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Message from The Dean

The Crystal Ball of Our Future

I’m fond of saying that “I came to Pacific McGeorge in spite of the fact that it’s located in California.” By this, I mean that, although my family lives at the other end of the continent—and by rights I should be there too—I found something compelling about Pacific McGeorge the first time I visited—compelling enough to cause me to move “in the wrong direction” away from friends and family. I could see that in its three centers of excellence—government law and policy, global business and development, and advocacy and dispute resolution—Pacific McGeorge had identified the critical substantive areas for law and lawyers in the next century. Even more, I sensed that here was a law school whose faculty, alumni, students and staff were committed to legal education as it should be, but sadly, too often, is not.

Pacific McGeorge offers an education focused on the student, designed to produce a well-prepared practitioner, whose skill is tempered by ethics and a commitment to the service ideal at the core of the profession.

That was in 2001. Of course, I didn’t actually have a crystal ball to see the future. Now, however, entering my sixth year as dean, I believe I was right—Pacific McGeorge is a special law school. As one who spent her whole life in the practice of law, I can genuinely say that this is a law school as committed to the profession and the practice of law as any in the country. We’re not just good at what we do—producing the finest practicing lawyers of the next generation—I believe we are truly great. For graphic evidence in support of this view, take a moment to review our Annual Report on Page 60.

But could we be better? The cover image on this issue of Pacific Law shows three versions of the crystal ball of legal education. We can and should peer into these and ask “are we doing all we can to move from a great law school to an exceptional one?” From my view, I believe the answer is yes. How? By focusing on continuous improvement, which is more than just a clever sounding phrase or a fortune teller’s fancy. This concept works to the greatest effect when it extends beyond obvious introspection to include an understanding of ourselves in a broader context—discerning the lens through which others see us and comparing ourselves to those already widely acknowledged for their leadership. We must benchmark our practices and approaches against a national and increasingly international standard for the best in legal education.

With these thoughts in mind, I noted with interest an important recent book: Educating Lawyers, a Carnegie Foundation publication, by William Sullivan. This book caused me to stop for a moment and think. It concludes that legal education nationally faces unique challenges. And, it suggests that we, as legal educators, are failing to produce a future profession that is competent, ethical and committed to serving the public. The causes for the problems identified are complex, but begin with a drift by legal education away from a practical role as an applied science where theory, practice and the special responsibilities of the profession receive equal educational emphasis.

These are decidedly not problems shown in the glass at Pacific McGeorge. To the contrary, our graduates have never been more appreciated for by the judges and lawyers they serve. Yet, is that enough? Shouldn’t we strive continuously to explore how to improve on what we already do well?

I believe the answer is “yes,” and that is why I have decided to launch a period of “listening and learning,” to national leaders in legal education first, and then to leaders in other areas as well. Through this process, I hope to be able to challenge all of us to consider how the lessons others have learned might be applied to Pacific McGeorge and how a great law school can become even better! And, with this knowledge in hand, we’ll be well prepared to evaluate our own strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, giving us the means to move forward to even greater levels of accomplishment. I’ll be reporting from time to time on this process as it goes forward. In the meantime, if you have suggestions or recommendations you’d like to offer, you can always reach me at deanparker@pacific.edu.

With Warm Regards,

Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker

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This issue of Pacific Law takes an in-depth look at Pacific McGeorge’s three professional law centers—the Center for Legal Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, the Capital Center for Government Law and Policy, and the Center for Global Business and Development. The first was founded in 1972, the second in 1995 and the third in 2004. by Robert T. Wazeka
Each Center looks inward at Pacific McGeorge students, faculty and staff; and each one, at the same time, looks outward to the local neighborhood, the state capital, the country and, increasingly, the world.

Just a few miles from campus, Pacific McGeorge is working with a fledging charter school called Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep, which is teaching principles and practices of law to high school students. In downtown Sacramento, Pacific McGeorge is involved in the state government in a myriad of ways – writing testimony, drafting legislation, writing background reports, doing consulting work, resolving disputes. Within California, Pacific McGeorge and its graduates are practicing law, advising decision-makers and prosecuting or defending those charged with crimes. Across the country, Pacific McGeorge is taking the lead on issues such as national security law and policy, and in bringing together practitioners, policy makers and researchers from government, industry and academia for cutting-edge symposia and workshops. Internationally, Pacific McGeorge is working collaboratively on all continents with various levels of government, with non-governmental organizations, with other law schools, and with the citizenry.

Pacific McGeorge students and faculty as well as alumni—the readers of this magazine—are making their way in the world and making themselves felt.

We are boldly calling these three important areas our “Centers of Distinctiveness.” We believe this tribute is well-deserved. In arena after arena, Pacific McGeorge isn’t simply reacting to what’s currently happening; it’s anticipating what’s going to happen and preparing the law school and its students to move proactively. Building upon its long and distinguished record in international programs, Pacific McGeorge is emphasizing the international dimension of law in virtually every possible way. Its leadership in this area is widely acknowledged. It is developing curricula and other materials that can be used by law schools, legal institutions and even the general public, particularly through its acclaimed “Global Issues” series. It is providing assistance to countries who are trying to construct their own legal infrastructure from the ground up.

We expect that you will be surprised at some of the things these Centers are doing. Overall, we think you will also be inspired by them.
The stakes run high in what Pacific McGeorge’s Center for Global Business and Development is trying to accomplish, as Director Michael Malloy makes clear. "In the absence of an acknowledged consensus of legal principles," he recently wrote, "the globalized environment of economic reconstruction and development is one of desperation and opportunism."

Although the Center for Global Business and Development is only three years old, it draws upon a rich, 25-year tradition of international involvement by Pacific McGeorge. Always an innovator in educating its students in the international dimension of legal practice, the school has been accelerating that effort almost exponentially in recent years, and the Center is helping to lead the charge. Recently, it has initiated what is arguably the most successful publishing effort in Pacific McGeorge’s history. It has sponsored a series of sharply-focused colloquia on current international issues in the law, which is helping to expand Pacific McGeorge’s presence globally.

Books, Symposia and International Outreach: Building Legal Infrastructure through the Center for Global Business and Development

Recent Developments: The Center for Global Business and Development

- Introduced a successful ongoing series of “Global Issues” casebooks that incorporate international concerns into core areas of legal education. Ten books have appeared in the series thus far, all published by Thompson West Law.
- Sponsored two symposia each year bringing together legal scholars and practitioners to explore topics of current international concern. In conjunction with this effort, the Center is also hosting annual workshops on “Globalizing the Law School Curriculum” that are designed for instructors in the law.
- Expanded the overseas presence of Pacific McGeorge by signing a joint venture with London’s Queen Mary University. Last year eleven Pacific McGeorge students participated in the new program. The topic for the first year was comparative commercial law.

Wei-Lin Tsou, an international student with an LL.B. from Shi Hsin University in Taipei, Taiwan, is pursuing an LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice this academic year.

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important, lawyers can’t provide legal assistance to developing
countries or to former Soviet republics without a strong sense of
what must be done to create a legal infrastructure
from the bottom up. If these premises are true, as
most people in the legal profession now believe
they are, the other side of the equation is that the
law professors must also raise their own interna-
tional awareness before they can properly instruct.

In short, the “desperation and opportunism”
prevalent in the globalized environment today may continue
indefinitely into the future without lawyers rigorously
 schooled in international legal systems and diverse cultures.

It is with this in mind that the Center, through its
Institute for Global Business, decided to create a series of
publications called the “Global Issues” Series. Under the guid-
ance of Franklin A. Gevurtz, who also directs the Institute,
each book in the series contains material designed to facilitate
the introduction of international, transnational and compara-
tive law issues into basic law school courses. “The goal of this
series,” Gevurtz writes, “is to ensure that all law school gradu-
ates have sufficient familiarity with the growing impact of
non-domestic sources of law, and the growing potential for
transnational legal transactions and disputes, to function in
an era of increasing globalization.”

Each of the ten books available thus far is a casebook that
treats a core area in legal education (see box on this page). Published by Thomson West Law, the books are receiving
extremely positive reviews and, according to Malloy, “giving
prominence to McGeorge.” Columbia’s law school, he said,
recently ordered 100 copies of Global Issues in Corporate Law.

“We’ve created a whole new paradigm here,” says Malloy,
whose sentiments are echoed by Jeremy Telman, associate
professor of law at Valparaiso University. Referring to the
Global Issues in Contracts book, which was written by John Spangle, Malloy, Louis F. Del Duca, Keith A. Rowley, and Andrea Bjorklund, Telman recently wrote, “The book is sending shock waves across the legal academy, as contracts professors succumb to its moral and intellectual force. Many of us have long known that we have a duty to incorporate more international and comparative perspectives into our first-year contracts courses. Now, professors are acknowledging that we no longer have an excuse for not doing so.”

Says Seth Chandler, Professor of Law at the University of Houston: “Global Issues in Contract Law is a 180-page mix of traditional American cases, foreign cases, law review snippets and author commentary that appears no more likely to bore the pants off my generally pragmatic students than the material I already cover...I know that, if I and others omit the international materials from the basic contracts course, only a small percentage of students will choose to encounter it later in the law school curriculum given the plethora of courses and activities competing for their attention."

The Global Issues books are all designed around a similar format, one that incorporates material from both domestic and international sources. After introductory chapters that provide students with a broad perspective on a particular area of law, each book considers legal issues pertinent to its area of law. For example, in the case of Global Issues in Criminal Law, written by Linda E. Carter, Peter J. Henning, and Christopher L. Blakesley, the book explores topics such as securities fraud, the international sex trade, genocide and terrorism. Each chapter presents a problem to be solved along with primary source material from U.S. and foreign statutes. Each chapter can, if so desired, be taught as a separate unit. The books also include a table of legal cases, an extensive bibliography and an index.

Another part of this effort being undertaken by the Center’s Institute for Global Business is a series of workshops on the topic of “Globalizing the Curriculum.” The first such workshop was held August 6-7, 2005, and future ones are scheduled for January 2008 and January 2009. Participants in the workshops—mostly instructors in the law—begin by discussing, in general sessions, which areas of the law, such as civil versus common law, should be covered in core courses to train future lawyers for practice in the global economy. Then, in break-out sessions, participants consider which subject-specific issues might be taught in a particular core course.

The Center is also sponsoring two symposia per year, one in the spring and the other in the fall (see box on page 11). Most recently, on February 23-24, 2007, the Center’s Institute for Development of Legal Infrastructure sponsored a symposium entitled “I Think I Can, I Think ICANN: Regulating the Internet... or Not.” The structure and supervision of the Internet were analyzed and evaluated though a series of topics—an assessment of the work of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN); the results and impact of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), which raised radically different approaches to regulating the Internet; possible East-West and North-South tensions over Internet access and governance; the significance of the Internet for human rights and for economic development; and, the future of Internet governance post-WSIS.

“This Internet symposium generated widespread publicity and real exposure for the school,” says Malloy. “We actually had to turn people away because we simply ran out of space.” The symposia, he emphasizes, are bringing nationally >
and internationally renowned people together to discuss topics of pressing concern that have significant international dimensions. “It’s one of the most successful things we’re doing,” he says.

Another recent accomplishment of which Malloy is proud is the signing of “a real joint venture” with the law school of Queen Mary University (QMU) of London. Last summer, eleven Pacific McGeorge students traveled to London for the inaugural session of “The London Summer Program on European Legal Studies,” which offers international and comparative law courses focused upon European commercial law in a transnational context. The students attended a three-week course in comparative commercial law this past June at QMU. Each successive summer will consider a new issue, he says.

This new summer program complements the three already in existence:

- **Summer Program in Salzburg, Austria:** One of the first schools in the United States to offer overseas programs in International Law, Pacific McGeorge has a thirty-year relationship with Salzburg University. It offers programs abroad for J.D. and LL.M candidates alike, including an innovative LL.M in Transnational Business Practice.

- **Summer Program in St. Petersburg, Russia:** Pacific McGeorge is an official sponsor of a summer program held under the auspices of Cleveland State University.

- **Summer Law Institute in Suzhou, China:** Pacific McGeorge is a co-sponsor of the Summer Law Institute in Suzhou, China that will be operated jointly by Cornell University School of Law, Bucerius Law School of Hamburg, Germany, and the Kenneth Wang School of Law of Soochow University in Suzhou.

Malloy’s goal of developing a greater presence for Pacific McGeorge in Africa has been moving more slowly than he had hoped. It was four years ago that he and Professor Marjorie Florestal taught courses at the International Law Institute based in Kampala, Uganda. He hopes to continue efforts such as these on the African continent in the future. He is also exploring possibilities at the Macau University of Science and Technology and at the Hong Kong WTO Research Institute.

Each of the three separate institutes, operating under the umbrella of the Center for Global Business and Development, is carrying out a separate mission related to the Center’s overall goals:

The goal of the Institute for Global Business, directed by Professor Gevurtz, is to provide resources such as the “Global Issues” books to prepare lawyers for work in the global economy. Its work falls into three separate areas: (1) curriculum innovation, such as the workshops on Globalizing the Curriculum; (2) the creation of strategic alliances with other law schools around the world; and (3) the exploration of current global business issues through conferences, symposia and guest lectures.

The focus of the Institute for Sustainable Development, directed by Professor Gregory Weber, is to educate leaders in two areas—sustainable development and mediation of claims on global resources. The Institute is working in such areas as mediation of resource claims, dispute resolution on the Forest Stewardship Council, and a variety of projects concerning emerging legal regimes governing global resources for sustainable development.

The mission of the Institute for Development of Legal Infrastructure, directed by Professor Leslie Jacobs, is to strengthen the rule of law in developing countries, based on the fact that the rule of law provides a critical infrastructure for individuals, nations and regions to reach full economic development and participation in the global economy.

For the future, one of the areas Malloy wants to emphasize is fund-raising. “Within the Center,” he says, “we’re beginning to crack the code of grantsmanship. Law schools have been notoriously poor in obtaining grants, especially when compared to medical schools. I’d like to see grants and awards...
become an independent funding source for us. We will be exploring alternative revenues for the Center, so that it can have a life of its own. The hope is that we can not only support ourselves, but that we can make a positive contribution back to the school.”

The “Center Online” is making some progress, though not as much as Malloy had hoped by this time. He has been surprised, however, by the Center’s success in webcasting, where frequent contributions are being made by real-time participants. He sees no letup in efforts to extend Pacific McGeorge into the international arena.

A lot has happened at the Center in its first three years. With its own infrastructure solidly in place, it’s now equipped to make its contribution to the task of building legal infrastructure across the world.

Recent Symposia: The Center for Global Business and Development
Each year since 2005, the Center for Global Business and Development has sponsored two major symposia that bring together legal scholars and practitioners around a topic of current global interest.

RECENTLY COMPLETED SYMPOSIA

**February 2005**
Transboundary Freshwater Ecosystem Restoration: The Rule of Law, Process and Lawyers
The symposium explored the critical roles played by lawyers in the impetus, design, and implementation of ecosystem restoration projects and the judicial, legislative, administrative and collaborative processes which shape them. Organized by Professor Gregory Weber with the assistance of Professor George Gould

**October 2005**
Judicial Independence and Legal Infrastructure: Essential Partners for Economic Development
The symposium examined such questions as which legal systems provide the best environment for investment and business; whether a common law system is more conducive to economic development than a civil law system; what is the role of an independent judiciary in fostering economic development; and whether international arbitration can provide an alternative that promotes economic development. Organized by Professor Clark Kelso

**February 2006**
The Business of Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities for Multinational Business Enterprises
The symposium explored the role of law, process, and policy in the responses of multinational business enterprises to global climate change issues. Organized by Professor Gregory Weber

**October 2006**
Corruption versus Global Business and Development: Where the Battle Stands Three Decades after Foreign Corrupt Practices Caught America's Attention
The symposium examined corruption in both the private and public spheres and the effectiveness of regulatory responses. Organized by Professor Franklin A. Gevurtz

**February 2007**
I Think I Can, I Think ICANN: Regulating the Internet . . . Or Not
The symposium examined the structure and supervision of the Internet by looking at the work of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the results and impact of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), the significance of the Internet for human rights and for economic development, and the future of Internet governance post-WSIS. Organized by Professor Michael Malloy

FORTHCOMING SYMPOSIA

**November 16–17, 2007**
The Brain-Drain, Outsourcing, and Sustainable Development
This symposium will examine the impact of the “brain-drain” cycle,” in which younger workers migrate from developing countries to metropoles, and the impact of outsourcing on sustainable development. Organized by Professor Michael Malloy

**January 25–26, 2008**
Comparativism and Constitutionalism
This symposium will update the Advocacy and Skills Education initiative managed by Pacific McGeorge under a grant from USAID. Organized by Brian Landsberg

**November 14–15, 2008**
Are We There Yet? Reflections on the Doha Development Round
This symposium will analyze and assess the concrete results and likely impact of the World Trade Organization’s Doha Development Round on trade, investment and development. Organized by Professor Franklin A. Gevurtz and Professor Michael Malloy

Professors Michael Malloy and Clark Kelso.
Meeting the Future Before It Arrives: Standard Operating Procedure at the Capital Center for Government Law and Policy

Recent Developments: The Capital Center for Government Law and Policy

• Began addressing issues in elder law and health by appointing Distinguished Visiting Professor Ned Spurgeon as the first Gordon D. Schaber Chair in Health Law and Policy and by sponsoring a conference on March 21-24 entitled “Facilitating Voting as People Age: Implications of Cognitive Impairment”

• Worked with the three-year-old Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep, a law-themed public charter high school, in developing curricula and offering cooperative programs as part of a national outreach program by legal educators to under represented minorities

• Created a Crime Victims Legal Clinic in which students could work directly with victims of crime to inform them of their legal rights as well as providing them with seminars teaching the legal theory underlying victims’ rights

• Under the direction of Bob Parker, director of field placements, the Center significantly increased the number and quality of off-campus externships, now numbering more than one hundred

Seven years ago, the Institute for Legislative Practice changed its name to the Capital Center for Government Law and Policy. “We’ve grown over time,” said Clark Kelso, the Institute’s director, about the name change. “The new name does a better job of communicating the breadth of our programs and the steady expansion of our activities to encompass all branches and levels of government.”

The expansion has moved ahead more rapidly than predicted. If any bureaucratic entity can be said to be non-bureaucratic, it’s the Capital Center. It has frequently shifted focus by adding programs, de-emphasizing them or even eliminating them entirely as the need arises. To illustrate, Kelso points to the Center’s prodigious work over the past decade in helping to reform and restructure California’s judicial system, work that the Center is now gradually de-emphasizing. After “years of radical and generational-type change” in the judicial system, the Center no longer needs to devote the same amount of time and resources to this area. Although it will remain active and deeply engaged in state judicial process issues, the Center’s major focus is shifting to new areas, particularly to education and to elder law and health.

“We’ve deliberately avoided keeping a narrow subject-matter focus,” says Kelso, who has directed the organization since its inception. “In a sense, the Center has always been an umbrella organization. We try to identify areas of law and policy in which we can make a difference. I scan the horizon and look for major changes that are occurring on the state and national levels and look for ways the Center can respond to those changes. Our mission is not to create a random assemblage of programs, but to look for areas in which we can make a long-term commitment that might result in major change.”

The Center is already responding with considerable time...
and resources in elder law and health. In part because of the aging baby boomer population, Kelso anticipates that this issue will dominate the legal scene over the next twenty-five years. Pacific McGeorge recently appointed Distinguished Visiting Professor Ned Spurgeon as the first Gordon D. Schaber Chair in Health Law and Policy at the law school. Spurgeon, who has degrees from Princeton, Stanford and NYU, is a recognized national expert in legal issues for the aging.

The creation of this position is primarily the work of the school’s previous Dean, Gordon Schaber, who set up the chair in aging, and of the present Dean, Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, who spearheaded the fund-raising effort to make it an actuality. As conceived, the chair is not a permanent position. It may well rotate or assume different forms. “We want to maintain flexibility with this position,” Kelso emphasizes. “In the future, we may also want to broaden the effort out by establishing an Institute of Elder Law and Health.”

As part of this effort, the Center, under Professor Spurgeon’s leadership, hosted a conference in March of this year in Sacramento concerning “Facilitating Voting as People Age: Implications of Cognitive Impairment.” Among the fifty experts on U.S. elder law who participated were Dr. Paul S. Applebaum, professor of psychiatry, medicine and law at Columbia University; Dr. Jason Karlawish, senior fellow at the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for Bioethics; Charlie Sabatino, the assistant director of the ABA Commission on Law and Aging; and constitutional law professor Pamela Karlan of the Stanford Law School. The issues they addressed included law and aging, medicine, long-term care, voting technology and elections administration.

The Capital Center’s primary mission is, first, to provide superior education to law students in government and public policy; and, second, to promote effective government on the local, state and national levels by providing policy makers with nonpartisan information and analysis. As California’s leading non-governmental source of policy analysis, the Center also provides informational resources and expert comment to the media regarding the legal implications of major policy developments.

“We have the best and most comprehensive government and public policy program in the nation,” Kelso maintains, without qualification. Only the Albany Law School in New York and one or two other law schools are comparable. He adds that, in about a dozen state capitals, law schools have followed Pacific McGeorge’s lead by developing very similar programs. “Imitation,” he says with an visible twinkle, “is the sincerest form of flattery.”

Several factors distinguish the Capital Center with its institutes and its array of programs from comparable entities in other law schools. Kelso points to several where he believes Pacific McGeorge is in the forefront:

- A focused curriculum leading to a masters degree
- A faculty organized around a coherent program in government law
- An ordered series of courses and supportive programs such as the outreach externship program
- A breadth of purpose
- A secure and dedicated revenue stream

Education law is another area on which the Capital Center is placing a major new emphasis, although the effort is not as structured as the one now underway in elder law and health. “I see what we’re doing in education as a series of programs, workshops and courses,” says Kelso. “Maybe we’ll have four or five students coming out each year with a focus on education law through a joint certificate or a degree program. I don’t see a need to consider creating an institute for education, as we might do with elder law and health. Ultimately, our involvement, at least on a post-secondary level, may be in conjunction with the University Schools of Education and its School of Business.”

Kelso also points to the Center’s involvement with Pacific McGeorge’s P20 “Pipeline Project,” an educational initiative aimed at the twenty years required, from kindergarten through law school, to educate a lawyer. Nationally, the >
Center is working with more than forty law schools and fifty other entities on this initiative, also called “Wingspread.”

Locally, the Center is assisting with curriculum development and cooperative programs at the two-year-old Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep (NP3), a law-themed public charter high school.

Another recent issue adopted by the Center is national security law and policy, although work in this area is also being conducted on other parts of the Pacific McGeorge campus, particularly through the Dean’s office. Kelso says that without Dean Parker’s background in national security and without her contacts, both nationally and internationally, McGeorge wouldn’t be where it is now—ahead of all other law schools in terms of an organized commitment to national security law and to a program of research and education.

Parker and Kelso are jointly managing the National Security Project, a cross-disciplinary program that brings together practitioners, policy makers and researchers from government, industry and academia. Under their auspices, two workshops have recently been held in which experts from across the country met and developed sample curricula on various aspects of national security law and policy to be used in law schools and elsewhere.

The most visible aspect of Pacific McGeorge’s work in this area is a periodical entitled the Journal of National Security Policy & Law, which is now the only national, peer-reviewed journal of its kind in the country. Professor John Sims is one of the Journal’s two founding co-editors-in-chief.

The acclaimed Institute for Administrative Justice (IAJ), which dates back to 1972 and which later merged with the Capital Center, recently created a Crime Victims Legal Clinic designed to provide direct free legal representation to crime victims. “There’s a great deal of student interest in this program,” Kelso says. It allows students to work directly with crime victims, encouraging victims to exercise their rights at every stage of the criminal proceedings. Practical clinical experience is combined with seminars that stress a panoply of victims’ rights, including the rights to information, notice, protection, privacy, prompt disposition and restitution as well as the rights to be present during criminal proceedings, to be heard by the judge, and to confer with prosecutors.

One of the Center’s goals is to transition the Crime Victims Legal Clinic and others clinics into self-sustaining programs, perhaps by drawing in paid clients to cross-subsidize the non-paying ones. Recognized nationally for its expertise in administrative hearing practices and dispute resolution, the IAJ, directed by Associate Dean Glenn Fait, ’71, has won numerous long-term remunerative contracts over its history. It oversees the representation of more than California 85,000 parolees annually under a court-mandated ruling after running the California Special Education Hearing Office for 15 years.

Since its inception, IAJ has provided services to over forty-five federal, state, and local agencies. In addition to mediation and administrative hearing services, it provides hearing officer training and consults on all aspects of administrative adjudication, including the design of hearing procedures and hearing management systems.

One of the purposes of the Center’s Institute for Legislative Practice is to assist students, under faculty supervision, in drafting legislation that might be introduced in California and potentially become law. A recent example is the revision in the California law relating to cemeteries, which Kelso says provided a perfect teaching example. Students found that what initially seemed to be a case of making minor revisions and updates evolved into a complex drafting procedure because of the surprising number of stakeholders potentially affected by changes to the law.

Students also work under the Institute’s direction in writing reports on pending legislation or initiatives and in drafting testimony on technical issues for legislators and legislative committees upon request.

The center provided background legal work on the Delta and on marine life for California resource agencies; and it provided legal and policy analysis in California for the AARP.

The clear beneficiaries of the Capital Center’s work in so many aspects of governmental policy and of the many contacts Kelso and other faculty have amassed across the state are Pacific McGeorge students themselves. Graduates from only five years ago may be surprised by the changes that have been made in the Center; and graduates five years from now may be even more surprised. The world is changing more rapidly than ever, and the Center seems particularly well-poised to translate these changes into courses and programs that can help students become well-equipped lawyers of the future.
Globalizing Legal Advocacy: New Directions for the Center for Legal Advocacy and Dispute Resolution

There may have been a time in the recent past when all advocacy, like all politics, was local. That moment has clearly passed. In the age of the Internet, globalization and widening free trade agreements, the practice of legal advocacy and dispute resolution is as likely to be international as it is local, regional or national.

Pacific McGeorge's Center for Legal Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, which has offered an extensive array of legal skills since 1973, is undergoing its own version of globalization. The tradition of teaching students through case studies and mock trials based on American matters is giving way to the inclusion of international examples. This is based on the belief, rapidly becoming a fact, that Pacific McGeorge graduates of the future are as likely to be working with clients in London, Beijing or Lagos as they are with clients in Sacramento.

The Center's curriculum and the complementary programs that support it have been designed to develop skills in seven distinct areas—pre-trial preparation, trial skills, appellate advocacy, alternative dispute resolution, legislative and administrative advocacy, technology in the courtroom and international advocacy. Now the seventh area—international advocacy—is being integrated into all of the other six.

In 2007, U.S. News and World Report again ranked Pacific McGeorge among the top twenty law schools in the country for advocacy teaching and second on the West Coast. These rankings are the result of deliberate effort, according to the Center's Director George Harris, who joined the faculty in >

Recent Developments: The Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution

- Carried out the first stage of a $1.1 million USAID grant to work with Chinese universities to train Chinese law faculty and develop curriculum for teaching advocacy skills and clinical legal education in China
- Hosted the second annual National Ethics Trial Competition, March 15-17, 2007
- Added an international dimension to the required second-year advocacy course, which is now called Appellate and International Advocacy
- Began a pilot program for integrating the Evidence and Trial Advocacy courses
- Created an Advanced Appellate and International Advocacy course for third- and fourth-year students

Photography: Bill Mahon
Previously, he taught Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, Civil Procedure and Legal Ethics at the University of Utah and was a partner at the San Francisco firm of Morrison & Foerster. “McGeorge’s consistently high rankings,” he says, “reflect a long-standing commitment to advocacy skills education, which includes the presence of a high number of tenured as well as adjunct faculty with extensive courtroom experience who are available to teach the requisite courses.”

A wealth of opportunities is available for students to practice and develop these skills at the Center — practice clinics and externships, judicial externships, inter-school trial advocacy and moot court competitions, dispute resolution competitions and the National Ethics Trial Competition are just some examples. Harris cites externships in particular as one area in which significant progress has been made. Largely through the outreach efforts of Bob Parker, Director of Field Placements, the number and quality of externships obtained by Pacific McGeorge students has multiplied significantly.

Increasingly, the Center’s activities are focusing on providing advocacy training not just to students on campus, but to legal professionals, faculty and students in foreign countries as well. In January and February of 2006, the Center designed an innovative, hands-on training program in Sacramento to assist eight Chilean prosecutors and eleven public defenders in the arts of trial advocacy, mediation and negotiation. The Cultural Affairs Office at the American Embassy in Santiago, recognizing Pacific McGeorge’s highly-ranked trial advocacy program, selected Pacific McGeorge to carry out the training.

This July and August, Harris and other faculty members went to China to participate in a three-week, USAID-funded training workshop to assist approximately thirty Chinese law professors from three participating law schools. (See box on page 19.) Faculty from Pacific McGeorge and American University Washington College of Law held parallel sessions, one focusing on advocacy skills teaching and one on clinical legal education that lasted six hours a day. The advocacy workshop covered each major area of advocacy, based on a simulated case that progressed through negotiation, mediation and arbitration. The Chinese professors first took the role of lawyers in the simulations and then the role of advocacy skills professors, critiquing each other’s performances. “The Chinese were naturals,” Harris says. “They quickly grasped the advocacy principles that we teach in the U.S. and enthusiastically put them into practice.”

“The goal of the program,” Harris says, “is to have these law professors go back and teach what they’ve learned to their own students. Chinese legal education is structured differently. It’s an undergraduate major. Only about 10% of the students pass their equivalent of our bar exam.”

The advocacy dimension of the USAID program, led by Pacific McGeorge faculty, seeks to train Chinese law professors, early in their careers, to teach advocacy skills applicable to negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation; and to work with them to develop an advocacy curriculum suitable to the system of Chinese legal education. The program includes summer workshops, joint U.S.-China research projects, scholarly conferences and faculty exchanges.

There’s a particular irony involved in this project, which, it could be argued, is actually a means by which the two American law schools assist Chinese lawyers in becoming better at litigating cases against parties from the United States. In fact, currently contentious issues between the two countries such as commercial arbitration and intellectual property are being deliberately used as topics for solution-based training.

Professor Brian Landsberg, who visited China earlier to help lay groundwork for the effort, acknowledges the irony, but goes on from there to articulate a larger and more inclusive vision: “Anything that promotes the rule of law benefits U.S. business. The more professional the legal climate is in both countries, the better the chances are for success. The better Chinese lawyers are trained in the ways of the American-style legal system, the better the climate will be in China for foreign investment.” Landsberg argues, in addition, that the effort should provide considerable short- and long-term assistance to our students, many of whose future careers will involve working with Chinese clients or operating within the Chinese legal system.”
An example of where cross-cultural understanding can assist both countries is in the area of civil law. In China, the preference is for mediating a resolution that allows the contending parties to agree to carry out the terms of their original contract. In the U.S., the emphasis—the place lawyers often look first—is often awarding damages. Increased cooperation could lead to a more effective use and integration of both of these concepts.

“China is in the midst of a transition from a civil system in which a judge is proactive in presenting evidence,” says Harris. “What is occurring is a gradual change in trial procedure. Right now, you’d have to say that China has a hybrid system that’s evolving in the direction of a common law adversary system.”

There is a strong parallel between what Pacific McGeorge hopes to accomplish through its summer legal workshops with Chinese junior faculty and through its pioneering work in national security law. In the national security area, Pacific McGeorge is leading the way by developing templates for curricula to be used by other U.S. institutions to educate citizen leaders on the national security challenges faced by the U.S. Similar templates, in this case for training Chinese law students, will be formulated over the course of the USAID-funded program and disseminated to the more than one hundred Chinese universities that offer degrees in law.

“This program will be extremely advantageous for our students,” says Landsberg. First, it will lay the groundwork for long-term relationships between Pacific McGeorge and the Chinese legal system, which in turn will open up opportunities for our students. Second, chances to study aboard in China will clearly be greatly enhanced. Third, the program will encourage Chinese students to come to us for LL.M. degrees, and their presence will enrich the intellectual climate on campus. Fourth, the joint cooperation effort will lead to an increase in resources available for legal scholarship at Pacific McGeorge. Fifth, the program will offer students with many opportunities to establish personal and professional connections with members of the Chinese legal community, connections that can, in turn, benefit their future careers.

Long involved in a series of traditional moot court and trial competitions, the Center has recently branched out into a new area by sponsoring a National Ethics Trial Competition designed to develop not only persuasive skills but also skills and knowledge in professional and ethical conduct. The first two of these competitions were held in Sacramento in 2006 and 2007 with the participation of sixteen different law schools each year.

In the competition, each school is allowed to bring one team of four advocates/witnesses, and each team is guaranteed to participate in at least two full trials. Participating

A distinguished panel of local Bar members judged the finals of the 2007 National Ethics Trial Competition with U.S. District Court Judge Garland E Burrell Jr. presiding.
students are required to conduct trials by performing opening statements, direct and cross examinations, and closing arguments, in addition to raising objections based on the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“The competition provides a valuable opportunity for our law students and those from other schools to practice and develop their advocacy skills in front of experienced judges,” says Harris. The ethical dimension comes into play, he says, in relation to a student’s behavior with witnesses, with opposition counsel and with judges. The competition cases also present issues of professionalism and ethics, such as lawyer negligence or the failure to follow rules of professional responsibility.

The ethics competition is sponsored by the ABA Section of Litigation in conjunction with Dreyer, Babich, Buccola & Callaham, LLP (Sacramento) and the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court. It is hosted by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California and judged by distinguished members of the bench and bar, including U.S. District Court judges.

In its course offerings, the Center has taken three major steps to further integrate an international dimension into the curriculum. One year ago, the required second-year appellate advocacy course was internationalized and renamed Appellate and International Advocacy. During the first year, the course’s primary case study included civil rights based on an international treaty; this year, the case study will include issues of attorney-client privilege in a transnational context. Finally, a new course has been added for third-year and fourth-year students called Advanced Appellate and International Advocacy. Enrollment is expected to be between 15-20 students, who will represent Pacific McGeorge in inter-school moot court competitions, including the Jessup international law competition.

The Center’s future on campus will probably include an expansion of its facilities. Says Harris: ”The ‘Courtroom of the Future,’ built in 1973, was a superb facility for its time, but improvements are needed. The Center’s expanding programs will require more space.” Work on the USAID China project will continue, and there are hopes for continued cooperation with that country following the completion of the currently specified workshops. Harris also hopes that the Center can develop similar new partnerships with other schools, programs and countries.

Now in its thirty-fifth year, the Center for Legal Advocacy and Dispute Resolution is arguably undergoing more significant changes than it has at any other time in its history. The entire globe stands open before it.
Building a Bridge to China With a Major USAID Grant

China already has the Great Wall and the Three Rivers Dam, but Pacific McGeorge is helping to build a new kind of structure—a bridge of collaboration and assistance between China and Sacramento. The hope in both places is that this bridge will facilitate increasingly fruitful collaboration in the future.

What makes such efforts possible are significant changes within China’s legal system. Thanks to a $1.1 million grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Pacific McGeorge is actively involved in these changes as China begins to restructure its system of legal education. In the past, Chinese law schools have primarily taught legal theory, and they’ve done so through strict adherence to the lecture system. The key element of the restructuring now underway is the incorporation of a more practical, hands-on approach—an area in which McGeorge has long and distinguished experience.

Together with its partner institution, the Washington College of Law at American University, Pacific McGeorge is actively involved in the early stages of implementing the grant under USAID’s Rule of Law Initiative. Work on the program, which emphasizes advocacy and clinical training, will span twenty-eight months, culminating with major conferences in Sacramento in 2008 and in Beijing in 2009.

The law school’s involvement in China isn’t new. In fact, it dates back to the 1980s when Zhu Suli, through an exchange program, earned a degree from here, returned to China, and became Dean of the Beijing School of Law and a leading Chinese legal scholar. In 2004-5, Pacific McGeorge helped develop an innovative summer program with the Kenneth Wang School of Law at Soochow University. The present USAID grant provides for a working consortium comprised of the two American law schools together with Zhejiang Gongshang University College of Law in Hangzhou, the South China University of Technology (SCUT) in Guangzhou and the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, which houses one of China’s top law schools.

The current Chinese legal system, modeled after Europeans concepts of civil law, is integrated into deep layers of Chinese culture and tradition. In the past, judges have dominated legal proceedings, but in the future lawyers will gradually begin to assume greater and greater importance. Evidence presented in Chinese courts in the past came primarily through paper documentation; now witnesses are increasingly being called upon to testify and to undergo cross-examination. China does not have a federalist legal system with an elaborate hierarchical structure similar to that in the United States. National courts predominate, and laws tend to be universal across the country. The exceptions occur in scattered rural areas, where village elders still take the lead in moderating local disputes.

As part of its Ninth Five-Year Plan, China recently adopted a “211 Project” to address issues of academic reform, particularly those involving institutional capacity. A key element of the 211 Project is that “the training of young academic leaders should be accelerated, so as to maintain a stable teaching and administrative contingent with political integrity and academic quality, rational structure and professional competence.” One hundred universities across the country, most of them featuring law schools, will be targeted. While Pacific McGeorge’s first efforts are directed at its three cooperating institutions, the ultimate goal is to disseminate the results to all the one hundred colleges and universities.

To oversee the program, a board of twelve advisors, consisting of six Americans and six Chinese, has been created. The Chinese members include Jiang Ping, ex-president of the China University of Political Science and Law; Judge Kong, a member of China’s Supreme People’s Court; and the secretary-general of the China Education Association of International Friends. The American members include two distinguished Yale faculty, Professor J. L. Pottenger, Jr. and Jamie Horsley, senior research scholar and lecturer. Two independent consultants—Mina Titi Liu, former program officer for the Ford Foundation’s Law and Rights Program in Beijing, and Frank Block of Vanderbilt University’s Law School—will evaluate the program.

“For the present, board members are communicating via conference calls and a listserv,” says Clemence George, LL.M. ’05, the program manager. A French national who wrote the grant application together with Professor Brian Landsberg, George’s role is to remind people of the program’s working goals, handle the logistics and support the research team in any way she can: “I’m basically the worker bee of the project,” she says.

Whether the twenty-first century proves to be a continuation of what Henry Luce called “the American century” or whether, in the end, it proves to be “the Chinese century” or even “the American and Chinese century,” the program represents another step in the process of building a wider and longer bridge between Sacramento and China.
Steven Abraham, ’94, may have gotten a late start on his legal career, but this summer he moved into the national spotlight as his affidavit—in the view of many—caused the Supreme Court of the United States to reverse an earlier decision that denied certiorari.

Abraham, 46, applied to Pacific McGeorge in the late 1980’s, but his service in the U.S. Army postponed his enrollment. The late Dean of Students and Director of Admissions Jane Kelso held Abraham’s spot until he was released from active duty in 1991. A partner in a small Newport Beach law office that focuses on real estate and small business, Abraham enjoyed a relatively quiet existence until this summer.

By Steve Kennedy
For 26 years, Abraham has been an Army reservist in military intelligence, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel and developing expertise in counterterrorism and counterespionage. From September 2004 to March 2005, he returned to active duty again with the Defense Department agency in charge of the tribunal process at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Abraham served on one of the panels created to assess an enemy combatant’s status and found it flawed. In June, Abraham filed an affidavit with a Washington, D.C., appeals court on behalf of Kuwait detainee Fawzi al-Odah, contesting the U.S. government’s assertion that al-Odah was an enemy combatant. The affidavit also claimed the tribunal process was skewed to rubber-stamp the previous status of enemy combatant. As the first military insider to publicly criticize the Guantanamo hearings, Abraham also claimed intelligence agencies restricted information used by the organization that, as a result, was incapable of making informed decisions regarding most of the detainees.

In April, the Supreme Court had rejected two cases on Guantanamo detainees who wanted to challenge their detentions in federal court. Yet days after Abraham filed the affidavit, the high court decided to allow the detainees to contest their detentions. It was the first time in recent memory that the court has reversed itself and agreed to hear a case that it had rejected earlier in the same year.

The court will hear both cases in the 2007 term beginning in October. One involves a challenge to Congress’ repeal of habeas corpus jurisdiction, on the grounds that it constitutes an unlawful suspension of the writ. A central argument is that the tribunal review procedures fail to provide an adequate or effective substitute for habeas, because they deny prisoners the meaningful opportunity to challenge an executive detention that review by habeas corpus has historically provided.

“If all I needed to do to soothe my conscience was shake my fists in the air, I would have done that,” Abraham says. “But that would have done absolutely nothing for 300 people, who I fully think, even though many may be the worst of the worst, are entitled to a constitutionally fair hearing. Not just because they deserve it, but because I think it’s ludicrous that any American would participate in any legal proceeding that is not fundamentally fair. I would have a problem no matter who the subject of a hearing was, if it were not fundamentally fair. Due process is mentioned both in the Fifth and 14th Amendments; it didn’t need to be repeated the second time. I think it was done because it is that important.”

Not surprisingly, based on the court’s reversal, some in the military see Abraham as being on the wrong side in the War on Terror. “If people in the military call me a bad guy, they should take a look at our oath of office. That oath affirms our duty to defend the Constitution of the United States. [The oath] does not say, support and defend the president, it doesn’t say support and defend any individual, it says the Constitution of the United States. Somebody better than me figured out that that’s a more enduring and more challenging proposition, and if you do that, you are likely not to be doing anything else that’s wrong.”

“I would love for all of the Guantanamo detainees to get a fair hearing, so that we can stop being told by the rest of the world that we don’t give fair hearings,” he says. “Internationally, our reputation has been tarnished. One of the things of which we’ve been rightly proud for so many years is the fact that [the United States has] set such extraordinary legal standards. I think at this point we’ve disappointed a lot, and by a lot I mean a few billion people, with our performance. At least if we didn’t disappoint them, we made ourselves easy targets for criticism. But aside from what they think, we have failed to live up to our standards of justice, and that’s perhaps even worse.”
The Places They’ll Go; The Things They’ll Do
Five Young Graduates Blaze Separate Trails to Success in Far-Flung Fields
By Michael Spurgeon

On May 12, the McGeorge School of Law held its 2007 commencement ceremony and 293 students joined a total of 2,267 students from 46 different states who have graduated with their J.D. since 2000. While many of those graduates have entered public or private practice, many others have gone on to careers outside of the legal profession. No matter what career paths they have chosen, Pacific McGeorge alumni are taking their legal skills far and wide as they explore possibilities as diverse and interesting as the graduates themselves.

Tyrus Cobb III

Perhaps because Tyrus Cobb III, ’02, is a fifth-generation Nevadan whose family first arrived in Virginia City in 1864 and whose relatives include a former state senator and a popular Reno Gazette-Journal editorialist among others, it seems natural that after graduation from Pacific McGeorge he would decide to settle in his native state. But instead of taking the direct path to Reno from Sacramento via I-80, Cobb took a more circuitous route home by way of Iraq where from December 2003 to October 2004 he served in the Coalition Provisional
Authority (CPA). While with the CPA, Cobb served in dual roles as the national regions coordinator for democratic initiatives and as head of the Baghdad Region Civic Education Program. He is proud that “this significant work contributed to the fledgling democracy’s political process and led to the eventual success of the first free elections in Iraqi history.”

In 2005 Cobb finally landed back in Nevada to join Jones Vargas, one of Reno’s oldest and most prestigious law firms. Then, in 2006 when a seat opened on the Nevada State Assembly, several of his family, friends and colleagues encouraged him to run on the Republican ticket. He won and currently represents Washoe County District 26. When asked about his personal goals while in office, Cobb says, “I would like to see efficient and effective state government. Regardless of what programs the state ultimately undertakes, I want to see a responsible use of funds. I want to see government accountability. I hope I can contribute to that accountability.” As a member of the transportation committee, he is identifying areas where he thinks he can push legislation in the right direction. But pushing legislation can be a challenge. As he explains, “Understanding the issues (including the unintended consequences of the “remedies” for certain issues), dealing with different personalities, and balancing the desires of your constituents can be an exciting process.” He says, “It was quite a shock to realize how many different aspects of statutory law would come before our body for consideration. Trying to read up all the topics, while preparing for every other aspect of the job, was nearly impossible.”

And while he likes working for the people, likes “the give and take of working with others to craft legislation,” he acknowledges, “a tough part of the process is the political game. There are a number of good proposals that never see the light of day due to political partisanship.” If you are going to go into politics, Cobb cautions, “Learn not to take yourself too seriously.”

Venus Johnson

Like Ty Cobb, Venus Johnson, ’05, a Deputy District Attorney in Alameda County, always knew that after law school she would return home to Oakland. In fact, while Johnson was still in high school she decided she wanted to become a trial attorney in her home town. Speaking from her office in the East Bay, she explains, “My dad was a correctional officer here for 20 years, so he clearly was a big influence on my early decision to go to law school. And I knew I wanted to give back to my community.”

Johnson currently is giving back by serving on the DA’s Felony Preliminary Hearing Team. She previously spent a
year doing misdemeanor trials. She enjoys the variety of cases and finds particular satisfaction in achieving results the victims had hoped for. “The hard part of the job,” she says, “is not getting the outcome the victims think they should have gotten.” At those times, she is thankful for the support she gets from her office. “The learning curve is steeper than I anticipated, but so is the level of camaraderie. Everyone really works together as a team.”

Because she always knew she was headed for a career in trial law, Johnson tried to take advantage of every opportunity along the way to better prepare her for her current role in the DA’s office. She notes her experience on the trial team during her second and third years at Pacific McGeorge as being important to her preparation. She also appreciates the strong emphasis that her professors put on ethics and expresses, “thanks to all of my trial advocacy professors, and to all of my professors. Pacific McGeorge did a great job of preparing me for my role as Deputy DA.”

Chad Thornberry

While Cobb and Johnson knew they would return home to serve their native communities, Chad Thornberry, ’00, doesn’t see himself setting down long-term roots in any one place anytime soon. On the contrary, he sees himself crisscrossing the globe as he has been since he was hired into the “political cone” of the U.S. Foreign Service three and a half years ago. Currently posted at the consulate in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, he serves as vice consul and adjudicates Honduran and third-party visa applications. As Thornberry explains, “This is a requirement of joining the Foreign Service — even today’s highest ranking officers spent their time on what we call ‘the line,’ the row of windows where we receive applicants, review their applications, interview them, and make a decision about whether or not their application is approved.” While the immigration laws that vice consuls are required to follow in the review of visa applications do not appear complicated, Thornberry says that appearance can be deceptive. He finds his legal skills first developed in the Pacific McGeorge evening program still get tested. “The law is fairly straightforward — all applicants must demonstrate they have ties to a residence outside the U.S. to which they intend to return. However, the application of the law to real people, each with a different story, different proof, different reasons to visit, and sometimes different problems, legal and otherwise, makes the job a lot more challenging than I had thought.”

Among the qualities Thornberry likes most about his career is the diversity of experiences. “We change positions every two years. Most of the time, this means not only a new office and responsibilities, but a new country, a new

Chad Thornberry relaxes on the island of Santorini while stationed in Greece with the U.S. Foreign Service.
language, new skills and a whole new set of challenges.” In fact his posting in Honduras is relatively new. Previously he was posted to Athens, Greece, as a public diplomacy officer. In that role he helped manage the press, and the cultural and educational programs. He wrote ambassadorial speeches, flew with journalists to an aircraft carrier and served as “de facto band manager for a group of young jazz ambassadors touring Athens.” A more sobering task was traveling to Cyprus during last year’s war in Lebanon to facilitate the transit of several thousand Lebanese-Americans evacuating Lebanon who were making their way back to the states. He says, “I was called upon to use many of the skills I’d learned since starting with the department, including Greek, public affairs and dealing with the media.”

Jennifer Davis

While Thornberry’s legal training helped prepare him for a life abroad, the University of the Pacific and McGeorge helped bring Jennifer Davis, ’01, to California. Born in Taiwan, she grew up in Guam before becoming one of the first two students to enroll in the University’s 3+3 program that allows students with strong academic records to combine their last year of undergraduate work with their first year of law school. Upon graduation, Davis returned home to clerk for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam. “I felt an obligation to bring my legal skills back to serve the people of Guam,” she says. However, when the chief justice decided to retire so he could scuba dive full-time, Davis weighed her options and decided her best chance for professional growth was to return to California. The chief justice (with whom Davis scuba dives whenever she gets back to Guam) remembered having heard a case some years before and having been notably impressed with some attorneys based in Los Angeles. Davis contacted the firm, and after a few meetings with the senior partners to see if they were a fit, she joined Howarth and Smith, a boutique firm of trial lawyers that specializes in big cases and complex litigation. As she explains, “We usually come in at the end of the case to do the stand up and presentation.”

At the firm, Davis serves as the initial client contact and determines if the case is appropriate for the firm. She then helps prepare the case for trial. In trial she serves as second chair to a senior partner. Because she is in court ten to fourteen days a month and because her firm represents cases all over the country, she travels a lot and her schedule is extremely busy. She likes being on the frontline. “I thought it would take a lot longer to get into the thick of things,” she says. “There is a lot of pressure, which makes the job exciting.” And apparently she can handle the pressure. In her >
first argument in court, her team lost a tentative decision. Since tentative decisions are rarely reversed, her team let her argue the demur for practice and she got the judge to turn around on the tentative. “That was an exciting experience. I love what I do. I’d like to see more Pacific McGeorge students come into this field of law.”

**IAN RAMBARRAN**

*Ian Rambarran, ‘03, is another graduate whose life has taken him across the globe. Born in Guyana, Rambarran lived in Brazil and Florida before attending boarding school in England from the ages of eight to eighteen. He says, “my high school, Lansing College, looks like Harry Potter’s Hogwarts.” From there, Rambarran moved back to Florida to work as a disc jockey while completing his undergraduate degree at Florida International University. At Pacific McGeorge, he prepared for a career in business and intellectual property law. The faculty awarded him the Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award for his division. Given the breadth of his travels, one might be surprised that he decided to settle in Sacramento where he practices as an associate at Klinedinst PC. If Rambarran is surprised, he doesn't show it. He seems right at home behind the stacks of litigation files and papers on his desk.*

“I always knew I wanted to go into business law.” He says he enjoys the challenge of determining clients’ needs and how their issues can be resolved. “For instance, I recently did a big deal involving an international sports company, a film producer and a marathon runner who ran fifty marathons in fifty days in fifty states. Our client was the producer of the documentary. We had to find a balance between the interests of the event coordinator, the runner and his publicity rights, and our client’s ability to create a copyrightable product so all the parties could exploit the film. We were dealing with trademark, publicity and copyright, which are all the aspects of intellectual property. It was satisfying to work with very reputable firms and companies to structure a deal that was really good for the client and that got the client good exposure.”

When asked what advice he has for Pacific McGeorge students preparing to enter the work force, Ian says, “Remember, you are lawyers and you have the basic skills to do almost anything. Define and create your own value. Find something you like doing and do it. Your options are almost limitless.”

Cobb, Johnson, Thornberry, Davis and Rambarran have done just that. They exemplify the variety of career fields being pursued by successful recent Pacific McGeorge grads as they explore their individual interests and develop their talents.
Richard Harris, ’80, was preparing to start law school in the late summer of 1977. He had enrolled at Pepperdine University and had moved from his home in Las Vegas to Southern California. Then, just two weeks before the start of classes, he got “last-minute word” that he had been accepted into Pacific McGeorge’s evening program.

“So I left Southern California and enrolled here, without ever having been in Sacramento,” says Harris, who is now a prominent Las Vegas trial attorney and head of the Richard Harris Law Firm. “Pacific McGeorge was the place to go—I wanted to go to Nevada’s law school.”

Harris’ experience underscores an important element of Pacific McGeorge’s expansion and development: the Nevada Connection. After the school received ABA accreditation, the late Dean Gordon Schaber sought to build Pacific McGeorge’s enrollment. At the time, Nevada did not have an accredited law school, and with the Reno/Carson City metropolitan area within driving distance, Nevada was astutely seen by Dean Schaber as a growth opportunity.

Nevada also played a role in Pacific McGeorge’s physical growth. In 1980, the school received a $1.4 million donation from the Nevada-based Max C. Fleischmann Foundation to build a student housing complex. In honor of the Fleischmann gift—at the time, the largest in the school’s history—the new dormitory was named Silveracre.

Nevada now has an ABA-accredited campus, UNLV’s William S. Boyd School that opened in 1998 and graduated its first class in 2001. However,
Pacific McGeorge's reputation as "Nevada's law school" hasn't diminished entirely for applicants and alumni in the Silver State. "McGeorge still holds a powerful place in Nevada," says Harris, whose firm has three McGeorge alumni (including his son, Joshua, '05). "McGeorge provides both academic and practical experiences that are better than any law school I know of."

Out of the Nevada Bar's total membership of 9,112, some 524, or 5.8 percent, are Pacific McGeorge alumni, making it the single largest alma mater among Nevada attorneys. Reno's Bruce Beesley, '78, is the president-elect of the Nevada Bar, whose past presidents include Andrew Puccinelli, '78, and Vince Consul, '80. The first Nevada woman to graduate from Pacific McGeorge, Sally Davis, '70, was a pioneer of sorts, becoming only the 45th female member of the Nevada Bar at that time. Other prominent Pacific McGeorge alumni who returned to Nevada to distinguish themselves include Nevada Supreme Court Justice James Hardesty, '74, longtime Washoe County District Attorney Dick Gammick, '82, Las Vegas gaming attorney Mitch Cobeaga, '74, former International Game Technology general counsel Sarah Beth Brown, '81, State Senator Mark Amodei, '83, and Kathleen Drakulich, '86, a leading energy and public utilities lawyer.

Back in 1972, future U.S. Air Force Major General Ron Bath, '75, was flying fighter planes with the Nevada National Guard and seeking a place to earn a J.D. while maintaining his flight hours. The problem was money. After being accepted at Pacific McGeorge, he talked with school officials about how he could afford both the tuition and a place to live near campus.

"I happened to mention that I worked as a journeyman plumber and was a boiler operator and heating specialist when I enlisted with the Nevada Air National Guard," Bath says. "So McGeorge struck a deal with me. I could live in a campus apartment at a reduced rate, and I'd work part-time for the school in Buildings and Grounds."

Bath, who was born in Ely, Nevada and now lives in Reno, worked as a maintenance handyman between law school classes, helping on such projects as the gazebo and the Courtroom of the Future, as well as responding to plumbing emergencies in the apartments. "I loved it. I lived right on campus and I'd go to class with my tool belt on," Bath recalls. "We had a great bunch of Nevada students—many of us had been in the military, a bunch of veterans, and we were older than most of the students."

Bath had a memorable encounter with his Constitutional Law professor—future Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. "Another student and I liked to chew tobacco. The other fellow was known as Doctor Joe—he had been a veterinarian. The other fellow was known as Doctor Joe—he had been a veterinarian before law school. Doctor Joe and I would sit in the back of class and chew tobacco. We had a Styrofoam cup from the cafeteria to spit into from time to time. Well, Professor Kennedy came over to us during a break and said that he didn't want students bringing food and drinks into the classroom, and besides that, why were Doctor Joe and I drinking out of the same coffee cup? We explained that we weren't drinking coffee out of the cup; we were spitting tobacco into it. Professor Kennedy let out a laugh and that was the end of it."

Bath had a distinguished career in the Air Force, including combat missions over Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War. The retired major general also served in the Pentagon as Director of Air Force Strategic Planning. Bath recently launched his own defense policy consulting firm, R.J. Bath Group, with offices in Reno and Arlington, Virginia. His law school years, and his unusual "plumbing scholarship," are still fond memories. "Looking back on law school, I had
a wonderful experience—a marvelous experience.”

Richard D. Edwards, ’73, was serving in the Army ROTC in Nevada when he learned that the Army offered an educational program for students at ABA-accredited schools. Edwards collected his transcripts, scheduled an appointment with the Pacific McGeorge registrar, and before long was in Sacramento to start law school.

Today, Edwards is a partner of Stephens, Knight & Edwards in Reno. One aspect of Pacific McGeorge, Edwards recalls, hasn’t changed much: its rigorous academic standards. “Of my first-year study group of nine students, three of us were survivors,” he says. “It was highly competitive.” Edwards persevered, as did one of his roommates, future Los Angeles Superior Court judge Frank Jackson, ’73.

Edwards also remembers that Professor Emeritus Claude Rohwer was a friend and advisor to many Nevada students.

Not that Professor Rohwer pulled any punches in classes, Edwards says with a laugh. “I was in Contracts class on the first day of school. Professor Rohwer came striding down the aisle, jumped on stage and called on somebody for the first case. I was unprepared, and I’d guess that 98 percent of the people were,” Edwards recalls. “The first person he called on tried to fake it—holy mackerel, that was an eye-opening experience! I never came to class unprepared again.”

Although much has changed since the 1970s, both on campus and within the Silver State, the Nevada Connection is still strong, as the family of Richard Edwards can attest. Son Nathan J. Edwards, ’00, and daughter Natalie Edwards Weber, ’02, were outstanding students at McGeorge, with Natalie ranking third in her class and Nathan earning valedictorian honors. Natalie passed the Nevada Bar and practiced in Reno before moving back to Stockton, where she had earned her undergraduate degree and played varsity soccer at the University of the Pacific. Today she is a civil litigator at the firm of Herum Crabtree Brown (her husband, Matt Weber, ’02, works for the Stockton office of Downey Brand).

“McGeorge really does prepare you to go out in the legal world—whether it’s Nevada or anywhere else,” she says.

“The community here is proud of McGeorge,” says Nathan Edwards, who lives and works in Reno as a Washoe County deputy district attorney. “Growing up in Reno, I picked up on that pride, and when time came for law school I chose McGeorge.”

And it’s not just all in the family. Pacific McGeorge continues to make new converts with legal aspirations from Nevada.

Erin Albright, ’06, has deep roots in her hometown of Reno. Her father, Harold Albright, had a solo law practice there and is now a justice of the peace. Erin studied international affairs as an undergraduate at the University of Nevada, Reno. But when it came time to select a law school, her choice was also Pacific McGeorge.

“I looked at a range of law schools, but McGeorge had the academic standards and the year-long semester schedule that I preferred. It was close to Reno, and Sacramento had the kind of climate I wanted,” says Albright, an associate with the firm of Fahrendorf, Vilaria, Oliphant and Oster. “I’m also interested in government and policy, so Pacific McGeorge’s ties with California’s state capital were another benefit.”

With the population explosion in Las Vegas and Reno, Albright foresees more young Nevadans coming to Pacific McGeorge and maybe more young Californian lawyers going to Nevada. “The demand for legal services here has made the market quite competitive with California in terms of salaries,” she says.

A reverse Pacific McGeorge Nevada pipeline—it’s not as far-fetched as what transpired four decades ago when a small law school opened its doors to some eager out-of-state students.
International, Advocacy Programs Earn Acclaim

Two of Pacific McGeorge’s flagship certificate programs received national recognition in the U.S. News & World Report’s latest rankings.

The International Law program was again listed among the top 20 specialty programs (No. 19 nationally, and No. 4 in the West) in that category. The law school’s Advocacy program achieved similar status (No. 17 nationally, and No. 2 in the West) in the magazine’s 2008 guide to “America’s Best Graduate Schools.” Only six law schools in the country are ranked in the top 20 in both International Law and Advocacy. The others are Harvard, Northwestern, Georgetown, University of Texas and Washington University in St. Louis.

U.S. News does not rank Governmental Affairs programs, another certificate concentration area where Pacific McGeorge is considered by its peers to be among the best in the nation. Additionally, the law school is again recognized as among the nation’s most diverse schools, and, for the third year, is listed the top 100 law schools.

“The sad fact is that the magazine’s overall rating scale pays no attention to what actually happens during law school, instead, relying almost exclusively on incoming scores, undergraduate grades and reputational survey results from participants with little direct knowledge of any law school but their own,” said Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker.

“In contrast, the specialty rankings result from the selection of those working in the field and are worthy of greater consideration. Our certificate program faculty members have done much to raise our national visibility among legal educators.”

Internet Conference Focuses on Governance

Pacific McGeorge’s 26th Annual International Law Symposium last spring, which focused on the future of Internet governance, drew a large audience and international attention.

The two-day conference, “I Think I Can, I Think ICANN: Regulating the Internet . . . or Not,” began with a live televideo presentation by Netherlands economics and law professor Filomena Chirico, who argued that less Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers regulation would benefit consumers. Braden Cox, a research and policy counsel for the Association for Competitive Technology, cautioned that the U.S. government should avoid any actions that would give the international community a reason to claim that it is unduly influencing ICANN.

Professor Clark Kelso, who has served as the chief information officer of the state of California for the past five years, was the keynote speaker on the opening day.

Professor Jed Scully delivered a paper titled, “We Can Work It out — Adapting the ICANN Model for Resolving Global Intellectual Property Disputes.”

Professor Amy Landers offered commentary on several topics and delivered the conference’s closing remarks.

Professor Michael Malloy, the director of the event’s Center for Global Business and Development, conceived the event and organized it with assistance from Professors Landers and Scully, and Clemence George, LL.M. ’05, the law school’s international affairs coordinator. Professor Malloy also served as panel moderator, as did Professor Leslie Jacobs, the director of the Institute for Development of Legal Infrastructure, and Professor John Myers.

A conference on Internet governance featured a televideo presentation from an economics expert in the Netherlands.
Kennedy Receives ABA’s Top Award

The American Bar Association honored Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy with its highest award, the ABA Medal, on August 13 in San Francisco at the group’s annual meeting. The award recognizes exceptionally distinguished service to the cause of American jurisprudence.

Kennedy, who has been a member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty since 1965, was honored for his dedication to preserving and promoting the rule of law and his leadership role on several important legal initiatives including federal sentencing reform.

“There are so many reasons to honor this justice,” said ABA President Karen J. Mathis. “He deserves this honor most, however, because he singly represents the best of our profession. He’s a fighter for justice and an advocate for all—an example for every judge, every lawyer and every law professor, not just in America but all over the world.”

James Returns Home To Direct CDO

David C. James, ’84, a frequent speaker and consultant on career-related topics at American law schools, has returned to his law school alma mater as assistant dean for the Career Development Office.

James was a deputy city attorney from 1984-2005 with the city of San Diego, serving as its senior hiring attorney for many of those years. He was the director of career development at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Massachusetts, for two years.

“We are delighted to have a candidate of this stature join our school,” said Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. “He knows the business from the hiring end as well as the career development end.”

James has been active in the American Bar Association and the National Association of Law Placement for nearly 20 years. He is the author of more than 40 articles on career-related topics and is a frequent speaker at law schools across the country.

Randon Oversees Academic Success

Emily Randon, ’98, has been named director of the Academic Success Program. In her new capacity, she will counsel students, teach classes and conduct programs to help students achieve success in their law school classes. The Academic Success Program, formerly known as the Academic Support Program, is in its sixth year of operation at Pacific McGeorge. It includes skills-hours workshops, practice examinations, a Principles of Agency course, individual counseling, and bar preparation and mentoring.

Randon will receive her Masters degree in Higher Education Leadership from California State University, Sacramento in December. She will continue her duties as director of Educational Outreach at the law school, but has relinquished her role as assistant director of Admissions. She practiced law in Sacramento for five years before joining the law school staff.

Staff Person Helps Light up The Pub

Pacific McGeorge staff members have a well-known reputation for loyalty, dedication and generosity to the law school. A recent gift engineered by Rose Mapu, a secretary in Community Legal Services, exemplifies that service.

Mapu, who has worked at Pacific McGeorge for three years, heard about a proposed remodel of The Pub in April. She suggested law school administrators contact her husband’s commercial lighting business partner who was closing a business.

The company had more than 150 modern light fixtures in a 5000-foot Elk Grove warehouse. Building and Grounds Department supervisor Paul De Mersseman went to the warehouse and found an excellent selection. The company donated the fixtures, which now light a remodeled Pub that serves as an auxiliary classroom. Some of the new lights are also being used in the bookstore inside the Gary V. Schaber Student Center.

Mapu’s timely mental math saved the law school $15,000.
Library Strives to Keep It Real for Summer Associates

Under an innovative program held in June at Pacific McGeorge, more than 90 summer associates learned time- and cost-saving legal research techniques and resources to apply to their summer work. “I don’t know of any other law schools in California that offer a similar program,” notes Kim Clarke, assistant dean for library and research services at the school’s Gordon D. Schaber Law Library.

The librarians of Pacific McGeorge and the UC Davis School of Law presented the one-day program, appropriately called “Research in the Real World.” It has been so well received that plans are in the making to offer it on an annual basis.

“We were very pleased with the results,” Clarke says. “The comments from all the students made it clear that it did fill a need.” The program is being reviewed, along with the evaluations received, to determine how it can be improved, according to Clarke. For example, it may be held a bit earlier next year because some of the associates had already been working a couple of weeks, “And they said ‘This would have been really useful my first week of work,’” she says.

From the program, students took the real-world research skills they learned and applied them immediately as summer associates in law firms, government offices, courts and public interest offices. Half of the students registered were from Pacific McGeorge. UC Davis had the next largest group of students, but students came not only from California law schools, but from schools across the nation. Other schools represented included Boalt Hall, Hastings, University of Utah, University of Texas, Rutgers University-Camden, Creighton University, Boston University, CUNY, University of Oregon, Golden Gate University and Loyola Law School.
“I found it very helpful,” says Jennifer Williams, a McGeorge student who worked as a summer associate at Downey Brand LLP in Sacramento. At the program, Williams received information and resources new to her and the opportunity to re-familiarize herself with the practice guides.

The morning featured general sessions for everyone to attend, including information on California practice materials.

There were two afternoon sessions, the first of which offered three concurrent talks on specific legal fields: general civil litigation; criminal procedure and practice; and business transactions. The second afternoon session provided three concurrent talks on: research legislative intent in California; administrative agency practice; and real estate transactional practice.

The speakers told the students about the type of assignments they might receive in the summer ahead, the type of actions they might be asked to handle, and gave some background in that area. Then the particular law librarian assigned to that subject matter conducted a presentation on the specific research materials in that field the students should know about before they started in their summer work.

Scott N. Cameron, ’03, conducted the segment on criminal procedure. “My talk focused on tools and techniques that can be used in research in the area of criminal law, from pre-trial all the way to trial verdict,” he says.

Cameron brought to the session a number of criminal law-specific practice guides and provided students with some criminal defense-oriented links. “The event was very successful, I thought—he students were very interested [and] asked many questions,” he notes.

One guest speaker was from Lexis-Nexis and another from Thomson West; both companies sponsored the lunch. “They told the students about some of the cost-saving tips for their specific data base,” Clarke says. “For example, instead of hitting edit when you’ve run a search, they both have free features that you could use to reduce the number of cases that you receive from your search, and narrow it down to more specific, relevant cases.”

**Other news from the Schaber Library**

- The library is preparing to reach its 500,000th volume, which marks an important threshold for a research library. “We expect to hit that sometime this fall,” Clarke notes, “and we will be having a celebration and highlight the book that is the 500,000th.”

- While the library’s print collection continues to grow, “our data base and our electronic collection growing by leaps and bounds,” Clarke adds. The library subscribes to more than 40 different legal and non-legal data bases.

- The library has also created the Attorney Electronic Resource Station, a computer terminal in the reference room that contains databases that local attorneys can use in the law school. It is especially helpful to a sole practitioner who might not subscribe to them. Pacific McGeorge has entered into agreements with specific database vendors that allow alums and local attorneys to come on campus to use their products.

- The library’s full renovation and metamorphosis into the Pacific McGeorge Legal Studies Center will begin by May 2009. The first phase, which involved renovating the two-story Stacks Area, reached completion in December 2005. The second and final construction phases will begin after the majority of fundraising for the $20 million project is complete. Approximately $12 million remains to be raised for the center, which represents a continuing commitment to Pacific McGeorge’s dedication to its students and their legal education.

**Cost-Saving Tips for Database Searching**

*Courtesy of Monica Sharum, Electronic Services Librarian*

- Make sure you understand the terms of your firm’s billing contract with the database vendor(s) and the extent that these costs will be passed on to your client.

- Use “Focus” (L) or “Locate” (W) to narrow your broad-search results instead of “edit” as these are free.

- Call the database vendors’ toll-free number for assistance formulating effective search queries.

- There are many good free or low-cost electronic legal research tools. Official government and court sites are the most reliable.

- Browsing the Table of Contents of statutory codes and treatises are free, until you click to retrieve the full-text.

- If you have a citation to a practice guide or other secondary sources, read the material in the print set rather than incurring costs to read it online.

**Databases available on the Attorney Electronic Research Station**

- Westlaw (including statutes, cases, KeyCite and California practice materials)

- Shepards

- Some BNA databases

- Periodical Indexes

- Full-text e-journals

Librarians Harriet Zook and Dragomir Cosanici do a search on the attorney electronic research station.
McGeorge Fund Gives Alumni Best Chance to Give Back

Pacific McGeorge is ranked in the top 17 for its Advocacy program and in the top 19 for its International program among the 195 ABA-accredited law schools. Therefore, alumni have clear reasons to support their alma mater.

“We are just that good and alumni have real reason to take pride in this law school. With alumni support, we can go even further—from a great law school with outstanding programs and alumni, to a law school that truly stands out in the crowd.”

Charlene Mattison, Alumna
Director of Advancement

By Carol Terracina Hartman

For any academic institution, much of its reputation rests on its alumni and their success. But the success of that institution further relies on alumni not only to do well, but to give back while doing well: that is, to support those who share the same goals and experience the same challenges.

For the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law that means reaching out and getting in touch with more alumni in various ways. Over the last year—and in the coming years—Pacific McGeorge will be doing just that, more reaching out!

It is actually quite an old-fashioned approach, combined with a few new twists. “We are going back to the old way of doing things—consistently being in contact with alumni by using letters and the phone while at the same time adding some new techniques and technology,” says Annual Fund Manager Sally Cebreros.

The effort is already showing signs of success. Alumni participation in the annual fund jumped from 8.2 percent to 10.2 percent over the last year, says Cebreros. The goal now is to boost that participation number to 15 percent in the next two years.

“It is not only through contributions that we want to engage and reach our alumni. We also want them to become more active with their alma mater,” says Director of Advancement Charlene Mattison, ’06.

“Our real aim is to build engagement. We want alumni to re-engage and help our institution go from...
great to exceptional. We are asking for their interest, and sometimes their time. We also ask that they invest in the school. We are not asking for huge amounts,” Mattison says. “But we are asking for annual support. A gift each year to the McGeorge Fund shows that our alumni value and trust this institution. It also helps Pacific McGeorge gain access to other funding as corporations and foundations look at alumni support when deciding to invest in an institution. And we, as a law school, pledge to use alumni gifts strategically and wisely.”

“Many of our alumni have asked—what is the McGeorge Fund? It is simply our annual fund. We call it that because we ask alumni to give each year, and continuously throughout their career. Also, these alumni funds are invested annually—in unique and innovative programs and students,” she adds.

The McGeorge Fund allows Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker to direct funds where they can be best used on campus. It allows her to be both strategic and opportunistic in moving Pacific McGeorge to new heights. Dean Parker has outlined this year’s priorities in a letter to alumni, grouping them into five areas, so alumni and donors can see exactly what their contributions will support.

• Student Public Service: Gift dollars match the fundraising efforts of the students working with the Public Legal Services Society. This group raises funds for a student grant program that supports Pacific McGeorge students working at legal nonprofits and public service agencies.

• Speaker Series: Donations help bring guest speakers to campus to engage the students and alumni in thought-provoking discussions.

• Program Enrichment and Community Outreach: The Pacific Pathways Pipeline teams legal fellows and law students in outreach with K-12 students at area schools, aiming to build diversity in the legal profession.

• Campus Facilities Improvements: Maintenance is important to keeping the campus updated and functional. A quality legal education program needs a quality environment.

• Student Experience Enrichment: Student education and success is the central mission at Pacific McGeorge.

Of course, there are other options for alumni giving: specific scholarships, such as the Jerome J. Curtis Memorial Scholarship and the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund, or individual programs such as the Gordon D. Schaber Law Library Enhancement Fund and the International Student Scholarship Fund.

Besides connecting with alumni and encouraging their participation in giving, an added goal for the new annual fund program is exposure and clarity, says Cebreros. “With our communications going forward, alumni and donors will see the fund in action. They will see exactly how much money is given and exactly where that money is being used,” she says.

Additionally, students will see the McGeorge Fund in action! Some funds will be used each year to support smaller student-run activities on campus, including a Welcome Back BBQ; some alumni mentoring events; and a New Student Orientation Program.

“With funding from alumni, we will be able to do more projects that both impact the student experience and move the institution as a whole,” says Rebecca Sommers, a third-year student at Pacific McGeorge.

For more information about the McGeorge Fund, see www.mcgeorge.edu and click on the link titled Giving to McGeorge.
Landsberg Wins Eberhardt Award
Professor Brian Landsberg received the prestigious Eberhardt Teacher-Scholar Award at the University of the Pacific's commencement ceremony in May in Stockton.

The Eberhardt award 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 two other Pacific McGeorge professors, John Myers and Linda Carter, have been so honored.

Landsberg's latest book, Free at Last to Vote: The Alabama Origins of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, was published this spring by University Press of Kansas. It focuses on several key cases in Alabama that paved the way for the Voting Rights Act, highlighting a long-neglected but important chapter in the civil rights movement and puts a human face on the struggle for the right to vote.

The former Department of Justice deputy attorney general was unable to formally receive his award because he was teaching in China as part of Pacific McGeorge's $1.1 million USAID Rule of Law grant program with law schools in that country. Landsberg lectured in China from May 5 to 26, speaking at South China University of Technology, Guangzhou; Zhejiang Gongshang University, Hangzhou; and China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing.

Less than a month after he returned to Sacramento, he was off to Washington, D.C. to testify before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on the effectiveness of the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "The public expects and deserves fair enforcement of the law," he told the committee. "If the public believes that enforcement of the law is dictated by political pressures, they're not going to have confidence in the law. They're not going to have confidence in the Department of Justice."

The testimony followed his front-page quotes in a New York Times story a week earlier in which he criticized some of the Civil Rights Division's priorities under the Bush administration.

Myers Always Keeps His Motor Racing
Even though Professor John Myers has been a cornerstone of the Pacific McGeorge faculty for 24 years, he moves around a lot. One of the country's foremost authorities on child abuse, he fits hundreds of outside presentations into a busy teaching schedule. He travels extensively throughout the United States and abroad, speaking to judges, attorneys, police, doctors and mental health professionals.

When he isn't teaching or on the road, Myers' wheels are spinning even faster. Myers is a race car driver and he's been racing as an amateur on the Sports Car Club of America Club Racing circuit.

"I really enjoy the sport," Myers says. "It's a lot of work and lot of fun, an expensive hobby to be sure but an exhilarating one when you're out there on the track trying to pass another car."

Always a car enthusiast since his days as a boy growing up in Utah, Myers owns a Miata that he's driven for three years in races at Laguna Seca, Sears Point and Thunder Hill. He also owns a Ford GT and is a big fan of professional auto racing, especially Formula One.

Myers has a bent fender on his office wall to prove that he's taken his lumps out on the track. "I've been involved in a couple of major collisions and once put out a car fire with my own extinguisher." One accident resulted in broken suspension that kept his car out of action for a month.
during the racing season that goes from March through October.

Passengers are not allowed in races, but Myers has allowed several of his Evidence students to accompany him on practice runs. He swears it makes you forget all about law school. Myers hasn’t had any faculty members twist his arm to take a spin around the track.

International Watercourses, is currently legal consultant to the Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework. He traveled to Entebbe, Uganda, for a June meeting of the Committee of the Nile Council of Water Ministers. The committee succeeded in resolving all objections except one. That objection, relating to one paragraph of the article on water security, was maintained by Egypt and Sudan—the two countries farthest downstream on the Nile. The committee adopted the draft and referred the text to heads of state and government to resolve the single outstanding issue.

Steve McCaffrey
Slovakia Will Honor McCaffrey’s Service
Professor Steve McCaffrey will receive The White Dual Cross Order for his service to Slovakia before the International Court of Justice in the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Project case. It is the Slovakia’s highest distinction for foreign nationals who have aided that country.

The award, which was approved by Slovakia’s president, will be bestowed at a yet-to-be determined location this fall. Slovakia received a favorable ruling from the ICJ in 1997 in the Danube River dam dispute.

McCaffrey, who drafted much of the 1997 UN Convention on Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, is currently legal consultant to the Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework. He traveled to Entebbe, Uganda, for a June meeting of the Committee of the Nile Council of Water Ministers. The committee succeeded in resolving all objections except one. That objection, relating to one paragraph of the article on water security, was maintained by Egypt and Sudan—the two countries farthest downstream on the Nile. The committee adopted the draft and referred the text to heads of state and government to resolve the single outstanding issue.

Phil Wile
Wile Will Return; Prinz, Rein Retire
Phil Wile, one of three veteran professors who officially retired from the faculty at the end of the spring semester, didn’t stay on the sidelines for long.

Wile received the Order of Pacific in May for his outstanding contributions in teaching, scholarship and service to the University of the Pacific. He was also named professor emeritus, joining a select few former law faculty with that distinction.

But the administration prevailed upon Wile to return next spring to teach Federal Income Tax. He is also serving as a leader of the tax and business clinical hub and continues direction of the Tax Concentration. Wile has taught numerous subjects in that area since joining the faculty in 1987 and more recently he taught Contacts to a succession of first-year classes.

Two other longtime professors, Don Prinz and Jan Rein, taught their last class in April.

Prinz, who came to the law school from Creighton University in 1970, had the most seniority of anyone on the faculty. His 37-year tenure bridged the growth of the law school from a regional to a national institution. Prinz’s Business Associations class was a staple of the Evening Division and he also taught Antitrust and Criminal Procedure. Prinz was an advisor to several moot court teams as the law school grew in the 1970’s and began to enter intercollegiate competitions.

Rein, an elected member of the American Law Institute, came to Pacific McGeorge in 1989. An elder law expert, she taught Community Property and Decedents Estates & Trusts to thousands of students. Her nationally recognized scholarships included books on wills, trusts and estates.
Professor Julie Anne Davies

Bringing an International Perspective to the Study of Torts

THE PACIFIC McGEORGE PROFILE

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Courses Taught
Torts, Civil Rights Litigation, Federal Anti-Discrimination Legislation

Private Sector
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Recent Scholarship

Member
American Law Institute
Professor Julie Davies sees the world of torts from a global perspective. She wants her students to understand the ways that different nations and cultures compensate those injured by wrongful acts. “Studying how other countries handle tort cases has given me a perspective on the U.S. tort system,” she says.

Davies is the coauthor of *Global Issues in Torts*, part of West Publishing’s Global Issues series, edited by Professor Franklin Gevurtz. The series supplements traditional legal textbooks and introduces international and comparative perspectives into basic law-school subjects.

Why should American lawyers care about tort law in other countries? Davies says one reason is that an international perspective lets us move beyond the current American debate over tort reform and find workable solutions. “In the U.S., tort reform is a political battle,” Davies says. “If you favor tort reform, you’re a pro-business Republican. If you don’t favor it, you’re a progressive Democrat.” But the debate is far more nuanced and our ideological divide may be a roadblock to rational reform, she says.

For instance, critics of the U.S. tort system argue that jury awards are unpredictable and out of control. Davies explains that judges in many other countries make damage awards based on patterns in similar cases. In Germany, judges use tables with data about prior awards to calculate damages, she says. The experiences of other countries are very helpful in considering the U.S. civil justice system and tort-reform initiatives.

“In the U.S. tort system we put enormous faith and confidence in the civil jury to make decisions about damages—particularly pain and suffering—in a vacuum,” Davies says. “They go into the jury room and have nothing to guide them. That’s why you get wild variations in jury verdicts, which leads people to think the tort system is running amok.”

Davies’s international interests took her to Austria this summer to teach at Pacific McGeorge’s program in Salzburg. Her husband and two teenage children joined her. “They said ‘you’re not leaving us home,’” she laughs. “My kids have grown up as interested in foreign affairs as I am. I love to watch foreign films. I love to travel. I am interested in how the world sees us.”

In Salzburg, she used materials she had gathered for the global issues book—materials she also uses in her first-year torts class. They include cases from the West African nation of Ghana. A faculty colleague, Professor Kojo Yelpaala, helped Davies study the law of his native land as it pertains to verbal insults, a fascinating study in contrasts.

“In the English common-law tradition we have little inclination to treat verbal insults as serious injuries,” Davies says. “The customary law in Ghana would treat them very seriously.” For instance, calling someone a “slave” in Ghana is a remark loaded with meaning related to the slave trade and would certainly be taken seriously by a judge applying customary law principles.”

Another case involved calling someone a stupid ass. “In the U.S., we’d just say ‘toughen up. You can’t have lawsuits over this,’” Davies says. “But in a culture that is much more community-based, those sorts of comments have the potential to wreak havoc. They take them very seriously. Maybe Europeans have a deadened sense of pride. It’s an interesting comparison.”

Davies earned her undergraduate and law degrees from UCLA. She grew up in Los Angeles, where her father was a landscape architect and her mother a legal secretary. Davies’ mother was born in Sicily, and emigrated to New York. “Because of her experience, I grew up sensitive to issues that affected immigrants, and that colored a lot of my interest in people harmed by government and others,” Davies says.

Davies’ other passions are civil rights and constitutional litigation—areas that lured her to teach at Pacific McGeorge after clerking for federal Judge Wallace Tashima in Los Angeles and working as an associate at Morrison & Foerster. Among her publications are articles on Title IX, the federal law that requires gender equality at educational institutions that receive federal funding. She is interested in studying issues that affect the practical viability of civil rights enforcement and government.

Davies most recent article, “Reforming the Tort Reform Agenda,” will appear in the *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy*. In it she argues that tort reform and healthcare reform are linked. Medical malpractice lawsuits have driven the tort reform agenda, she says, and those who lack health-care insurance are forced to seek de facto coverage through the tort system. Addressing both issues together could help lawmakers move forward with reform proposals, she suggests.

“With newfound clarity, perhaps the potential gridlock that plagues the system can be broken,” she writes, “and solutions that represent moderate, rational and effective public policy as to health care access and the cost of the tort system can be developed.”

This is the eighth in a series of Pacific Law articles on members of the Pacific McGeorge faculty who pursue excellence inside and outside the classroom.
Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends,

It’s another fall and the Pacific McGeorge campus is again abuzz with excitement and the energy a new class always brings. The Alumni Welcome (Back) Barbecue and the receptions the Alumni Board and dean host for each of the special interest chapters—Black Alumni, Asian Pacific Islander Alumni, GLBT Alumni, Latino Alumni, and Capitol Chapter Alumni—are great examples.

These annual events present valuable opportunities for alumni to welcome new students to the Pacific McGeorge family and to welcome back the continuing students who are a year closer to completing their studies and joining our alumni ranks. These events are more than mere window dressing. If there is anything that is vital for students’ success in law school, it’s knowing that they belong and the knowledge that they have friends and resources to help them through when the going gets tough, as it inevitably will at some point during their studies. The message delivered at these events—from the alumni and from the law school’s administration, faculty and staff—is that these students are now part of our family, they are important to us, and we are committed to their success.

As part of a common collegial family, our alumni commitment is life-long, a commitment nurtured from day one of the Pacific McGeorge experience. The support born of that commitment comes in many forms. Examples include our annual MCLE events and other alumni programs, chapter relations, student relations and scholarships, and leadership development. Some of us have been able to mentor and encourage students while they are immersed in their studies. Some of us have welcomed students and graduates into the profession by helping them get that all-important first job. Some of us have been able to serve as an alumni voice and presence, in effect representing all alumni, at chapter and on-campus events. This kind of service has real value and I encourage you to do your part, if you have not yet taken the opportunity to do so. Of course, there are other ways to support the law school and its students, as well as our fellow alumni. Let me also encourage you to empower our alumni voice philanthropically, building and sustaining a continuity of charitable investment in the law school and in support of those students who come after us (e.g. your gifts to the Alumni Scholarship Fund).

I want to take a moment, on your behalf, to express gratitude to our colleagues on the Alumni Board of Directors and fellow alumni for their efforts this past year. The Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board has ably represented your interests, served the students and the law school, and in so doing they have contributed powerfully to the presentation, development, and conveyance of Pacific McGeorge excellence.

I hope you are as proud as I am to be part of Pacific McGeorge’s chain of support and excellence, and I look forward to your continued support and encouragement of those who come after us to ensure the chain remains strong. Please contact me at bharn@pacific.edu if you have comments, questions, or more importantly would like to participate on the alumni team as an alumni ambassador, volunteer, or even member on our Board!

With best regards,

Bill Harn ’93
D.C. Chapter Aims for Higher Profile  

By Cynthia Kincaid

With the help of three energetic co-chairs—and a growing membership—the Pacific McGeorge alumni chapter has made its presence felt in the nation’s capital.

“We want to get the Pacific McGeorge name better known here in the East. So to the extent that we can have events that raise awareness of our law school and let people know that Pacific McGeorge turns out fine lawyers, we do it,” says Erin Dunston, ‘99, a patent prosecution and litigation attorney at DC-based Bingham McCutchen.

Events sponsored by the chapter go beyond the traditional barbeque get-togethers, although the chapter does sponsor those. But the D.C. alums take advantage of their locale and connections on other occasions, such as the recent Supreme Court swearing-in. “Any attorney who wanted to be admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court could apply, and with proper sponsorship, be sworn in,” says Bob MacKichan, ’76, a federal real estate attorney with Holland & Knight, LLP and co-chair of the alumni chapter. “Justice Kennedy, a longtime Pacific McGeorge faculty member, gets involved in this event, which is held every two years. Last time around, we had a reception following, which was well-attended.”

Other events include formal and informal networking affairs. The chapter’s main focus, however, is a summer internship program, which is designed to help Pacific McGeorge students find internships throughout the Washington, D.C. area. “We work through the career development office, try and learn who wants to come back here, get in touch with them, and help them land a summer internship,” says Dunston.

The chapter’s membership also aims to make the summer internship experience a memorable one by exposing the students to D.C. culture. One popular event is the Shakespearian Theater Company’s mock trial night at the Supreme Court. “The theater company has a lawyers committee, made up of law firm donors or lawyers in law firms who sponsor this event,” says co-chair, Kevin Hennessy, ‘96, a tax attorney with Feld Entertainment. “If you are an attorney, and you have the opportunity to sit in the Supreme Court building and watch one or more of the nine justices preside over a mock trial created from a controversy from one of Shakespeare’s plays, it’s pretty entertaining theater.” > continued on page 59

The Pacific McGeorge Alumni Association sponsored a swearing-in ceremony on May 21 at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C. The new inductees with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker included, from left: Erin Dunston, ’99, Sean Dunston, ’98, Margaret Shedd, ’75, Howard Stagg, ’70, Kathleen Bramwell, ’89, Bob Armstrong, ’78, Lenore Albert, ’97, Evelyn Matteucci, ’77, and Frank Abi-Nader, ’75. Pacific McGeorge’s International Board of Advisors also had a meeting in conjunction with the swearing-in ceremony and a reception that followed. Board member Hansjürgen Schnur, second from right, was among the attendees.
1935-1959

Harry L. Schmid, Jr. ’50
Schmid died March 11, 2007 at the age of 87 in Sacramento. A longtime probate and wills and trusts attorney, he was an active member of the State Bar for 55 years.

Thomas E. Murphy ’58
Murphy died on July 26, 2007 at the age of 74 of heart failure in Sacramento. He served two terms on the Sacramento City Council in the 1960’s and maintained a general law practice for two decades.

1960s

Willard Weddell ’60
Weddell retired from being a Kern County Public Defender from 1969 to 1995. He was most amazed that after 12 years of retirement he was asked to attend the Criminal Section of the Kern County Bar Association on April 18, 2007. Weddell was then awarded, even more to his surprise, the Atticus Finch Award. The Atticus Finch motto: “Even though we were licked a 100 years before we started, there is no reason we shouldn’t try to win.” Upon accepting the award on behalf of the folks that worked with him in the early years, he said that if they told him 38 years ago he would be standing there receiving the award he would have said they were nuts. In fact, if they had told him he would still be standing there receiving the award he would have said they were nuts. Upon accepting the award on behalf of the folks that worked with him in the early years, he said that if they told him 38 years ago he would be standing there receiving the award he would have said they were nuts. In fact, if they had told him he would still be standing, he would have told them the same thing. Leaving for the Kentucky Derby on Sunday. Wish me luck. (Bakersfield, California)

1970

Class Representatives
Raul A. Ramirez
Terence B. Smith
Bob Cohen
Cohen was co-counsel for a plaintiff who won $1,050,000 in a Riverside Superior Court premises liability cases. He is a principal in the Encino firm of Bob M. Cohen & Associates. (Encino, California)

1971

Class Representative
Phil Hiroshima
James Mirabell
Mirabell has joined the Sacramento law firm of Matheny Sears Linkert & Long LLP as a senior associate. He spent the past 23 years as a litigator and shareholder with Porter Scott Weiberg & Delehant. (Sacramento)

1972

Class Representative
Gordon P. Adelman
Darrel Lewis
I retired from the Sacramento Superior Court in 1999 after serving more than 20 years. Since then I have engaged in full-time private judging totally on my own. I recently limited my practice to mediation only, but I am still working full-time. I decided arbitration was getting too bureaucratic and too much like being back on the bench. I enjoy literally being on the same level with the parties and attorneys and helping them resolve their problems rather than forcing my opinions and decisions on people. My mediation practice keeps me very busy and I enjoy it tremendously. I still take every Wednesday off during ski season to host ski tours to Tahoe Resorts and I take a week in February or March to lead a tour to Europe or somewhere else outside of California. I hope all of my classmates are also doing well and enjoying life. (Sacramento)

1973

Class Representatives
Rudy Nolen
George F. Wolcott
Jack V. James
James died January 5, 2006 at the age of 69 in Folsom. He practiced public contracts law for many years in a small town on the northern California coast.
Marshall Silberberg
Silberberg, with Carl McMahan, ’82, negotiated a $1.45 million mediation settlement in Ventura Superior Court for a construction accident victim. They are partners in the Los Angeles firm of McMahan & Silberberg LLP and each was listed in the 2007 edition of the Daily Journal’s Southern California Super Lawyers magazine. (Los Angeles, California)

Karen Pedersen Stevens
Stevens died of pancreatic cancer on August 4 at the age of 62 in Sacramento. A family law attorney for three decades, she was co-founder of the California Women Lawyers and a former president of the Women Lawyers of Sacramento. A former Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board member, she was active in the community and a past president of the Sacramento Symphony League.

1974
Charles B. Crawford
Crawford died January 28, 2007 at the age of 76. He was a minister before going to law school, then practiced law and owned a business in Placerville for 25 years.

James Henke
Judge Henke was honored at a retirement dinner celebrating his 30 years as a judge in Sacramento County. He presided over court branches in Elk Grove, Galt and Walnut Grove before his transfer to Superior Court in downtown Sacramento in 2002. (Elk Grove, California)

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

Steve Wagner, ’75, has been one of the leading family law practitioners in California for more than three decades, writing books, influencing legislation, winning numerous awards, and helping other lawyers in the emotionally draining field.

“...the ability to assist people in a time of crisis, to do a good job for them, and to keep hurt and emotions from the dissolution as distant as possible has its rewards,” says Wagner, a principal in the Sacramento law firm of Dick & Wagner.

A well-known national figure who is often brought in as a consultant on complex cases, he is the co-author of a series of books, Complex Issues in California Family Law, the seventh volume of which was released in July. He helped usher several bills through the California Legislature, including statutes relating to post-separation fiduciary duties. His awards include selection as the 2006 Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers’ Family Law Person of the Year, induction into the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists’ Hall of Fame, and designation as a diplomat in the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, a select group of the nation’s top 100 family law trial lawyers.

The former Pacific McGeorge adjunct professor’s interest in law started early. Some of the customers at his family’s restaurant were attorneys and as a youngster he found it interesting to listen to them talk. TV programs and a penchant for argument also fueled his interest in pursuing a career in law. But in his early teens, one event became the catalyst for his career: he went to small claims court -- and won. “And from that point on, I knew I had to be an attorney,” recalls Wagner.

A growing complexity in family law motivates Wagner to train others who will follow. “We have an emerging crisis in family law right now. Old-timers are slowing down, retiring, being appointed to the bench -- our ranks are diminishing greatly.”

In 1999, Wagner became a member of the permanent faculty of the ABA’s annual Family Law Advocacy Institute, an intensive eight-day course designed to train family law practitioners for trial work.

And closer to home, the Wagner family has made its contribution to continuing excellence in the field. Jason Wagner, ’06, recently joined his father’s firm to help carry the torch for the next generation of family law attorneys.
1975

**Class Representatives**

Ervin A. DeSmet, Jr.  
Ira Rubinoff

**Bryan Hartnell**

Hartnell was featured in a major Los Angeles Daily Journal story on March 9. A highly successful Redlands probate and conservative-ship attorney, he was a technical advisor on the movie Zodiac, bringing insight as a survivor of the infamous serial killer’s attacks. (Redlands, California)

**Hayne Moyer**

Moyer has joined Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard in an of counsel capacity. Previously a Moyer, Parshall & Tweedy partner, his practice focuses on banking, business and commercial litigation. (Sacramento)

1976

**Class Representative**

R. Steven Corbitt

**Lee Danforth**

Danforth won a bench decision defense verdict in San Mateo Superior Court in a major premises liability case. He is a partner in the Redwood City firm of Coddington, Hicks & Danforth. (Redwood City, California)

**Gilbert B. Feibleman**

Managing Partner, Feibleman & Case PC. Things are going well up here in Oregon. Personally, our son Ben completed his five-year obliga-
tion to the USMC and is now in college. Professionally, I continue to specialize in family law and have asked to give presentations on attorneys fees and client relation-
s in Kentucky, Georgia, Illinois and Oregon. I was recently made the only Oregon Fellow in the International Academy of Matrimonial Law and have again been included in “The Best Lawyers in America.” I continue to pro tem in circuit courts through-
out the state but have long since given up thoughts of elective office. We are now looking to expand with another lawyer but have not yet found the perfect fit. I am still grieving over the retirement of my assistant of 30 years but we all have to move on. One thing I con-
tinue to find in court is that my McGeorge education gives me an edge. (Salem, Oregon)

**John Janofsky**

Janofsky was co-counsel for the plaintiff in an asbestos exposure case in Los Angeles Superior Court that resulted in a $5.2 million damage award. He is a partner in the El Segundo firm of Waters & Kraus LLP. (Los Angeles, California)

**Robert Packer**

Packer won a defense verdict for a doctor and a medical group in Los Angeles Superior Court in a birth injury case where the plaintiff sought more than $6 million in damages. He is the managing shareholder of the L.A. office of La Follette Johnson. (Los Angeles, California)

**R. Michael Smith**

Smith was the subject of a feature story in the Vallejo Times Herald. He is a retired Solano County Superior Court judge in June after more than 20 years of service. He will be available to return as a part-
time sitting judge. His son, Nathaniel, is a member of the Class of 2007. (Fairfield, California)

1977

**Class Representatives**

R. Marilyn Lee  
Gary F. Zilaff

**Evelyn Matteucci**

Matteucci was appointed deputy secretary and general counsel for the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Since 2004, she had served as deputy secretary and general counsel for the State and Consumer Services Agency. (Sacramento)

**Ronald McDaniel**

McDaniel has been appointed a magistrate judge in Meriwether County, Georgia. He had served as presiding judge of the Georgia Office of State Administrative Hearings until his retirement five years ago. (Greenville, Georgia)

**Douglas E. Noll**

Noll was the subject of a feature story in the February 16 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal. A former trial attorney in Fresno, the Clovis-based lawyer has built a successful business as an independent media-
tor and arbitrator. (Clovis, California)

**John C. Taylor**

Taylor was the lead counsel for the plaintiff, winning an $18.6 million verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court in a negligent entrustment case where the unli-
censed wife of a foreign shipping company executive severely injured a motorcyclist in a 2004 accident. (Los Angeles, California)

**Tim Thompson**

Thompson was appointed as Union County District Attorney by Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski. The Josephine County District Attorney from 1987-1999, he most recently served as a senior assistant attorney general for the state. (La Grande, Oregon)

1978

**Class Representatives**

Thomas O. Freeburger  
Peggy Chater-Turner

**Bruce Beesley**

Beesley was elected to the position of vice president of the State Bar of Nevada at the organization’s 79th annual meeting at Lake Tahoe. A Beckley Singleton shareholder in the firm’s Reno office and perenni-
al Nevada “Super Lawyer,” he will ascend to the presidency of the State Bar in 2008. (Reno, NV)

1979

**Class Representatives**

Barbara L. Haukedalen  
Judith A. Smith

**James Daley**

Daley has joined Mellon 1st Business Bank as executive vice president and chief deposit offi-
cer. He has 29 years of banking experience, most recently with Commercial Capital Bank. (Los Angeles, California)
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David W. Hughes
Hughes represented the plaintiff-in-intervention in a complex litigation case in Contra Costa Superior Court involving a 2004 wrongful death petroleum pipeline accident. His client emerged unscathed. He is a partner with Laughlin Falbo Levy & Moresi LLP. (Oakland, California)

Judge Johnnie Rawlinson
Rawlinson, of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, was profiled in a lengthy feature story in the Los Angeles Daily Journal on March 7. The jurist has served on the nation’s second-highest court since the year 2000. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Paul Tozer
Tozer has joined with two other Sacramento attorneys to form Barth, Tozer & Timm LLP. He was formerly a partner at Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard. (Sacramento)

Barry C. Blay
Senior Trial Attorney, Law Offices of Kevin Pegan (Staff Counsel for AIG Insurance). Still a workaholic and doing a lot of driving lately. Following this summer, my daughter starts her second year at UC Santa Barbara. Best regards! (San Ramon, California)

Linda A. Bowman
Bowman has moved into the Washoe County Probate Commissioner’s office in the Second Judicial District. The Reno sole practitioner has specialized in probate and environmental law since opening her own firm in 1996. (Reno, Nevada)

Colonel James M. Coyne
Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Pacific Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. After spending the last year in Iraq as the SJA for General Casey, Commander of the Multi National Force-Iraq, the Army decided we needed a break; so here we are in Hawaii, after spending 17 of the last 25 years in Germany. (Honolulu, Hawaii)

Dunlap Has Literally Made the World A Better Place

by Cynthia Kincaid

“My whole thrust in life, from the time I was young, was to make the world a better place,” says Toc Dunlap, ’78. And she’s had much success.

Early on, Dunlap taught at an alternative school in Jackson, California. Her decision to go to law school was something she did to reinforce her teaching credentials and help some of her students. “A lot of the kids who were in our program had skirmishes with the law,” she recalls.

But law school opened up new challenges for Dunlap and she was off on another path, an eight-year career in Ford Motor Company’s international legal department. Still, Dunlap yearned to work in social entrepreneurship. She resigned from Ford and traveled to Afghanistan, taking a job as a teacher. “I have a philosophy that you train the people who are there because they know best how to do it,” Dunlap says. “And then you walk away from the job.”

While in Afghanistan, Dunlap met Sakena Yacoobi, who was working with Afghan women and students. A professional friendship developed and in 1996 the two founded

Creating Hope International (CHI), a Michigan-based non-profit dedicated to improving the daily lives of the victims of world strife, devastating natural disasters, crumbling economies, and political systems that suppress natural human rights. The year before, Yacoobi had started the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), and CHI helped AIL with technical assistance, raising and dispensing money, and administrative functions. “CHI is the American arm of what they do, and AIL was pretty much our sole project,” says Dunlap. “When the U.S. bombed Afghanistan, overnight the money just started flooding in for Afghan work.”

Dunlap is pleased with the support both organizations give the Afghan people. “Very few organizations are doing the kind of work that AIL is doing, and in the long run it’s going to have a huge impact on Afghanistan,” she says. “It’s creating a base from which other things are going to flower.”

She credits her legal education for her persistence in seeking solutions, even when things look hopeless. “We work with the people and the laws within the system, so that when we establish a women’s center in Afghanistan, which everyone told me I couldn’t do, it works,” she says. “It isn’t burned down or attacked because everyone going there is on board. You figure out all the ways to accomplish that, and law school helped me become very good at that type of problem-solving.”
H. Robert King
King died on February 13, 2007 at the age of 58 in a Roseville hospital following a brief illness. He practiced law for many years as a probate attorney in Oroville.

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

Terry Cassidy
Cassidy was the subject of a feature story in the Sacramento Bee. He was recently named “Santa Claran of the Year” by the Sacramento chapter of the Santa Clara University Alumni Association. Cassidy, a partner in the firm of Porter Scott, specializes in federal litigation representing government entities in civil rights cases. (Sacramento)

John Hall
Hall won a $250,000 award in Kern County Superior Court for a father who was injured when an Aqua Water Scooter that he was trying to put together for his kids exploded, resulting in a severe head injury from a 10-pound battery. He will also receive $5.388 million in future loss of income from the product seller, Kragen Auto Parts. Hall operates the Law Offices of John C. Hall. (Bakersfield, California)

Donald E. Shaver
Presiding Judge, Stanislaus Superior Court. I thoroughly enjoyed working as a “visiting professional” at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Holland last summer on a paid career sponsored by the California Judicial Council. You can read about it at courtrinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/CCR_06SUM-MER.pdf. (Modesto, California)

1982
Class Representative
Debra Steel Sturmer

Kathleen Andleman
Andleman has been named general counsel of the California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS). She is the former chief counsel of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. (Sacramento)

Captain Carleton R. Cramer
Professor, College of Security Studies, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies. I’m still on active duty in the U.S. Navy, serving as a faculty member at APCSS. (Millilani, Hawaii)

Paul Gold
I’ve been working for the largest eviction firm in the U.S., evicting dozens daily. Just signed up for Netflix. Have a dog, 2 kids, 2 cars, most of my hair, 1 wife. (Los Angeles, California)

Carolee Kilduff
Kilduff, with Cori Samo, ’04, represented the defendant Red Bluff Police Department in a gender discrimination, wrongful termination case where the plaintiff sought major damages but won only $30,000. Kilduff is a principal in the firm of Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff. (Sacramento)

1983
Class Representatives
Paula G. Tripp
Susan H. Hollingshead

Ric Blumhardt
Blumhardt were re-elected to two-year terms on the management committee of Archer Norris. He specializes in insurance coverage and bad-faith litigation for his law firm. (Walnut Creek, California)

Craig Brunet
Brunet was co-counsel for the defense in a 44-day, insurance bad-faith trial in Los Angeles Superior Court where the plaintiff unsuccessfully sought $20 million in damages. The court later awarded the defendant $3.82 million in court costs. Brunet is a partner with Robie & Matthai. (Los Angeles, California)

Mariel (D’Eustachio) Dennis
Procurement Compliance Manager at Aerojet. In March 2007, after 10 years with the California Department of General Services, I joined Aerojet as the procurement compliance manager at its Rancho Cordova headquarters where contracts and procurement really ARE rocket science! I enjoy working with a great group of dedicated people at our various facilities. I am working on great projects and love being back in the world of government contracting and doing buyer training. My (second) husband, Ian, and I will be celebrating our fourth anniversary this fall and are in the process of selling our home in Sacramento to move closer to Aerojet. No kids, just four cats, but I became a step-grandmother recently when Ian’s eldest daughter had her second child. That makes a total of four grandkids between his two daughters (their families live in Ireland). (Rancho Cordova, California)

David Hunt
Hunt has joined Bingham McCutchen’s Orange County office as of counsel. Previously a partner at Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold, he will practice in his new firm’s land use and development practice group. (Costa Mesa, California)

John C. Kay
Kay has joined San Jose-based Bridge Bank as senior vice president and market manager for the Sacramento region. He served previously as a senior vice president with Comerica Bank. (San Jose, California)
Nearly a year after tackling one of the toughest law enforcement jobs in the country, Joshua Ottenberg, ’85, sees signs of progress that embolden him for the challenges ahead.

Ottenberg was appointed acting prosecutor for Camden County, New Jersey in late 2006. His appointment came after nearly 20 years as a prosecutor for the office and two years after being named deputy first assistant. County prosecutors in New Jersey are the equivalent of district attorneys in other jurisdictions and are appointed rather than elected.

The county’s largest city, Camden, lies directly across the Delaware River from Philadelphia and has been consistently ranked among America’s poorest and most crime-ridden. Following decades of political drama and high-profile corruption convictions, the city now has state-appointed executives managing many of its day-to-day affairs.

Major crime is down about 10 percent in Camden, even as it has increased in other metropolitan areas, including neighboring Philadelphia. And, amid circumstances most would consider hopeless, there are still a surprising number of individuals willing to stay and work toward better times.

“Even in the midst of the destitute poverty and crime so many people live with here,” Ottenberg said, “there remain so many good, smart and committed people… it’s a source of constant inspiration.”

Besides overseeing the day-to-day business of prosecuting crime, Ottenberg has presided over an important broadening approach for the prosecutor’s office. Long known as a conservative office, focused narrowly on trying cases and winning convictions, the office today is more aware of the need for longer-term thinking.

“We’re doing much more work in the community; organizing communities and people in a more active approach,” Ottenberg said. “That has good long-term implications.”

Ottenberg came to McGeorge from the University of Chicago, where he earned a B.A. in philosophy and a master’s degree in humanities. Looking back on a successful and now high-profile career, he gives good dose of credit to his time at Pacific McGeorge.

“Courtroom litigation is very different from law school. Many new litigators find themselves in the courtroom essentially unprepared for the realities there,” he said. “But McGeorge does a better job than most at preparing students for what they’ll actually face.”

In addition to the school’s Moot Court program, Ottenberg singled out the Community Legal Services program as particularly helpful. “These clinical programs help students understand they’re dealing not just with cases, but with clients… with people. The ability to work with people is absolutely essential to litigation. Regardless of how good you are in the courtroom, if you fail with the people, you fail.”
William Fishman
Never mind the practice. I have been distracted for the past five years as a member, and for the past three years as president, of the board of directors of Petaluma Ecumenical Properties. It's a family of non-profits corporations that develops, builds and operates 11 low-income housing communities for senior citizens. Working and obtaining good results for clients is still a kick, but there is something far more rewarding in putting time into a community activity for no other reason than it needs to be done. We as attorneys are perceived to be leaders if only because we have survived the academic rigors of our profession. It's great to stand up and BE a leader and to see the results. In my case, it's 236 low-income seniors who enjoy safe and warm housing for about $300 a month (on the average). If you haven't begun already, give something back. It is rejuvenating. (Petaluma, California)

Debra Huston
Huston was sworn in as one of 11 administrative law judges of the new Special Education Division of the California Office of Administrative Hearings. She was in private practice in Carmel for 13 years and later served as legal counsel for a member of the State Assembly. (Sacramento)

Robert M. Shannon
Shannon won a defense verdict in Sonoma Superior Court for Mercedes-Benz U.S.A. LLC and other defendants in a lemon law case. (Santa Rosa, California)

1985

Class Representative
Cheryl L. Van Steenwyk

Thomas P. Alpin
Principal, Law Office of Thomas P. Alpin. I completed a three-week jury trial in Siskiyou County and successfully defended a $3 million action brought against former members of the board of directors of an owners’ association. I even passed through Sacramento and stopped by McGeorge. It was nice to be back on campus. (Costa Mesa, California)

Donna Beumler
Beumler was appointed by Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth McGregor to serve as judge pro tempore of the newly-created Division VI of the Cochise County Superior Court. She is a former chief deputy public defender. (Bisbee, Arizona)

Edward C. Casey
Casey was co-counsel for the parents of three children killed in a bizarre tow truck accident who were awarded a $7.1 million settlement in a San Francisco Superior Court case. He is a solo practitioner. (Oakland, California)

Gael Ann Mueller
Principal, Mueller and Mueller. Opened a new office in San Luis Obispo County practicing criminal defense. Now living in Nipomo, California. Daughter Melodie will start law school soon. Husband Melvin practicing right alongside and attempting to win parole for those persons serving “life” sentences housed at the California Men’s Colony in San Luis Obispo. Still have an office in Bakersfield where I have practiced criminal defense for more than 20 years. I travel a great deal to cover both. We hope to phase out of Bakersfield in about three years. (Nipomo, California)

Olga Nazimova
Law Offices of Olga Nazimova and Associates. (San Diego, California)

Dana Simonds
Simonds was appointed to the Superior Court of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Simonds has served as an attorney with Shapiro, Galvin, Shapiro, Piasta & Moran since 1996 in Sonoma County. Previously, she was an attorney with O’Brien, Watters, Davis, Malisch & Piasta. (Santa Rosa, California)

1986

Class Representative
Andrea C. Nelson

Mark Curry
Curry was appointed to the Superior Court of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Curry has served as a deputy district attorney for the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office since 1986 where he prosecuted many homicide cases. (Loomis, California)

David Doyle
Practice is pretty much the same. The family is growing up fast, oldest daughter graduates high school this year. By August I will have two kids in college. Amazing! (Dallas, Oregon)

Susan Hamlin
Hamlin has been named office manager at The Mechanics Bank in El Dorado Hills. Previously a financial services manager, she joined the bank in 2004 after practicing law with a Sacramento-based firm. (El Dorado Hills, California)

John P. McNicholas
McNicholas won more than $3.3 million for a marketing company against a resort hotel chain in a Los Angeles Superior Court breach of contract trial. He is a partner in the LA firm of McNicholas & McNicholas. (Los Angeles, California)

1987

Class Representative
Megan Halvonik

Mylene Ansari
Director, Credit National Bermuda, Ltd. Counsel and director for offshore company. Counsel for local real estate firm. (Palo Alto, California)

Kevin Dunbar
Dunbar won a summary adjudication of issues in Los Angeles Superior Court for a drug store in a case where the plaintiff, a former major league baseball pitcher, charged that a slip and fall ended his career. He also won a defense verdict for a drug store chain in Los Angeles Superior Court in a false arrest case argued under the Unruh Civil Rights Act. He is a principal in the firm of Dunbar & Associates. (Rolling Hills Estates, California)

Tamara Mosbarger
Mosbarger was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to a vacancy on the Butte Superior Court bench. She has served as a deputy district attorney in the county for the past 16 years, most recently supervising homicide prosecutions. (Oroville, California)

Steven Rudolph
Rudolph was elevated to shareholder at McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Bernard Schwartz
Judge, Riverside Superior Court. I am now in a civil assignment having done family law and criminal law during my first four years on the bench. I am celebrating my fifth wedding anniversary this August with my wife, Cathy, who is a criminal defense attorney here in Riverside. I will be the incoming Inns of Court president for this coming year. It is sad how I have lost touch with my classmates. If you come through Riverside, please look me up. (Riverside, California)
Lori-Ann Jones
Jones was the subject of a feature article in the Los Angeles Daily Journal. She has served as a commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court since March 2006. (Los Angeles, California)

Frank Zumwalt
Zumwalt won a $667,000 verdict in Stanislaus Superior Court for a man injured in an auto collision. Zumwalt is a partner with Jones, Cochrane, Hollenback, Nelson & Zumwalt. (Modesto, California)

Kristi C. Kapetan
Kapetan was appointed to the Superior Court of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Earlier in year, she won a defense verdict in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in a wrongful death electrocution case arising from a 2004 incident at Yosemite National Park. Kapetan has served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Fresno since 2003. Previously, she served as a staff attorney for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District from 2001 to 2003 and as an associate and partner with Sagaser, Franson & Jones from 1996 to 2001. (Fresno, California)

Matthew Gary
Gary was appointed to the Superior Court of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Gary has served as a commissioner for the Sacramento County Superior Court since 2002. Previously, he was an associate with Gary, Till & Burlington from 1989 to 2002. (Sacramento)

John Gezelius
I’ve spent a part of the summer in Capetown, South Africa, attending a summer program sponsored by Howard University. Classes were held at the University of the Western Cape and included international business (with an African slant) and comparative law. The comparative law class was taught by Justice Albie Sachs of the South African Constitutional Court. An amazing way to spend a summer. Contemplating a McGeorge LL.M. this fall. (Tustin, California)

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

Mike H. Madokoro
Bowman and Brooke LLP I have been promoted to the position of managing partner of our Los Angeles office. (Gardena, California)

William Palmer
Palmer won a major case in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California when a federal judge barred the state from seizing unclaimed stocks, cash and other assets until notification procedures are improved. The Sacramento attorney waged a six-year battle to derail a little-known law that had required financial institutions to give the property to the state when there has been no contact with the owner for three years. (Sacramento)

1988

Class Representative
Lisa A. Specchio

David Adams
Adams has rejoined Weintraub Genshele Chediak as a shareholder in the Sacramento firm’s corporate, securities and intellectual property practice group. He was previously a partner with Bullivant Houser Bailey PC. (Sacramento)

Ruthe Ashley
Ashley was one of three candidates for the State Bar of California presidency for the 2007-2008 term. The diversity officer for the external affairs office of CalPERS, she previously served as Assistant Dean for Career and Professional Development at Pacific McGeorge. (Sacramento)

Robert Eglet
Eglet won a Nevada state record $41.5 million in damages for the parents of a teenager who survived third-degree burns to more than 90 percent of his body in a 2001 dirt bike accident in Pahrump, Nevada. (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Gary Geren
Geren was sworn in as one of 11 administrative law judges of the new Special Education Division of the California Office of Administrative Hearings last year. He was a legal counsel for the California Department of Transportation for 17 years. (Sacramento)

1989

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

Eugene Blackard
Blackard was re-elected to two-year terms on the management committee of Archer Norris. He represents major insurers, contractors and manufacturers. (California)

Ty Vanderford
Vanderford won a defense verdict in Los Angeles Superior Court in a construction defects case involving a plumbing company. He is a partner in the firm of Vanderford and Ruiz. (Pasadena, California)
David A. Prentice  
County Counsel, County of Madera. After a six-month sabbatical with the law firm Best, Best & Krieger, I accepted my second appointment as county counsel for Madera County. We just completed a multi-million dollar settlement with a gaming tribe on a property tax dispute which lasted for three and a half years. We also just moved into our new government center and beautiful new law offices. I continue to enjoy the variety in work and managing a six lawyer office. I especially enjoy the political side of my job. (Madera, California)

Molly Stuart  
Gardener, Artist, Developer. I built a shed in the garden this year, the tomatoes are amazing. My vintage, restored 1962 Shasta Coach made it into the Sunday paper and my collages were in a show! Art abounds and I work in community development when the need arises. It was great to see many at Jane Kelso's funeral, despite the sadness of the occasion. (Sacramento)

Robert Hunt  
Hunt co-wrote an article, "Are Browse-Wrap Agreements All They Are Wrapped Up To Be," that appears in the Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property. Hunt, a former Pacific McGeorge faculty member, is a partner at Hunt & Jeppson L.P. (Sacramento)

Scott J. Hyman  
Managing Director, Severson & Werson. Life continues with the three S’s—Severson, soccer, and surf. I see Tom Kearney frequently on the soccer pitch sidelines as our respective boys make their run for the US national soccer team, and Brad Kaplan whenever I’m in the S.F. office. I try to see the other OC contingent whenever possible-- Roland, Craig, and Judge Vicenicia. Representation of financial institutions for 17 years nonetheless remains pretty interesting. Maybe I’ll try for an adjunct spot at the new UCI law school? (Irvine, California)

Larry Marks  
Marks obtained a $350,000 settlement in Orange County Superior Court as co-counsel for the parents of a motorcyclist killed in a 2005 accident. He also was co-counsel for the plaintiff, a Los Angeles police officer, who received a $775,000 settlement for injuries suffered in a shooting where his armored vest did not perform to specifications. He is a partner in the firm of AgnewBrusavich. (Torrance, California)

Christopher J. Murphy  
Senior Director, Government Affairs, Inmarsat Inc. After more than a decade at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission’s International Bureau, I have joined the Washington, D.C. office of Inmarsat, Inc. Headquartered in London, England, the company operates a global mobile geostationary satellite network constellation providing video, voice and data services to government and private sector users on land, at sea and in the air. I will be providing legal, policy and strategic analysis for the company’s domestic and international activities. My wife, Vanessa, and twin 1 1/2 year-old boys (Preston and Skye) are doing great. I can be reached at chris_murphy@inmarsat.com or (202) 248-5158. (Washington, D.C.)

Matthew R. Rungaitis  
Partner, Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith. After 16 years, I finally changed firms. I decided to go large and have moved to a large, multi-state firm. (Santa Clarita, California)

1990  
Class Representatives  
Derek R. Longstaff  
John R. Brownlee  
John Brownlee was appointed to the Superior Court of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Brownlee has served as supervising deputy district attorney for the Kern County District Attorney’s Office since 2003, and a deputy district attorney from 1990 to 2003. (Bakersfield, California)

Richard Clark  
Clark was sworn in as one of 11 administrative law judges of the new Special Education Division of the California Office of Administrative Hearings last year. He was a Sacramento County deputy district attorney for 13 years.

1991  
Class Representatives  
Gregg S. Garfinkel  
Mark J. Reichel  
Nora Barlow  
Barlow has joined Delisio Moran Graghty and Zobel, P.C., in Anchorage, Alaska as an associate. Her practice focuses on litigation and representation of employers and insurance companies before the Alaska Workers’ Compensation Board. (Anchorage, Alaska)

Victor Haltom  
Haltom argued for the petitioner in the case of Fry v. Pillow before the Supreme Court of the United States. The case involved constitutional error in a murder trial that was deemed harmless by appellate courts. He lost a 5-4 decision. (Sacramento)

1992  
Class Representatives  
David M. Miller  
Lieutenant Colonel Fernando Cavese  
Gina Genova Hons  
I passed my tenure review as a UCSB lecturer. I’m now a continuing appointee, teaching legal and business writing. Over the last seven years, quite a few of my students chose to attend McGeorge. All have made glowing reports about their experience. For those alums in Sacto, please keep a protective eye on one of my favorite students, a new first year, Caley Heekin—he’s bright, funny, and going places. Ciao for now. (Santa Barbara, California)

Chris Micheli  
Micheli has formed a new lobbying firm, Aprea & Micheli, which specializes in government relations, public affairs, and legislative and administrative advocacy services. He was previously with California Strategies, LLC. (Sacramento)

Nicola Migliaccio  
Migliaccio won a defense verdict for three individuals in a fraud partnership/ conversion case in Orange Superior Court. (Long Beach, California)

Uzzi Raanan  
Raanan was co-counsel for a plaintiff that won a $7.1 million verdict in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, in a fraudulent conveyance transfer of funds case. He is a partner at Danning, Gill, Diamond & Kollitz. (Los Angeles, California)

Kerry Sawyer  
Sawyer has been named a shareholder at Cuneo, Black, Ward & Missler. Sawyer practices workers’ comp defense. (Sacramento)

Andy Sherman  
Sherman has been appointed general counsel of San Francisco-based CNET Networks, Inc., a publicly traded online media company. His legal career in the high-tech field includes recent service as vice-president of the legal department at Sybase. (San Francisco, California)
“I wanted to practice law, and I wanted to teach,” says Dr. Clay Calvert, ’91.

“Combining the legal education I received at Pacific McGeorge with a Ph.D in communications made it possible for me to teach media law and the First Amendment; I couldn’t have done all of this without it,” he says.

Calvert has combined his talents and interests in journalism, free speech and the law into a stellar career. Earlier this year, he was named the inaugural holder of the John and Ann Curley Professorship in First Amendment Studies in the College of Communications at Penn State University where he is a journalism professor.

“Sometimes it is difficult to defend some media practices,” Calvert says. “But we defend the principle of freedom of speech, not necessarily the underlying message.”

The endowed professorship is named for John Curley, the former president, chairman and CEO of Gannett Co. Inc. “Clay Calvert is an outstanding first choice to hold this professorship,” Curley says. “He is a talented, articulate leader in the First Amendment field and a brilliant scholar.”

Calvert has devoted his career to educating individuals on the importance of defending free speech and a free press. “The First Amendment and freedom of speech will always be under attack from some quarters, some organizations, and some politicians in the U.S., regardless of who is in power,” he says. “I try to show students that if you censor one side, then your side is probably going to be next. It’s not always easy for them to see that because people want to censor messages that they disagree with, or they find objectionable, or they think cause harm. But we can’t take these rights for granted.”

Calvert is the author or co-author of more than 75 law review articles and the author of Voyeur Nation: Media, Privacy and Peering in Modern Culture. As the co-director of the Pennsylvania Center for the First Amendment, Calvert also tries to have an impact at the grass roots, legislative and judicial levels. “We try to educate citizens, both in Pennsylvania and at the national level, about their free speech rights and the purpose of the First Amendment,” he says.

Given the constantly differing viewpoints of society, free speech will remain a significant issue into the future. “There are always controversies going on, which makes my work very interesting,” Calvert says. “There is never a shortage of issues in this field about which to write, research or teach.”
Glen Hansen
Hansen has joined Abbott & Kindermann LLP as a senior associate. He has more than 13 years experience in state and federal court litigation, including appeals. He serves as a dispute resolution conference pro-tem judge for the El Dorado Superior Court. (Sacramento)

Shelby Hladon
Executive Officer, Region Legal Service Office Northwest. I've just graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and have moved to Bremerton, Washington (near Seattle). I am now the executive officer of a legal office that consists of 12 lawyers, eight paralegals, and 10 support staff. We have offices in Bremerton, Everett, and Whidbey Island. We are on the "prosecution" side of the house so we not only advise commands but we prosecute sailors who violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice. John is flying for FedEx out of Anchorage, Alaska so we are much closer to his work now. I am expecting our first child in October. Big changes for the Hladons! (Bremerton, Washington)

John Mason
Mason has been promoted to partner at Gurnee & Daniels LLP in Roseville. His practice focuses on defending class actions and unfair business practice claims. (Roseville, California)

Janie Hickok Siess
Siess was a speaker at a conference in San Francisco on labor and employment issues in the retail industry sponsored by the State Bar of California’s Section on Labor & Employment Law. She has served as the assistant deputy director, program and policy development, with the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing since October 2004. (Sacramento)

Lorraine Wokurka
Assistant General Counsel, Princess Cruises, Cunard Line. Jeff and I are the proud parents of Zoe Linda Wokurka, born December 23, 2006. (California)

Gregory W. McCracken
Member, Perlstein, Sandler & McCracken, LLC. Greetings from Connecticut! I have survived my first year as a partner in a small boutique real estate firm, where we represent developers and associations of common interest developments. It's a big change going from a firm of more than 200 attorneys to a firm with four attorneys, but the new practice is virtually recession-proof. I also continue to do real estate law. The family is well. Look me up if you're in the area. (Farmington, Connecticut)

1994

Class Representatives
Captain Laura H. Heller
Guy E. Ortoleva

Stephen Lerner
Lerner was elevated to shareholder at McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Diana Kreinman Rodgers
My husband, Jonathan Rodgers, and I welcomed our new son, Bram Rodgers! (Los Angeles, California)

Lisa A. Russ
Partner, Bragg, Perlman, Russ, Stunich & Eads. (Eureka, California)

Elizabeth Strahlstrom
Strahlstrom has joined Bingham McCutchen LLP as a partner in its land use and development practice group in San Francisco. She was formerly a partner at Steefel, Levitt & Weiss after starting her career with Pillsbury Winthrop. (San Francisco, California)

Victoria M. Yamamoto
Associate, King, Warwick & Sanders. (Rancho Cordova, California)

1995

Class Representatives
Ryan J. Raftery
Christopher J. Kaeser

Russell Brooks
Brooks died on February 25, 2001 of a heart attack at the age of 41 in Snoqualmie, Washington. He was the managing attorney of the Pacific Legal Foundation's Northwest office and had argued major federal cases involving the Endangered Species Act. He had also argued a major case before the Washington Supreme Court against the Seattle School District.

Scott Hervey
Hervey represented a television production company that developed a new reality TV show and sold it to the VH1 network. An entertainment law attorney, he is a partner in the Sacramento firm of Weintraub Genshlea Chediak. (Sacramento)

Cindy Tuck
Tuck was named undersecretary of the state Environmental Protection Agency by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She is also a member of the Tahoe basin bi-state commission. (Sacramento)

Nicole Tutt
Tutt died on January 22 at the age of 37 in Dublin after a long battle with cancer. She was of counsel at the San Francisco office of Nossaman Guthner Knox & Elliott LLP where she was a member of the water law practice group.

Xapuri Villapudua
Villapudua was appointed to the Superior Court of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She has served as a deputy district attorney for the San Joaquin County District Attorney’s Office since 1995 where she was a supervisor in the child abuse sexual assault unit. (Stockton, California)

1996

Class Representatives
Jane Greaves Sargent
Theresa A. Dunham

Marino Cesaretti
Cesaretti died on March 12, 2007 at the age of 36. He was an associate at the Las Vegas law firm of Lee & Russell.

Darren K. Cottriel
Cottriel has joined the Irvine office of international law firm Jones Day as a partner in its litigation practice group. Previously the managing partner of Pillsbury Winthrop’s Orange County office, his practice focuses on litigation and pre-litigation disputes for private companies, public companies and financial institutions. (Costa Mesa, California)

Theresa A. Dunham
Dunham joined the environmental law firm of Somach, Simmons & Dunn as of counsel. Her practice will emphasize water law. Prior to joining the firm, she served as director of water resources for the California Farm Bureau Federation. (Sacramento)

Sheri Greco
Greco was named the winner of the Brian Hintz Prosecutor of the Year Award by the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office. A longtime coach for Pacific McGeorge’s trial ad team, she is in charge of elder and dependent adult prosecutions for the county. (Sacramento)

Michael Vinding
Vinding has been promoted to shareholder at Diepenbrock Harrison. (Sacramento)

Bernard Wang
I was transferred from my post as Chief Staff Officer for Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo (Japan) and underwent training and preparation for my next assignment at the Defense Language Institute (Monterey, California)
Lin Quickly Makes A Name for Himself In the Global Arena

by Carol Terracina Hartman

It’s been only a decade since he sat in a classroom, yet Paul Cheng-Wei Lin, ’97, already is a legal presence in the global economy.

He works on cross-border mergers and acquisitions in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, representing Asian companies buying U.S. companies and vice versa. One recent deal saw him negotiating a $30 billion infrastructure development contract for China.

“I represent buyers and sellers,” he says. “I navigate the deal points, the regulatory issues, the cultural issues.”

All this from a man whose interest in politics and law stems from working as a congressional page and several years later — after graduating from University of California, Berkeley with a B.A. in economics — working on his father’s Senate campaign in Taiwan.

He says Pacific McGeorge is well known in Taiwan, particularly in corporate securities. So when his father’s campaign ended, heading to Sacramento seemed a logical step toward his goal of working in the global corporate world.

“I’ve always liked business law and so that just seemed kind of natural,” he says. “I was never interested in litigation — not as sophisticated as corporate deals.”

Presently, Lin is of-counsel at Jones Day in Los Angeles, but spends about five months per year in Asia. Among the world’s largest law firms, Jones Day boasts 2,400 lawyers in 30 offices in 19 countries. He and his wife, Sarah, have one son, Justin.

A native of Taiwan, Lin moved with his family to the U.S. when he was 11. He studied hard to be fluent in both Mandarin and English, but the cultural mores? “I just know them. I don’t have to study them,” he says.

As for negotiating between a litigious society and one that relies on handshakes, Lin says it is a tedious process. “Slowly, [it] will evolve into something easier, but it will be economy-driven,” he says.

A board member of the Taiwanese American Lawyers Association, Lin was named one of the most influential young attorneys in the state by the Los Angeles Daily Journal in January.

His goal?

“To be the premier cross-border lawyer,” he says. “I’ll keep working on these mainstream deals and get up to speed on how deals are done in Asia and the States. I hope to become the bridge, not only in the business climate, but the culture climate — in business culture.”

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Glen Gross
Gross contributed an article on intellectual property law to the May/June 2007 issue of Sacramento Lawyer magazine. Gross is a patent attorney with Gross & Associates. (Sacramento)

Donna Holtz
Holtz has been elected to the board of directors at McDonough Holland & Allen. (Sacramento)

Daniel Imber
Partner, Bannan, Green, Frank & Terzian. (Los Angeles, California)

Alfred L. Sanderson, Jr.
Sanderson has been elevated to partner in Seyfarth Shaw LLP’s labor and employment department. He specializes in complex wage and hour law, including class-action litigation. (Sacramento)

Trevor Skarda
Skarda was sworn in as one administrative law judges of the new Special Education Division of the California Office of Administrative Hearings last year. He was a senior hearing officer with the Institute for Administrative Justice’s Special Education Hearing Office for six years before the state took that contract back from that Pacific McGeorge unit. (Sacramento)

Spencer Skeen
Skeen was among those recognized as San Diego’s outstanding lawyers by the San Diego Transcript legal newspaper. He is a senior counsel at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP who has won several major defense verdicts in civil litigation. (San Diego, California)

Kristen Hoberg Thurston
Thurston died on November 20, 2006 of breast cancer at the age of 40. She was a solo practitioner in Palo Alto, specializing in estate planning and was active in fundraising for cancer treatment and detection research. Her husband and classmate, Damon Thurston, is an attorney with Rankin Sproat Mires Beaty & Reynolds in Oakland.

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<td>Gary S. Winuk</td>
<td>Brooks, Oregon, who began her career at Southwestern Oregon Public Defender.</td>
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#### Ulises Ferragut

Ferragut was the defense attorney for former Arizona State football star Loren Wade, who was found guilty of second-degree murder in a high-profile Maricopa County trial that followed the 2005 shooting of a teammate in the head as the latter sat in a car. (Phoenix, Arizona)

#### Joseph Low

Low won defense verdicts on almost all major charges against his client, Marine Corporal Marshall Magincalda, in a high-profile military case. Magincalda was acquitted of murder, aggravated assault with a loaded firearm, kidnapping, making a false statement, and larceny in the April 2006 killing of an Iraqi civilian. The jury voted, 4-2, to convict him of conspiracy. (In the military, only a two-thirds vote is needed for conviction.) His only punishment was a reduction in rank and he was released from custody after time served. Magincalda was the only one of the eight Marines charged in the incident who is going to remain in the Marines. (Camp Pendleton, California)

#### Keith Kirchubel

Kirchubel was sworn in as one of 11 administrative law judges of the new Special Education Division of the California Office of Administrative Hearings last year. He served as a litigator for the California Department of Transportation for seven years. (Sacramento)

#### Laurie Kubicek

Kubicek wrote and edited a casebook, Crime in California, for use in teaching criminal law at undergraduate universities. She has been teaching law to criminal justice majors in the California State University system since 1998 and is currently an assistant professor at CSU, Sacramento. (Sacramento)

#### Paul Lin

Lin was named to the Los Angeles Daily Journal’s “20 to Watch Under 40” list of successful young attorneys in California. He is of counsel at Jones Day in Los Angeles where he advises Chinese corporate clients on major infrastructure projects and works on mergers and acquisitions in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. (Los Angeles, California)

#### Jennifer McQuarrie

McQuarrie has joined Palmer Kazan Wohl Perkins LLP as an associate. Her work will focus on labor and employment law, business litigation, and education law. She previously practiced law with Martenson & Wright LLP and Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, and also was in-house counsel several nonprofit, educational organizations. (Sacramento)

#### Deborah Mogil

Deputy County Counsel, Los Angeles County Counsel’s Office, Los Angeles, CA. I currently represent the Department of Children and Family Services in Los Angeles County in dependency cases and have been married for nearly eight years with two beautiful boys.

#### Frederic assortment

I am going to semi-retire from the practice of law in order to pursue a life long passion of mine—woodworking! I have loved working with wood ever since childhood and now I am finally going to seriously pursue this as a second career. I have been blessed with the rare opportunity to work under a master craftsman, Cary Lindenfeld, who is a high-end furniture and cabinet maker here in Sacramento. His level of craftsmanship is astonishing. I am not closing my law firm but I am phasing into the background while my associates, Kinna P. Crocker and Michael Riley, and the rest of my incredible staff continue on as usual. I, of course, will be available to my staff at a moment’s notice if there are questions, etc., and I will continue to run the business end of things. In keeping with my decision to phase out of the legal limelight, I will be changing the name of my firm to “Northern California Family Law Group.” It feels so wonderful to follow my dreams—I highly recommend it. (Sacramento)

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<td>Oregon Public Defender.</td>
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#### Matthew Berrien

Berrien has joined Diepenbrock Harrison’s real estate and business law department. He previously practiced with Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard. (Sacramento)

#### Scott Cote

Cote was elevated to partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP. He practices in the area of elder law in the Sacramento office of the Los Angeles-based firm. (Sacramento)

#### Amanda Saxton

Saxton has been named chief of the California Fair Political Practices Committee’s enforcement division. She has served as senior counsel and interim chief of the division since 2005. (Sacramento)


**Lana Shearer**
Brokier Associate, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. I am practicing real estate and loving it! It gives me flexibility to be with my two boys (4 1/2 and 3) as much as possible and yet gets me out and about meeting new people and helping them find a home for their family. I find it both rewarding and fun. I may return to the practice of law at some point when my children are older, but maybe not. Right now I have tried every different scenario (large law firm, small law firm, part-time, solo practice, partnership) and none of them "fit" with my family and my desire to be home as much as possible. Life is good; I would not have it any other way. (Sacramento)

**Bruce Timm**
Timm has joined with two other Sacramento attorneys to form Barth, Tozer & Timm LLP. He most recently practiced with Littler Mendelson PC. (Sacramento)

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**1999**

**Class Representative**

**Kathryn M. Davis**

Denise Antoon
Trial Consultant, Varinsky Associates. I’m still here at Varinsky Associates although I am on maternity leave right now. I had a son, Jackson, on Feb 15, 2007, which was also my fourth wedding anniversary! (Emeryville, California)

Ken Brock
Brock has joined Gaw Van Male in Napa as an associate. The former Neumiller & Beardslee associate in Stockton will practice within his new firm’s business enterprise, real estate and trade identity groups. (Napa, California)

Cassandra Ferrannini
Ferrannini has been elevated to partnership at Downey Brand in Sacramento. She specializes in labor and employment litigation. (Sacramento)

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**2000**

**Class Representatives**

**Samantha Tali**

**James S. Overman**

Christine M. Fitzgerald
Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of San Diego. (La Jolla, California)

Rex Frazier
Frazier was profiled in the Sacramento Business Journal. He is the president of the Personal Insurance Federation of California, the lead lobbying entity for five major insurance companies and a national mutual insurance association. (Sacramento)

June Hsieh
Attorney, Law Office of June Hsieh. I recently started her own practice focusing in the areas of business law, estate planning and intellectual property in the City of Industry, California. I am also serving as the President for the Taiwanese American Lawyers Association. (City of Industry, California)

Sarah R. Speakman
Speakman has joined Schiff Hardin LLP in San Francisco as an associate in the labor and employment group. Most recently an associate at Seyfarth Shaw, she has practiced in California and Hawaii. (San Francisco, California)

Seann Thompson
Thompson was elevated to shareholder at McDonough Holland & Allen. (San Francisco)

Lizbeth West
West has been elevated to shareholder at Weintraub Genshlea Chediak. She focuses on employment law. (Sacramento)

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2001

**Class Representatives**

**Lisa V. Ryan**

Rajinder Rai-Nielsen

Dan Ballard
Ballard contributed an article on intellectual property law to the May/June 2007 issue of Sacramento Lawyer magazine. Ballard is an IP attorney with Bullivant Houser Bailey PC. (Sacramento)

Jamie Errecart
Errecart has joined Carlton DiSante & Freudenberg LLP in Sacramento as an associate. She previously practiced with Hansen, Culhane, Kohls, Jones & Sommer LLP. (Sacramento)

Yvonne Goodson
Goodson has joined McDonald Carano Wilson LLP in Reno as an associate where she will work primarily in the areas of governmental affairs and administrative law. She previously served as deputy legislative counsel for the Nevada Legislature. (Reno, Nevada)

Ryan J. Meckfessel
Associate, Sideman & Bancroft, LLP. (San Francisco, California)
Shirley R. Sullinger
Associate, Bradley & Gmelich. She and Jay Sullinger, ’00, were married on June 9, 2007 in Pasadena. (Glendale, California)

Jennifer Weiner
Weiner has joined the Sacramento law firm of Ellis, Coleman, Poirier, La Voie & Steinhammer LLP as an associate. Weiner previously practiced with Cuneo, Black, Ward & Missler. (Sacramento)

2002

Class Representatives
Lan Li
André Batson

Tyrus Cobb
Assemblyman, Nevada Legislature. I married Emily Walford in November 2006. (Reno, Nevada)

Dominic DiMare
DiMare has been named to the California Air Resources Board’s Economic and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee. He is the California Chamber of Commerce’s vice president of government relations and chief legislative advocate.

Benjamin Kinne
Kinne has opened his own law practice in Jackson where he focuses on estate planning, business law and family law. He was formerly an attorney with Sweeney & Greene LLP. (Sacramento)

Michael T. Lebeau
Lebeau joined the new Los Angeles law firm of Cahill, Davis & O’Neall after 15 years of public sector property tax experience. His practice will focus on state and local taxation matters with an emphasis on Prop. 13 changes in ownership and ad valorem property tax litigation. (Los Angeles, California)

Kelley (Dowell) Lincoln
Lincoln has joined McDonough Holland & Allen. She previously practiced with Ryan & Fong as commercial and residential real estate transactions and litigation specialist. I married Richard Lincoln on July 22, 2006 in Sacramento. Erin (Quinlan) Riley, ’02, was in the wedding party. All is well! (Sacramento)

Madeline E. (Doms) Miller
Miller was featured in a Sacramento Bee article about food blogs. Her site, Everything Rachael Ray, www.rachaelrayblog.blogspot.com, chronicles all news about the TV chef, talk-show host and cookbook author, including her recipes. (Sacramento)

Connie H. Nguyen
Attorney, Central Valley Injured Workers Legal Clinic, Inc. (Modesto, California)

Roman M. Plachy
Corporate Attorney, Bridgehouse Rueckel & Bolthausen, LLC. Eric T. Baker, LL.M. ’03, Oliver Bolthausen, LL.M. ’03, and I have been with the international boutique firm of Bridgehouse Rueckel & Bolthausen for the past several years working successfully on complex transactions and various arbitrations for small to mid-sized companies. They have been instrumental in developing and maintaining BridgehouseLaw Alliance, a worldwide alliance of law firms with offices in Atlanta, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, London, Manila, Munich, Paris, Shanghai, and Singapore. Partly through our efforts, BridgehouseLaw Alliance is positioning itself as the go-to firm that can provide sophisticated international legal counsel. (Munich, Germany)

Susan Riggio
Riggio was second chair for the defense in a medical malpractice case in Stanislaus Superior Court where the parents of a minor injured at childbirth sought $1 million in damages. The defense prevailed in the three-week trial. Riggio is an associate with the Walnut Creek firm of Galloway, Luchese & Everson. (Walnut Creek, California)

2003

Class Representatives
Kristin A. Odom
Shawn M. Krogh

Krista Dunzewieler
Dunzewieler was on the plaintiffs’ team that won a $3.25 million settlement in Stanislaus Superior Court for three former city of Modesto employees in a sex discrimination retaliation case. She is an associate with Diepenbrock Harrison. (Sacramento)

Ellen S. Elliot
Associate, Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard. Husband’s company transferred us from Boise, Idaho. (Bakersfield, California)

Lindsay S. Harrington
Mason & Thomas recently relocated its Sacramento office to Davis and now has two locations, one in Roseville and one in Davis. I am based out of the Davis office. (West Sacramento, California)

Scott Huber
Huber has joined the new Roseville law firm of Cota Duncan & Cole. He was previously an associate with the Sacramento office of Best Best & Krieger. (Roseville, California)

Monica Hans
Hans has joined Downey Brand LLP as an associate. (Sacramento)

Jodi (Else) Hill
Hill has joined the Phoenix law firm of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll as an associate. She will represent clients in all aspects of labor and employment law. (Phoenix, Arizona)

Carla Higginbotham
Higginbotham was honored as the University of Nevada’s Outstanding Young Alumna. She is an associate with McDonald Carano Wilson whose practice focuses on corporate and commercial litigation. She previously served a clerkship with Judge Procter R. Hug Jr. of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. (Reno, Nevada)

Betty Williams Little
Little was named to Sacramento County’s Arden Arcade Community Planning Council. She is a partner in the law firm of Mopsick & Little LLP. (Sacramento)

Lyudmila Logvin
Logvin has joined Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith as an associate in the firm’s asbestos group. She was previously with Yaron & Associates. (Castro Valley, California)

James W. Mallonee
Principal, James W. Mallonee, PA. I opened my own firm in 2005, now have another attorney working for the firm and support staff. Will be hiring another attorney within six months. Is anyone interested in coming to Florida? Need long-term assistance in construction and elder law. My wife and I are expecting our second child. Thanks, McGeorge. (Port Charlotte, FL)
2004

Class Representatives
Carolyn Kubish
Ryan E. Fillmore
William Bishop

I started my own firm, Shimoda Law Corp., in November 2006, focusing on employment and personal injury litigation. I recently had a published decision in a wage and hour case, which we successfully defended on appeal, Eicher v. Advanced Business Integrators, Inc., 151 Cal. App. 4th 136 (2007). Further, I have successfully negotiated several wage and hour class actions, which included monetary and policy-changing terms. (Elk Grove, California)

Frederick C Thomas
I recently secured a position at a small construction litigation firm. (Phoenix, Arizona)

Ian Rambarran
Rambarran co-wrote an article, "Are Browse-Wrap Agreements All They Are Wrapped Up To Be," that appears in the Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property. He also contributed an article on intellectual property law to the May/June 2007 issue of Sacramento Lawyer magazine. Rambarran is an IP and e-commerce attorney with Klinedinst PC. (Sacramento)

Chet Templeton
Criminal Defense Attorney, Law Offices of Chet P. Templeton. (Lincoln, California)

2005

Class Representatives
Sarah M. Lightbody
Michael Meciar

Annie S. Amaral
Amaral has joined the litigation practice at Downey Brand as an associate. She previously served as a law clerk to a U.S. District Court judge. (Sacramento)

Meghan Baker
Baker has joined the Sacramento office of Downey Brand Attorneys LLP as an associate. (Sacramento)

Zachary M. Benninga
Assistant State's Attorney, Baltimore County. (Baltimore, MD)

Evangeline Cheung
Cheung has joined Hayes Davis Bonino Ellingson McKay & Scott in Redwood Shores as an associate. She focuses her practice on appellate and litigation matters and was previously outside counsel for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (Redwood Shores, California)

Cori Sarno
Sarno, with Carolee Kilduff, ’82, represented the defendant Red Bluff Police Department in a gender discrimination, wrongful termination case where the plaintiff sought major damages but won only $30,000. Sarno is an associate in the Sacramento firm of Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff. (Sacramento)

Darius Vosylius
Vosylius was co-counsel for a successful defense in a breach of contract motion picture financing case in Los Angeles Superior Court. (Santa Monica, California)

Alexis W. White
Associate, Grant Thornton. (Irvine, California)

Galen T. Shimoda
I have my own practice in the areas of family law, estate planning, real estate, and non-profit boards. I am also the chair of MORE, helping our members dreams come true by offering vocational training. (Placerville, California)

Thomas R. Clark
Senior Consultant, Assembly Judiciary Committee. (Sacramento)

Jennifer Fordyce
Fordyce was co-counsel for the plaintiff, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, which won a $2.5 million settlement against the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles in an environmental contamination waste disposal case. (Los Angeles, California)

Sarah R. Hartmann
Hartmann were on the plaintiffs' team that won a $3.25 million settlement in Stanislaus Superior Court for three former city of Modesto employees in a sex discrimination retaliation case.

Charley Heintz
Founding Partner, Heintz Robyn & Digesti. Classmates Chris Robyn, Matt Digesti and I joined together in April 2007 to form Heintz Robyn & Digesti LLP. Our practice, located in Los Angeles and San Diego, primarily focuses on civil litigation, business, and sports and entertainment law. Specific endeavors include class action litigation, creation of web design companies and independent record labels, and representation of athletes, musicians, and music producers in contractual negotiations. We are proud to have formed an all-McGeorge law firm. Visit our website at www.hrdlaw.com. (San Diego, California)

Brad L. Clark
Associate, Langenkamp & Curtis LLP. Lindstrom has joined the firm of Langenkamp & Curtis LLP. His practice will focus on representation of plaintiffs in employment and education law matters. (Sacramento)
### 2006

#### Class Representatives

**Richard N. Asfar**  
**Channone Marie Smith**

**Aaron Avery**  
Avery joined the Sacramento law firm of Hefner, Stark & Marois as an associate in its bankruptcy and litigation practice. (Sacramento)

#### 2007

#### Class Representatives

**Amyann Rupp**  
**Michelle Laidlaw**

**Amir Ameri**  
Ameri joined Klinedinst PC after passing the February 2007 bar. (Sacramento)

**Casey L. Chapkanian**  
Chapkanian has joined Palmer Kazanjian Wohl Perkins LLP as an associate after passing the February 2007 bar exam. Her practice will focus on labor and employment law counseling and litigation. (Sacramento)

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<td><strong>Marjorie Simington ’05</strong></td>
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<td>Simington has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Saskatchewan Law Faculty. She continues as a JSD candidate at Pacific McGeorge.</td>
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<td>Anderson has joined the Las Vegas office of Hale Lane in its business ventures and tax group. (Las Vegas, Nevada)</td>
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This year, the event was titled, “The Supreme Court Hears the Trial of Hamlet.”

The networking events help students acclimate to the area, meet new friends and get career leads. “We let students know there are other people to whom they can reach out here in the District, if they need to,” says MacKichan.

Dunston also makes it a point to set up information sessions for potential interns to talk with lawyers who work in small firms, large firms, private practices and government agencies throughout DC.

“The interns can ask anything they want,” she says. “I think just having a few people they can call on for personal or professional information in the city has been helpful for them.”

And the results has been a growing trickle of students that has brought the chapter’s membership up to 85.

While everyone associated with the Washington, D.C. alumni chapter has worked hard to make it the success it is, MacKichan says one of the driving factors has been the influence of Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. “She has really changed the public image of Pacific McGeorge and has done tremendous things to improve its stature in the legal community,” he says. “She has inspired us to invigorate our chapter.”
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Law Schools listed in the Top 20 of both International Law and Advocacy specialties in the U.S. News & World Report's 2008 rankings.

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Harvard
Northwestern
Pacific McGeorge
University of Texas
Washington University in St. Louis

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Sacramento
Reno
Las Vegas
Orange County
Phoenix
San Diego
Hawaii
Los Angeles
Washington, DC
New York Area

Special Interest Chapters
Capitol Alumni Chapter
GLBT Alumni Chapter
Black Alumni Chapter
Asian Alumni Chapter
Latino Alumni Chapter

Retirement Rate of First-Year Students

% of Day Students Retained who sat for Finals

Entering Class by Minority Designation

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