Davis, CA)

1989

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

James Gingrich
Gingrich was co-counsel for a plaintiff who reached a $1.5 million settlement against the estate of a deceased person who caused serious injury to another in a broadside collision case. He is a partner with Penney & Associates. (Chico, CA)

Hank G. Greenblatt
I won a trial verdict of over $3 million for a victim of a serious vehicle accident with my co-counsel, Catia Saraiva, '04. (Sacramento)

Aaron M. Gumbinger
To my amazement, I am still with the same firm after 12 years. (Walnut Creek, CA)

Bryan G. Martin
Our firm, de Goede, Dunn & Martin, merged with the statewide firm Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Raud & Romo. We are continuing our practice, focusing on all aspects of school and public agency law. (Fresno, CA)

Cliff Marcek
Marcek won a $677,500 verdict for a Las Vegas hotel guest who sustained a disc injury and kyphosis after being hit by a large sign. He is a principal in the firm of Cliff W. Marcek. (Las Vegas, NV)

Janice Marshall
Marshall was sworn in as a justice of the peace on the Las Vegas Justice Court, to which she was elected in November. The former partner at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith most recently practiced at Anderson McPharlin & Conners LLP. (Las Vegas, NV)

Andrew J. McCluskey
I joined the peace officer ranks as an inmate caseworker at the prison. I am very challenged by the cast of characters and unique set of circumstances in a custodial atmosphere. I enjoy camping, kayaking and long walks on the beach. (Sonora, CA)

Ronald S. Owens
I was sworn in as District Attorney of Placer County on December 30, 2010. (Meadow Vista, CA)

Shirley Paiz
Paiz was promoted to staff counsel III at the State Compensation Insurance Fund where she has worked for several years since practicing workers’ comp law in Yuba City. (Salinas, CA)

1990

Class Representatives
Derek R. Longstaff
John R. Brownlee

Leslie Arnal
Arnal has joined Generations, an estate and trust firm. She has more than 20 years experience as an attorney, most recently as owner of a private law practice. (Sacramento)

Katharine C. Baragona
After a delightful period of “professional repose,” I’ve rejoined the full-time work force. Effective fall 2010, I’ve taken up the position of senior infrastructure finance specialist in The World Bank’s Finance, Economics and Urban Development Unit. Areas of focus for this new appointment are financial structuring and financial advisory services for both governmental and private sector infrastructure investment. For the foreseeable future, I’ll work in Washington Monday-thru-Friday but will continue to “live” in Ridgewood, New Jersey. I’m fortunate to have found an ideally located “pied-a-terre” overlooking the Watergate Complex, and the Amtrak train service makes for an easy weekly commute. (Washington, DC)

John Doering
Doering won a bench dismissal of an employment law discrimination case in Stanislaus Superior Court. He is the Stanislaus County Counsel. (Modesto, CA)

Linda Yokanovich
Yokanovich finished in the middle of an unusual, 24-person pack in a race for an open seat in Minnesota’s 10th Judicial District. She is founder and executive director of Cancer Legal Line, a nonprofit organization providing free legal help to Minnesotans affected by cancer. (Stillwater, MN)
### 1991

**Class Representatives**  
Gregg S. Garfinkel  
Mark J. Reichel  

#### Sean Beatty  
Beatty won a Song-Beverly Act case for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. in San Diego Superior Court five weeks after winning another case involving the so-called lemon law in Los Angeles Superior Court. He is a partner in the firm of Beatty & Myers LLP. (Long Beach, CA)

#### John Demas  
Demas was co-counsel for plaintiffs who won a $2.76 million verdict in an auto accident wrongful death case in Tuolomne Superior Court. He is a principal in the firm of Demas & Rosenthal LLP. (Sacramento)

### 1992

**Class Representatives**  
David M. Miller  
Lt. Fred Cavese  

#### Kelly A. Beall  
I was elevated to partner with Wolfe & Wyman LLP. Stuart B. Wolfe, ’91, and Samuel A. Wyman, ’92, formed the firm in 1994 and it has offices in Irvine, Walnut Creek and Las Vegas. (Irvine, CA)

#### James E. Brown  
Brown was a member of a team that won defense verdict in Riverside Superior Court against a plaintiff who alleged police misconduct and excessive force. He is a Riverside senior assistant city attorney. (Riverside, CA)

### 1993

**Class Representative**  
Violet R. Radosta  
Traci F. Lee  

#### Jeffrey Caulfield  
Caulfield won a $7 million settlement in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, in a National Environmental Policy Act case involving soil contamination. He is partner in the firm of Caulfield & James. (San Diego, CA)
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<td>I have opened my own law firm in 2011 which specializes in assisting other attorneys with preparing multimedia presentations for mediations and trials. (Oakland, CA)</td>
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<td>John A. Campanella</td>
<td>I have been practicing DUI defense in Northern California since 1995 and have been certified by the National Highway Traffic and Safety Association in the administration of standardized field sobriety tests. I am a member of the National College for DUI Defense and the California DUI Lawyers Association. (Sacramento)</td>
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<td>Eric Barnum</td>
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- **Ryan J. Raftery**
- **Christopher J. Kaeser**

**Judith A. Bock**

I gave birth to my second child in 2009 and I’m a full-time mom at the moment. (Alta Loma, CA)

**Stanley A. Boone**

I returned from a one-year assignment in Washington D.C. as the U.S. Department of Justice’s white collar crime coordinator, to the United States Attorney’s Office here as chief of the White Collar Crime Unit. (Fresno, CA)

**Marion T. Hack**

I recently obtained a $52,100,000 unanimous jury verdict for the City of Victorville in a seven-week trial that involved a failed power plant project. (Los Angeles, CA)
### 1996

**Class Representatives**  
Jane Greaves Sargent  
Theresa A. Dunham

**Gordon Bowley**  
Bowley won a defense verdict in Sacramento Superior Court for a company against a plaintiff who claimed to have been hit by an auto driven by one of its employees. He is an associate at Powers & Miller in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

**Michael Macdonald**  
Macdonald won election as Humboldt County District Attorney in Nevada. The private attorney captured 39 percent of the vote in a three-way race. Kevin Pasquale, '84, finished second. (Winnemucca, NV)

**Laura P. Moritz**  
My husband and I are expecting our first child in July 2011. (Haleiwa, HI)

**Jonathan Renner**  
Renner was appointed to the position of legal affairs secretary by Governor Jerry Brown. He formerly served as a senior assistant attorney general when Brown was the state Attorney General. (Sacramento)

**Jonathan Saul**  
Saul negotiated an $18,000 settlement in Sutter Superior Court for a patron who bit into a burrito and hit a piece of a wire scrub brush. He is a principal in the Sacramento firm of Thomas Minder & Associates. (Sacramento)

**Vanessa Whang Mott**  
I continue to live and work in Sacramento, and I am now the general counsel at the Foundation for California Community Colleges. I am married with two wonderful little boys. (Sacramento)

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### 1997

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

**June D. Coleman**  
I've recently moved to Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard in an of counsel capacity. I was also selected as the first vice president for the Sacramento County Bar Association, and named to the annual Northern California Super Lawyer list for the third year. (Sacramento)

**Tad Devlin**  
Devlin won a summary judgment for the defense in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, in an employment law ERISA disability payment case. He is a partner at Gordon & Rees. (San Francisco, CA)

**Christopher Doyle**  
Doyle has been promoted from associate to of counsel at Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell. A litigation attorney, his Sacramento practice focuses on representing financial institutions and defending class actions. (Sacramento)

**Steven A. Druskin**  
After completing the wind down of Scion Capital LLC, I joined BTIG as its general counsel. (Hillsborough, CA)

**Julie Harlan**  
Harlan was co-counsel for a successful defense team in an employment law sexual favoritism charge against the California Department of Corrections in Sacramento Superior Court. She is a state deputy attorney general. (Sacramento)

**Lina Yen Hughes**  
I have enjoyed practicing immigration law since graduating, and just launched a solo practice in Sacramento – www.lina-law.com. I am also a member of the Sacramento Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Coalition – sacramentorescueandrestore.net. (West Sacramento, CA)

**Britt P. Imes**  
I have been promoted to supervising deputy district attorney for San Bernardino County. (Victorville, CA)

**Daniel Keller**  
Keller was a member of a plaintiff's team that won a $7 million settlement in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, against the former IndyMac Bancorp in an ERISA breach of fiduciary case. He is a senior partner in the firm of Keller, Fishback & Jackson LLP. (Tarzana, CA)

**John P. McGill**  
I remain as general counsel to Amitz Builders, Inc., but have returned to Archer Norris as special counsel where I represent other general contractors and subcontractors in public and private work construction disputes. (Napa, CA)

**Max Rexroad**  
Rexroad was elected chairman of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. The former Woodland mayor is the managing partner of Meridian Pacific, a political consulting firm. (Woodland, CA)

**Janet A. Ryan**  
I've recently participated in the completion of bank acquisitions for Mutual of Omaha Bank. I was appointed to the Government Relations Committee for the Arizona Bankers Association and have recently had substantial involvement in government affairs. (Phoenix, AZ)

**Teresa Bates Walker**  
After several years practicing real estate law, I obtained my residential real estate broker's license. I am currently a broker associate at Village Associates Real Estate, representing buyers and sellers in the Lamorinda, Oakland and Piedmont areas. I live in Orinda with my husband, Henry Walker, '96, and our three boys. (Orinda, CA)

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### 1998

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

**Elise S. F. Baker**  
I recently expanded my practice to include Kate Swain, '05, as shareholder. (Rocklin, CA)

**Noah G. Blechman**  
I won my first two solo jury trials, and our team won all four trials this year. I am now a U.S. District Court mediator for the Northern District. Classmate and fellow partner Peter Hirsig is slowly catching up with my achievements. (Martinez, CA)

**Joseph W. Carroll**  
I have employed current McGeorge student, Amanda Brown, as my legal clerk for the past three years and look forward to her joining me as an associate after she takes the 2012 bar. I also recently hired associate Andrew Amara, a La Verne College of Law graduate. (Sacramento)

**Brian Cassidy**  
Cassidy has joined the state Department of Corrections as a staff counsel III specialist. (Sacramento)

**David Cenzano**  
Cenzano was the leading vote getter and won a seat on the board of the Hueneme School District. He is a principal in the Law Offices of David A. Cenzano. (Oxnard, CA)

**G. Lance Coburn**  
Coburn has joined the Greenberg Traurig LLP in its litigation and appellate practices group. Previously, he was a partner at Glaser Weil Fink Jacobs Howard & Shapiro after spending 11 years as an associate and partner at Lionel Sawyer and Collins. (Las Vegas, NV)

**Peter Hirsig**  
Hirsig won a defense verdict in an auto accident case in San Francisco Superior Court. He is a partner in the firm of McNamara, Ney, Beatty, Slattery, Borges & Brothers. (Fairfield, CA)
For an employer, every day of the week brings a fresh supply of ways to end up in trouble.

Every action is subject to a host of federal and state statutes covering fair employment, employee privacy, disability and diversity issues, wages and hours, and health care. And each of those statutes, while similar in theme, comes with a unique and complex roadmap to compliance.

“It is the application of [employment] statues and the details that can trip up even the most well-intentioned and thorough, and the fairest of employers,” says Eric Barnum, ’94.

“Technicalities you are perhaps not even aware of can land you in hot water… if not with a plaintiff who finds a lawyer making a career of litigating on those technicalities, then with a government agency.”

Barnum, a partner and head of labor and employment practice in the Atlanta office of Schiff Hardin, LLP, specializes in filling the gap between what can reasonably be expected from any human resources department and the expertise needed for an employer to stay out of court.

Because employment law is about people and their myriad stories, Barnum has more in common with a general litigator than a niche practitioner. A given week’s caseload might involve issues involving trade secrets, harassment, wage and hour practices, or race/gender class actions.

Increasingly, employment law involves questions of the elusive line between employee privacy and an employer's right or need to know about actions that can cause him harm.

Still, even this diverse work doesn’t account for all of Barnum’s time. About half is devoted to general litigation of business disputes on behalf of business clients. The dual roles give him the opportunity to practice law against and alongside the best in the profession.

In these high-stakes cases, opponents “tend to have very good lawyers on the other side,” Barnum says. “You’re up against lawyers retained by a class representative in a high-profile action for clients who are looking at significant claims. It really does require you to be at the top of your game.”

Barnum is the founder of the McGeorge Black Alumni Association, established in 2002 and the first such group in the school’s history. In the years since, more ethnic affinity associations have been formed for graduates of diverse backgrounds.

Involvement outside the office continues today with Barnum. He serves as deputy general counsel for National Bar Association, the oldest organization of African-American attorneys in the country, and is vice chair of the board of directors of the Future Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of disadvantaged and at-risk youth in the Atlanta area.
Egan J. Gost
I am now the Managing General Partner and Chief Operating Officer at KerberGost LLC – www.KerberGost.com. (Bakersfield, CA)

Teresa McGinity
McGinity has joined CalPERS as a staff counsel III. Her previous experience includes work as an employment law attorney at Grancell Lebovitz, et al, in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Rodney R. Moy
I started Harris, Moy, Sollazzo Law Group LLP with Michael Sollazzo, ’00, and UC Davis alumnus Don Harris, focusing on real estate (including foreclosure counseling), construction, business, tax, and estate planning. (Vacaville, CA)

William V. W. Moore
I represent individuals and institutions in the disposition and acquisition of residential real estate throughout Northern California – Mequity Real Estate. (Sacramento)

Shane Singh
I have completed three terms as the president of the Greenhaven Soccer Club, a recreational program for 1,400 kids in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Erin E. Sullivan-Pico
I have had my own law practice for almost three years, and business continues to grow. I'm looking forward to my son's wedding in January 2011, and my daughter's in June 2011. My daughter graduated from CSUS and has been accepted to USC's masters/credential program. My son will receive his B.A. in July 2011 and will also be applying to graduate school. (Sacramento)

Jessica Thoma
Thoma has joined the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as staff counsel. (Sacramento)

Zaida Zuraek Bridgford
I married Patrick Bridgford from Lodi on July 4, 2009. He is the Northern California sales representative for Dominion Enterprises/Trader Media, which tracks cycle and RV activity. (Sacramento)

2000

Class Representatives
Samantha Tali
James S. Overman

Lori D. Calvert
I am a criminal defense trial attorney. I am on the county indigent defense panel and a volunteer for the Gordon D. Schaber Mock Trial Competition. (Sacramento)

Nathan Edwards
Edwards was named one of the top lawyers in Northern Nevada by the Nevada Business Journal. He is a prosecutor with the Washoe County District Attorney’s Office. (Reno, NV)

Michael Georgariou
Georgariou has been named to the board of trustees of ARIEL Theatrical, a nonprofit that uses the discipline of the theater to help youth. As a private attorney, he practices workers' compensation law with Amos, Dittrich & Ushana. (Salinas, CA)

Edward F. Goodman
I will be lecturing in data-risk management and privacy for the Risk and Insurance Management Society in New York City in January; the Professional Liability Underwriting Society in Chicago in March; and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in Kansas City in May. (Scottsdale, AZ)

Michael R. Haven
I was named a partner at K & L Gates LLP, effective March 1, 2011. K & L Gates is a global law firm with nearly 2,000 lawyers in 37 offices across three continents. My practice is focused on business-related counseling and litigation, including intellectual property and employment matters. (Palo Alto, CA)

Brett Jolley
Jolley was named a rising star by Super Lawyers magazine for the second consecutive year. President of the State Bar's California Young Lawyers Association, he is a shareholder with Herum Crabtree. (Stockton, CA)

Lisa Kaplan
Kaplan was the leading vote getter and won reelection to the Natomas Unified School District Board. (Sacramento)

Elizabeth A. McEnaney-Fell
We welcomed our third baby, Julia, in March 2010. (Woodinville, WA)

Michael A. Sollazzo
I started Harris, Moy, Sollazzo Law Group LLP with McGeorge alumni, Rodney Moy, ’99, and Don Harris. We focus on real estate (including foreclosure counseling), construction, business, tax, and estate planning. (Granite Bay, CA)

Andy Pugno
Pugno lost his race in the 5th Assembly District, claiming 46 percent of the ballots cast to 49 percent garnered by the winning candidate in a three-way battle. (Gold River, CA)

M. Ryder Thomas
Thomas has joined MTN Capital Partners as a director in charge of the venture capital firm’s transaction origination and execution. Previously, he was an investment banker in the San Francisco office of GCA Savvian where he focused on M&A and private capital transactions for technology companies. MTN invests in companies with sales of $25 to $250 million. (New York City, NY)

Sean-Thomas Thompson
Thompson has joined Hanson Bridgett LLP as an associate. He previously practiced at McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Elizabeth J. Travis
I've been working in the state government for over three years, and have found a real marriage between my engineering background and my legal career. I was recently named to the board of directors of the New Mexico Women’s Bar Association, beginning 2011. Not a surprise, I guess, given that I was the McGeorge Women’s Caucus President (1999 and 2000), but it is a role I am very excited to add. (Santa Fe, NM)

2001

Class Representatives
Lisa V. Ryan
Raijunder Rai-Nielsen

Bradley E. Angell
This year, we welcomed our first daughter, Riley Angell St. Clair. (Sunnyvale, CA)

Chanel R. Brown
I am pleased to be teaching at Heald Business College, in addition to running my own practice. I am looking forward to launching my website this spring and eventually expand my practice to include several other key employees. (Sacramento)

Douglas Brown
Brown won a $601,000 verdict in Washoe County District Court for a tenant counter claimant who claimed that his commercial property landlord breached a lease by allowing another tenant to sell sandwiches. He is a member of the Reno firm of Lemons, Grundy & Eisenberg. (Reno, CA)

Jerry Dagrella
Dagrella has been elevated to partnership at Best Best & Krieger in Riverside. A litigator, his practice focuses primarily on real estate law. (Riverside, CA)

Mario Fenu
Fenu received the Ask-A-Lawyer Community Commitment Award from the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada for his pro bono service in 2010. He is a principal in the Law Office of Mario Fenu, Ltd. (Las Vegas, NV)

Audrey L. Whitehurst
I am now the Deputy Attorney General for the state of Hawaii. (Hilo, HI)
Daniel A. Flores
I represent people charged with small to very serious crimes throughout the San Francisco Bay area. In 2009 and 2010, I was recognized as a “Rising Star” in the field of criminal defense by the Northern California Super Lawyers magazine. I recently celebrated my fifth anniversary in private practice. (San Francisco, CA)

Sharon A. Garske
I am now a deputy attorney general with the Department of Justice. (Benicia, CA)

Ryan J. Meckfessel
We are happy to announce the arrival of our son, Lex Malosi Meckfessel, and my elevation to partner at Sideman & Bancroft, LLP. (San Francisco, CA)

Emma Suarez Pawlicki
I am working with Michigan State University School of Natural Resources to recruit students from Puerto Rico to attend the MSU graduate program. Our first recruit started in January – with more to come in September. Plus, I get to travel home. (Redding, CA)

2002
Class Representatives
Lan Li
Andre Batson
Kenneth A. Avelino
In 2007, I was the OCA National Convention co-chair. In 2008, I won the OCA National Unsung Hero Award, and in 2010, I won the ABAS President’s Award. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Taras I. Bokshan
I am now an attorney/member of Healy & Bokshan LLC. (Bolton, CT)

Call to Duty Preempts Call to Public Service For New Assemblyman
By Steve Kennedy

Jeff Gorell was a man on a mission when he decided to run for the California Assembly last year. Only 4 ½ months after he won election, he went on a different type of mission.

Gorell, ’99, elected in November 2010 to represent portions of Ventura, Kern and Los Angeles counties, has the unique distinction of being the 37th Assembly District representative while serving in Afghanistan. The third-generation military man, an intelligence officer and Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Reserves, left in mid-March for a 12-month stint, the first deployment of a statewide-elected California official since World War II. He also served an Afghanistan/Arabian Gulf assignment following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Public service has been in Gorell’s blood since he worked in Governor Pete Wilson’s office. Following that, he attended Pacific McGeorge as an Evening Division student while he was the director of communications for the California Manufacturers and Technology Association. From 1999 to 2006, he was a Ventura County deputy district attorney before turning to private practice. As a private attorney in recent years, he has served as an adjunct professor in politics and public policy at California Lutheran University.

“I enjoyed the opportunity of working in and around public policy and learned how rewarding that could be when achieving certain goals,” Gorell says of his writing and deputy press secretary roles on Wilson’s staff. “I always thought someday I was going to return to the Capitol and participate in public policy again.”

He just didn’t anticipate an unpaid leave of absence shortly into his two-year term. While he can communicate with staff, constituents and family while in Afghanistan, he cannot vote on legislative matters. Still, he never considered resigning his Assembly seat, which would have resulted in the need for a $1 million special election. So before deployment, Gorell crammed a year’s worth of legislative pursuits into a few months.

“I worked really hard to lay a foundation,” he says. “To a certain extent, it will be difficult to notice my absence in many ways.”

Gorell earned 89 percent of the primary vote and 58.6 percent of the general vote. He was the only Assembly-seeking Republican endorsed by the California Federation of Labor.

Gorell, 40, looks forward to returning once again to the Capitol — and back to his Camarillo home with wife Laura and their two children, Ashley and Jack.
Amelia Burroughs
Burroughs was a member of a plaintiffs’ team that won a $50 million settlement from a large nursing home operator in a class-action suit in Humboldt Superior Court in a case involving code enforcement and the Consumer Legal Remedies Act. She also was co-counsel for a successful defense team in a medical malpractice wrongful death case in Siskiyou Superior Court. She is an associate with Janssen, Malloy, Needham, Morrison, Reinholtsen, Crowley & Grieg. (Eureka, CA)

Jack Duran, Jr.
I was elected Placer County Supervisor for District 1, Roseville, California. I won by 15 percentage points, replacing a long time incumbent politician. I continue to practice federal Indian law at my solo law practice, Duran Law Office. (Roseville, CA)

Stacy L. Henderson
Henderson was named a partner at Herum Crabtree. He is a civil litigator and employment law specialist. (Stockton, CA)

Scott Hoffman
Hoffman was named one of the top lawyers in Northern Nevada by the Nevada Business Journal. He is a partner with Lewis and Roca. (Reno, NV)

Carlo Pedrioli
Pedrioli wrote an article, "The Rhetoric of Catharsis and Change: Law School Autobiography as a Nonfiction Law and Literature Subgenre," which appeared in the McGeorge Law Review, Volume 41, Issue 4. He is an assistant professor of law at Barry University. (Orlando, FL)

Erica L. Rosasco
My husband, Raymond, and I are celebrating our daughter’s second birthday this year. (Rancho Cordova, CA)

Charles Stone
Stone lost his bid for a seat on the Citrus Heights City Council. An investigator with the state Environmental Protection Agency, he serves with the National Guard as an attorney in the Judge Advocate General Corps. (Citrus Heights, CA)

Natalie M. Weber
Weber was named of counsel at Herum Crabtree where she focuses her practice on land use, zoning and environmental issues. (Stockton, CA)

2003
Class Representatives
Kristin A. Odom
Shawn M. Krogh
Angélique Ashby
Ashby was the subject of a feature story in the Sacramento Bee. She is a newly elected member of the Sacramento City Council, who will represent the city’s largest and most populous district that stretches from Natomas to downtown. (Sacramento)

Julie M. Capell
We had our second child, Jade Marie Capell, on February 9, 2010. (Glendale, CA)

Hector M. de Avila
On February 4, 2011, I was quoted in an article in the Sacramento Business Journal, "Mexico Still Attractive Trade Partner Despite Drug-related Violence." I have also written and published a book Legal Spanish, an International and Domestic Approach. (Sacramento)

Bryan Elkerton
Elkerton won a $25,000 settlement in Ventura Superior Court for a skateboarding teenager injured in a shopping center parking lot accident. He is an associate with Pierce & Pierce. (Long Beach, CA)

Lindsay Goulding
Goulding has been named a shareholder at Porter Scott. (Sacramento)

Jennifer Gregory
Gregory has joined the state Department of Justice as a deputy attorney general III. (Sacramento)

2004
Class Representatives
Carolyn Kubish
Ryan E. Fillmore
Chad C. Brooks
I joined the Marines working as a judge advocate as part of a special prosecution team to handle any administrative/disciplinary actions arising from the Haditha and Hamdaniyah incidents, subsequently receiving the Navy Commendation Medal for this work. In 2008, I began to prosecute general crimes and successfully prosecuted over 100 cases at courts-martial. In 2009, I deployed to Iraq where I worked on an international dispute board, receiving the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal. I moved to New Orleans to serve as senior defense counsel in January 2011. My wife and I are living happily there with our dog, Charlie. (New Orleans, LA)

Sonia R. Fernandes
I was awarded the prestigious Jack Berman Award of Achievement for distinguished service to the profession and public by the State Bar of California, California Young Lawyers Association in September 2010. In addition to volunteering with local nonprofit organizations, I serve on the board of Sacramento County Bar Association and Women Lawyers of Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Neil M.E. Forester
In June, I was married to Jennifer Madison, who is in marketing with Stoei Rives, LLP. I plan on taking the certification exam in family law in August, for the specialist designation. My involvement with Mira Loma High School speech and debate team continues, and I hope to help grow the English department chapter of CSUS’s Alumni Association over the next few years. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

Dylan Frehner
Frehner ran for Lincoln County District Attorney, losing by only 67 votes. An Order of the Coif graduate, he is a private attorney in Nevada. (Pioche, NV)

Bryan C. Ginter
I am celebrating my second year in practice at Ginter Family Law. The grand opening was 11.1.09. Prior to this, I was employed at other family law firms. (Sacramento)

Christopher Egan, ’04
Egan has been named a shareholder at Porter Scott. He was also co-counsel for the defense in a wrongful death lawsuit his party settled for waiver of costs, enabling their client to be excluded from a $3 million settlement in Tulare Superior Court. (Sacramento)

Jessica R. Devencenzi
Devencenzi was co-counsel for a successful defense team in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a prisoner’s rights excessive force case. She is a state deputy attorney general. (Sacramento)
Marty Jensen
Jensen has been named a partner at Porter Scott. He was co-counsel and won a $9 million JAMS arbitration award for the former owner of a Sacramento beer distributorship who was forced to sell his business to a low bidder by a large corporate beer importer. (Sacramento)

Dustin Johnson
Johnson took 64 percent of the vote to easily win a full term on the Los Rios Community College District Board. A Sacramento attorney, Johnson had been appointed a trustee in November 2009. (Sacramento)

Eunice Majam-Simpson
Majam-Simpson joined Nossaman LLP as an associate. She was previously with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith. (Sacramento)

Sandy M. Mendes
I am now staff counsel at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the office of legal affairs. (Elk Grove, CA)

Naoki Sekiya
I got married last summer and moved to Los Angeles. (Los Angeles, CA)

Thomas M. Swett
I’ve recently joined Boutin Jones Inc. of Sacramento in an of counsel capacity and will be practicing general real estate, title and escrow litigation. I will be retaining my current position as project manager for Amador Ranch Associates, a land development company. (Rancho Murieta, CA)

Fernandes Wins
Prestigious Award
From State Bar

By Michael Curran

In her budding legal career, Sonia Fernandes, ’04, has accomplished much on behalf of vulnerable children and women.

She was rewarded for her outstanding work as staff counsel for the California Department of Managed Health Care and wide-ranging community activities with one of the State Bar of California’s most prestigious awards last fall when she was named the recipient of the 2010 Jack Berman Award of Achievement.

It was fitting that another Pacific McGeorge alum, Brett Jolley, ’00, president of the California Young Lawyers Association, presented the award to Fernandes at the State Bar convention in Monterey. Fernandes is the first Pacific McGeorge graduate so honored.

The award is named for the late Jack Berman, the San Francisco attorney known for his commitment to pro bono legal assistance.

“The award has given me an opportunity to reflect upon my decisions and upon the persons and experiences that have influenced them,” Fernandes says. “And I’m truly grateful to all the fabulous mentors I’ve had along the way who have encouraged me to pursue a career in the law.”

One of those mentors was Professor John Myers, whose Juvenile Law course she took while in law school. “That class solidified my interests in child-welfare law, and his advice was instrumental in my decision to begin my legal career at Sacramento Child Advocates, Inc., and in my subsequent work,” she says.

Fernandes’ accomplishments in her six-year legal career are truly extraordinary. At the Department of Managed Care, she led an investigation into one of California’s largest health plans that resulted in retroactive payments of $470,000 in denied claims and a 2009 settlement involving a $2.5 million penalty. The case involved the improper denial of a diagnostic test and tool used to guide treatment of patients with breast cancer.

In the community, her work to protect women and children spans multiple organizations and projects. As a board member of Women Lawyers of Sacramento, she played a major role in creating the WLS Ad Hoc Child Protection Committee and has chaired it since its inception in 2008. Fernandes focused the committee on raising awareness of troubling issues within the Sacramento County Child Protection Services and on providing more aid to children in the foster care system. She also is active in My Sister's House, Operation Protect and Defend, the Asian-Pacific Bar Association and the South Asian Bar Associations.

And she finds time to mentor law students at Pacific McGeorge on the importance of—yes, public service.
2005

Class Representatives
Sarah M. Lightbody
Michal Meciar

Jennifer Alves
I got married to Matthew Toepel on August 21, 2010, at St. Francis of Assisi Church and had my reception at the California Automobile Museum. We have settled into our new home. (West Sacramento, CA)

Chris Brooke
Brooke won election as the District Attorney of Modoc County. He has served as an assistant district attorney in the county seat for the past five years. (Alturas, CA)

Craig Carnes
Carnes has joined Stoel Rives LLP as an associate in its Sacramento office. Previously, he practiced with Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Binney. (Sacramento)

Matthew P. Digesti
Larry and I are approaching our third year in practice together, enjoying several successes in cases ranging from representation of Reno's Firefighters Union to claims for personal injuries. Our father/son team remains active with the state bar, as members of the board of governors and the young lawyer's executive committee. (Reno, NV)

Carolyn L. Katzorke
Big sisters Kaylen and Hailey are excited to meet their new baby brother, due to arrive this spring. (Sacramento)

Derek J. King
I am now celebrating over two years in a solo private practice. I continue to represent criminal defense and family law clients throughout the greater Sacramento area. My practice has an emphasis on DUI, domestic violence, restraining orders, marital dissolution, child custody and child support issues. (Folsom, CA)

Brian T. Manning
I have been named partner at the Desmond, Nolan, Livaich & Cunningham law firm — www. dlnc.net. I am working in eminent domain/inverse condemnation, land use and real property law. I am married with two daughters. (Sacramento)

John Moffatt
Moffatt was appointed to the Central Valley Flood Protection Commission by outgoing Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He previously served as the governor's chief deputy legal affairs secretary. (Lodi, CA)

Nancy S. Pheng
I married Nicholas Street on June 28, 2008. We welcomed our first son, Colson Street, in March 2009, and are expecting our second child, a daughter, in April 2011. (Sacramento)

Robert A. Plagmann
I graduated from the Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School with honors and was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for service in OIF. I got married on March 19, 2011. (Chesapeake, VA)

Brian Plummer
Plummer won a defense verdict in Amador Superior Court for a case in which injured plaintiffs claimed Union Pacific Railroad was at fault when their automobile was struck by a train at a railroad crossing. He is a trial counsel for the huge company. (Roseville, CA)

Jason Rose
Rose has joined the construction litigation practice of Archer Norris in Sacramento. He was previously with Fabrendorff, Vilorio, Oliphant & Oster LLP. (Sacramento)

Rafael Ruan
I was promoted to chief administrative officer of Goyette and Associates, a fast growing labor and employment firm based in Gold River. At home, we are busy with three energetic boys, Nati (4½), Lucas (3) and Nicholas (6 months). (Carmichael, CA)

Richard Sutherland
Sutherland joined Nossaman LLP in Sacramento as an associate. He formerly practiced with Cappello & Noel LLP in Santa Barbara. (Sacramento)

Dawn C. Sweat
I gave birth to my second son, Hayden Cooper Sweat, in December 2010. Hayden and his 16 month-old brother, Colton James, have kept me very busy trying to balance my full-time law career with my family life! (San Jose, CA)

Nicholas Zovko
I was named partner in the law firm of Knobbe, Martens, Olsen & Bear, LLP. They have over 260 lawyers nationwide, and dedicate their practice to all aspects of intellectual property law. I focus my practice on patent litigation with an emphasis on mechanical and medical devices, and work in the firm’s Irvine and Riverside offices. (Irvine, CA)

2006

Class Representatives
Richard N. Asfar
Channone Marie Smith

Tyler J. Barrett
I recently accepted an offer to become a non-equity partner at the I.P. boutique firm of Loza and Loza. (Kaysville, UT)

Bridgette P. Castillo
Castillo has joined the Fair Political Practices Commission as legal counsel. (Sacramento)

Anne M. Collins
Collins has joined Lozano Smith in Sacramento as an associate. Previously, she was a litigation attorney at Thurbon & McHaney. (Gold River, CA)

Matthew L. Gouaux
In December 2010, I was appointed to the board of directors for the Barristers Club of the San Francisco Bar Association. I also serve as President of the San Francisco Chapter of NIPA (National Institute of Pension Administrators). In my spare time, I enjoy biking and playing with my two sons, Carter and Colin. (El Cerrito, CA)

James Maynard
Maynard has joined Cota Cole LLP in Roseville where he will specialize in public entity advice, counsel, and litigation and administrative law. Previously, he was with the state Department of Consumer Affairs as general counsel to the Athletic Commission, the Board of Behavioral Sciences, and the Arbitration Certification Program. (Roseville, CA)

Greg Maroni
Maroni was featured in a New York Times article about investors who back baseball academies in the Dominican Republic. A sports agent, he runs California Sports Management in Sacramento that operates a baseball training facility in the Caribbean country. (Sacramento)

Matthew K. J. Ninke
In July 2010, I left government practice in Southern California and returned to Northern California to start a private practice. In December 2010, I negotiated a professional medical services contract for nearly $800,000 over three years. (Jackson, CA)

Coby T. Page
I am pleased to announce the formation of Page Law Group, LLC. The firm’s main practice areas include criminal defense, general litigation, bankruptcy, business formation and simple estate planning. I am also pleased to announce the pending birth of our third child in May 2011. A girl would be most welcome after two boys. (Peoria, AZ)
### 2007

#### Class Representatives
- Amyann Rupp
- Michelle Laidlaw

#### Richard C. Alpers
I’m over one year into a thriving plaintiff oriented practice. I have tried several cases to verdict and look forward to continuing to build the statewide presence of the firm with fellow McGeorge alum partners, John Ramirez, ’00, and David Nitka, ’07. (Hermosa Beach, CA)

#### Nancy T. Christie
Christie was the subject of a feature story in the Grass Valley Union. She is a Nevada City family law lawyer who also teaches at Sierra College and the California Paralegal College. (Nevada City, CA)

#### Regina A. Garza
My husband, Justin, and I welcomed our first child, Joaquin Thomas Garza, on December 27, 2010. I am an associate at Best Best & Kreiger. (Sacramento, CA)

#### Nora E. Hall
My husband, Andy, ’04, and I had a baby girl, Avery Elizabeth, on August 26, 2010. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

### 2008

#### Class Representatives
- Kimberly L. Kakavas
- John P. Oglesby

#### Adam Ambrozy
Ambrozy was co-counsel for a plaintiff who reached a $750,000 settlement in Contra Costa Superior Court in a case involving who was injured in an auto accident while driving a Contra Costa Central Sanitary District truck. Ambrozy, who represented the district, is an associate with Lenahan Lee Slater & Pease in Sacramento. (Sacramento, CA)

#### Kathryn E. Ankeny
In March 2010, I was awarded ‘Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year (Southwest Division),’ and in June was promoted to the Superior Court. I will be getting married to Bryan Schmitz on March 5, 2011. (Mission Viejo, CA)

#### Kevin R. Greenleaf
My family and I welcomed our second child, Jarrett Anthony Greenleaf, on July 5, 2010. In between practicing patent law, I help my wife with our small farm, which has livestock and a garden. (Lovettsville, VA)

#### Claudia Nagy
Nagy has joined the California Air Resources Board as staff counsel. (Sacramento, CA)

### 2009

#### Class Representatives
- Sandeep S. Vishwa
- Andrew O. Meditz

#### Inderjit S. Ahluwalia
I have my own practice, The Ahluwalia Firm. I have been able to obtain a lawful permanent residency for my client (after almost 29 years). A Lawful Permanent Resident Card is commonly known as a ‘Green Card’ for foreign nationals. I am so excited. (San Jose, CA)

#### Miranda R. Carroll
As of the beginning of this year, I am serving as legal advisor at the Public Employment Relations Board. (Sacramento, CA)

#### Alan Donato
Donato was featured in his role as an assistant baseball coach at McClatchy High and youth mentor in an article in the Valley Community News. A sole practitioner, he operates the Law Office of Alan J. Donato. (Sacramento, CA)

#### Justin S. Freeborn
I am a staff attorney for Legal Services of California. My work and clients were featured in The Wall Street Journal (“Overpaid Pensions Being Seized” – 8.13.10) and Orange County Register (“That Pension, You May Have to Pay It Back” – 8.27.10). I was quoted in both. (Sacramento, CA)

#### John Klotsche
Klotsche has joined Hanson Bridgett LLP as an associate. He previously practiced at McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento, CA)

#### Christina A. Morkner-Brown
I recently joined the office of legal affairs as staff counsel at California Air Resources Board, working on various regulatory matters, including implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act - AB32. (Fair Oaks, CA)

#### Miranda R. Carroll
I am now the Assistant Director/Counseling Attorney of student legal services at UC San Diego. (Tustin, CA)

#### Jared Hague
Hague was co-counsel for a plaintiff in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, who won a $16,800 verdict for a violation of the family medical leave act. He is an associate at Dutton, Hatmaker Law Corporation in Fresno. (Fresno, CA)

#### Melissa A. Brown
On January 3, 2011, I proudly watched as my husband, Kelly Brown, ’95, was sworn in as District Attorney for White Pine County. One month later, I left the offices of the Nevada State Public Defender. I am excited for new opportunities in 2011. (Ely, NV)

#### Ryan Zinchefsky
Zinchefsky is currently serving as chief legal counsel to the Senate in Palau. (Koror, Palau)
I am a deputy public defender at Humboldt County Public Defender's Office. (Ferndale, CA)

Yury A. Kolesnikov
I finished my district court clerkship with the Honorable Irma E. Gonzalez in August 2010. After a short trip to Yosemite National Park, I started my new clerkship with the Honorable David R. Thompson on the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. (San Diego, CA)

Amber Rose Maltbie
Maltbie wrote a comment, "When the Veil and the Vote Collide: Enhancing Muslim Women’s Rights Through Electoral Reform," which appeared in the McGeorge Law Review, Volume 41, Issue 4. She is an attorney in Sacramento. (Sacramento)

Christopher J. Moenig
In January, I joined forces with a seasoned litigator, Kevin Hughy, ’98, to form Hughy Moenig LLP. Although Hughy Moenig offers a variety of legal services, my engineering and construction experience provides immediate expertise in the area of construction litigation. The practice and contact information can be found at www.hughymoenig.com. (Sacramento)

Preston L. Morgan
I am a law clerk to the Honorable Procter R. Hug, Jr. on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. (Reno, NV)

Eric J. Partington
I was hired as staff counsel for the California State Office of Administrative Law in August 2010. (Elk Grove, CA)

Lee Sheldon
Sheldon was co-counsel in the successful negligent hiring defense in Alameda Superior Court of a health spa whose masseuse was charged with sexual assault by a customer. He is an associate with the Law Offices of Richard C.J. Wahng in Fremont. (Fremont, CA)

Mai To Trieu
I am a deputy district attorney for Santa Barbara County. (Rosemead, CA)

Brian K. Wanerman
I was sworn in as an active member of the State Bar of California on December 12, 2010. (Sacramento)

Rebecca M. Wilkins
I am an associate attorney at Lerandeau & Lerandeau LLP. In 2010, I received the Fresno County Bar Association Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award. (Clovis, CA)

2010

Class Representatives
Catherine Mattesich
Jillian Brown

Beatriz Berumen
Berumen has joined Porter Scott as a new associate. (Sacramento)

Tiffany Corona
Corona wrote a comment, "A Public Safety Approach: Reconciling Terry with Individual Rights," which appears in the McGeorge Law Review, Volume 41, Issue 4. She has joined Lenahan, Lee, Slater & Pearse as an associate. (Sacramento)

Tami V. Castillo
I was proud to join the firm of Considine, Sorensen & Trujillo, where I can work serving the immigrant community, alongside passionate and dedicated attorneys and staff. Among the partners at our office are two former McGeorge adjunct professors: Michael M. Considine, ’86, who led the immigration law clinic, and Griselda Trujillo, who also worked in the immigration clinic. (Sacramento)

Juliet Cho
Cho has joined Stoel Rives LLP as an associate. She was previously a research assistant at the law firm. (Sacramento)

Michael Christensen
Christensen has joined Porter Scott as a new associate. (Sacramento)

Christine A. Elliott
I am working in the workers’ rights unit at Neighborhood Legal Services in the Los Angeles area, through the McGeorge public sector stipend program. We serve low-wage workers in matters such as wage and hour violations, retaliation and other labor and employment law issues. (Claremont, CA)

Rebekah Grodsky
Rebekah has joined the office of the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at Pacific McGeorge as its student services counselor, providing academic counseling to students as well as serving as the liaison between the administration, the SBA and student organizations. (Sacramento)

Will Jackson
Jackson has joined Porter Scott as a new associate. (Sacramento)

Katie Konz
Katie Konz has joined Downey Brand in its litigation practice group. While in law school, she was an extern for Justice Ronald Robie at the Third District Court of Appeal. (Sacramento)

Laura K. Lachman
I am an associate attorney at Harbinson Tune Kasselik in San Francisco. (Belvedere, CA)

Matthew S. Lanza
I am a law clerk with the LAM Research Corporation. (Fremont, CA)

Jared Laiti
I’ve accepted an attorney position with the Law Offices of Hadley and Fraulob, a Social Security disability firm, to start in mid-February. My work with Disability Rights California and the SBA and student organizations. (Sacramento)

Jeremy Merz
Merz has joined Downey Brand in its litigation practice group. While in law school, he was an extern for U.S. District Judge Frank Damrell Jr., Eastern District of California. (Sacramento)

Caryl Shitabata
I am clerking for U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, Judge Steven Alm, ’83, on the Islands. (Honolulu, HI)

Derrick Thomas
Thomas has been hired by the California State Bar as a legislative associate. He previously coordinated legislation for state Senator Tom Harman. (Sacramento)

Zackery Morazzini ’02
Morazzini argued before the Supreme Court of the United States in Schwarzenegger v. Entertainment Merchants Assoc. The case was on appeal from the Ninth Circuit, which heard it back in October 2008 in a special sitting at Pacific McGeorge. He is a deputy attorney general for the state of California. (Sacramento)
LL.M.

TAXATION

Robert Brumfeld III '85
Brumfeld has opened his own firm, the Law Offices of Robert H. Brumfeld, P.C. A business litigation specialist, he was previously with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard. His wife, Loma Brumfeld, '83, is a judge on the Kern County Superior Court. (Bakersfield, CA)

John Verbeck
My revised thesis article, “International Arbitration Practice in Europe: Anti-Suit Injunctions,” has been published in The Yearbook on International Arbitration, a Vienna-based periodical. Last summer, I completed a summer consultancy with the AV-rated firm of Herbert, Herbert, and Pack. (Vienna, Austria)

Boris Utnasunov
I have started working and joined DLA Piper law firm in Moscow as a lawyer of corporate group. So, now I have a source of money to visit California. (Moscow, Russia)

Patrick Furrer, '71
Patrick died on October 16, 2010, of lung cancer at the age of 68 in Tigard, Oregon. He operated a general practice with an emphasis on probate, trusts and real property for 39 years in that Portland suburb. Active in the Tigard community, he was a former president of the Tigard Chamber of Commerce.

Betty Muegge, '75
Betty died on January 13, 2011, after a long battle with cancer at the age of 76 in Roseville. A family law and estate planning attorney for 35 years, she was active in the Placer SPCA and once wrote a book, Who'll Get The Pets, combining her legal expertise with a love of animals.

LG.M.

TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS PRACTICE

Janiece Marshall '90
Marshall was sworn in as a justice of the peace on the Las Vegas Justice Court, to which she was elected in November. The former partner at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith most recently practiced at Anderson McPharlin & Conners LLP. (Las Vegas, NV)

Keith Pershall '95
Pershall spoke on “Selected Issues in International Law” at the McGeorge Alumni Association MCLE in Sacramento. He had spoken on the same subject a week earlier at the organizer’s Southern California MCLE in Long Beach. He is a principal in the Law Offices of Keith E. Pershall. (Sacramento)

Hilmar Kroat-Reder '96
Kroat-Reder has joined the Petrom board of directors and will oversee the company’s gas and energy operations. Romania’s largest corporation, OMV/Petrom is the biggest gas and oil producer in Eastern Europe. He has been with the company since 2002. (Bucharest, Romania)

Thomas Thorup '09
After three interesting years with Martensen Wright PC in California, I will relocate to Denmark and start my own law firm, ScanAm Legal. I have enjoyed working with McGeorge people over the years and I hope to continue doing so in the future. (Copenhagen, Denmark)

IN MEMORIAM

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

Harold D. Winingar, '59
Harold died on July 6, 2009, at age 80 in Eufless, Texas. He was a consultant in admiralty law matters for many years in the Sacramento area. Later, he captained a whale-watching boat out of Santa Barbara for Rachel G Cruises in his retirement.

Francis J. Quinn, '61
Francis died on December 28, 2010, at the age of 81 of natural causes in Escondido. He worked for many years as a claims adjustment manager for the Sacramento office of Civil Service Employees Insurance Company, which later became a part of GEICO. He retired in 1988 and moved to Truckee, later relocating to Escondido.

Manuel E. Lopes, '69
Manuel died on February 12, 2011, of pneumonia at age 84 in Citrus Heights. A World War II veteran and former Sacramento City Police sergeant, he practiced law for many years as a Sacramento County deputy counsel.

Carl G. Knopke, Jr., '78
Carl died on October 16, 2010, at the age of 66 while hiking near Mt. Lassen. The Sacramento attorney began his career with the State Franchise Tax Board, later opening his own tax and probate practice where he worked until his death. A member of the Sacramento Estate Planning Council, he was active in numerous community organizations.

Diana P. Scott, '78
Diana died on October 30, 2010, at the age of 58 in Beverly Hills after a long battle with cancer. A partner at Greenberg Traurig, she was chair of the firm’s Los Angeles employment law group and past chair of the firm’s national labor practice. Active on many L.A. County Bar committees and charitable organizations, she was a long-time member of the McGeorge Alumni Association board of directors. She also established the Diana P. Scott Scholarship that is awarded annually to the four students who compete in the intramural moot court competition.

Lisbeth Bellet, '80
Lisbeth died on October 8, 2010, at the age of 55 in Sequim, Washington. She practiced appellate law for more than 25 years with various California state agencies in Sacramento and San Francisco, including the Legislative Counsel, Attorney General, and CalTrans, before retiring to Washington state in 2007.

Paul Hickman, '84
Paul died on October 21, 2010, at the age of 66 in Reno after being hospitalized following a medically related traffic accident days earlier. A long-time Reno Municipal Court judge, a 1978 auto accident had left him wheelchair-bound before he decided to attend McGeorge in the early 1980’s. Prior to his appointment as a judge, he served as an assistant Reno city attorney. He remained on the November general election ballot unopposed, as he had been the previous four elections.

Grant Pegg, '89
Grant died on October 5, 2010, suddenly at the age of 47. He practiced law for two decades and was a principal in the Law Offices of Grant D. Pegg in Sacramento. His father, Joel Pegg, '63, had died of cancer on August 1, 2010.

Daniel Folk, '92
Daniel died on November 8, 2010, at the age of 53 of melanoma in Wilmington, Delaware. Valedictorian of the Class of 1992 Evening Division, the former Sacramento police officer was a partner at Duane Morris LLP where he focused on corporate securities and financial services law. He began his legal career as a clerk for a Delaware Supreme Court justice and also practiced with Pepper Hamilton and Cozen O’Connor.
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The Gordon D. Schaber Legacy Society is made up of our alumni and friends who have included, or have notified us of their intention to include Pacific McGeorge in their estate planning or will. These families and individuals have made a long-term commitment to the law school – they have planned a legacy that will exist beyond their life and into perpetuity.

We would like to thank all of those who are listed on this page for their gifts and commitment to the law school. We would also like to thank our newest members who have informed us of their intent over the past year.

### SCHABER LEGACY SOCIETY

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- Dean Gerald Caplan Endowed Scholarship
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- Jerome J. Curtis, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
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- European Programs Endowed Scholarship
- Anna Rose Fischer Scholarship
- Stanley B. Fowler Memorial Scholarship

### Become a Legacy Society Member

If you have already included, or are interested in including Pacific McGeorge as part of your estate plan, please contact us and we will mail you information about the Schaber Legacy Society, its activities and recognition efforts. We also want to be sure that your gift is used as you deem, so communication will ensure we understand your wishes. A named charitable endowment can be established to support programs and scholarships starting at $25,000. A planned gift is a great way to establish a lasting legacy at Pacific McGeorge and a meaningful way to support students.

Visit our website for great information, articles and examples on:


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- Martin Gross Scholarship
- Hawaii Scholarship Fund
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- Kierney Family Endowed Scholarship
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- Latino Law Students Association Scholarship
- Albert & Mae Lee Memorial Scholarship
- E.M. Manning, Jr. Endowed Fund for Single Parents
- John A. McCarthy Foundation Scholarship
- Tom McNally Foundation Book Award
- Carol J. Miller Memorial Scholarship
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- Amy Olson Memorial Scholarship
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- Marc and Mona Roberts Labor Law Scholarship
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- Sacramento Estate Planning Council Scholarship
- Kamal Ramsey Sadek Memorial Scholarship
- Susan J. Samans Memorial Scholarship
- Philomena Scalora Memorial Scholarship
- Gary V. Schaber Memorial Scholarship
- Diana P. Scott Prizes for the Four Finalists of the McGeorge School of Law Appellate Advocacy Competition
- Judge Elvin F. & Pauline C. Sheehy Scholarship
- O. Robert Simons Memorial Book Award
- Robert N. & Doris D. Stark Endowed Scholarship
- R.T. Stratton Memorial Book Award
- Albert Frederick Zangerle Memorial Scholarship

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Pacifc McGeorge has a long and illustrious history in national and international moot court competitions. That’s what makes this year’s performance by our student teams even more impressive.

After the law school graduated its first Day Division classes in the early 1970s, the late Dean Gordon Schaber decided that intercollegiate competitions were a good vehicle for showing off the academic prowess of the relatively unknown Sacramento law school. Pacific McGeorge teams won best memorial awards for outstanding writing in the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court (1975, 1980), finished second nationally and won a best brief award in the National Moot Court (1977), and took top writing honors in the Roger J. Traynor Moot Court (1975, 1977).

In 1981, Pacific McGeorge really established itself as a national power by winning the Jessup title. Previous winners in the competition that had begun 21 years earlier included Columbia, Duke, Georgetown, Michigan, Texas and Vanderbilt. In 1982, Pacific McGeorge shocked the top-ranked law schools in the country by winning the title again.

Victories were harder to come by in the next two decades, but the Pacific McGeorge program has grown in recent years under the leadership of Professor Ed Telfeyan, ’74, making several appearances in the NAAC nationals and other.

This year, Pacific McGeorge fielded a 21-person team stocked with the best and brightest 3D and 4E students from the GLS II program and backed by research assistants. Mark Narveson, ’11, a star of last year’s team, served as the executive operations officer. The results were impressive as you can see from these highlights.

32nd Annual National Appellate Advocacy Competition
Team One — Second Place, National Championship
Team Two — Best Brief, National Championship
Top row, Leo Moniz, Caitlin Une Christian, Kim Bowman Jr., Conness Thompson
First row, Jill Larrabee, Professor Ed Telfeyan, Jeremy Ehrlich

7th Annual International Criminal Court Competition
Second Place, United States World Championship Qualifier
Scott Raddcliffe, Susan Booth, Krystal Collins, David Magnan

39th Annual Roger J. Traynor Competition
Bernard E. Witkin Award — Best Overall Team
Brandon Esraelian, Corrie Erickson, Brad Coutinho

20th Annual Saul Lefkowitz IP Competition
Second Place and Best Oralist, Regional
13th National Entertainment Competition
Best Petitioner Brief
Chris Braniff, Gianni Pattas, Blaire Sederoff

44th Annual Niagara International Competition
Third Place
Best Applicant Memorial
Catherine Mariano, Matt Vance, Elyssa Musolino

19th Annual Thomas Tang Competition
Second Place, Regional National Championship Qualifier
Etan Zaitsu, Catherine Mariano
EXPLORE

What you can do for Pacific McGeorge students.

Leave a Lasting Legacy in Pacific McGeorge History

Renovation of the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library – centerpiece of the new Pacific McGeorge Legal Studies Center (LSC) – is almost complete. Take this opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by giving a gift that secures your right to attach your name or that of someone special to Pacific McGeorge's future.

Many naming opportunities are still available. You can name a study room, a study carrel, a shelving unit, a chair, or even the Rotunda – the law school’s original classroom. Contact the Advancement Office today to see how your investment in the LSC will inspire students, alumni, and our campus community for years to come.

Join those who have already named an area or room in the LSC:
- Alumni Board of Directors (Current and Past Members)
- McGeorge Rugby Club
- Nevada Alumni
- The Fletcher Jones Foundation
- The Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation

Calendar of Events

For details on these and other events, please see the Alumni and News & Events sections on the Pacific McGeorge web site www.mcgeorge.edu or call 916.739.741.

May 18, 2011
Essential Lawyering Skills: Legal Research & Writing
Pacific McGeorge

May 24, 2011
Sacramento Alumni Chapter Reception
Crocker Art Museum

May 25, 2011
Bakersfield Alumni Chapter Reception
The Padre Hotel, Bakersfield

May 26, 2011
San Diego Alumni Chapter Reception
Best, Best & Krieger, San Diego

June 23-25, 2011
Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference
Pacific McGeorge

August 18, 2011
Annual Welcome Back Barbecue
Pacific McGeorge

September 17, 2011
Legal Studies Center Grand Opening
Pacific McGeorge

October 7-9 and 14-16, 2011
Executive Training Program in Mediation
Pacific McGeorge (See mcgeorge.edu, Campus Event Spotlight)

October 11, 2011
Capital Center for Public Law & Policy Ethics Luncheon
The Sutter Club, Sacramento

October 15, 2011
Pacific McGeorge

January 21, 2012
Alumni Association's Southern California MCLE
The Grand, Long Beach

January 28, 2012
Alumni Association's Sacramento MCLE
Pacific McGeorge

June 4, 2012
U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony
Washington, D.C.