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- **Centers of Distinction**
  The Centers of Distinction at Pacific McGeorge need your support. Each of our three centers—Advocacy, Global and Capital—has overall campaign needs and requires your investment to grow and sustain unique program offerings. Your gift will make a significant difference.

- **Legal Clinics**
  Your investment in Pacific McGeorge’s Legal Clinics both enhances student learning and helps local community members navigate difficult legal challenges. These hands-on innovative programs provide students with a learning environment that promotes real-world education and instills the value of service.

Our Advancement team would be pleased to work with you to direct your gift to an area of your choosing.

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Transformation. It is a common word, but we tend to forget what it really means. To transform something is, literally, to change its form. In this issue of Pacific Law we highlight transformation at Pacific McGeorge in a variety of ways.

Most important to our mission, our students experience a transformation as a result of the rigorous education that we provide. Despite my many years of teaching, it never ceases to surprise me how the students who began law school hiding in the last row of my contracts class hoping not to be called can stride so confidently across the stage at commencement, transformed into professionals who will represent their clients with skill and tenacity. This is why I am a law professor. Education transforms.

We also celebrate the transformation of legal education in response to the changing demands of practice. McGeorge students will not just be “practice ready” when they graduate; they will be ready to participate in a changing practice. Building off the core analytical skills that have been our hallmark, we have transformed our curriculum to be deeply practical, experiential and career-oriented. For example, in our Legislative Clinic, students don’t just study law; they put laws on the books.

We can transform our educational program, and thereby transform our students, only with the ongoing support of our alumni, faculty, staff and friends. In this regard, the Powell Gift to the University has been truly transformational. The individuals and groups that have established scholarships and programs with Powell Gift matching funds have made it possible for us to hire three new professors, remake our curriculum, and thereby to enable our students to become lawyers at the highest level of our profession.

I have great confidence in the future of McGeorge. And, lest we forget our professional mission, I want to close by recognizing the greatest transformations that we foster in our role as lawyers. We remake the lives of our clients through our representation. And by fostering the rule of law, we strive to ensure a just society. Our profession is certainly a noble one, but it is also very practical. Lawyers are devoted to the transformation of their clients’ lives, which in turn transforms them. This is beautifully described in the story about one of our Immigration Clinic successes. Thank you for your continued support to ensure that Pacific McGeorge is an agent of transformation.
CONNECT TO PACIFIC MCGEORGE

Stay connected by following @PacificMcGeorge on Instagram and Twitter. Use #ExperienceMcGeorge as well as your own hashtags to share with the community.
Pacific McGeorge returned to the American Bar Association (ABA) Negotiation Competition, marking the first time the law school has entered the annual competition since 2006. Pacific McGeorge was once a formidable regional power, advancing to the nationals in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001, but in recent years student interest in the event had fallen off.

Megan Donaghey, ’17, and Michael Mahan, ’15, posted the fifth-highest score out of 24 teams from California, Hawaii and Nevada that competed in the Region 9 tournament in November. “The members of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Club deserve credit for our return to the ABA Negotiation Competition,” Professor Jeff Proske, the team’s coach, says. “Special thanks go to Professor Michael Colatrella and Mathew John, president of the student club, for their assistance in creating this opportunity for our students to participate in this important ADR competition.”

Proske and Colatrella credit Associate Dean Dorothy Landsberg for finding the funds to back the team. The faculty coaches are hopeful that an even bigger group of students will try out for the team in the fall.
CLASS OF 2015 STUDENT AWARDS

The Outstanding Student Achievement Award went to Ernesto Falcon (day program) and Sarah Schumacher (evening program). Jackie Loyd (day) and Elizabeth Ramos (evening) received the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award. Vallerye Mosquera (day) and Nick Kump (evening) received the Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award. Devina Douglas (day) and Tia Kemokai (evening) were recognized with the ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award. The Outstanding Student Service Award went to Jackie Hang and Chelsea Tibbs (day) and to Lexi Howard (evening). Congratulations to the Class of 2015 award winners!

Spring Symposium on Linguistics

Pacific McGeorge hosted a successful symposium on May 1, 2015, on “Inference, intention, and ‘ordinary meaning’: What jurists can learn about legal interpretation from linguistics and philosophy.” Many prominent scholars joined Pacific McGeorge faculty to explore issues relating to legal interpretation. Professor Larry Solum of Georgetown University School of Law posted about the symposium on his influential Legal Theory blog, Isolum.typepad.com/legaltheory.
JUSTICE KENNEDY TAUGHT SUMMER SALZBURG PROGRAM

Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy taught for his 26th year at Pacific McGeorge’s annual summer program in Salzburg, Austria, which ran from July 5 through July 24, 2015. Justice Kennedy has taught in the Salzburg program 25 of the past 26 years. He taught Constitutional Law as a member of the Pacific McGeorge faculty from 1965 until his 1988 appointment to the Supreme Court by President Reagan.

Law Review Symposium Revisits Need for Sentencing Reform

Ten years ago, Pacific McGeorge hosted a symposium, co-organized by Associate Dean Clark Kelso, on reforming California’s sentencing policies that resulted in a report outlining a proposal for reforming California’s sentencing scheme. Since then, Kelso, in his role as the California Correctional Health Care receiver for the state’s prison health care system, has been at the center of the controversy over sentencing reform.

A decade later, California is on the verge of addressing the unsustainable reliance on prison as its solution to crime. To explore this timely issue, the McGeorge Law Review held its annual symposium on “The Long Overdue Reform of California’s Sentencing Practice and Policy.” Co-sponsored by the Pacific McGeorge Capital Center, the event featured a full day of discussion panels. A video of the symposium is on the Pacific McGeorge YouTube channel.
Assistant Dean Tracy Simmons Joins LSAC Board of Trustees

Tracy Simmons, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Diversity Initiatives and Financial Aid, has been appointed to serve a two-year term on the board of trustees of the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) as an appointee at large, starting May 2015. Simmons has also been named chair-elect for the Association of American Law Schools Section on PreLegal Education and Admission to Law School.

Pacific McGeorge Again Ranks High

U.S. News & World Report 2016 Best Graduate Schools ranked Pacific McGeorge’s Trial Advocacy program No. 10 in the nation. The law school consistently ranks in the top 20 for International Law, and this year it was ranked 20. The part-time J.D. program was ranked No. 35, up from No. 38 last year. Pacific McGeorge was also ranked 45 on a list of the top 100 most diverse schools.

Pacific McGeorge Recognized With Diversity Award

Pacific McGeorge received the second place 2015 Diversity Matters Award from the Law School Admissions Council, marking the third year in a row that the law school was recognized in the top three. The award is given to law schools that have demonstrated the highest level of outreach to racially and ethnically diverse students.

SIXTH ANNUAL IMMIGRATION FAIR

Pacific McGeorge hosted its sixth annual Immigration Fair on Nov. 7, 2014. Alumni, students, staff and faculty provided free legal services to 140 fair attendees. The focus was assisting community members with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and naturalization applications.

Professor Blake Nordahl, the supervising attorney in the Pacific McGeorge Immigration Law Clinic, organized the event, which serves so many in the community.

“It is a pleasure and a lot of fun to work with so many students, alumni, staff and faculty with such a strong commitment to service learning,” says Nordahl.
LAUDABLE COMPETITION PERFORMANCES BY THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM
Selena Farnesi, ’15, and James Bradford, ’15, made the Elite Eight of the National Trial Competition Championship. Alan Donato, ’09, and Jeff Schaff, ’09, coached the team. Anna Padgett, Tia Kemokai and Kathryn Baldwin were quarterfinal winners.
Farnesi was selected to represent McGeorge in Baylor’s Top Gun National Trial Competition, with Kathryn Baldwin as second-chair assistant.
Kitty Tetrault, Shoeb Mohammad, Ashley Pane and Ryan Roebuck reached the regional finals of the American Association for Justice Competition.
Lauryn Tully, Natasha Machado, Elizabeth Ramos and Dayla Go made it to the round of 16 in the South Texas Mock Trial Challenge.

MOOT COURT CAPS SUCCESSFUL FALL AND SPRING CAMPAIGNS WITH AWARDS
Jackie Hang, Annette Rose and Suzan Karayel won the NTC Region 12 competition, and Hang was named the top advocate of the regional. Another McGeorge team, Shay Billington, Andrew Naylor and Janelle Covington, made it to the event’s regional quarterfinals.
Maricar Pascual was named the Best Oralist and Caroline Soto received the Second Oralist award at the national finals of the Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition. In the Appellate Lawyers Association Invitational moot court competition, Robert Mayville, Erin Brennan and Elizabeth Kim received the award for second best brief.
Ryan Hawley-Jones and Matt Chen took home second place in the best brief competition at the USD National Criminal Procedure Tournament. Sean Baird, Craig Harris and Amelia Hicks advanced to the quarterfinal round in Pepperdine’s National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition.
Janelle Covington, Maricar Pascual and Chelsea Tibbs took second place in the Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court Competition. Covington and Pascual were among the top 10 participants cited for “Outstanding Individual Achievement in Oral Argument.”

Global Symposium Examines Emerging International Law of Property
The International Law of Property (Oxford 2014), the new book by Distinguished Professor John Sprankling (left), inspired the 2015 Pacific McGeorge Global Symposium. Videos of the symposium are available at YouTube.com/pacificmcgeorge.
Capital Center Lecture Series Tackles Hot-Button Issues
Dynamic speakers presented lectures on political reform, eyewitness misidentification and end-of-life options

**Political Reform**

**Eyewitness Misidentification**
Moderated by University of the Pacific Professor Jacqueline Austin, the Mike Belote Annual Endowed Capital Center Lecture was held Dec. 10, 2014, at the Sutter Club in Sacramento. The event featured a lecture and discussion with Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton, authors of the New York Times best-selling book *Picking Cotton.* The book, which explores how the criminal justice system helped the witness “get it wrong,” provides the riveting narrative of suspect misidentification that resulted in Cotton spending 12 years behind bars for a crime he did not commit. In their deeply personal and uplifting talk, Thompson and Cotton discussed critical policy questions relating to witness identification in the criminal justice system.

**End-of-Life Options**
The Capital Center Lecture Series presented “End of Life Options Act–SB-128” on April 20, 2015, moderated by Melissa Brown, Director of the Pacific McGeorge Legal Clinics. Speakers explored the legal, medical, cultural and moral concerns that will arise as SB-128, a bill that would allow those with a terminal illness to request medication to end their own life, makes its way through the legislative process.

Legislative and Public Policy Clinic Supervising Attorney Rex Frazier, ’01, with Clinic alumni Christopher Wu, ’14, Marisa Shea, ‘14, and Jacob Smith, ’14.

**Legislative and Public Policy Clinic Starts Strong**
Gov. Jerry Brown signed four of the five bills drafted by students in the Pacific McGeorge Legislative and Public Policy Clinic. The bills, which include a law prohibiting the distribution of “revenge porn,” were officially passed into law in late September 2014.

In only its first year, the clinic has received recognition as one of the top 15 most innovative clinics in the entire nation in the Winter 2015 issue of PreLaw Magazine.
Embracing Change

As today’s legal landscape continues to evolve at breakneck speed, Pacific McGeorge is preparing its students to recognize—and seize—the exciting new opportunities that lie ahead.
History often provides comfort during challenging times by reminding us that we have overcome daunting problems before. As legal education and legal practice face disruptive change, it is helpful to look back to the first issue of the *California Law Review*, published in 1912. The issue opens with an address delivered at the dedication of Boalt Hall by the dean and founder of the law school. “The Problem of the Law School” has a particularly provocative opening:

The law schools of this country have never faced their problems. Like most institutions coming down from generation to generation, they have been slow to inquire into the original justification of their plans and programs, or to seek to learn whether what was once justified still retained its reason for being.

The dean championed the “scientific” case method of instruction as the solution to the problems of legal education, but these words could be written today with equal validity as we attempt to move beyond the model created more than 100 years ago.

I am proud that Pacific McGeorge is a leader in re-creating legal education to serve the needs of tomorrow’s lawyers. Our graduates this year will likely be practicing law in 2060. We are innovating in numerous ways to provide them with the tools to be lifelong learners and entrepreneurs who can navigate the rapidly evolving roles of lawyers in society.

Every McGeorge student now takes a required course in Statutes and Regulations, in recognition of the regulatory nature of most modern law, and a course in the Legal Profession, in recognition of the need for students to be prepared for contemporary practice. From this base, our students will choose courses from an experientially rich and modernized curriculum that positions them for success upon graduation.

Innovations in the law school curriculum tell only part of the story, however. Contemporary practice is increasingly interdisciplinary, and lawyers increasingly are employed in jobs that do not even require bar membership.

The University recognizes the need for more interdisciplinary elements, and so we have embarked on the development of a Sacramento Graduate Campus that will host degree programs in law, business and policy. Pacific McGeorge students will be able to complement their deep knowledge of legal doctrine with courses on public policy analysis, entrepreneurship and financial accounting. Working on projects with their future colleagues and clients will provide the broad, real-world experience that is absent when law is taught in a silo.

The challenges we face today are very real, but so are the opportunities. One of the most astute commentators on legal practice and education, Richard Susskind, hits the nail on the head:

The legal market is in an unprecedented state of flux. Over the next two decades, the way in which lawyers work will change radically. Entirely new ways of delivering legal services will emerge, new providers will enter the market, and the workings of our courts will be transformed. Unless they adapt, many traditional legal businesses will fail. On the other hand, a whole set of fresh opportunities will present themselves to entrepreneurial and creative young lawyers.

Pacific McGeorge graduates will be positioned to take advantage of these exciting new opportunities.
Donors are giving game-changing support to Pacific McGeorge, inspiring others to do the same.

There are many ways to support learning at University of the Pacific, and the long list of those who do includes alumni, professors, staff and other members of the University of the Pacific community. But the largest gift comes from benefactors who didn’t work at or attend the university; in fact, they didn’t even go to college.
“Our goal is for our students to be representative of the broader community.” (Cary Bricker) Professor, right, and Professor Jeff Proske, left.
THE POWELL GIFT
Robert Powell was a prominent Sacramento real estate developer whose many projects included the Gold River, Campus Commons and Selby Ranch communities and Pavilions shopping center. He and his wife, Jeannette, an interior designer, had a profound respect for the value of education, making important contributions to University of the Pacific and dedicating both resources and time to ensure the university’s continuing success. They didn’t have children of their own, but they helped put several teens through college, including a niece and the son of one of their tenants. In their estate, Robert, who passed away in 2007, and Jeannette, who died in 2012, left a record $125 million to University of the Pacific.
“Bob Powell understood that few people can thrive in today’s world, as he and Jeannette did, without a college education,” says Hayne Moyer, ’75, who was the Powells’ lawyer. Moyer is a member of the Powell Advisors, a group the university consults with about the distribution of the Powell funds.
The Powell funds are the largest gift University of the Pacific has ever received, and they immediately doubled the school’s endowment. In addition to supporting the Powell Scholars, the gift creates matching funds to inspire others to support academic programs and scholarships. “With the Powell Fund Match, whatever you give will be doubled, and the contribution will be in your name,” Moyer says. “It is a great way to make the most of your gift and to help the school and the students.”
Today, Pacific McGeorge encourages its supporters not only to increase the impact of the Powell gift but to contribute to the law school in any way they can—and alumni, faculty and friends have responded with an outpouring of generosity.

MIKE BELOTE CAPITAL CENTER ENDOWMENT
Mike Belote, ’87, president of the prominent Sacramento lobbying firm California Advocates and longtime Pacific McGeorge supporter, made the first gift to be matched by the Powell funds. In 2013, Belote established the Capital Center Lecture Series, which is held under the auspices of the Pacific McGeorge Capital Center for Public Law and Policy. The program invites top thinkers and policymakers to come to the state capital to address timely local and national policy issues.

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Belote, who funded the lecture series through the sale of an Aston Martin he had kept in storage, says he has always been motivated to give back to his alma mater, and the Powell gift has given him extra incentive. “People invest a lot of time and money in law school,” he says, “and being there to support them is important to me.”

Belote finalized an unprecedented second Powell Match gift in April 2015. This gift will support an endowment for public service, which will help fund the Pacific McGeorge Public Legal Services Society Summer Stipend Program.

FACULTY DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP
Powell funds will also double the donations raised for a new Faculty Diversity Scholarship at McGeorge. The scholarship was established by faculty members who want to help create a more diverse student body—and increase diversity in the legal profession as a whole.

“Our goal is for our students to be representative of the broader community,” says Professor Cary Bricker, who teaches trial advocacy and heads the school’s Diversity Affairs Committee. Professors Larry Levine, John Sprankling, Omar Dajani and Jeff Proske also worked with Bricker to launch the new scholarship and organize faculty participants.

Before coming to Pacific McGeorge, Bricker had worked as a staff attorney with the New York Legal Aid Society. Most of her clients were minorities, she says, while most of the lawyers representing them were white. “The attorneys were all very committed, but it didn’t make sense that there weren’t more African-American and Latino lawyers,” says Bricker. “With this new scholarship, we want to encourage more diversity among the lawyers of tomorrow, to give everyone in the community a voice.”

The new scholarship will support diversity of race, gender, sexual orientation, culture and religion. Faculty, staff and students have also contributed generously, and Bricker is
Schaber Chair in Health Law and Policy and has served as a University of the Pacific regent. “I am grateful to McGeorge for giving me the opportunity to develop a successful law practice and am happy I can give back,” he says.

“Scholarships are critical because the cost of education today is ludicrous,” Moyer adds. “I paid about $1,600 a year when I went to college. Now it costs $50,000 a year. I meet kids with college debts of $150,000. That kind of debt doesn’t give them a lot of options about the kind of law they are going to practice—or a lot of options, period. Scholarships help to create a citizen who can benefit society.”

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HAYNE AND SUSAN MOYER SCHOLARSHIP
Hayne R. Moyer graduated from McGeorge School of Law in 1975 and has been a supporter ever since. He and his wife, Susan, annually give to the Hayne and Susan Moyer Scholarship, in honor of former Pacific McGeorge professor and Moyer mentor Clarence S. Brown. They recently added a planned gift to the scholarship’s endowment, which will be matched by the Powell funds. The scholarship awards $5,000 to one student each year.

Moyer, who retired in 2011 after a successful 31-year law career that focused on business litigation, also contributed $25,000 toward the endowment of the Gordon D. Schaber Chair in Health Law and Policy and has served as a University of the Pacific regent. “I am grateful to McGeorge for giving me the opportunity to develop a successful law practice and am happy I can give back,” he says.

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CENTER, WITH HAYNE AND SUSAN MOYER
to attend college. “It felt like a vote of confidence and the push I needed to decide. That—and the awesome faculty at McGeorge!”

NOËL FERRIS AND R. PARKER WHITE TRIAL ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP

Noël Ferris, ’79, and her husband, R. Parker White, ’80, met at Pacific McGeorge, where both participated in the trial advocacy program. Today, they have successful practices in Sacramento—both specialize in personal injury and medical malpractice cases—and have been widely honored by the local, national and international legal community. (See Page 44 to learn more about Ferris and White.)

Their experience at Pacific McGeorge inspired them to create a new scholarship focused on trial advocacy. The Noël Ferris and R. Parker White Scholarship, while not part of the Powell Fund Match, will provide $10,000 for a student who demonstrates outstanding trial advocacy skills. Ferris and White want to support McGeorge’s trial advocacy program because they say it gave them the real-world skills they needed to thrive in the combative atmosphere of the courtroom. “We learned how to take evidence, how to pick a jury, how to make a case in front of a judge and how to think on our feet,” says Ferris. “We learned to get over the jitters of being in a strange courtroom. It was a huge experience for both of us. When we graduated law school, we were ready to walk into a courtroom.”

According to Ferris, many law schools don’t give students practical courtroom experience. “I have a particular interest in encouraging women to pursue trial advocacy,” she says. “I think it’s a calling; you either have it or you don’t. But the training is also so important. Today, cases are more and more complex, so building those courtroom skills in law school is all the more important.”

To learn more about supporting Pacific McGeorge, contact Senior Development Officer Sarra Ziari at 916.739.7391.
Emily Whelan Parento will join the faculty as an associate professor of law and the Gordon D. Schaber Health Law Scholar. Parento will be teaching health law courses and administrative law. She previously served as the chief health policy adviser to Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear. Parento holds a Juris Doctor and Master of Laws in global health law from Georgetown University Law Center.

Jennifer Harder will join the faculty as an assistant professor of lawyering skills. Harder was a partner at Downey Brand, working in the water group for nine years, and she has recently served as adjunct professor at UC Davis and McGeorge. She is regularly sought out to present on water topics and helped found the California Water Law Journal as a joint project of practicing lawyers and students from both Davis and McGeorge. Harder is a graduate of UC Davis School of Law.

Karrigan Bork will hold a joint appointment, serving as visiting assistant professor in the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences in the College of the Pacific, and visiting assistant professor of law at the McGeorge School of Law. Bork will teach Environmental Law at McGeorge in the fall semester. Bork is a graduate of Stanford Law School, and he was awarded his Ph.D. at UC Davis in ecology (conservation biology).

Publication Highlights

- Brian Slocum – Ordinary Meaning (University of Chicago 2015).
- Michael Vitiello – Criminal Law Simulations (Bridge to Practice Series, West 2014) (with Emily Hughes).
Presentation, Event and Appointment Highlights

- **Jay Leach and Cary Bricker**, assisted by numerous Pacific McGeorge faculty, hosted eight Russian law professors from Feb. 23 to Feb. 28, 2015, at the Pacific McGeorge campus for a variety of interactive and experiential teaching demonstrations. The program, part of a two-year U.S.-Russia Foundation Legal Education Exchange, continued with a visit by Pacific McGeorge faculty to the Moscow campus in April 2015.

- **Michael T. Colatrella Jr.** presented “Ethical Considerations in Mediating Disputes With Self Represented Litigants” during a panel he organized at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Conference on April 16, 2015.

- **Michael Malloy** hosted the second Annual Conference on Business, Law and Economics (BLE Conference) at the Athens Institute for Education and Research in Athens, Greece, May 4-5, 2015.


- **Rachel Salcido** was appointed in 2014 as a member at large on the board of directors for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.


These highlights are a small set of the numerous scholarly activities faculty engaged in this year around the world. See more faculty activities at go.mcgeorge.edu/faculty.

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**PROFESSOR RAQUEL ALDANA CO-ORGANIZES AALS SYMPOSIUM**


Aldana collaborated with Alina Das, assistant professor of clinical law at NYU School of Law, and Jennifer Chacón, from UC Irvine School of Law, on the symposium proposal and organization.

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**PROFESSOR STEPHEN MCCAFFREY DRAFTS U.N. WATER CONVENTION**

A groundbreaking multilateral treaty on international water cooperation, the culmination of a decade’s work by Professor Stephen McCaffrey, took effect on Aug. 17, 2014.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses obliges each nation to consider the impact of its actions on others with a shared interest in a water resource such as a river, lake or groundwater. The convention was adopted in 1997 and, following a lengthy ratification process, began thereafter. The treaty took effect 90 days after the 35th country—Vietnam—approved the treaty in August 2014.

A member of the UN International Law Commission (ILC) from 1982 to 1991, McCaffrey served as the ILC’s “special rapporteur” on international watercourses from 1985 to 1991, when the commission adopted a full set of draft articles on the topic, based on his proposals.

Owen McIntyre, an international water law expert and faculty member at University College Cork, Ireland, said, “The convention would not have come about without the tireless work of a small number of champions, none of whom has played a role as significant as that of Steve McCaffrey.”
Elder & Health Law Clinic Wins Major Denial of Care Case

JUDGE RELIES ON STUDENTS’ FINDINGS AND EXPERTISE TO REACH FAVORABLE DETERMINATION

Elder & Health Law Clinic students Aaron Claxton, ’17; Rick Lebherz, ’15; and Kimberly Van Spronsen, ’16, worked on a case that resulted in the estate of their deceased client receiving an order for Kaiser Permanente to reimburse the family for more than $100,000 in out-of-plan services. The issue was whether the specialized surgery and treatment for a grade IV glioblastoma brain tumor qualified for out-of-plan services under the Medicare HMO plan through Kaiser. The judge heard testimony from McGeorge M.S.L. student Patrick Browning, M.D., who was qualified as a medical expert, which contributed to the favorable decision.

Extensive research, a detailed brief, production of evidence, and the presentation of lay and expert witnesses at the adversary hearing persuaded the Medicare administrative law judge to reverse the denials of care. The clinic, supervised by Professor Melissa Brown, has won each of its Medicare denial of care cases and is one of the few California sources of legal representation for Medicare patients and their families.
IMMIGRATION CLINIC SCORES
ASYLUM VICTORY
Students help clients who suffered religious persecution in El Salvador obtain legal status in the United States

In January, former Immigration Clinic students, with supervision from Professor Blake Nordahl, won asylum for a family from El Salvador, concluding more than two years of work. Among the students representing the clients were Cristina Andrade, ’14; Sahir Faidi, ’13; and Qamar Fareed, ’15.

The principal client is an evangelical pastor from El Salvador whose religious work included providing services to gang members to encourage them to leave gang life. His church also provided counseling, education, health services and ministry. The family faced threats and attacks as a result of this work. Eventually, the family fled to California when the attacks escalated. Religious persecution is a recognized ground for asylum and was the basis of the application.

The family contacted the clinic with less than a month left before its one-year filing deadline. Family members said they had been taken advantage of by a nonlawyer notary, who charged them fees but did not work on their case. The clinic quickly filed an application to protect the clients’ rights.

Faidi worked with each family member to draft their life histories and gather details about the basis of the claim. Andrade and Fareed finished the declarations and drafted the brief, which involved substantial research, comprehensive interviewing and fact checking. Fareed prepared the clients for the asylum interview in San Francisco, which he also attended. “I was in a position to do actual good and have a profound effect on a family’s life,” Fareed says. “So I took my job very seriously.”

From left: Cristina Andrade, ’14; Qamar Fareed, ’15; and Sahir Faidi, ’13.
2015
Lynn C. Harris was selected by his peers for inclusion in Utah Business magazine’s 2015 Utah Legal Elite. Harris is an attorney at Jones Waldo specializing in personal injury and medical malpractice.

Richard D. Meyer ran unopposed for the bench in Alpine County and was elected to a term that expires on Jan. 3, 2021. Prior to his election, Meyer served as a public defender in both El Dorado and Alpine counties for three decades.

Allan Zaremberg made the 2014 Capitol Weekly Top 100 list of the most powerful nonelected movers and shakers in California political circles at No. 67.

1979
Timothy Cronan retired from his position at the UC Davis School of Medicine. At UC
Davis, Cronan functioned as a public health policy consultant assigned to lead completion of the California Department of Public Health’s Catastrophic Hazard Vulnerability Assessments for Pandemic, Firestorm, Earthquake, Tsunami, Radiological, and ARkStorm hazards and to prioritize which of those hazards should be initially addressed. | Noel Ferris gave the Dean’s Address at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

1980
James Taylor returned to the Jacobson Firm, P.C., a New York-based intellectual property and entertainment law firm, resident in the Seattle office, after 10 years overseas that included working as the third-highest-ranking attorney in the Republic of Palau and the assistant attorney general of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. He was selected as a film judge by the 2015 Sonoma International Film Festival and wrote a script that was selected as runner-up at an international screenplay competition. | Fred Valdez has opened a law practice in Anchorage, Alaska, with concentrations in family law, estate planning, personal injury, DUI defense and business disputes.

1984
Steven Cranfill won retention as a judge in the Fifth District Court, winning a six-year term that expires on Jan. 3, 2021. Cranfill has served on the Fifth District Court in Wyoming since September 2006. | Andrea Lynn Hoch was elected to the University of the Pacific Board of Regents in April 2015 and will serve a three-year term extending through June 30, 2018. Hoch is an associate justice for the California Court of Appeal.

1985
John Zelezny has published six editions of Communications Law: Liberties, Restraints, and the Modern Media, a top-selling textbook. He is employed fulltime as a senior public relations executive and is also busy as a communications consultant and glamour photographer.

1987
Donna Browney made the 2014 Capitol Weekly Top 100 list of the most powerful nonelected movers and shakers in California political circles at No. 98 | Patricia Curtin, a land use partner at Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP, has been selected as one of the San Francisco Business Times’ 2015 “Most Influential Women in Business.” | Jill Friedman, an attorney and litigator at Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Feingold, LLP in Ventura, was elected to serve on the executive board for the California Coast Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Friedman will serve as membership chair in 2015 and is in line to be president of the local chapter in 2018. | Margaret Masunaga was sworn in as a judge of Hawaii’s Third Circuit Court in December after her fall appointment to the County of Hawaii bench by the chief justice of Hawaii’s Supreme Court. A former McGeorge Alumni Board of Directors member, she served several years as a deputy corporation counsel. She has been Hawaii’s state delegate to the ABA since 2009. | Deborah Ortiz won 67 percent of the vote to retain her seat on the board of the Los Rios Community College District in the Nov. 4, 2014, election. A former state legislator, she has served on the Los Rios Community College District board of trustees since 2010.

1988
Ruthe Catolico Ashley was elected to the American Bar Association (ABA) Board of Governors as a minority member-at-large for a term of 2014-2017 at the ABA’s 2014 annual meeting in Boston. | Jeff Huron has been appointed to a three-year membership term for the California State Bar’s Financial Institutions Committee beginning Sept. 14, 2014. The Financial Institutions Committee, part of the Business Law Section of the California State Bar, tracks legislative and case law developments affecting

1989
Eugene C. (“Gene”) Blackard Jr. has been re-elected managing partner for a fourth term at Archer Norris. He has been managing partner since 2008. | Matina Kolokotronis was selected for the 2015 Sacramento Business Journal’s Women Who Mean Business program. Kolokotronis is the president of business operations for the Sacramento Kings. | Alan Laskin received a jury verdict in favor of clients for $7.4 million and with interest and costs exceeding $11.4 million for negligent repair by auto dealership resulting in a paralysis case. | Arthur G. Woodward has joined the Auburn law firm of Reynolds Maddux LLP as a partner. Upon Woodward’s arrival, the firm changed its name to Reynolds Maddux Woodward LLP. He will head Reynolds Maddux Woodward’s litigation practice group.

1990
Bryan Freedman was featured in Variety’s 2015 Legal Impact Report. He is a partner at Freedman & Taitelman, LLP.

1991
Fredericka McGee was selected for the 2015 Sacramento Business Journal’s Women Who Mean Business program. McGee is general counsel and deputy chief of staff for the California State Assembly. | W. Kearse McGill was appointed as the presiding judge for the Stockton District Office of the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board. McGill was also appointed by the California State Bar board of trustees to the Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, which writes ethics advisory opinions for the California State Bar.

1992
Gina Genova has retired from the active practice of law to work full time for UC Santa Barbara teaching legal writing, business writing and writing for public speaking. | Michael Middleton has been promoted to shareholder at Trainor Fairbrook in Sacramento. | Evan Smiley has formed Smiley Wang-Ekvall, LLP, with seven of the 11 lawyers of his prior firm, where he spent 19 years. Smiley’s new firm, with offices in Orange County and Los Angeles, specializes in insolvency, business litigation and real estate. The firm’s lawyers include five former federal judicial clerks, the former OCBA president, and the president-elect of the California Bankruptcy Forum.

1993
Chris Delfino has co-founded a new law firm, Delfino Madden O’Malley & Koewler LLP, in Sacramento. | Michael B. Harper was appointed to a judgeship in the Trinity County Superior Court by Gov. Jerry Brown.
Harper has served as Trinity County district attorney since 2007. | Torene L.M. Schwab has been appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown as deputy director of the Legal Division and chief counsel at the California Department of Social Services, where she has served as assistant chief counsel since 2010.

1994
Norman E. Allen was elected to University of the Pacific Board of Regents on July 17, 2014, and will serve a three-year term extending through June 30, 2017. Allen is a senior vice president and partner at Woodruff-Sawyer & Co. in San Francisco. | Eric Barnum has been appointed as Schiff Hardin’s new labor and employment practice chair. Barnum is a partner in the firm’s Atlanta office, and he focuses his practice on a variety of matters related to employment law and litigation. | Julie Shephard was featured in Variety’s 2015 Legal Impact Report. She is a partner at Jenner Block in Los Angeles.

The best career advice Katharine “Kate” Baragona, ’90, received at Pacific McGeorge was from a friend, an Italian lawyer in the LL.M. Transnational Business Practice program. “Don’t submit your resume to California law firms,” he told her. “You won’t be able to rationalize quitting to follow your dreams. Leave yourself no option but to be international.”

She took his words to heart, heading off to McGeorge’s Salzburg program with no U.S.-based job awaiting her return. Her internship—a key feature of McGeorge’s international programs—led to a full-time position. Eventually, she became one of the first five American lawyers to qualify as a U.K. solicitor.

Since 2010, Baragona has been a senior infrastructure finance specialist at the World Bank, located in Washington, D.C., where she continues to advise governments, development institutions, lenders and project sponsors on the structure and financing of energy or transportation projects that draw on private- and public-sector funding.

“She feels like I’m working with the John Adamses and the Thomas Jeffersons of Mauritania, Zambia, Uganda and Nigeria,” Baragona says of her international colleagues. “Every day, I am inspired.”

A member of McGeorge’s International Board of Advisors, Baragona is grateful for the high-quality legal training she received at McGeorge and the school’s international network of contacts and alumni.

“It was the first place where I was amongst people who had already accomplished what I was dreaming I might accomplish,” she says.

DREAMING BIG
Kate Baragona, ’90, an infrastructure finance expert at the World Bank, credits Pacific McGeorge with inspiring her global pursuits

By Joanna Corman
1996

Timothy Harris has joined the Seattle City Attorney’s Office as assistant city attorney. | Cary G. Palmer has been elevated to managing shareholder of Jackson Lewis P.C., in the firm’s Sacramento office. Palmer represents management in employment, labor and benefits law and related litigation. | Jonathan Renner

1997

Peggy Huang was elected to the City Council for the city of Yorba Linda. Huang is the first Asian woman elected to the City Council. | Timothy H. Irons has joined Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing in Honolulu as an attorney of counsel. Irons was previously a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, in Century City, representing private developers, businesses, special districts and local government in entitlement proceedings and litigation.

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**WATER LAW TRAILBLAZER**

Environmental lawyer Kristian C. Corby, '13, helps advance Pacific McGeorge’s water law offerings

By Stephen Robitaille

Kristian C. Corby, ‘13, knew he wanted to study water law, but he didn’t know where. Then he began to notice that his research kept pointing him toward Pacific McGeorge—and he’s glad it did.

“Once I got here, I realized this was the perfect place to be. California has so many water issues, and Sacramento is the policy center of it all,” Corby says. “You’re in this hotbed of really smart people and cutting-edge ideas.”

Corby co-founded McGeorge’s Water Law Society, which organizes lectures by leading water policy experts, such as legendary water lawyer and McGeorge alumnus George Soares, and Ronald Robie, associate justice for the state’s Third District Court of Appeal, a former vice chair of the state Water Resources Control Board and director of the state Department of Water Resources.

Corby was McGeorge’s first water fellow, assisting Professor Stephen McCaffrey, a renowned water law expert, in disputes before the International Court of Justice, in The Hague, Netherlands.

At a meeting to pitch the Water Fellow concept, Corby came away with an approval and an offer for another task: help design a McGeorge water law institute. The Pacific McGeorge Water Resources Law Institute is slated to conduct policy research, provide collaborative solutions to California water issues, and work on legislative and regulatory reforms.

Corby now has what he terms a “dream job” as an associate attorney at King Williams & Gleason, a Sacramento-based environmental law firm. “I couldn’t have asked for a better school. McGeorge is so willing to entertain students’ ideas,” he says. “I never would have expected that as a first-year attorney I would be gaining experience in the highly competitive field of environmental law. I’m working directly with partners, writing motions, helping determine strategy. I’m not just looking under the hood—I’m helping build the engine. It’s fantastic.”
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Zackery Morazzini, ‘02 LL.M., has been appointed director of the Office of Administrative Hearings at the California Department of General Services by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Lizbeth West has been selected as a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA). The LCA is an exclusive trial lawyer honorary society limited to 4,000 fellows, representing less than one-half of 1 percent of American lawyers.

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Nicky Jatana has been named a 2015 Rising Star by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. He is a shareholder at Jackson Lewis P.C. in the Los Angeles office.

Christina W. Kelly has been elected as a shareholder of the national law firm Polsinelli in the Phoenix office.

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James Michael Davis retired with the rank of commander from the U.S. Navy in December 2014. Davis completed 28 years of combined active and reserve time. He spent 2013 recalled to active duty at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command in Manama, Bahrain. At his retirement, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his service.

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areas of public agency, employment, bankruptcy, creditors’ rights and natural resources litigation. | Rex Frazier made the 2014 Capitol Weekly Top 100 list of the most powerful nonelected movers and shakers in California political circles at No. 29. | Timothy Healy was sworn in as a judge of the Calaveras County Superior Court on Jan. 5, 2015. The former San Joaquin County deputy district attorney scored a rare victory over an incumbent judge in the November election. | William Schuetz has been named a new shareholder of the Sacramento law firm Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard.

2001
Daniel A. Flores was elected a judge in the San Francisco Superior Court on Nov. 4, 2014. Flores began his term on Jan. 15, 2015. He gave the Pacific McGeorge commencement address on May 16, 2015. | Piper Hanson (Laird) has formed a new law firm, Piper Hanson Law, in San Mateo County. Hanson is a mobile attorney specializing in estate planning, real estate, and elder law, and she is an active member of the Pacifica Chamber of Commerce.

2002
Patrick Bergin has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 21st edition of The Best Lawyers in America for 2015. A partner with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, he represents American Indian tribes in the areas of litigation, gaming law and economic development. | Jack Duran was re-elected to another four-year term to the Placer County Board of Supervisors, District 1, which encompasses the city of Roseville and unincorporated West Placer County. | Bruce Last started a solo firm in 2014 after leaving a 10-year position with the Jellins Group, APLC. He is also a contracting remote attorney editor with Thomson Reuters. | Rachel Miller has opened her own office after 10 years at the Public Defender’s Office in El Dorado County. | Todd Trotter has been appointed to the California Veterans Board by Gov. Jerry Brown.

2003
Edward M. Bernard has been promoted to partner at Hanson Bridgett LLP. Bernard counsels private, nonprofit and public employers regarding all aspects of retirement health plan design, implementation and compliance. | Monica Hans has been promoted to partner at the Sacramento firm Delfino Madden O’Malley Coyle & Koewler. | Alana Mathews was among 10 young leaders featured in Comstock’s magazine’s March 2015 article “The Next Wave.” Mathews has been the public adviser at the California Energy Commission since June 2013. | Anthony McClaren reached the summit of the largest and highest volcano in Peru, the Nevado Coropuna, elevation 21,079 feet. | Mhare Mouradian has joined the Los Angeles law firm Clark & Trevisich as partner. Mouradian was selected for the 2014 Southern California and Mountain States Rising Stars list for a fifth
consecutive nomination, and he was selected as a Top Attorney in *Pasadena* magazine for business litigation. | Rochelle Swanson was selected for the 2014 *Sacramento Business Journal’s Women Who Mean Business* program. Swanson is a regional account manager at CTI Towers, Inc. and a City of Davis council member.

**2004**

Rebecca Dietzen is the 2015 president of Women Lawyers of Sacramento. She is an attorney III at the California Department of Health Care Services. | Neil Forester has co-founded a new firm, Forester and Purcell Inc., in Folsom. | Aaron Ralph joined the Washington, D.C. office of Greenberg Traurig as an associate in its government contracts and projects practice group. Prior to joining the firm, he served as an attorney with the Air Force’s Acquisition Law and Litigation Directorate.

**2005**

Annie Amaral has been named partner in the Sacramento firm

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HELPING YOUR CLIENT’S LEGAL PROBLEM BY CHANGING THE LAW

By Chris Micheli, ’92, and Jennifer Barrera

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Most of our time in law school is spent reading judicial decisions as law schools traditionally focus on the development of common law. Because our legal training is based largely on case law interpretation, law students spend little time on statutory development and construction. Moreover, law schools rarely teach aspiring lawyers about how laws and regulations are made, or how to change laws or regulations to benefit their clients. In most instances, when you are practicing law, you interpret the law as written based upon application of cases and statutes to the specific facts of your client’s case.

While any lawyers will apply the facts of their case to the law as it exists, a really good lawyer should also look closely at changing the law to benefit his or her client’s position. Lawyers today will be better able to think about changing the law (statutes or regulations) by understanding the lawmaking and rulemaking processes, as well as the role of lobbyists in these processes at the state level.

There are considerable benefits for a lawyer to understand the lawmaking and rulemaking processes. When appropriate, changing the law should be an option that is provided to your client.

Chris Micheli, ’92, is an attorney and registered lobbyist with the Sacramento government relations firm of Aprea & Micheli, Inc. who writes frequently for Capitol Weekly. Jennifer Barrera is an attorney and policy advocate with the California Chamber of Commerce.

Read this entire article at [McGeorge.edu/news/ChangeTheLaw.htm](http://McGeorge.edu/news/ChangeTheLaw.htm).
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Downey Brand. William Lapcevic has been named a partner in the Sacramento law firm Ellis Law Group LLP. John Newell has been named director of the Rozier E. Sanchez Judicial Education Center of New Mexico, which provides education and training to the judges, administrators and other staff of the New Mexico judicial branch.

Anthony Williams has been appointed to the California Fish and Game Commission. Williams has been director of government relations at the Boeing Company since 2014.

Ric Asfar has joined the Vaka Law Group as an attorney in Tampa, Florida. Asfar will continue to practice civil appeals and litigation with an emphasis on representing plaintiffs in catastrophic personal, wrongful death, and insurance coverage and bad faith matters.

Meghan Baker has been named partner in the Sacramento firm Downey Brand.

Adam Koss has been promoted to partner at Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney. Koss represents professionals and their businesses in real

Sahreen Manzar, ’13 (left), and classmate Sameera Ali, ’12, noticed in law school that there was a lack of Muslim attorneys serving communities of Indian or Pakistani descent. So they decided to start their own firm, Crimmigration, in June 2013.

The term “crimmigration” describes the intersection of criminal defense and immigration law. While this is the main focus of their firm, they also practice family law and corporate law when it overlaps with immigration law.

Manzar developed the firm’s blueprint during Professor Raquel Aldana’s immigration law class. Aldana talked about the many immigrants whose legal needs are served by lawyers abroad who are not familiar with U.S. laws and practices. Manzar wanted to address that niche.

Crimmigration was founded with the intention of serving South Asian and Muslim communities in the Sacramento area; the firm has since opened another office in Fremont. Though their services are available to everyone, they specifically wanted to reach out to Pakistani and Indian immigrants and their families—populations, they say, that are often hesitant to seek out legal advice, in part for cultural reasons.

Manzar, who was born in Pakistan, and Ali, who was born in Southern California to Indian-born parents, emphasize “cultural competency.” That means, in part, speaking to clients in their native languages and connecting with them through their shared backgrounds.

Starting out on their own was a risk, but Manzar and Ali say the proximity to McGeorge means access to their mentors when they need it most. “I feel like McGeorge is looking after us,” Manzar says.
Estate litigation and lawyer malpractice and serves as appellate counsel on a wide range of subject matters. John J. Moffatt has been promoted to partner at the Sacramento law firm of Nielsen Merksamer. Stephanie Rice was honored as one of Sacramento Business Journal’s “40 under 40” in the Nov. 21, 2014, issue. She is an associate with Spinelli Donald and Nott PC and is active in Junior League, MetroEdge and the SCBA. Brandon Schindelheim has joined the tax and accounting firm Saxe, Roth, Schwartz, Dokovna & Linskay CPAs as partner. Brandon A. Takahashi has joined Adli Law Group PC as partner and head of labor and employment. Prior to joining Adli Law Group PC, Takahashi was senior associate with the national employment law firm, Jackson Lewis PC.

2007 Jared Gaynor has joined University of the Pacific as the executive coordinator for special projects, analysis and communication in the Office of the Provost. He is married to Annette Ferrante, ’08, and they have two children, Abigail (2012) and Jacob (2013). Gavin McGrane was featured as a 2014 Legal Rebel in the September 2014 issue of the ABA Journal. Jon Oldenburg has been promoted to managing attorney and partner at United Law Center in Roseville.

2008 Jennifer Pitcher has accepted a clerkship with Circuit Judge Consuelo M. Callahan, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Pitcher recently completed a clerkship for District Judge Troy L. Nunley, Eastern District of California. Natalie Bustamante has joined Kennaday, Leavitt & Daponde, PC as an associate attorney. Bustamante specializes in employment litigation and counseling for employers. Conor P. Flynn has been named to the 2015 Mountain States Rising Star list. Flynn is a litigation attorney whose practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in Armstrong Teasdale’s Nevada practice. Kenneth Mackie has been named shareholder in the law firm of Canelo, Wallace, Padron & Mackie, PC in Merced. James Watson has been promoted partner at Gaw Van Male, the largest firm serving Solano and Napa counties.

2009 David M. Marchiano has been elected to serve on the Contra Costa County Bar Association board of directors for 2015 starting Jan. 1, 2015. Marchiano is an attorney in Archer Norris’ litigation practice.

2010 Jeremy Luke Hendrix has been named partner in the Sacramento firm Desmond, Nolan, Livaich & Cunningham.

2011 Kim M. Bowman Jr. is serving as the interim manager of the Department of Population Health Sciences and as the manager of the Health System Innovation and Research Division for the University of Utah Health Sciences. Bowman has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Judge Advocate General’s Corps Reserve and has been assigned to the 75th Air Base Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He is serving as the parliamentarian of the Salt Lake County Democratic Party and was recently re-elected as a member of the Greater Avenues. Kathleen Donelan-Maher has been named partner at Mopsick Tax Law, LLP. Amy Gowan has joined Donahue Fitzgerald LLP as an associate attorney in the Walnut

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We Want to Hear From You!

Please let us know your latest updates. You can submit your news and photographs (300 dpi) at go.mcgeorge.edu/alumniupdate. We look forward to sharing your stories!
Creek office. **AnnMichelle Hart** has opened a law office, HartLaw, PLLC, in Seattle. **Justin Keys** joined Jones Waldo as a litigation associate in Salt Lake City. Keys previously practiced as a judicial law clerk for former Chief Judge Ted Stewart, handling civil and criminal cases. **Corrie (Erickson) Manning** joined the League of California Cities as deputy general counsel. **Lauren Manning** will begin the University of Arkansas School of Law’s highly competitive LL.M. program in food and agriculture law in August 2015, with a full tuition waiver. She will serve as a visiting professor at the law school while attending. Manning has also started a food and agriculture news and editorial blog called The California Crow.


**Saad Alabdulwahed** launched Mubarak A. Al Juwair & Partner, a professional partnership, in 2013 in Khobar, Saudi Arabia. **Michelle DuCharme** has joined the Sacramento office of Greenberg Traurig as an associate in the firm’s litigation practice. **Lt. Clayton McCarl**, JAGC, USN, and **Lt. Lindsay McCarl**, JAGC, USN, and their daughter, Sophie, will spend the next two years of their U.S. Navy careers practicing law in Guam!

**Matthew Fleming**, ‘11, and Katie (Oldham) Fleming, ’12, on their wedding day. Professor Raquel Aldana officiated the ceremony.

**2013**

**Taylor Bloom** has joined Dhillon Law Group Inc. as an associate attorney in the San Diego office, where she represents clients in campaign and election law matters. **Shari Borba** has joined Herum Crabtree Suntag as an associate attorney.

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**Christopher Blau** has joined Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP as an attorney in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, office, where his practice includes general civil litigation defense and appellate practice. He was married in July 2014 and passed the Connecticut bar exam in fall 2014. **Michelle Chester** is an executive fellow to Commissioner Janea Scott at the California Energy Commission in the 2014-2015 CSUS Capital Fellows Program. **Haley Cose** has joined the 5th District Court of Appeal as an Appellate Court attorney. **Sosan Madanat** has joined the Foundation for Democracy and Justice as executive director.
Michelle Nam has joined the Criminal Defense Practice of the Bronx Defenders in New York. Katherine Pankow has accepted an offer to publish a lead article in the Whittier Law Review. Her article is titled “Under Construction: The California Appellate Court’s Misguided Decision in Liberty Mutual Ins. Co. v. Brookfield Crystal Cove LLC and the Legislature’s Blueprint to Reconstruct the Right to Repair Act.” She is an associate with Green & Hall APC, and her practice includes construction defect, real estate and business litigation. Camille Rasmussen has joined Goyette & Associates as an associate in the firm’s labor and employment and litigation practice. Anastasia Salmon is building the family law practice at Hackard Law, a PLC from the ground up. She will be working with the legal subcommittee for the new Sacramento County Family Justice Center. Myles Taylor has joined Radoslovich Parker, PC as an attorney. Maro Walther is a legal intern at the United States Senate in Washington, D.C.

Selena Farnesi, ’15, established herself as one of the best student advocates in the country, tying for third place in Baylor Law School’s 2015 Top Gun National Mock Trial Competition, held June 4-7 in Waco, Texas. Farnesi also earned the competition’s Most Professional Award.

The Top Gun tournament is an invitation-only mock trial event where the best individuals from the leading law school teams go head-to-head for a trophy and a first-place prize of $10,000. Unlike in other competitions, participants do not receive a case file until they arrive at the host school the day before the tournament begins.

“McGeorge was invited for the first time to this event because of Selena’s outstanding performance in the National Trial Competition and other competitions in which she represented our school,” says Professor Cary Bricker, Pacific McGeorge’s Mock Trial Team director. “Coaches Jake Flesher (’00), and Jason Schaff (’06) not only advocated for her participation, but they paid her expenses.”

Farnesi was accompanied by coach Schaff and third-year student coach Kathryne Baldwin as second-chair assistant. She won preliminary rounds against Chicago-Kent, Faulkner University, Hofstra and UC Berkeley and advanced to a semifinal round against NYU. In a well-fought round, NYU advanced to the finals, and went on to win the competition, beating out Yale.

Farnesi’s sensational showing in the event came as no surprise to those who had seen her in action at Pacific McGeorge. In April, she had been chosen as the first winner of the law school’s $10,000 Ferris-White Best Student Advocate Prize, a new prize funded by alumni and former trial team stars R. Parker White, ’80, and Noël Ferris, ’79.
Frank Hue, ‘60, died at the age of 87 on Dec. 19, 2014, in Roseville. He served as a Kern County public defender for several decades.

John Gates, ’63, died at the age of 81 on May 4, 2014, in Sacramento. He practiced law for several years before embarking on a successful career as a real estate broker.

Tony Stathos, ’63, died at the age of 85 on Dec. 15, 2013, in Sacramento. After a career as an Air Force pilot and 10 years as an elementary school teacher, he practiced law for 45 years before his retirement in 2000.

James Harrison, ’64, died after a brief illness at the age of 87 on Jan. 1, 2014, in Sacramento. He practiced law for more than three decades with Coben, Cooper & Zilaff before ending his career as a solo practitioner.

Burl Waits, ’66, died at the age of 83 on Aug. 21, 2014, in Sacramento. A veteran who came to law school without attending college, he practiced law for more than 40 years in Sacramento and was instrumental in forming several nonprofit organizations.

John Jachens, ’67, died at the age of 79 on March 3, 2014, in Sacramento. In addition to practicing law, he once served as an administrative assistant to the Assembly speaker and was a longtime American River Fire District board member.

Frank Cook, ’69, died at the age of 75 on Dec. 28, 2013, in Las Vegas. He practiced law in California and Nevada for 35 years.

Kenneth Baker, ’72, died at the age of 71 on June 15, 2014, in Chico. He practiced law for 42 years and was very active in the Butte County community, serving as president of several area charities including the Butte College Foundation.

William Chapman, ’72, died at the age of 70 on April 27, 2014, in St. Augustine, Florida. He practiced maritime and labor law in California until moving to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, where he practiced for many years in federal courts.

Craig Pridgen, ’73, died at the age of 68 on Jan. 15, 2014, in Woodland. He practiced law with firms in Mountain View, Bakersfield, Beverly Hills and San Francisco before opening a private practice in Tahoe City.

Fred Schroeder, ’73, died at the age of 72 on March 13, 2015, in Elk Grove. He enjoyed a 35-year career as an assistant deputy district attorney in Sacramento and Sutter counties while also serving on several civic and charity boards.

Robert G. Miller, ’74, died at the age of 71 on March 1, 2014, in Auburn. He worked for 30 years as an attorney for the California State Legislative Council before retirement.

Chuck Blakeley, ’75, died at the age of 73 on Dec. 3, 2014, in Sacramento. He was a longtime criminal defense attorney in the capital city area.

Joseph Key, ’75, died at the age of 99 on May 30, 2014, in Reno, Nevada. Awarded his law degree at the age of 61, he began his legal career as a Washoe County deputy district attorney before entering private practice.

Robert Milam, ’75, died after a long illness at the age of 75 on Feb. 3, 2014, in Davis. He had a distinguished 26-year career with several state agencies and once argued a case for the California Attorney General before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Stephen Emery, ’76, died of cancer at the age of 66 on Feb. 5, 2015, in Bangor, Maine. He was one of the most prominent workers’ compensation attorneys in that New England state.

Charles Rose, ’77, died at the age of 68 on July 10, 2014, in Napa. He practiced law for more than four decades, primarily in the Sacramento area where he served as senior counsel for Foundation Health Corp.

Sharon C. Stevens, ’77, died from complications following a heart attack at the age of 66 on July 7, 2014, in Keizer, Oregon. She began her career as a deputy district attorney in Marion County, later moving into private practice as a 20-year partner in Callahan & Stevens.

Cynthia Pyzel, ’78, died at the age of 60 on Dec. 17, 2013, in Reno, Nevada. After several years in private practice, she joined the Nevada Attorney General’s Office, serving agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services until her retirement in 2011.

Judith Smith, ’79, died after a long battle with cancer at the age of 69 on Aug. 17, 2014, in Sacramento. She worked for several law firms over the years and was very active in the community. In 1984, she served as president of the McGeorge Alumni Association.
Robert Lucas, ’80, died at the age of 67 on Jan. 8, 2015, in Sacramento. He operated his own lobbying business, Lucas Advocates, for three decades, representing alliances and companies involved in energy production and environmental quality control.

Kenneth Kay, ’80, LL.M. ’85, died at the age of 58 on May 5, 2014, in Fresno. He practiced real estate law for many years and was a published author, political talk show host and university adjunct professor.

John Tosney, ’80, died of a heart attack at the age of 62 on Jan. 11, 2014, while vacationing in Costa Rica. A well-known Sacramento attorney, he operated a practice in bankruptcy law for more than three decades.

Gerald Deady, ’82, died at the age of 58 on Oct. 15, 2013, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was a prominent criminal defense attorney who once won a reversal of a death-penalty sentence.

Nancy Hotchkiss Smith, ’82, died after a long battle with brain cancer at the age of 57 on Jan. 19, 2015, in Sacramento. She spent her entire legal career with Trainor Fairbrook after joining the prominent real estate firm as its second employee.

Jeff Corzine, ’84, died at the age of 58 on Jan. 14, 2014, in Folsom. A former president of the El Dorado County Bar Association, he was a personal injury attorney and partner at Adams & Corzine in Folsom.

Barbara Eckard, ’84, died at the age of 69 on Sept. 16, 2014, in Roseville. She worked for more than three decades for the state of California’s Office of Administrative Law and was involved in many community organizations.

Anne E. Elbrecht, ’84, died of a brain tumor at the age of 74 on Sept. 24, 2014, in Davis. A scholar of Armenian history, she worked as an attorney for the California state government for nearly two decades.

James Meier, ’85, died suddenly at the age of 58 on Feb. 19, 2015, in Sacramento. He taught science at two Waldorf schools for more than 20 years.

Roger Whomes, ’85, died at the age of 58 on Jan. 28, 2014, in Reno, Nevada. He was a prosecutor in the Washoe County District Attorney’s Office for 18 years with a three-year hiatus in private practice. He later moved to the county Public Defender’s Office.

Denny Forland, ’86, died from complications related to pneumonia at the age of 60 on Dec. 20, 2014, in Sacramento. He taught science at two Waldorf schools for more than 20 years.

Patricia B. Jennings, ’94, died at the age of 46 on Sept. 16, 2014, in San Jose. She practiced law with Henk, Bock, Leonard & Vega in Sacramento before moving to the South Bay.

Krysten Hicks, ’05, LL.M. ’06, died after a long battle with breast cancer at the age of 34 on Sept. 20, 2014, in Poway. She practiced municipal law with Meyers Nave, serving as assistant city attorney for Citrus Heights, Colusa and Pittsburg.
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Noël M. Ferris, ’79, and R. Parker White, ’80, met at Pacific McGeorge, where they each discovered a passion and talent for trial advocacy. In the years since law school, Ferris and White have built successful litigation practices and top-notch reputations; both are fellows of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers (Ferris is currently vice president, the second woman to hold that post in the organization’s history) and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Ferris and White are also dedicated to Pacific McGeorge, which they support with time and funds, including a recently established scholarship for students who demonstrate outstanding trial advocacy skills. They credit Pacific McGeorge not only with helping them find their life’s work but also for introducing them to each other (they married while law students). Thirty-seven years, three children and countless trials later, they both say their happiest memory of law school was meeting each other.

Why did you decide to become a trial lawyer?
NOËL FERRIS: In my second year of law school, I took a class on evidence, and I loved it. I loved evidence, loved the courtroom—I realized this was what I wanted to do.
PARKER WHITE: I went to law school because I wanted to go into politics. Then, at McGeorge, I discovered trial work. I thought, “That looks pretty interesting!” After I made the trial advocacy team, I realized that this was what I was born to do. I was hard-wired to try lawsuits. I love it. I love going to work every day.

Two of your three daughters are pursuing careers in law. How do you feel about that?
NF: We’re happy because both of us have loved being lawyers. We’ve had the opportunity to change lives and make a difference. Our youngest daughter is a psychotherapist, and I always say, with four lawyers in the family, we also need a shrink!
PW: It’s a great profession, a great job. I’m at an age when people ask me, “When are you going to retire?” I always say, “When it stops being fun.” That hasn’t happened yet.

What’s your advice for students to get the most out of law school?
PW: It’s like the old bromide, “The harder I work, the luckier I get.” My advice is: work hard. And get a good study group. Study groups are key.
The Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board of Directors is a volunteer group of alumni dedicated to advancing the interests and promoting the welfare of the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law by acting as the voice of more than 13,000 alumni. The board serves as a conduit between the law school and alumni interested in engaging with and furthering the activities and programs of the law school.

The Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board of Directors has been dedicated this year to moving the law school forward and ensuring the success of our students and our alumni. The board is focused on three areas:

• **FIRST:** Develop and promote a robust Bridge to Practice Program for our students and graduates. This means board members and regional chapter volunteers will do three things—assist with recruiting new students from new and varied regions, assist with student professional development, including a focus on an alumni mentor program for students, and assist with the identification and promotion of job opportunities and externships for students.

• **SECOND:** Assist in raising the reputation of the law school, specifically outside Northern California.

• **THIRD:** Aid the law school’s fundraising efforts and encourage alumni participation in the annual giving program.

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  • San Francisco/Oakland Alumni Reception
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